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## Brookshire pavement to be restored

**DOWNEY** – A 1 1/4 mile stretch of pavement on Brookshire Avenue will receive a complete overhaul after city officials determined simply patching potholes and filling in cracks was no longer feasible.

The \$2.3 million project calls for new pavement on Brookshire between Boyne and Davis streets, where the roadway has “deteriorated to a state of disrepair that cannot be handled through routine street maintenance,” said public works director John Oskoui.

“Specifically, Brookshire Avenue has extensive longitudinal and transverse cracking and numerous patches due to pavement repair and utility work,” Oskoui wrote in a staff report. “Therefore, it is recommended that the existing pavement...undergo comprehensive rehabilitation to bring it to an acceptable standard.”

While the street is being restored, construction crews will make repairs to curbs, sidewalks, gutters and driveway approaches, while adjusting manholes, valve covers and traffic signal loop detectors.

Workers will also use the opportunity to upgrade fire hydrants and water lines.

The City Council unanimously approved the project specifications on Tuesday and authorized city staff to put the project out to bid. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Fernando Vasquez abstaining.

In a separate item, the council agreed to fund 425 miscellaneous concrete repairs in the eastern half of the city.

The project includes nearly 25,000 square feet of new sidewalk; 2,750 square feet of new driveway approaches; 432 square feet of curb ramps; 4,926 linear feet of curbs and gutters; and 8,722 square feet of asphalt concrete pavement.

The repairs are expected to cost more than \$482,000. The project will be put out to bid.

Last year, the city completed similar repairs at 175 locations in the western half of Downey.

## Naming contest for space shuttle mock-up

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey is hosting a contest to name the full-size space shuttle mock-up currently in storage at Downey Studios.

The mock-up is owned by the city and is the first full-sized space shuttle ever built. It was used for two decades for detailed engineering fittings and testing.

It has remained in storage and the city hopes to preserve and restore the shuttle by building a new facility for it next to the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The shuttle cannot be named after a business or service organization.

The winner will be recognized at a City Council meeting and invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony as a special guest of the council.

Entry forms are online at [downeyca.org](http://downeyca.org) under “City News.” Entry deadline is Aug. 31.

# Future of Downey Fire Department is murky

• City Council commissions a study on L.A. County Fire Department providing fire services in Downey.

By Eric Pierce  
City Editor

**DOWNEY** – A divided City Council agreed Tuesday night to consider disbanding the Downey Fire Department in favor of L.A. County Fire.

Mayor Roger Brossmer was joined by Councilmen Luis Marquez and Fernando Vasquez in supporting a request to ask the L.A. County Fire Department to conduct a study on the feasibility of the county taking over fire and medical services in Downey.

Brossmer and Marquez said the study would provide council members – and residents – with the data necessary to decide whether county fire service would be preferred in Downey.

“In order to have an intelligent conversation you need to have data,” Brossmer said. “Why wouldn’t I want to have that information?”

Mayor Pro Tem David Gafin, who dissented along with Councilman Mario Guerra, disagreed, saying that to commission a study is to “show a willingness to disband the department.”

“Our citizens do not want us to go down that road at all,” he said.

The study will take about 60-90 days to complete after L.A. County formally receives the request or 6-8 weeks after the city completes a lengthy questionnaire, said Fire Chief Lonnie Croom.

The questionnaire involves high-ranking city staff and will take about 40 hours to complete.

Guerra spoke at length on the issue, disputing the fire union’s assertion that residents were put at risk after a fire engine was



Photo by Pam Lane/DowneyDailyPhotos.com

taken out of service July 1 due to budget cuts.

The city’s intention is to eventually put the fire engine back in service, he said, adding that fire department response times increased only 13 seconds since July 1.

“I am disappointed that after a 50-year marriage between our city and our fire department, the first time we have a financial situation they want to end the marriage,” Guerra said. “(The fire union) is asking for a permanent solution to a temporary situation.”

Steve Davis, president of the Downey Firefighters Association, said L.A. County could potentially provide better fire protection in Downey “during simultaneous emergencies.” He noted that L.A. County already has 16 fire stations within a five-mile radius of Downey.

Meanwhile, the Downey Fire Department’s budget is not the only thing that’s shrinking – already short three firefighters last year, Croom said the department just lost two more due to retirement and as a result of the city’s new budget, four more positions must be eliminated.

With 10 personnel qualifying for retirement this year, Croom is hopeful the losses will occur naturally through attrition.

“I now have 18 firefighters on duty, down from 21,” he said.

By the end of the year, the city’s total fire personnel will be 54, a decline from 63 workers last year.

Still, residents at Tuesday’s City Council meeting said they took pride in Downey having its own full-service police and fire departments.

“I am proud to live in

Downey. We are proud to pay our taxes,” said resident Lourdes Cotaya. “Quality over funds. We don’t live in the southeast. We don’t live in Los Angeles. We live in Downey.”

According to the city charter, any change in fire service would need to be approved by voters by a 2/3 margin.

The City Council declined a request from the fire union Tuesday to place a charter amendment on the November ballot to repeal the 2/3 threshold, which was approved by Downey voters in 1998 by a 85 percent margin.

The L.A. County Fire Department provided fire protection services in Downey until the Downey Fire Department was established on Sept. 10, 1957.

## Family of Michael Nida plan march, rally

**DOWNEY** – Friends and family of Michael Nida, the unarmed man fatally shot last October after running from police, will march to City Hall on Saturday to protest police brutality.

They are also asking that “justice be served” on Officer Steve Gilley, who shot Nida on Oct. 22.

The rally starts at 10 a.m. at Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway, not far from where Nida was shot.

They will march to City Hall, about two miles away.

“We’ll be the first to tell you we need the police,” a flyer for the rally says. “But we want and need honest cops with integrity and a good heart! We need protection, not harassment, not brutality and not gestapo-type policing.”

Police were investigating an ATM robbery when they attempted to question Nida, a 31-year-old father of four from South Gate. Nida ran and was shot in the back with an MP5.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department investigated Nida’s shooting. Their report was forwarded to the Los Angeles County District Attorney, which has yet to declare whether the shooting was justified.

## Water barrel giveaway Saturday

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey will distribute plastic barrels for emergency water storage this Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at West Middle School.

The barrels are free and there is a limit of one barrel per vehicle. Pumps, siphon hoses and cap handles will be available for purchase.

Residents must be in their vehicles to receive a barrel. No walk-up requests will be considered.

The barrels were donated by Coca-Cola. They vary in size from 15-55 gallons.

The exact quantity of each size of barrel varies for each event.

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

For more information, e-mail [ready@downeyca.org](mailto:ready@downeyca.org).

## Big band to play 50’s, 60’s favorites

**DOWNEY** – The Wiseguys Big Band, an 18-piece ensemble “dedicated to keeping great music alive,” will perform Wednesday at Furman Park as part of the city’s free summer concert series.

The concert starts at 7 p.m.

The Montebello-based big band features a screaming horn line, along with a rhythm section and talented vocalists.

Their repertoire includes tunes from Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darrin and Peggy Lee, along with hits by big band favorites Glenn Miller, Perez Prado and Buddy Rich.

The Wise Guys also know how to keep audiences on their feet with classic mambos and cumbias.

Longtime community activists, the band has received recognition for the volunteerism, including acknowledgment from Rep. Grace Napolitano, who praised the Wise Guys for “outstanding talent and significant contributions to enhancing, through music, the quality of life in the community.”

They were also honored as “Volunteers of the Year” by Los Angeles County.

Residents attending the concert should bring blankets or lawn chairs. Food and drinks will be sold at the park.



## Chihuahuas: adopt one, get one free

**DOWNEY** – This Saturday, anyone who adopts a chihuahua from SEAACA can receive a second chihuahua at no additional charge.

The offer applies to chihuahua and chihuahua mixes.

The adoption fee is \$50 and includes 10 pounds of food, dog toy, collar and leash.

The promotion is valid Saturday only and is part of SEAACA’s “Ay, Chihuahua Beat the Heat” promotion.

For details, call (562) 803-3301.



## Community donations add to steady progress of downtown art gallery

• Community has pitched in to help with downtown art gallery, which is expected to open by late summer.

By Tina Vasquez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – When Downey Art Vibe director Valentin Flores was handed the keys to 11140 Downey Avenue on June 10, he knew his non-profit arts group was one step closer to making their dream of having a downtown art gallery a reality – and that a lot of work was ahead.

Downey Art Vibe (DAV) has existed in some capacity for five years now, but it has been within the last 12 months that the group has made its biggest strides. After a series of successful art shows, including November 2011's Suburban Renaissance, which brought hundreds of visitors to the Downey Theater, it was announced in May of this year that the City Council would lease the Downey Avenue retail space to be used as a public art gallery by DAV.

Under the five-year deal, the city agreed to pay \$2,000 a month for two years, with DAV to take over for the remaining three years. Since June, it's been a whirlwind of activity for the group, who were simultaneously working on the gallery, further developing their brand, seeking funding sources, and hosting the recent student photography contest at Porto's Bakery.

After many sleepless nights, Flores, his partners Gabe Enamorado and Joseph Manacmul, and DAV staff members and volunteers have made serious progress on what was formally a drab drape shop. In almost seven weeks the group has managed to finish all of the demolition, remove the t-bar ceiling, remove all of the floor tiles, and scrape layers of glue off of the existing floor, all of which saved the non-profit thousands of dollars.

No one can deny the value the

arts group has brought to the city or the buzz it's generated in such a short time, but the group's true gift to the city isn't art; it's community. DAV's true mission is to get the people of Downey to stay – stay in Downey, support local businesses, and create changes that will make younger generations want to stay here as well. Apparently, this is a mission that has resonated with many local residents because there has been a huge outpouring of donations to the gallery, the name of which will be released next month.

Many who've donated major services wanted to remain anonymous because to them, it wasn't about the recognition. One local contractor assisted with the demolition free of charge, saying only that if you live in this city, it's your duty to help. Those who've helped in ways big and small run the gamut, from Flores' childhood friends, former mayor Kirk Cartozian, and Porto's Bakery owner Betty Porto, to Mayor Roger Brossmer, Councilman Mario Guerra, philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer and local architect Henry Alvarez of Alvarez Design Studio, Inc. Alvarez donated all of the architectural design work, which according to Flores would have cost DAV up to \$10,000.

"I was once given a big opportunity that I was very grateful for. I promised myself that if I was ever in the position to do the same for someone else, I would take it. I guess I'm paying it forward," Alvarez said.

"All of these people are from Downey, they are part of this community and they are donating their expertise, labor, sweat, and energy to make this gallery a reality," Flores said. "We're working to create an incredible place out of love for Downey."

The group is continuing to reach out to the community for donations in hopes of being up and running by the end of summer. According to Flores, who attended USC's Sol Price School of Public Policy studying urban planning, non-profit management, and public administration, DAV can never



From left: business coordinator Joe Manacmul, director Valentin Flores and creative collaborator Gabe Enamorado.

be out of fundraising mode. "It's the nature of non-profits," Flores said. Currently, the group is still in need of a PA system and signage for the gallery.

Flores is discussing the idea of turning the 1,152 square foot space into a loft, which would add over 300 square feet to the gallery. Plans to segment a portion of the gallery for a meeting area and service area are in the works and the gallery also plans to have a patio area outside.

Enamorado, DAV's creative collaborator, has big hopes for the space that go well beyond showcasing local artists. There are already talks of doing pop-up shops and restaurants in which local businesses and restaurants take over the space for just a few days,

selling creations made specifically for the event and never to be reproduced.

"DAV is in constant metamorphosis, it's totally malleable, and built to change," Enamorado said. "The hope is that we provide an outlet for creativity and culture that crosses generations, ethnicities, and interests. We want to be a cultural hub that inspires others to stay in the city and start their own businesses."

"Downey Art Vibe would like to thank everyone that has supported our efforts throughout the last few years," Flores said. "We thank the Downey City Council and staff at City Hall for always being so helpful and encouraging of our vision, without them, we would not be where we are at today."

"In the last few months, we've received an incredible amount of community help to make our vision a reality in the building of the gallery space on Downey Avenue," Flores continued. "We would like to thank Downey Rotary and Kiwanis Club of Downey for having us present our mission to their organizations. We would like to thank Richard Strayer from Downey Rotary for his generous contribution as well as Tony Aboud and Johnny Venegas for donating their contracting and flooring expertise to making our dream design a reality. The gallery is going to be a beautifully designed space for all of our community to enjoy thanks to all these incredibly generous contributions."

## City contracts with lobbying firm

**DOWNEY** – Downey will stick with its current lobbying firm that has advocated for the city in Washington, D.C. for the past decade.

City officials said they were happy with Edington, Peel & Associates but put the lobbying contract out to bid because of the length of time since the contract was last evaluated.

Edington, Peel & Associates came in with the lowest bid: \$3,850 per month. The next lowest bid was \$5,000 per month.

Edington, Peel & Associates played a key role in helping Downey obtain federal funding for the Columbia Memorial Space Center, said assistant city manager John Oskoui.

The city's primary contact in Washington, D.C. will be Jim Dykstra, former aide to Rep. Steve Horn, who was "invaluable" in the process of transferring the NASA property to Downey, Oskoui added.

The 23-month contract was unanimously approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

## Man charged after yelling threats in movie theater

**NORWALK** – A 52-year-old man who spooked moviegoers after shouting threats during a screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" at the AMC Theatre in Norwalk pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

Clark Tabor was charged with making criminal threats, a felony, and being a public nuisance.

Tabor was inside the theater at 5:15 p.m. when witnesses say he yelled, "Does anyone have a gun?" and "I should go off like in Colorado." He was carrying a backpack.

People inside the theater contacted security. Sheriff's deputies took Tabor into custody without incident. He was unarmed.

Authorities also searched his home and found no weapons.

Bail for Tabor was set at \$51,622. He is due back in Bellflower Superior Court on Aug. 8 for a preliminary hearing.

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## Security to stay downtown

**DOWNEY** – The City Council this week allocated \$100,000 to continue to fund security in Downtown Downey.

The vote was 4-0, with Councilman Mario Guerra abstaining.

RMI International has patrolled the downtown district for the past year, providing security in the parking structure behind Krikorian Theatres and surrounding public areas.

Since RMI began its patrols, "there has been noticeable reductions in auto and other related crimes in the Downtown area," community development director Brian Saeki wrote in a staff report. The report did not contain crime statistics.

The city's contract with RMI requires the security firm to patrol downtown 24 hours a day, Friday through Saturday; eight hours daily, Monday through Wednesday; and 16 hours on Thursdays.

RMI's fee is \$16 per hour, per officer.

Security officers are unarmed and patrol the area on bicycles. Equipped with an electronic scanning system, they are required to scan in at four different points each hour to ensure they are constantly mobile.

An electronic report of weekly scans are e-mailed to Saeki every Friday.

## DUI checkpoint in Bellflower

**BELLFLOWER** – A DUI and driver's license checkpoint will be conducted by Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies at an unspecified location in Bellflower Friday night from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Motorists driving under the influence or without a license face arrest, authorities said.

The checkpoint is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Knabe urges insurance coverage

**DOWNEY** – With fire season approaching, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe urged local residents to review their existing residential insurance policies.

"While we often talk about being prepared for disaster in terms of food, water and basic necessities, we must also be mindful of financial losses that could devastate a family in the event of an emergency," Knabe said. "We want residents to make sure that their insurance policies have provisions covering loss or damage to structures and belongings that are adequate to protect them financially."

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

# Lots to do in Downey this summer

Dear Downey Family,  
I hope you are all enjoying your summer and that you are staying cool during the hot weather. The summer nights have been perfect for Concerts in the Park.

If you haven't had a chance to attend one yet, we still have a few more weeks so come out and enjoy great music along with family and friends. I have to say this concert series is one of my favorite City events and I encourage you all to join us on Wednesday nights. Concerts are held at Furman Park beginning at 7 pm. Hope to see you there next Wednesday!

Another great event coming up is the annual Taste of Downey, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 20th. Mark your calendars as this year we are adding an "Arts & Wine" theme to the event. You can purchase your tickets now at the Downey Theatre for a discounted price of \$20 for 10 tastes. If you purchase tickets before July 31st, you automatically get entered into a drawing to win two show tickets for the 2012-2013 season at the Downey Civic Theatre. Hurry and buy your tickets now at the Downey Theatre box office, online at [www.downeytheatre.com](http://www.downeytheatre.com) or by phone at 562-904-7230. Don't miss out on this great community event!

I also want to remind you all that effective Saturday, August 4th, the Downey Farmers' Market will be moving to Downey Avenue, between 2nd and 3rd Streets. We hope that this will not only help enhance our Downtown area, but also benefit the businesses on Downey Avenue by attracting more business. The Farmers' Market offers a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, gourmet breads and cheeses, fresh flowers and more. Please continue to support

our market every Saturday from 9 am-1pm.

This past Tuesday, my fellow Council colleagues and I had the opportunity of attending a special groundbreaking event over at Treasure Island Park. Our City was fortunate to have received a \$400,000 Prop 84 grant to help make improvements at this park. Thanks to this grant, the following improvements will be made possible: installation of a new decomposed granite walking path, new drought-tolerant turf and native landscaping, irrigation system improvements, lighting improvements, new picnic tables and benches, nature interpretive signs, and new playground equipment. Construction is set to begin early next month and be completed by April 2013. A special thank you to the neighborhood group Unity in the Community for working with us in helping to improve this park and for being so active in their community.

Our Space Shuttle Mock-Up has finally come out of hiding! On July 12th, we successfully relocated the Shuttle Mock-up to the Downey Studios parking lot, where it will be temporarily stored until we are able to build a permanent facility for it. We are currently working on a plan to schedule tours for the public to view the Shuttle inside the temporary tent. More details on this will become available soon. Our goal is to eventually construct a building for the Shuttle next to the Columbia Memorial Space Center and for this we will need help from the community to help fundraise for the construction of a facility. We want to be able to keep our Shuttle, and we hope that with everyone's support we are able to collect enough donations to help build a permanent home for it. If you would like more information



City officials held a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday to mark impending renovations at Treasure Island Park. Using a \$400,000 state grant, the city will install a new walking trail, install drought-tolerant landscaping, improve the irrigation and lighting systems, install new benches, picnic tables, trash cans and playground equipment, and more. Construction is scheduled to begin early next month and last about eight months. The park will be closed during construction.

on how you can help support us in reaching our goal, please call the Columbia Memorial Space Center at 562-231-1200.

The City is also holding a Shuttle naming contest to help find a name for our very own Shuttle. Downey residents, students, business owners, former site workers, and people that work in Downey can submit entries for the naming contest. Log on to our City website to download an application or email your request to [shuttle@downeyca.org](mailto:shuttle@downeyca.org). Be part

of Downey's history by helping to name this historic shuttle. The deadline for entries is August 31, 2012.

Last, but not least, stop by West Middle School tomorrow Saturday, July 28th from 8 am-11 am and receive a free emergency water barrel. We all have to remember that storing an ample supply of water is one of the most important steps that we can take in preparing for a real emergency. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for all of us to

have enough water stored when an emergency strikes, as there is almost always a shortage of water supply after disasters. Thank you to Coca Cola for donating the water barrels for this event.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Roger C. Brossmer

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## DUSD graduation rate tops in local area

• Downey Unified's 91.8 percent graduation rate leads local school districts; Norwalk-La Mirada not far behind at 90.7.

By Henry Veneracion  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Class of 2010-2011 data released recently by the State Department of Education shows that the Downey Unified School District's graduation rate of 91.8 percent exceeded that of Norwalk-La Mirada USD, which posted a respectable 90.7 percent rate.

Both school districts' averages topped the state's figure of 76.3 percent, that of L.A. County of 71.6 percent and those of its neighbors' by comfortable margins.

The comparable graduation rates for the surrounding areas: ABC USD, 91.3 percent; Whittier Union High School District, 85.6 percent; Bellflower USD, 84.4 percent; Montebello USD, 80.5 percent; Long Beach USD, 77.9 percent; Paramount USD, 73.5 percent; LA USD, 61.6 percent; Lynwood USD, 57.7 percent; and Compton USD, 57.6 percent.

In absolute terms, DUSD graduated 1,839 seniors out of a student cohort of 2,003 while Norwalk-La Mirada USD bid a fond farewell to its 1,434 graduates out of a cohort numbering 1,581.

The good number of graduates has of course caused a high level of euphoria at least among DUSD officials who were especially elated at the high percentage of graduates who have been admitted to prestigious colleges/universities such as Cornell, Berkeley, USC and UCLA.

There is a downside as well. At DUSD, 118 students dropped out, for a 5.9 percent dropout rate whereas 80 students dropped out at Norwalk-La Mirada Unified; the district's dropout rate came to 5.2 percent. These compare very well, though, with the state's overall dropout rate of 14.4 percent.

Broken down by ethnicity, Asian students had the highest graduation rate at DUSD with 95.1 percent,



white students the second highest with 92.8 percent, Hispanics/Latinos with 91.8 percent, followed by Filipinos with 90.3 percent, African Americans with 87.5 percent, and Pacific Islanders with 85.7 percent.

Over at Norwalk-La Mirada USD, Asians garnered the highest graduation rate with 96.4 percent, white students came in second with 94.4 percent; Filipinos were third, with 92.6 percent; Hispanics/Latinos were fourth, with 90.1 percent; African Americans were fifth, with 87.0 percent; and Pacific Islanders were sixth, with 62.5 percent.

Using the same categories, the dropout rates at DUSD were as follows: Pacific Islanders came out first, with 14.3 percent; African Americans had the second highest

dropout rate with 7.5 percent; Filipinos came in third, with 6.5 percent; whites were fourth, with 4.0 percent; and Asians having the least percentage of dropouts.

The dropout rates at Norwalk-La Mirada USD were: Pacific Islanders, a whopping 25 percent; African Americans and Hispanic/Latinos were tied at 5.8 percent; Filipinos, 3.7 percent; whites, 3.3 percent; and Asians, 1.8 percent.

Contrary to a misconception, the following are the significant figures for the individual high schools at DUSD: for Downey High, the graduation rate was 94.0 percent while its dropout rate came out to 3.8 percent; for Warren High, the graduation rate was equally 94.0 percent, while it registered a 3.9 dropout rate. There were no figures for Columbus High since, as board member Don LaPlante pointed out, there's no reliable standard for measuring students attending there because of the inherently shifting or temporal nature of the student population. There is also a category for those "still enrolled," he said, which he suspects doesn't get properly accounted for toward graduation rates.

## Police create registry to help find lost residents

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department has launched a "Return Home Registry," an opt-in program that will help detectives find lost family members who may wander off because of a mental condition or disease.

Residents or caregivers who enroll in the program will be asked to provide personal information about the person they're caring for, including a physical description and photographs, which will be inputted into a searchable database.

When a person enrolled in the program goes missing, police officers can use the database to gather important information.

Police officers can also use the registry when they encounter people who appear lost or confused.

The program is free. Relatives and caregivers can enroll persons who suffer from Alzheimer's, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome or other debilitating diseases. Children with special needs are also eligible.

The registry is not for people who voluntarily run away from home or have behavioral issues not related to a special need.

To register for the program, or for more information, call Jane Guzman at (562) 904-2374. An online registration form is at downeypd.org under the "Neighborhood Watch" tab.

## Library auction items now on display

**DOWNEY** – The Friends of the Downey City Library are now taking bids for silent auction items, with proceeds benefiting the library.

Items up for bid include "Freedom – A History of U.S." by Joy Hakin, a vibrant history of American freedom exploring the revolutionary ideas set out for us by our founding fathers; "America's Beautiful Quilts" by Zaro Weil, pictures and history of this book's quilts are a tribute to the imagination, invention and expertise of a generation of American needlewomen; "Los Angeles Times – Sunday Edition, July 4, 1976", the complete newspaper of the day highlights our bicentennial and the rescue of more than 100 hostages.

Auction items are on display in the library foyer. Bids can be placed in the Friend's Book Store, located inside the library.

## Plain Jane Bandit linked to local bank robberies

**WHITTIER** – The Plain Jane Bandit, suspected in six recent bank robberies including four within a 24-hour time span, is being sought by FBI and local law enforcement.

The unidentified female bank robber is suspected of robbing a U.S. Bank at 13372 Telegraph Rd. in Santa Fe Springs on July 12 and a U.S. Bank at 13525 Whittier Blvd. in Whittier on July 19.

She was also linked to bank robberies in Moreno Valley and Buena Park earlier this week. Her latest robbery came Tuesday night, when authorities say she demanded cash from a bank branch located inside a grocery store in Wildomar.

The FBI dubbed the suspect the Plain Jane Bandit after a witness described her appearance as that of a "plain jane."

During the robberies, she uses written and verbal demands and indicates that someone, possibly an accomplice, is waiting for her outside the bank.

Witnesses have described the suspect as a Hispanic female, 35-40 years old, about 5 ft. 5 inches tall and 150-170 pounds. She may have a scar below or next to her right eye, and a possible tattoo on her right shoulder area.

She may be driving a four-door silver vehicle with a sunroof.

Anyone with information on the suspect's identity or location is urged to contact their nearest FBI office or dial 911.

## Thompson to read from book of poetry

**DOWNEY** – Lynne Thompson, who won a book prize in 2007 for her first full-length collection of poems, "Beg No Pardon," will be the featured guest at a poetry reading Aug. 16 at Mari's Wine Bar.

The event begins with an open mic at 7:30 p.m., followed by Thompson's reading.

A three-time Pushcart Prize nominee, Thompson is also the author of two poetry chapbooks, "We Arrive By Accumulation" and "Through A Window." Her work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies.

Thompson is an attorney and the director of employee and labor relations at UCLA.

The free poetry series is sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition and curated by Lorine Parks.

## Hookah lounge gets OK for live DJ

**DOWNEY** – A live disc jockey will soon become a weekly feature at Mosaik Hookah Lounge after the Downey Planning Commission granted its owner a conditional use permit last Wednesday.

The decision comes months after Mosaik owner Khaled Saab submitted a request to host a DJ at the lounge from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

According to the city staff report, Saab doesn't want a dance floor or other live entertainment at this time, just ambient music for his customers.

The commission voted unanimously to grant the permit, but prohibited live music after 2 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday through Wednesday, the music must be cut off by 1:30 a.m.

City officials believe a live DJ at the hookah lounge, located at 11029 Downey Ave., will not cause any adverse effects to residents or the surrounding businesses.

Since it opened more than a year ago, there have been no reported major incidents at the lounge, according to the Downey Police Department.

The Planning Commission also approved a secondary driveway at a recently-constructed two-story, 10,479-sq.-ft. residence in north Downey.

According to the staff report, property owner Luis Saavedra is seeking to add a second driveway that will provide access to a recreational vehicle storage pad on the property at 9611 Garnish Drive. About 152 feet separate the two driveways.

The property itself is an irregularly-shaped parcel that totals 36,590 square feet. Improvements on the property consist of two car garages, a pool, trellis patio and roofed barbeque island in the backyard.

The proposed RV pad will be placed behind a combination 6-ft. high block wall and rolling wrought-iron gate. Once completed, recreational vehicles are the only vehicles permitted to use the secondary driveway.

## Children's author to speak

**DOWNEY** – Monique Denger, a publisher author of children's books, will be guest speaker at the Aug. 8 meeting of the Downey Christian Women's Club.

The lunch meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

Admission is \$14. For reservations, call Anita at (562) 861-3414.

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## Letters to the Editor:

**Editor's note:** the Charlotte Von Troesch mural at Downey High School, written about by this newspaper last week, was destroyed Monday as part of ongoing construction at the high school. News of its destruction was published online Monday at thedowneypatriot.com, which inspired the following letters.

### Troesch mural

Dear Editor:

Oh, no. That mural was a supreme example of how a good teacher can inspire her students to produce work above their reach.

The only public place we now can see Charlotte Troesch's work is the front lobby of Downey Regional Medical Center. The trustees wisely secured several of her achingly beautiful marble sculptures of grief and despair, which she then polished into the serenity of high art.

Her work lives in private collections. Perhaps we could have a retrospective display of her marbles, bronzes, drawing, carvings. I have several pieces of her wonderfully monumental jewelry.

But by allowing that 20-ft. mosaic on the public (Brookshire) side of Downey High School to be demolished, we in Downey are diminished by that much.

**Lorine Parks  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

It is with great sadness that I write this letter.

Monday, a few hours after I had written a letter expressing the hope that our City Hall, who had been alerted more than a week earlier, would see to the rescue of the priceless Downey High (Viking) mural, the gift to the city by the collaboration of a remarkably talented Downey artist and teacher and her loving art students, I was saddened and dismayed to learn that the mural was allowed to be destroyed that very morning.

I was doubly saddened knowing that it was City Hall action or lack thereof that brought about the destruction of the mural. This City Hall action did more than bring about the destruction of an irreplaceable art piece and city treasure – it put to question the sincerity of City Hall when they profess support for the arts in Downey.

**Harold Tseklenis  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

Smashing the DHS mosaic to make way for building renovations is outrageous.

As an art student (class of 1973) under the direction of Mrs. Troesch, I worked on the mosaic, "Civilization Through the Ages." The lead student and project manager was Cecilia Ballinger.

In addition to being a fantastic artist, Troesch loved her students, enhancing our interests with trips to art studios and museums. We even worked on the mural weekends when Troesch would supply hot dogs.

Often in lieu of students serving detention for tardiness, they were dispatched to the art room to cut glass tiles for the mural. Many of the tiles were expensive pieces and pieces were hand-cut by DHS students.

The destruction of this artistry and outstanding student project is a disgusting act. It could have been spared. Apparently "civilization through the ages" is dead in Downey.

**Louise Fiorillo  
Downey**

### Shopping carts

Dear Editor:

All over the place, abandoned shopping carts can be found. On Lake-wood Boulevard, between Imperial and Firestone, I spotted at least five carts, especially around Sussman Middle School.

Then along Downey Avenue, also between Imperial and Firestone, more shopping carts.

I'm sure lost carts cost businesses money. It would be nice to see creative ways for the city to partner with stores for a reclamation effort. These abandoned carts make Downey look like a careless city.

A public service announcement in the Patriot – in English, Spanish and Chinese – informing the public that carts should not be taken from store premises would also be useful.

**Dan Chantre  
Downey**

### Illegal fireworks

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly agree with the letters in last week's Patriot. Both Ms. Mayfield and Pat Hayes expressed how I feel about the illegal fireworks that go on for weeks after the holiday is over.

I'm sure there are many of us in Downey that feel the same way. Some people have lost sight of what the celebration is all about.

I feel very sorry for the family pets who must endure the very loud illegal fireworks. Many animals run away and are lost to their families forever.

**Hattie Jo Miller  
Downey**

### Blame game

Dear Editor:

After reading Greta Campbell's letter to the editor, "Welfare State," I am dismayed at the blame game she presented.

She wrote "cities (are) declaring bankruptcy and Republicans (are) trying to do away with public unions." She should research and educate herself as to why cities are failing. Most are caused by trying to fund these out of control union pension obligations that have very little employee contribution percentage and are nearly completely taxpayer funded.

She blames Republicans for low test scores in math and science in the general population. I believe we should hold teachers and their unions accountable for this. We cannot even get rid of bad teachers because of union strongholds. This needs to change.

As for patrolling the Mexican border and neglecting the Canadian, I do not believe we have 800,000 Canadians trying to sneak in to get free medical, again taking resources from people who work, pay taxes and are productive.

She blames Republicans for spending money on oil drilling. I believe the American public pays for their energy requirements, which provides the monies spent on oil drilling. Oh, and the "welfare state" does not "invest" into the economy.

How can taking taxes from people who work, pay taxes and contribute to a productive economy, and redistribute those monies to people who won't work and are parasitic to the overall health of this great nation, stimulate the economy?

**Tom Ridley  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

Greta Campbell and the Democrats are still blaming George W. Bush. This is President Obama's economy.

President Obama increased the deficit by \$5 trillion in 3 1/2 years, unemployment rose steadily to 8.2 percent. President Obama controlled Congress for two years and he only accomplished the unpopular Obamacare.

His other accomplishments: Solyndra and giving money to foreign countries. Our country is almost broke so let's stop giving away money that we don't have.

Let's not forget President Obama never had a budget since he took office. Even a simple household like ours budget.

President Obama is very good in spending our tax money.

**Arthur Salao  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

After reading Ms. Campbell's nonsense, I can only conclude that she is a Democrat operative paid to misinform the public. And misinform she did!

Why are cities declaring bankruptcy? It's no secret nor is it an evil Republican conspiracy to do away with unions. Union wages have increased faster than private industry wages and citizens do not wish to pay more in taxes to see lavish benefit packages bestowed upon the few.

The biggest offenders of cost-of-living increases are Democrats who impose burdensome regulations upon businesses that are then passed onto the consumer. Apparently she doesn't see any connection President Obama's heavy handed regulation laws, higher minimum wage laws and – surprise – massive youth unemployment, the largest increase since WWII.

She accuses Republicans of "taking the food out of the mouths of children in school lunch and breakfast funding." First, whose responsibility is it to feed children? The government's? Hardly! Secondly, are we truly concerned about starving kids in America when obesity is the number one health problem for kids – especially poor kids? Thirdly, has she bothered to see the copious amounts of wasted food that kids on these "free" programs throw away?

Is Ms. Campbell seriously blaming Republicans for our kids' low math and science test scores? Who controls the public schools? Hint – it ain't Republicans.

And the nonsense continues. Why spend more money we don't have patrolling the Canadian border when our problem is the southern border? The average Canadian family now has more wealth than the average American family, thanks to Obama, and they are hardly lining up for fewer opportunities in the USA.

Shall I remind Ms. Campbell that President Obama continued the bipartisan war in Afghanistan and is the one beefing up our military presence in the Persian Gulf? But her biggest problem is with Republican desire to reform welfare. The bipartisan welfare reform bill of President Clinton did more to lift people out of poverty by forcing them off the government dole than any bill in history. And President Obama just declared that requiring people on welfare to work or look for work was no longer necessary. The number of people on welfare has already increased by 40 percent under this administration.

The Democrats have been in power for six years now, and people like Ms. Campbell continue to blame Republicans because they cannot face the reality that their irresponsible policies have only made things worse.

**Alaina Niemann  
Downey**

### Chick-Fil-A not wanted here

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write to *The Downey Patriot* about why we should step up against Chick-Fil-A opening up a restaurant in our city.

Chick-Fil-A is a chain of restaurants that promotes hate, inequality and will bring less business to our growing city. As we all know the Jim Henson Company and city of Chicago have all cut ties with the discriminatory restaurant chain.

I believe Downey should do the same. In our city we have great businesses that promote pride in being who they are, including Macy's and JC Penney.

Maybe we should give the location where Chick-Fil-A wants to open to a better restaurant chain like McDonald's or KFC, or even better, to a local restaurant owner in the city.

It's time we move from being the sleepy city Downey is known for and bring more exciting vendors to our city. Let's even bring gay restaurants and bars -- let's grow into the future. Downey has a very large gay and lesbian population that go out to eat and drink in nearby Long Beach and West Hollywood that are very gay friendly and I think it's time for Downey to open its mind and arms to a new tomorrow.

I would hate to bring my kids to a restaurant that promotes hate and discriminates against a select group of Americans.

**Carlos Rangel  
Downey**

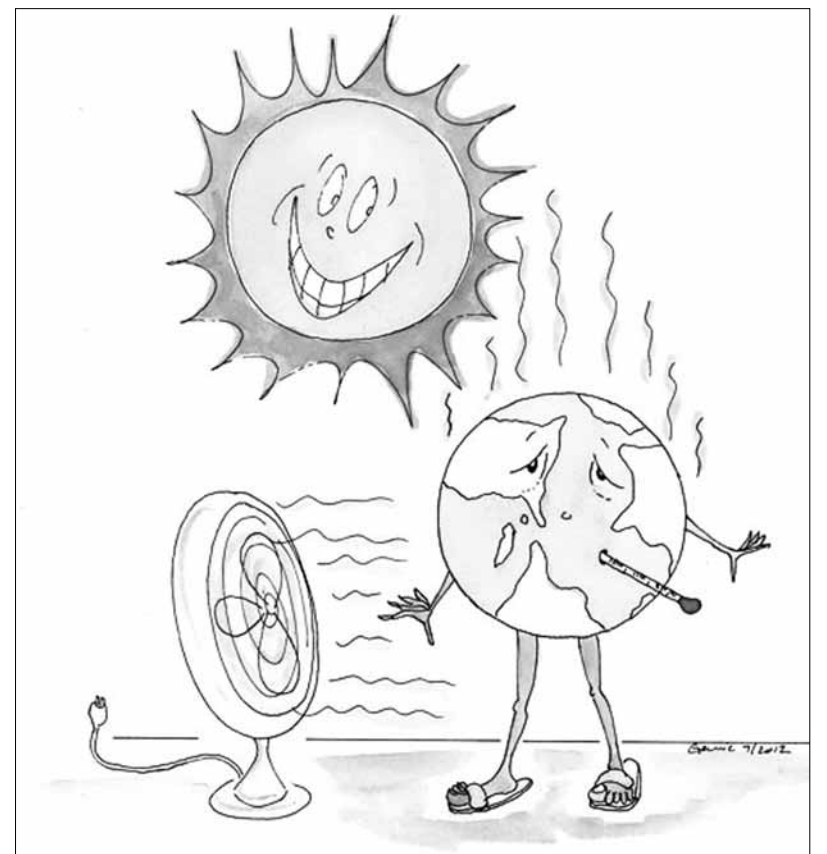


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## What's up with global warming?

By Lars Clutterham

Before Mitt Romney became the nominee apparent, several Republican candidates enthusiastically denied anthropogenic climate change (the terminologically correct expression for what most people mean when they say "global warming").

That controversial topic has faded in the light of jockeying between GOP candidate and Democratic incumbent on issues of healthcare, the economy, and governmental ideology.

Yet Bill McKibben just wrote an incendiary article for the August 2 issue of Rolling Stone magazine in which he spells out the significance of three numbers which he argues signify a much bleaker picture for the future of human civilization than previous arguments on the ramifications of global warming.

Before we outline his arguments, a little background on Bill McKibben, who is known for a different number, as the founder and primary spokesman for 350.org. McKibben is a Harvard educated journalist and author, formerly with The New Yorker, who penned one of the first books for a general audience on climate change in 1989. He founded 350.org to give a grassroots voice to "solving the climate crisis," as the website states.

"350" signifies the number in parts per million of CO2 in the atmosphere. Many scientists believe that 350 ppm of atmospheric CO2 is the long-term upper limit for human habitability on the planet. Throughout accessible climate history, going back as far as 650,000 years, as measured in part by polar ice core samples, the average CO2 content in the atmosphere has been consistently in the range of 275-280 ppm. Beginning in the 18th century, with the advent of fossil fuels, that number began to rise. It currently stands at about 396 ppm, as continually measured at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii since 1958 (currently increasing at the rate of about 2 ppm per year).

While the Rolling Stone article begins with the reminder that the month of June "broke or tied 3,215 high-temperature records across the United States," McKibben's new numbers reinforce his dark forecast.

The first number, 2° Celsius (about 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), is another view of the upper limits to habitable global warming as agreed on by all international conferences on the topic dating back to 1995. As McKibben puts it, "The official position of planet Earth at the moment is that we can't raise the temperature more than two degrees Celsius--it's become the bottomest of bottom lines."

More specifically, McKibben describes the current situation this way: "So far, we've raised the average temperature of the planet just under 0.8 degrees Celsius, and that has caused far more damage than most scientists expected. (A third of summer sea ice in the Arctic is gone, the oceans are 30 percent more acidic, and since warm air holds more water vapor than cold, the atmosphere over the oceans is a shocking five percent wetter, loading the dice for devastating floods.)"

The second number is 565 gigatons (A gigaton is one billion tons.) Again, McKibben states, "Scientists estimate that humans can pour roughly 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by midcentury and still have some reasonable hope of staying below two degrees."

Third on McKibben's list is the number 2,795 gigatons. This, according to the Carbon Tracker Initiative, an ongoing London investment analysis, is "the amount of carbon already contained in the proven coal and oil and gas reserves of the fossil-fuel companies, and the countries . . . that act like fossil-fuel companies. In short, it's the fossil fuel we're currently planning to burn. And the key point is that this new number--2,795--is higher than 565. Five times higher.

"We have five times as much oil and coal and gas on the books as climate scientists think is safe to burn. We'd have to keep 80 percent of those reserves locked away underground to avoid that fate. Before we knew those numbers, our fate had been likely. Now, barring some massive intervention, it seems certain."

With such a somber prediction, surely there must be a dissenting opinion. We will examine one such assessment next week.

### Stand up to NRA

Dear Editor:

Once again, another madman has committed an unspeakable crime in a theater in Aurora, Colo. Once again, this crime involved assault weapons. Once again, we are having the obligatory beating of the chest, the questioning and analyzing of "why and how."

Eventually this will go away, will be forgotten and life will go on...until the next time.

Now is the time for people to demand that our politicians say "no" to the NRA and the gun lobby. We have to demand, by our vote, that they release their stranglehold on the politicians. Unless and until that happens these tragedies will continue. Lives will be destroyed, hearts will be broken and we will have the same cycle all over again.

God bless the families who have been affected by this horrible event.

**Lois Rossi  
Downey**

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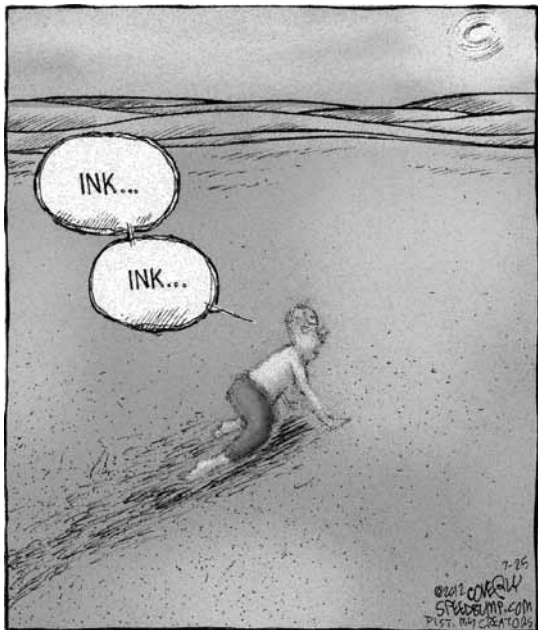
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### Events For July/August

- Sat. July 28: **Water barrel giveaway**, West Middle School, 8 a.m.
- Sat. July 28: **March and rally for Michael Nida**, Imperial & Paramount, 10 a.m.
- Sat. July 28: **Chihuahua adoption event**, SEAACA, 11 a.m.
- Wed. Aug. 1: **Wiseguys Big Band concert**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.

### City Meetings

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 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 806-2100.
- 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 e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
- 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
- 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
- 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 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

#### Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 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 Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 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.
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- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 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.

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- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
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#### 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...

- July 26, 1945:** Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party.
- 1947:** President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- 1964:** Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa was convicted of fraud and conspiracy.
- 1990:** President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Birthdays:** Rock singer Mick Jagger (69), actress Helen Mirren (67), actor Kevin Spacey (53), figure skater Dorothy Hamill (56), actress Sandra Bullock (48), actor Jeremy Piven (48), actress Kate Beckinsale (39), basketball player Delonte West (29), actress Francia Raisa (24) and actress and singer Taylor Momsen (19).

### THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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DO IT YOURSELF: You supply the pencil

by Fred Piscop

#### ACROSS

- 1 Jellied garnish
- 6 Spots on dice
- 10 From Cardiff
- 15 Way onto a highway
- 19 Faint amount
- 20 Russia's \_\_\_ Mountains
- 21 Buffett's hometown
- 22 Cookie since 1912
- 23 Kid's assembly
- 25 Spillane sleuth
- 27 Smile on
- 28 Slimmed down, perhaps
- 30 Take a nibble of
- 31 Top Hat tapper
- 34 Hosp. professionals
- 35 Bamboozle
- 36 UN Plaza display
- 37 Cartridge filler
- 40 Chicago neighborhood
- 44 Apt. feature, in ads
- 45 Red-alert warning
- 50 Loud quarrel
- 52 St. crosser
- 53 Chamber work
- 54 Acropolis attractions
- 55 Water, in Juárez
- 56 Marina del \_\_, CA
- 57 Most of Iberia
- 58 Repaired, as a page
- 59 Bell sound
- 60 Pavlov subject
- 62 Bakery machine
- 64 "Strawberry" color
- 65 In mint condition
- 67 The works
- 68 South Seas wrap
- 70 Ragu rival
- 71 Slips away from
- 74 Fruit-filled wine
- 77 Appetizers from
- 57 Across
- 78 Pack away
- 79 Fad
- 81 Corporation designation
- 82 Cup lip
- 83 Prolonged attack
- 84 Spider-Man series director
- 85 Pro Bowl side
- 86 Jiffy
- 87 Employee dossier
- 90 Payable
- 91 Wok, essentially
- 93 Datebook entry: Abbr.
- 94 Don't take no for an answer
- 96 Zilch
- 97 "Golden" dog
- 99 Makes certain
- 101 Cordial flavoring
- 104 Far from abundant
- 107 Celtic priest
- 108 Rules of Engagement actor
- 110 School kid's status
- 115 Zoo houseful
- 116 Eroded
- 117 Greek liqueur
- 118 Green shade
- 119 Crow's-nest site
- 120 Extract by force
- 121 Visionary
- 122 Citi Field player

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- 2 Sign of a sellout
- 3 Cushion
- 4 Swelling treatment
- 5 Yo-Yo Ma, e.g.
- 6 Vital sign
- 7 Tax-deferred plans
- 8 Critical review
- 9 Downhill runner

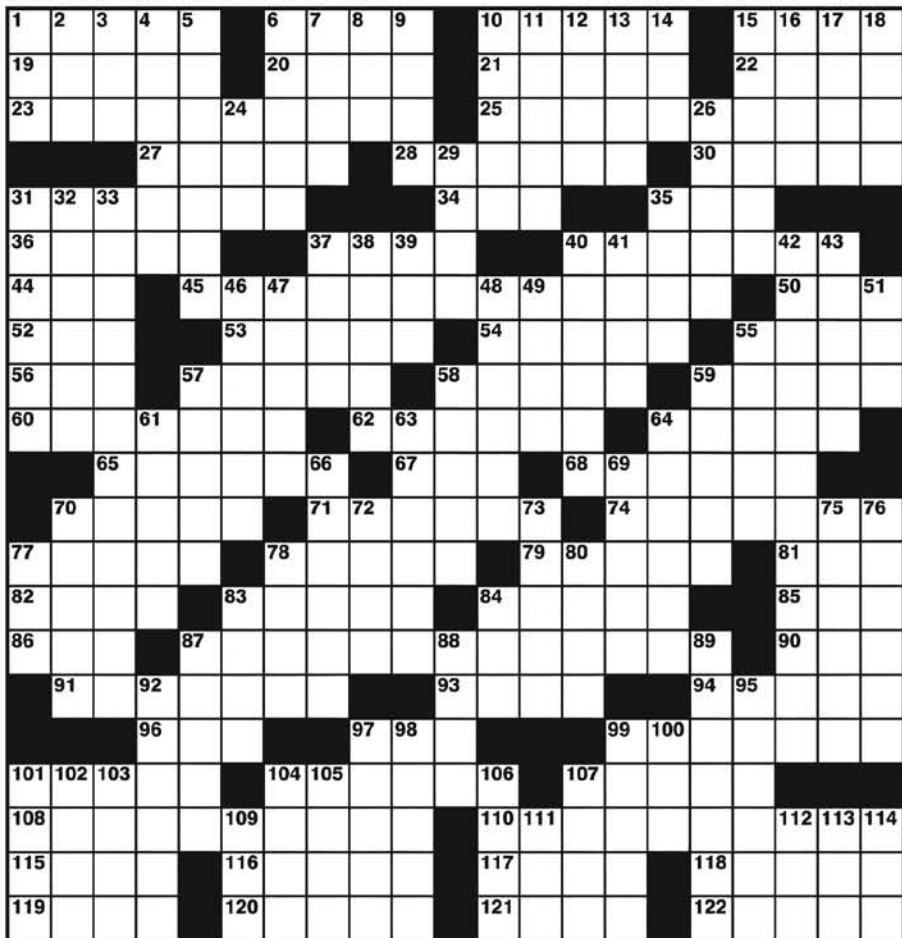
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- 12 Dam site
- 13 Lawn mower's home
- 14 Derisive cry
- 15 Italian cheese
- 16 Sofa parts
- 17 Come upon
- 18 Sponge opening
- 24 By means of
- 26 Ring around a lagoon
- 29 Strong-willed
- 31 Scared, in Shakespeare
- 32 Small portion
- 33 "Choose any of these"
- 35 Fantasia frames
- 37 Sparkling wine source
- 38 Demeanors
- 39 Edmonton hrs.
- 40 Judges and juries
- 41 \_\_\_ legs (quadruped's pair)
- 42 Street performer of yore
- 43 Animal shelter
- 46 "Fingers crossed!"
- 47 Empathic phrase
- 48 Wise counsel
- 49 Bamboozle
- 51 Droll one
- 55 As a companion
- 57 Funny money
- 58 Diacritical mark
- 59 Any Jurassic Park dinosaur
- 61 A wee hr.
- 63 Ralph of fashion
- 64 Rio's land
- 66 Can't stomach
- 69 "Same here"

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- 70 Trims back on
- 72 Letterhead art
- 73 Barber's concern
- 75 Brew, as tea
- 76 Gain entrance to
- 77 Basic cable channel
- 78 Equine parent
- 80 Geologist's fault
- 83 Deal in
- 84 Workout unit
- 87 Practiced, as a trade
- 88 Catches red-handed

- 89 Frat letter
- 92 Refuse to compromise
- 95 In a boorish way
- 97 Fills with cargo
- 98 "You \_\_\_ kidding!"
- 99 Enthusiasm
- 100 Take to court
- 101 Sistine Chapel depiction
- 102 Vintner's valley
- 103 Currier's partner

- 104 Box with headgear, maybe
- 105 Top of the head
- 106 Teamwork obstacles
- 107 Astound
- 109 Conclude, with "up"
- 111 Wish undone
- 112 Enthusiasm
- 113 Sistine Chapel depiction
- 114 Diminutive suffix

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The first Mickey Spillane novel featuring MIKE HAMMER (25 Across) was *I, the Jury*, published in 1947. Director Sam RAIMI (84 Across) has also produced numerous TV series, including *Xena: Warrior Princess*. The Pro Bowl (85 Across) is the NFL's annual all-star game, featuring the top players in the AFC (American National Football Conference) and NFC.





## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Do you have the repetitive and uncontrollable urge to move a body part, make a sound, or close your eyes? These actions are known as tics and you may have Tourette's syndrome. Named after the French neurologist who first described the condition in 1885, it is considered a neurological disorder.

Symptoms of TS typically first appear in childhood, often between the ages of three and nine. It occurs in all ethnic groups, although males are affected far more often than females. Although TS can have symptoms that last a lifetime, for most the worst tics are experienced in the early teens, with improvement starting in the late teens and continuing into adulthood.

Other conditions can look like TS. Transient tic disorders begin during the early school years and affect perhaps 18% of children. Common tics include eye blinking, nose puckering, grimacing and squinting. Transient vocalizations are less common and include various throat sounds or humming. Transient tics may last only a few weeks or months and may appear in times of heightened excitement or fatigue. As with Tourette's syndrome, boys are more often affected by transient tics than are girls.

TS, in contrast to transient tic disorders, is diagnosed after verifying that the patient has had both motor and vocal tics for at least one year. There are no blood or lab tests to help make the diagnosis, although MRI, CT, EEG, or blood tests may be used to rule out other conditions. It is not uncommon for TS to go undiagnosed, as parents might think eye blinking is related to vision problems, or sniffing related to allergies.

What is a tic? They can be simple or complex. Simple tics are sudden, brief, repetitive movements. Some examples include eye blinking or other eye movements, facial grimacing, shoulder shrugging, or head or shoulder jerking. Simple vocalizations might include repetitive throat-clearing sounds, sniffing, or grunting. Complex tics are coordinated movements involving several muscle groups. These might include facial grimacing combined with a head twist and a shoulder shrug. More complex vocal tics include words or phrases. The most dramatic and perhaps most disabling tics include motor movements that result in self-harm, or vocal tics including copropraxia (uttering socially inappropriate

words) or echolalia (repeating the words or phrases of others).

Some people with TS will describe a need to complete a tic in a certain way or a certain number of times in order to relieve an urge or decrease a sensation in a muscle group. Tics are often made worse with excitement or anxiety, and are better during calm, focused activities. Some experiences can trigger or worsen tics, such as tight collars or neckties, or hearing another person having vocal tics. Tics come and go over time, and vary in type, frequency, location, and severity. Although these tics are involuntary, sometimes they can be suppressed, camouflaged, or otherwise managed. However, there can be a substantial buildup in tension when suppressing the tics to the point where there is a feeling that the tic must be expressed.

A number of neurobehavioral problems are associated with TS, and may actually cause more difficulties than tics. These include inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity; attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); problems with reading, writing, and arithmetic; and obsessive-compulsive symptoms (OCD) such as intrusive thoughts, worries and repetitive behaviors. Some with TS report problems with depression or anxiety. Although most of those with TS experience a significant decline in tics as they leave adolescence behind, these associated neurobehavioral conditions may continue.

The majority of people with TS do not treat it with medication. There is no one medication that is helpful to all people with TS, nor does any medication completely eliminate symptoms. All of them, however, have significant side effects such as sedation, weight gain, and cognitive dulling. Withdrawal from these medications can also make the tics worse. Some behavioral alternatives include awareness training and competing response training, but other behavioral therapies such as biofeedback have not been shown to be effective.

The cause of TS is unknown, and presently there is no cure. Active research is looking at the basal ganglia, frontal lobes, and cortex, and the circuits that interconnect these regions in the brain; along with the neurotransmitters dopamine, serotonin, and norepinephrine. Twin and family studies suggest that TS is inherited.

Tourette's syndrome is a complex disease and may result in physical, behavioral and social disability. If you or a loved one experience its signs or symptoms, seek professional help.

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

## FDA approves weight loss drug Qsymia

• Health officials, however, warn that Qsymia could cause birth defects and increased heart rate.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday approved Qsymia as an addition to a reduced-calorie diet and exercise for chronic weight management.

The drug is approved for use in adults with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater (obese) or adults with a BMI of 27 or greater (overweight) who have at least one weight-related condition such as high blood pressure (hypertension), type 2 diabetes, or high cholesterol.

BMI, which measures body fat based on an individual's weight and height, is used to define the obesity and overweight categories. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one-third of adults in the United States are obese.

"Obesity threatens the overall well being of patients and is a major public health concern," said Janet Woodcock, M.D., director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "Qsymia, used responsibly in combination with a healthy lifestyle that includes a reduced-calorie diet and exercise, provides another treatment option for chronic weight management in Americans who are obese or are overweight and have at least one weight-related comorbid condition."

Qsymia is a combination of two FDA-approved drugs, phentermine and topiramate, in an extended-release formulation. Phentermine is indicated for short-term weight loss in overweight or obese adults who are exercising and eating a reduced calorie diet. Topiramate is indicated to treat certain types of seizures in people who have epilepsy and to prevent migraine headaches.

Qsymia must not be used during pregnancy because it can cause harm to a fetus. Data show that a fetus exposed to topiramate, a component of Qsymia, in the first trimester of pregnancy has an increased risk of oral clefts (cleft lip with or without cleft palate).

Females of reproductive potential must not be pregnant when starting Qsymia therapy or become pregnant while taking Qsymia. Women should have a negative pregnancy test before starting Qsymia and ev-

ery month while using the drug and should use effective contraception consistently while taking Qsymia.

The safety and efficacy of Qsymia were evaluated in two randomized, placebo-controlled trials that included approximately 3,700 obese and overweight patients with and without significant weight-related conditions treated for one year. All patients received lifestyle modification that consisted of a reduced calorie diet and regular physical activity.

The recommended daily dose of Qsymia contains 7.5 milligrams of phentermine and 46 mg of topiramate extended-release. Qsymia is also available at a higher dose (15 mg phentermine and 92 mg of topiramate extended-release) for select patients.

Results from the two trials show that after one year of treatment with the recommended and highest daily dose of Qsymia, patients had an average weight loss of 6.7 percent and 8.9 percent, respectively, over treatment with placebo. Approximately 62 percent and 69 percent of patients lost at least five percent of their body weight with the recommended dose and highest dose of Qsymia, respectively, compared with about 20 percent of patients treated with placebo.

Patients who did not lose at least three percent of their body weight by week 12 of treatment with Qsymia were unlikely to achieve and sustain weight loss with continued treatment at this dose. Therefore, response to therapy with the recommended daily dose of Qsymia should be evaluated by 12 weeks to determine, based on the amount of weight loss, whether to discontinue Qsymia or increase to the higher dose.

If after 12 weeks on the higher dose of Qsymia, a patient does not lose at least five percent of body weight, then Qsymia should be discontinued, as these patients are unlikely to achieve clinically meaningful weight loss with continued treatment.

Qsymia must not be used in patients with glaucoma or hyperthyroidism. Qsymia can increase heart rate; this drug's effect on heart rate in patients at high risk for heart attack or stroke is not known. Therefore, the use of Qsymia in patients with recent (within the last six months) or unstable heart dis-



ease or stroke is not recommended. Regular monitoring of heart rate is recommended for all patients taking Qsymia, especially when starting Qsymia or increasing the dose.

to Qsymia, the need for pregnancy prevention, and the need to discontinue therapy if pregnancy occurs. Qsymia will only be dispensed through specially certified pharmacies.

Vivus Inc. will be required to conduct 10 postmarketing requirements, including a long-term cardiovascular outcomes trial to assess the effect of Qsymia on the risk for major adverse cardiac events such as heart attack and stroke.

The most common side effects of Qsymia are tingling of hands and feet (paresthesia), dizziness, altered taste sensation, insomnia, constipation, and dry mouth.

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## Street artist unveils latest work

**DOWNEY** – The street artist known as Bumblebeelovesyou struck again this week, painting an 18-ft. tall mural (with permission) on the side of a hair salon on 2nd Street in Downey.

The piece is titled "Slices" and shows a young girl cutting her own hair with a blank stare.

"It represents Downey's present and future acceptance of the arts, while the orange pattern on the dress reminisces of the orange orchards of Downey's past," the artist wrote in an e-mail.

A short documentary on Bumblebeelovesyou will be screened at the Epic Lounge on Aug. 19 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

## Summer festival helps Rancho artists and artisans believe

• Rancho hospital hosted its first-ever summer festival, celebrating the talents of Rancho patients.

By Greg Waskul  
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

**DOWNEY** – Hundreds of patients, staff and community members took part in Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's first-ever summer festival last Friday in the hospital's Jacqueline Perry Institute back lot.

The celebration consisted of a bazaar featuring hundreds of original creations from the Arts and Crafts of Rancho, beautiful plants and flowers grown in Rancho's Restorative Garden, a delicious dinner cooked by Rancho Director of Facilities Management Michael Lear, and a spectacular concert entitled "Believe" delivered by participants in the Performing Arts of Rancho program.

"What a day for Rancho patients!" exclaimed Supervisor Don Knabe, who attended the Summer Festival with his wife Julie. "The breadth of artistic achievement was incredible, from the beautiful craft items to the potted plants created in the garden to the inspiring concert by the performing artists. I salute all the Rancho patients who took part in the Summer Festival, and also applaud Team Rancho for helping them move forward successfully with their lives after their disabling illnesses and injuries."

Rancho Chief Executive Officer Jorge Orozco agreed with the Supervisor. "I am in awe of the tremendous effort put forth by our patients to create the art and beauty we witnessed today," he said. "Their talent and dedication make us all proud to work at Rancho. For every artist who shone today, there are Rancho doctors, therapists, nurses and other team members who have worked with them to help them achieve their artistic visions."

"We are all profoundly thankful



Photos by Diane & Greg Waskul  
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to be able to give back to Rancho, because the amazing people at this special hospital have helped each of the Rancho patients here today experience our own personal miracles in our quest to fulfill our potential," said Performing Arts of Rancho Director Jay Cramer.

Singer Annette Revilla, spoke for her fellow artists. "Our stories are all different, and yet in many ways we have shared similar experiences. Many of us were almost out of hope when we came to Rancho, but then our Rancho experi-

ences lifted us up in ways we could never have imagined.

"Each of us have found our own personal path to independence," she said. "For me, being involved in the Performing Arts of Rancho has given me new hope as I feed off the love of my fellow artists, the Rancho staff who support us and even the response of the audiences at our concerts."

"I'm still fighting for my life, but with Rancho on my side, I know I will win!"

## Family fun at Moravian church

**DOWNEY** – The Moravian Church of Downey will host a "hootenanny" on Aug. 11 from 3-9 p.m. for children and their families.

There will be a bounce house, face painting, games, silent auction, sing-a-longs, and more. Homemade pupusas will be sold for \$2.

The festival will take place in the church's parking lot and lawn.

For more information, call (562) 927-0718.

## Best Musical winner opening at Pantages

**HOLLYWOOD** – "Memphis," the 2010 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, will play the Pantages Theatre for a limited two-week engagement July 31 through Aug. 31.

"Memphis" takes place in the smoky halls and underground clubs of the segregated 50s, where a young white DJ named Huey Calhoun fell in love with everything he shouldn't: rock and roll, and an electrifying black singer.

The musical is recommended for ages 10 and up. No one under 5 will be admitted.

Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased online at [broadwayla.org](http://broadwayla.org) or by calling (800) 982-2787.

## One-act plays at Cerritos College

**NORWALK** – Improvisational comedy and one-act plays will be performed by the Cerritos College Theatre and Film Department starting July 27.

The show will feature four one-act plays and an improv play that changes nightly.

Performances are scheduled for July 27-28 and Aug. 2-4 at 8 p.m., and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.

All performances are in the Bur- night Studio Theatre on campus.

Admission is \$10 for one ticket, or \$15 for two tickets (cash only).

For more details, go online to [cerritos.edu/theatre](http://cerritos.edu/theatre) or call (562) 467-5058.

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## Downey gymnasts compete in Junior Olympics

**DOWNEY** – Two local gymnasts from the Broadway Gymnastic School, located in Los Angeles, have recently qualified for the Junior Olympics.

Bryan De Los Santos of Downey, qualified for the U.S. Men's Junior Olympic National Championships, which were held May 10-15 in Cincinnati, Ohio. De Los Santos is a Level 10 gymnast and is ranked 22nd nationally on the Parallel Bars, 22rd on the Rings, 46th on the Floor and 67th in the All-Around.

De Los Santos advanced to the event semi-finals, where only the top 48 gymnasts in the nation qualify. He placed 3rd on the Parallel Bars and 9th on the Rings.

De Los Santos also placed 12th on the Parallel Bars at the Men's Region 1 Championships held in Reno, Nevada, April 12-15. At State Championships, De Los Santos won the Bronze State Championship Title on the Rings, placed 6th on the Parallel Bars, 7th on the Floor and 11th in the All-Around.

Cassandra Diaz, also of Downey, is a Level 9 gymnast who qualified for the Junior Olympics Western Championships held in Boise, Idaho, May 2-6. Only the top 12 All-Around gymnasts qualified for each age group to the Junior Olympics Western Championships from their Region.

Diaz also qualified to compete for the Region 1 Team at the Western Championships. The Region 1 Team won this competition and were crowned meet champions.

Region 1 is comprised of four states which include California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada. The Region 1 Team also won the Super Team portion of the competition, which represents a combination of points from the whole competition.

At the Regional Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 13-15, Diaz placed second in the Balance Beam and 7th in the All-Around. Diaz placed 4th on the Parallel Bars, 7th on the Vault and 5th in the All-Around at the State Championships.

Diaz also contributed to Broadway Gymnastic School's Level 9 Team winning first place at the Chris Wallers Heart of a Champion Invitational last February and placed 3rd at Gymnastics in the Wine Country last January.

Certainly De Los Santos and Diaz are rising stars in the world of gymnastics and with continued hard work, may have an opportunity to pursue a college scholarship and perhaps, a shot at the Olympics.

– Mark Fetter, contributor

## Girls golf team taking players

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School girls' golf team is actively looking for players to compete in the fall.

The girls' golf season starts right as school gets underway in September. Coach Tina Schmid, the Warren High School head coach for boys and girls golf, is looking for girls interested in playing golf to come to Rio Hondo Golf Course on Mondays at 2 p.m.

Coach Schmid maintains that no experience is necessary but that potential golfers need to have a genuine desire to learn the game.

According to Schmid, some softball players have had a good amount of success playing but she would like to see as many girls as possible come out and give "swinging the sticks" a shot. Owning golf clubs is not a requirement but interested girls need to contact Coach Schmid for appropriate options.

Coach Schmid needs girls interested to be able to practice twice a week over the summer and Monday through Thursdays after school in the fall.

Coach Schmid maintains that "golf is an exciting, fun and humbling sport." Playing golf in high school "provides a young person with an opportunity to meet fellow students with similar interests, engage in a competitive sport, earn a varsity letter, and quite possibly, earn a scholarship if your skill level is good enough."

Coach Schmid says that there are scholarships available for golfers who work hard at the sport, while at the same time, taking care of their academic requirements also.

Interested student-athletes should direct their questions to Coach Tina Schmid at tchmid@dusd.net.

– Mark Fetter, contributor

## Football camp at Downey High Sunday

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School football program will be hosting a skills camp for local youngsters, ages 6-14, at Downey High School's Allen Layne Stadium on Sunday, July 29.

Downey High School is located at 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Camp registration will start at 11:30 a.m. and the skills camp itself will last from noon until 4 p.m. Athletes are encouraged to bring cleats, water bottles, sunscreen and athletic clothing.

The cost is \$30. The camp will focus on speed training, introduction to tackling techniques, and offensive and defensive drills.

The current Downey High School coaching staff, as well as guest speakers and current players from the University of Southern California (USC), will be in attendance.

Any questions should be directed to Downey High School head football coach Jack Williams at jwilliams@dusd.net.

The Downey Vikings are reigning S.G.V.L. Tri-Champs and standout tackling machine Jabari Ruffin earned a football scholarship to USC this past season. Several USC football players are tentatively scheduled to be in attendance.

Coach Williams and his staff challenge interested youngsters to take their game to the next level and participate in the Downey Viking Skills Camp this Sunday.

– Mark Fetter, contributor

## Defense may be key to Bears football this year

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School football team continues to gear up for the fall season and the Bear defense is hoping to stop opposing offenses and give their own offense a shorter field to work with.

A shorter field translates into more scoring opportunities.

Bear coach Matt Seanez says that there are still a lot of position battles going on which are going to be decided during summer camp. There are two returning starters on defense. One is defensive back Daryl Donerson and the other is defensive linemen Clay Mitchell. Warren will be looking at a few players competing on both sides of the ball.

The defensive line is a fluid situation right now and could see several young Bear players getting substantial playing time. Seniors Mike Avila and Ricky Vichot will certainly see time as will juniors George Wickens, David Zepeda and Christian Farran. At the outside linebacker position juniors Simon Figueroa and Alan Hernandez will see time while the inside linebacker position will feature seniors Jonathan Vauulu and Oscar Herrera. The secondary will feature Donerson, with Keenan Brooks on the opposite side, senior Michael San Angelo at strong safety and hard hitting Moses Alaniz at the free safety position. According to Bear coaches, this group is still gelling together as a cohesive unit. Alaniz and San Angelo are the most vocal leaders on the field while Vauulu and Herrera are growing into their roles.

The defensive line will feature Clay Mitchell as a returning starter, Mike Avila who was a starting offensive lineman last year, Ricky Vichot who was also a starting offensive lineman last year, George Wickens who was on the J.V. squad last year, David Zepeda who was a Varsity reserve last year and Christian Farran, who was also a Varsity reserve last year. Outside linebacker Simon Figueroa was a Varsity reserve last year and Alan Hernandez is returning from an injury. Defensive back Daryl Donerson is a returning starter, Keenan Brooks was a Varsity reserve, Michael San Angelo played some defense last year but was mostly an offensive skill guy and Moses Alaniz was a Varsity reserve.

The Warren coaching staff has been extremely impressed with the toughness of Moses Alaniz. His coaches say that he is the smallest guy out there on defense but delivers the biggest hits with his physical play. The coaches have also been impressed with the development of the Bear linebacking corp.

The coaches are in agreement that the mood of the team is optimistic and looking forward to the season to start. The program has had a strong summer and have not been this far ahead of the curve in the previous two years as a team. Coach Seanez maintains that the players are excited for the pads to come on and to start two-a-days in camp. The coaching staff expects big things out of their Bear players this year and are continuing to work hard to get those things done.

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or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made; but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: NÓRALIS M. CEPERO-MIGUELES, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded 06/01/2004 as Instrument No. 041389122 in Book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California Date of Sale: 08/20/2012 at 11:00 A.M. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Property Address is purported to be: 9605 LUBEC STREET DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN#: 6391-021-004 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$604,746.68, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site address [www.lpsasap.com](http://www.lpsasap.com) using the file number assigned to this case file number CA1200050598. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/24/2012 Executive Trustee Services, LLC dba ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER A-4276504 07/26/2012, 08/02/2012, 08/09/2012

do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, 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. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JAIME FLORES, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Deed of Trust recorded 07/12/2007 as Instrument No. 20071653299 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 8/2/2012 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: \$75,173.94 Street Address or other common designation of the purported real property: 9046 LINDSEY AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N. 6388-034-001 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address of other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the trustee within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (714)573-1965 or LOG ONTO or visit this Internet Web site [www.prioritposting.com](http://www.prioritposting.com) using the file number assigned to this case 2010-2801. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 7/3/2012 S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106 Westlake, CA 91362 (818) 391-4600 LUIS ALVARADO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P965373 7/12, 7/19, 07/26/2012

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** TSG No.: 3791521 TS No.: 20089070804835 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN:6282 003 044 Property Address: 13236 PREMIERE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/09/05, 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. On August 1, 2012 at 9:00 AM, I will sell at public auction to the HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Inside the lobby of the building located at 628 North Diamond Bar Blvd., Suite B, Diamond Bar, CA. 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 described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6282 003 044. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13236 PREMIERE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims

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T.S. No.: 11-41456 TSG Order No.: 110019373-CA-MSI A.P.N.: 6360-019-001 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/20/2005, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 8/1/2012 at 09:00 AM, Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust, Recorded 10/28/2005 as Instrument No. 2604044 in book --, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: ERICK M ZEAS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at a time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a

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APN: 6256-015-027 TS No: CA09001213-11-1 TO No: 5131521 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 12, 2007, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 20, 2012 at 09:00 AM, behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA, MTC FINANCIAL INC. dba TRUSTEE CORP'S as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on January 22, 2007 as Instrument No. 20070126304 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by CARMEN ROMERO AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK as Lender and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for Lender, its successors and/ or assigns, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County,

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. CA1200050598 Loan No. 0307597994 Insurer N.YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/24/2004, 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank check drawn by a state

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T.S. No. 2010-2801 Order No. 1016239 Loan No. 12110041 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/2/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to

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## Murder charges filed against Norwalk man for fatal DUI crash

**NORWALK** – One of two suspected drunken drivers was charged Wednesday with two counts of murder and other charges for his alleged involvement in a two-car crash early Sunday morning that killed two construction workers on the 405 Freeway, the district attorney's office announced.

Yocio Jonathan Gomez, 23, of Norwalk, was scheduled to be arraigned at Torrance Superior Court, said Deputy District Attorney Lisa Houle.

Gomez is charged with two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, one count of DUI causing injury, one count of DUI over .08 percent alcohol causing injury with two priors.

Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$5 million.

About 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Gomez allegedly was driving a blue Ford Explorer that crashed into the rear of a black Lexus RX-350 driven by Stephan Christopher Caserta, officials said.

The sport utility vehicle spun out of control, striking and killing Romano Lopez and Ricardo Zamora. A third worker was injured. The Ford Explorer overturned on its roof.

Officials arrested both drivers on suspicion of driving under the influence. Caserta was later released on bail and is due in court Aug. 10. His case will be reviewed later for possible filing, prosecutors said.

Gomez is facing up to life in prison if convicted.

## Norwalk man gets prison for tax evasion

**NORWALK** – Two men – including a Norwalk resident – were sentenced July 19 to more than two years in prison for defrauding California of more than \$1 million in state tobacco excise taxes, state officials announced this week.

The two men – Samy Girgis, 60, of Norwalk, and Atif Henan, 59, of Los Angeles – were partners in Classic Wholesale, a licensed tobacco distributorship.

U.S. District Judge John A. Mendez sentenced Girgis to 21 months in prison and Henan to 27 months for their roles in the tax fraud scheme.

"Every year California loses billions of dollars to tax fraud and illegal operators who make up the underground economy," said Jerome Horton, chairman of the California State Board of Equalization. "These criminals deprive the state of money that could be spent on schools, public safety, hospitals and other essential services."

The case against Girgis and Henan was investigated by a task force consisting of the state Board of Equalization, California Attorney's General's office, U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"We are fighting back by working closely with law enforcement and other agencies to investigate and prosecute criminals as well as sound the alarm about the damage the underground economy is doing to California," said Horton.

In 2007, the Board of Equalization estimated that California lost about \$90 million in unstamped tobacco excise taxes to contraband distributors, and approximately \$120 million in excise taxes for taxed stamped tobacco like cigarettes.

State Sen. Curren Price Jr. has introduced legislation that would create a central location for various state officials to share information aimed at investigating, exposing and prosecuting illegal operators. It would also create a hotline for the public to anonymously report illegal tobacco sales.

## Wayne Harvey passes away at 72

**DOWNEY** – Wayne Allen Harvey, born in Monterey Park on Feb. 8, 1940, passed away July 17 at the age of 72.

He graduated from South Gate High School in 1958 and worked as a letter carrier at the South Gate Post Office for 33 years.

After retiring from the post office in July of 1992, he worked as a driving instructor for E-Z Driving School. He worked there 10 years and retired in January of 2005.

Harvey was in the U.S. Army from 1963-66. He completed boot camp at Fort Ord and served in Korea and Fort Lewis, Wash.

A racecar enthusiast, he belonged to the Rod Riders Car Club, the Southern California Timing Association and the National Hot Rod Association in the 1960s through the 1980s. He raced at Irwindale (the old Bean Field) and at El Mirage Dry Lake in Victorville, the quarter-mile track in Carlsbad and in at the Salt Flats in Bonneville, Utah.

He was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Marjorie (Hirschberger) Harvey, and brothers Hank (Sonny) Harvey and Gene Harvey.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty (Cimino) Harvey; brothers-in-law, Jimmy Cimino and Frank (Butch) Cimino, and wife Emmy Cimino; extended family Jeannie Cimino and Stacey Cimino; nine nieces and five nephews; and many cousins.

A celebration of life will be held Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church in Bellflower.



## ESL classes at Cerritos College

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College is offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes during the day and at night with the start of its fall semester Aug. 20.

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## CRIME REPORT

**Friday, July 13**

The victim was walking on Lakewood Boulevard at Margaret Street when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect asked the victim where he was from. The victim stated no where, at which time the suspect grabbed the victim's hat and fled the location in an older model vehicle north bound Lakewood.

**Sunday, July 22**

At 2 P.M. a Critical Missing Adult investigation began when an 82 year old Downey resident was reported missing from the 11000 block of Rives Avenue. Officers conducted a grid search, notified local hospitals as well as provided the news media with a "missing person" flyer. The missing person was ultimately located in the city of Lakewood. He was returned home unharmed.

**Tuesday, July 17**

The victim was walking south bound on Lakewood north of Gardendale Avenue. He was approached by the suspect who was walking n/b on the sidewalk. The suspect, armed with a knife, demanded the victim's phone, money, and ear-bud headphones. The suspect fled by walking northbound towards the 105 Freeway out of sight.

**Friday, July 20**

At 2 A.M. the male victim left Gloria's at 7301 Florence Ave and walked to the 7-11 convenience store at 7371 Florence Ave to call for a cab. While he was outside waiting, an unknown male approached him and they began to converse. Suddenly, a second male ran toward him, pushed him to the ground and removed an envelope from his pants containing cash. The suspect ran to a waiting vehicle and fled. The victim did not report the incident until 6:30 A.M. Detectives are investigating.

**Saturday, July 21**

At 3:45 A.M. the male victim was seated inside of his vehicle at 12555 Paramount Blvd (Chevron gas station) when he was approached by two suspects. The suspects began to punch the victim and then dragged him from his vehicle. Once outside, the suspects removed the victims gold chain and wallet before fleeing the scene on foot. The victim received minor injuries but refused medical treatment. Detectives are investigating.

**At 7:30 P.M. a vehicle owner and his girlfriend saw a male suspect seated in the driver's seat of their vehicle in the 8300 block of Gardendale St, with the engine running. The female stepped in front of the vehicle and the suspect suddenly drove forward, striking her and causing her to fall onto the hood of the vehicle. The suspect then drove in reverse, causing the female to fall to the ground. The suspect then drove away in the victim's vehicle. The victim's vehicle was later found abandoned a few blocks away. Detectives are investigating.**

**At 3:45 A.M. a male resident in the 9600 block of Lubec St. heard his vehicle alarm sounding in his driveway and the sound of running foot steps. The victim armed himself with a handgun and ran to his vehicle but did not see any suspects. The victim observed a white vehicle leaving his neighborhood and drove after it. The vehicle, containing three subjects, sped away from the victim so he gave chase. A short time after, the suspect vehicle was stopped by police and the occupants were detained. The vehicle contained burglary tools, gloves, and possible loss. All three suspects were arrested for Burglary. One of the suspects admitted to committing the attempted vehicle burglary on Lubec St. One occupant of the vehicle matched the suspect description of an assault/auto-theft committed earlier in the shift. Detectives are investigating.**

*Information provided by the Downey Police Department*



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