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Gracie and the Circus

Kacie Cooper has been trying to fill in the gaps of what she has learned about her grandmother's life with the circus. Working from memories of her grandmother's tales, Kacie acknowledges exercising a little "literary license" in fashioning this account; but her grandmother did join a well-known circus as a young girl, and learned to train animals and walk a tightrope. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Kacie Cooper

My paternal grandmother Gracie was born in November of 1896, and these are some of the things I remember her telling me.

Gracie's mother had married several times, but Gracie said that the last stepfather was physically very demonstrative with her. This is what prompted her to run away from home. I wonder what kind of life she would have lived if she had not made this choice.

Gracie went to the sheriff's office and brought him back to her house. While the sheriff held on to her stepdad, Gracie went back into her bedroom, got her belongings, and then kissed her mother goodbye and left. This was in 1912 and she wasn't quite sixteen years old at that time.

What the future held for her was uncertain, but Gracie felt relieved to have escaped from her mother's husband. At that time there just happened to be in town a circus by the name of Sells/Floto, which was owned by Barnum and Bailey.

The gigantic big tent intrigued her. She had been traveling a few miles without knowing where she was headed; so she decided to investigate.

Gracie hid under the bleachers and watched the different acts perform. Suddenly there was a one-legged man with crutches in one hand and a furry little creature dangling from the other. Then another man was cussing him out and demanding to know what he had done.

"What the heck you got in your hand?" demanded the older man who appeared to be the leader of the show.

"This little critter has no mama now," explained the one-legged man. "I had to shoot her because she was coming after me. And, Daddy, you know what happens when a mama bear goes after a one-legged man. So don't tell me anything about why I shouldn't have shot her. You know who is responsible for me having only one leg. Don't you, Daddy?"

The father was about to have his son shoot the cub when my Grandma Gracie jumped out and volunteered to take care of the cub in return for letting her join the circus. The owner agreed, but had one stipulation: she would have to marry his (one-legged) son since the law did not allow single women to travel with the circus. I don't know if the part about having to be married was true. I often think that the owner of the circus grabbed the opportunity to get his no-good son a wife.

Shortly after she agreed to this arrangement, another worker walked in carrying the brother to the first bear cub. That night my grandmother married the mama-bear-shooting jerk and entered the world of circuses.

Gracie spent that night bottle-feeding two bear cubs, one that she would call Maggie and one that she would name Jiggs. She always referred to the two cubs as being so much more loveable than the man she married that night.

My grandmother was four foot, eleven. I remember her saying that we were somehow related to Tom Thumb, a little person who was quite well known in the circus at that time.

Gracie was taught to walk the tightrope, hang from her teeth, and also hang from her hair. She trained dogs to walk the tightrope, and she had her own boa constrictor and elephant.

She was the sole trainer for the two black bear cubs, and eventually, as with the dogs, she trained them to walk the tightrope while the little dogs ran in between their legs.

I guess Gracie finally warmed up to this husband of hers and became pregnant. But one day she found her husband fooling around with another woman. This is the part that she never explained to me in detail.

Upon finding the two together, my pregnant grandmother immediately walked to the steps leading up to the tightrope and began walking the rope to the other side. She said it was the "Indian grass that cushioned the fall" saved her life, but killed her unborn baby. I don't know if her action was deliberate or if she was not thinking because of a broken heart. I never got the answer to this question.

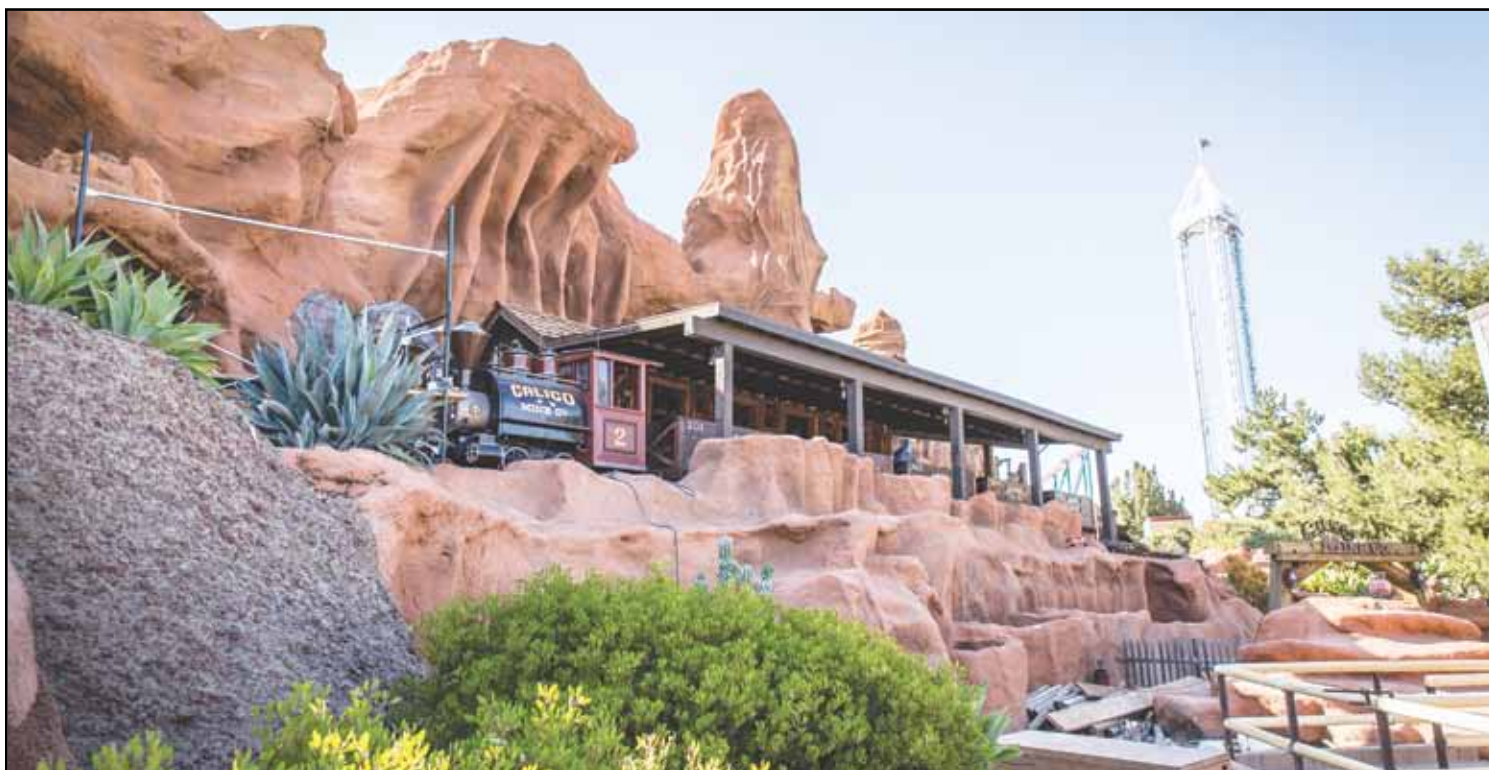
One time Gracie went on ahead of the train and transported her bears, which were full-grown by now, by truck. She got a flat tire, and the bears, which were in cages, fell off the flatbed truck. The bears scampered off when the cages fell open.

Gracie passed out when she put her hand under the tire to find out why it had gone flat. She had a scar on her hand from this and I once asked about it. When she came to, she could hear the coyotes yelping. All she could do was sit on a tree stump and wait for Maggie and Jiggs to return. When they finally came back, Gracie said that they were shaking like babies who had just seen the Boogieman.

Gracie worked with the circus for twelve years, from 1912 to 1924, and somewhere along the way she left from that no-good first husband. She gave up circus life when she met my grandfather Edgar, who was a railroad engineer. My grandfather was a real sweetheart who reminded me of Gary Cooper. They had two sons.

These are the only memories I have about Grandma Gracie's life, but with the help of a little imagination, I hope to put her story into a novel. I want my daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to know what a brave woman they have as an ancestor.

Gracie was a woman before her time. She had to make choices that were not easy, but she did it. I would hope that Gracie would be an inspiration to all who might read her story.



PHOTOS BY JOHN ZANDER

Calico Mine Ride making its comeback

• Knott's Berry Farm follows up on promise to renovate 55-year-old Calico Mine Ride.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

BUENA PARK – Start with a seven-story mountain, toss in some animatronic miners, a whistling train and a 65-foot deep glory hole -- what do you get? Theme park magic.

Who knew?

Nearly 55 years ago, Wendell "Bud" Hurlbut knew and the pioneer ride designer's Calico Mine Ride has been thrilling and educating guests at Knott's Berry Farm ever since.

However, after millions of riders and years of deterioration, the Buena Park-based amusement park is sparing no expense this year on a complete renovation of the mine ride, which will include new sound effects, lighting, and more than 45 animatronic figures when it reopens next month.

While the traditional dark ride's confined layout offers little room to expand on the original storyline, Kelley Roberts, supervisor of ride maintenance at Knott's, says the overhaul will finally bring the park's oldest attraction into the 21st century.

"We're redoing the rock work, there'll be new props, new figures as well as upgraded lighting and sound," said Roberts, a Downey native, who also oversaw the refurbishment of the Timber Mountain Log Ride last year. "This is easier and harder than the log ride...the scenes are so close together, they literally back into each other, but we've enhanced every scene."

Built in 1960 at a cost of \$1 million, the 50-passenger locomotive in fact overlaps itself several times during the course of the ride before exiting the mountain. Starting with the toot of a whistle and a clinging bell, the train chugs into a dark, cavernous mine occupied by underground waterfalls, multi-colored rock formations, and of course, miners from the 1880s panning for gold.

Although Knott's executives will not confirm the overall price tag of the renovation, seven

different contractors and 80 Knott's employees are contributing to the refurbishment of the mine ride, which is slated to open on June 14.

In addition to upgraded lighting effects, Roberts said the ride's six locomotives were each repainted by hand after being brushed and stained for extra detailing. A new boiler system was also installed in order to reintroduce "steam geysers" back into the ride.

Also, a pre-recorded, eight-minute audio track will accompany the ride once it reopens, ditching the old tour script once recited by train operators.

According to Knott's public relations representative Leidy Arevalo, three different audio tour tracks will rotate throughout the day, giving riders the opportunity to hear something different each time.

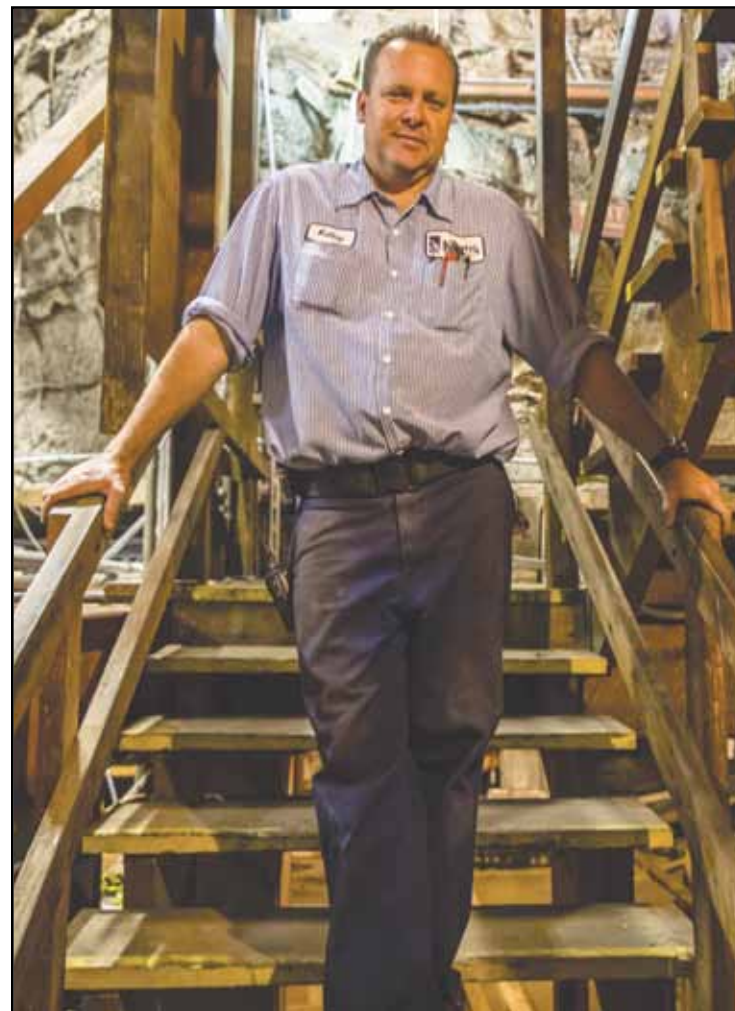
But perhaps the ride's crown gem, will be the nearly 50 new animatronic characters that will line the caverns of the Calico mine. Already responsible for the updates performed on the Timber Mountain Log Ride last year, animatronics designer Garner Holt Productions, based in San Bernardino, was tapped again to rehab and recreate life-like figures for the mine ride.

In fact, the majority of the figures, which includes a half-dozen animals, have already been assembled and placed inside the Calico mountain. During an exclusive look behind the scenes this week, the mine's glory hole revealed several colorful additions.

The most memorable vignettes feature a miner pushing a wheelbarrow stamped "Calico Mine Co.," three miners using a six-foot saw to slice through a giant log beam, and a life-size animatronic donkey pulling a cart full of rocks.

Despite its age and stiff competition from roller coasters and 3D attractions, Knott's maintains that the Calico Mine Ride remains one of its most popular theme rides among all ages.

"Our visitors want to go back in time and immerse themselves, be entertained and learn more about the past," said Arevalo with a smile. "I guess it always goes back to nostalgia."



Mark Gillaspie named new fire chief

DOWNEY – Downey Fire Department veteran Mark Gillaspie has been named the city's new fire chief, effective Aug. 4 when current chief Lonnie Croom retires.

Gillaspie has spent his entire career in Downey, starting as a volunteer auxiliary firefighter.

He was hired as a full-time firefighter in 1989. He was promoted to fire engineer in 1995 and was made a captain in 1998. He was a chief officer with Downey Fire for 14 years, and was promoted to assistant fire chief in 2011.

"The appointment of Chief Gillaspie, a fine product of Downey's fire department, is indicative of our continued trust in our dedicated men and women who serve in the department," Councilman Roger Brossmer said in a statement.

"Chief Gillaspie's diverse administrative experience, including management of the department's special operations, disaster preparedness, training program and communications division, will provide the city with solid leadership to preserve the reputation of the city of Downey's fire department," added Mayor Fernando Vasquez.

Gillaspie's promotion to fire chief was unanimously approved by the City Council on Tuesday night.

–Eric Pierce, editor



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER



Kiwanis Club of Downey donated \$80,000 to eradicate tetanus around the world. From left: Blanca Pacheco, incoming president of Kiwanis Club of Downey for 2014-15; Jerry Wetzstein, president of Downey Kiwanis Foundation; and Ed Schneeberger, current Kiwanis Club of Downey president.

Kiwanis Foundation donates \$80K

DOWNEY – Downey Kiwanis Foundation president Jerry Wetzstein recently delivered a \$80,000 check to the Kiwanis International Foundation in support of the Eliminate Project, a global effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

“This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year,” Kiwanis officials said.

The \$80,000 donation will provided approximately 44,000 vaccines to 25 countries that still suffer from tetanus.

Kiwanis Club of Downey is one of only four clubs in California to pledge \$100,000 to the cause. With the foundation’s contribution and several projects and fundraisers planned throughout the year, the Kiwanis Club of Downey is confident it can raise more than \$100,000.

Kiwanis Club of Downey meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and the second, fourth and fifth Thursday at noon. Meetings are held at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Details are also online at kiwanisofdowney.org.

Green Olive marks two years

DOWNEY – Green Olive restaurant will celebrate its second anniversary with a party and free souvenirs this Saturday.

Starting at 10 a.m., the restaurant will have a live DJ, belly dancers and giveaways of finger baklava, anniversary t-shirts, tote bags, and more.

The restaurant is in the Ralphs shopping center at Lakewood Boulevard and Gallatin Road.

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As of May 31st the cost will be \$625.00 per child

ALL CAMP FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 13TH
ONLY FULL PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 13TH
A deposit of \$50.00 per child is due when turning in the registration form

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Check In Time/Location: 6:30 AM at City Hall Civic Center
Departure Time: 7:30 AM

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City puts brakes on \$70K Wall of Fame

• Wall of Fame honoring outstanding residents could still happen at lower cost.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – After a public backlash, the Downey City Council this week agreed to scale back a proposed “Wall of Fame” outside City Hall that would have cost up to \$70,000.

Originally proposed by Councilman Mario Guerra in 2011, the memorial would pay tribute to Downey residents who “contribute to the city’s goals and visions.”

Guerra, however, said he “almost had a heart attack” when he saw the \$70,000 price tag.

On Tuesday, council members created a subcommittee composed of Guerra and Councilman Alex Saab who will explore ways to create the memorial but at a lesser cost.

If built, honorees will have their photo displayed on a wall outside City Hall after annual installation celebrations each June.

Under the original plan, nominations would be accepted from the community and go through a citizen review panel, although council members would have final say on who is memorialized.

Philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer would likely be among the first honorees, Guerra said.

“Each person inducted to the Wall of Fame should embody qualities that are important to the members of the community and contribute to the city’s goals and visions,” public works director Mohammad Mostahkami wrote in a staff report to council members. City staffers estimated the Wall

of Fame would have cost up to \$70,000 due to work in designing and building the wall, relocating a roof drain, installing wall lighting, and reconfiguring existing landscaping and landscaping.

The project would be funded with Art in Public Places funds, according to the staff report.

Not all residents were enamored with the thought of a Wall of Fame.

“If you have money to spend, consider replacing the very old playground equipment at Furman Park,” Kimberly Buss wrote on the Patriot’s public Facebook page. “Great park but compared to Rio San Gabriel Park or Dennis the Menace or even Treasure Island, it’s sadly old and outdated.”

“What they should consider is bringing back free Wi-Fi to the library,” added Alida Fernandez Chacon. “Two hours free and then \$3 an hour after that. Horrible to way offer services to the community.”

Local teacher and community leader George Redfox also does not like the idea of a Wall of Fame financed by public art funds.

“I was on the original Art in Public Places Committee and this was not the way this fund was intended to be used,” Redfox wrote on the Patriot’s website. “This funding is suppose to be used to hire professional artists to create unique pieces of public art to be displayed around the city at large. This fund is now being used to fund special projects. I (wonder) who came up with the idea for the wall? It is an election year.”

OTHER CITY COUNCIL ACTION

•Street repairs on Lakewood Boulevard in north Downey may finally get underway next month after the City Council awarded a \$3.9 million contract to Sully-

Miller Contract Company on Tuesday.

The project encompasses Lakewood Boulevard between Florence Avenue and Gallatin Road. A separate contract will be issued at a later time for Lakewood between Gallatin and Telegraph roads.

The vote to award the contract was 4-1. Councilman Mario Guerra dissented, saying he needed more project details.

In addition to street repairs, the project calls for widened streets, a third traffic lane, ornamental street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and new water mains, trees, benches and trash receptacles.

Construction is expected to begin in June and be substantially complete by September, city officials said.

•The City Council created a subcommittee comprised of Roger Brossmer and Alex Saab to examine ways to improve the city’s website.

Downey’s website received a substantial upgrade in 2009, at a cost of \$48,790.

The subcommittee will determine whether the website needs a substantial overhaul with intranet and mobile services, or a simple “facelift.”

Their evaluation will be presented to the City Council at a later date.

•AT&T and City Manager Gilbert Livas will resume negotiations on a proposed cell tower at Discovery Sports Complex.

AT&T is hoping to install a cell antenna on an existing 80-ft. light pole behind centerfield of the eastern softball field.

Council members, however, would like the antenna to be disguised as an 80-ft. rocket next

to the Columbia Memorial Space Center. The rocket would give the space center greater visibility, council members said.

The rocket ship was briefly considered by AT&T but ultimately abandoned due to its high cost.

AT&T officials said they would meet with Livas to resume negotiations, which have been ongoing since 2012.

•Downey continues to move closer to bicycle lanes after hiring a consultant to guide the creation of a bicycle master plan.

Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants will help prepare and develop the plan, a policy framework identifying active transportation as a travel alternative and a strategy for meeting the mobility needs of residents, workers and visitors.

“Currently the city has a lack of designated on-street bicycle facilities, although the city has relatively good access to the Los Angeles River, Rio Hondo Channel and San Gabriel River bike paths,” public works director Mohammad Mostahkami wrote in a report to council members. “Through the bicycle master plan, the existing street system will be reviewed for feasibility in terms of the establishment of bicycle routes for connectivity within the city as well as between the city and origins and destinations external to the city.”

Cost to prepare the bicycle master plan is estimated at \$175,000. A state transportation grant will cover the majority of the cost, with Downey paying a required \$25,000 local match.

•Kevin MacDonald, executive director of The Arc -- Los Angeles & Orange Counties, was presented by Mayor’s Healthy Heart Award by Mayor Fernando Vasquez.

CRIME REPORT

Friday, May 2

At 6:40 p.m., Officers were at the intersection of Neo St. and Haro Ave. when they observed a vehicle that had been taken in a carjacking from a neighboring city. Officers contacted the driver who matched the description of the suspect. The suspect was arrested and the vehicle returned to the owner.

At 10:15 p.m., Officers responded to the 8000 block of 7th Street regarding subjects smoking marijuana. Officers contacted three juveniles who were found to be in possession of marijuana. They were issued citations and released to their parents.

Saturday, May 3

At 1:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a traffic collision at the intersection of Springer St. and Paramount Blvd. A single vehicle struck the curb and then a telephone pole, downing the pole. The vehicle overturned before it came to rest. The driver was found to be driving under the influence and was arrested. The driver and two passengers sustained only minor injuries.

Sunday, May 4

At 2:40 a.m., Officers responded to the 9400 block of Firestone Blvd., regarding a possible strong arm robbery. Officers contacted the victim who reported she was walking on Firestone Blvd., when she was approached by a male suspect who forcefully removed a plastic bag containing the victim’s jewelry. The suspect fled on foot with the victim’s property. The victim was not injured. Detectives are investigating.

At 9:30 p.m., Officers responded to CVS pharmacy (8008) Firestone Blvd. regarding a strong arm robbery. Store employees reported a suspect exited the store with a cart full of items and when confronted by a store employee, the suspect warned that he was in possession of a gun. The victim backed away and the suspect loaded the items into his vehicle and fled. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Police marking third-row seats

DOWNEY – In an effort to reduce the number of third-row seats stolen from sport utility vehicles, police officers are offering to etch license plate numbers onto third-row seat frames this Saturday.

“Operation Save Our Seats” specifically targets newer model Chevy Tahoes, GMC Yukons and Cadillac Escalades, however, all vehicles with removable third-row seats can request an etching.

Etchings are done free of charge and take about 15-20 minutes to complete. The operation will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the police department’s west parking lot.

Reservations are requested by calling Detective Lockwood at (562) 904-2332 or email tlockwood@downeyca.org.

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Downey City Councilman
- Mario Guerra,
Downey City Councilman

- Raul Muniz
- Alex Yusem
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MEASURE B

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In Memory of
Paul James Gurrola

December 2, 1954 to May 2, 2014



Paul James Gurrola, 59, of Mesa, Arizona, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2014 at his home in Mesa.

Paul was born at Downey Community Hospital in Downey, California on December 2, 1954. After 40 years in Southern California, he and his family moved to Mesa. Paul developed many hands on skills during his lifetime, including woodworking, exhibiting musical skills on guitar and other instruments, and working on computers and printing equipment. He also enjoyed helping friends and neighbors with a variety of do-it-yourself projects. When he had time to relax, he loved to listen to all types of music.

Paul always demonstrated a positive attitude and he was the "life of the party", at all family and friends events. He could always be depended on to pick you up, or to help with any problem situation.

Paul was a dedicated and loved husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He is survived by his wife Sabrina, and his daughters Melissa and Kristin and many other family, friends and neighbors. Paul will be missed deeply by everyone who knew and loved him.

There will be a Service to celebrate Paul's life on May 17, 2014. The Service will be held in Southern California at Green River Country Club, 5215 Green River Road, Corona, CA 92880 from 3-6 PM.

Richard Aguilera services set for May 17



DOWNEY - Downey resident Richard Aguilera, born Oct. 6, 1962, passed away on May 4.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Aguilera, and his sisters, Lily and Burna Aguilera. He was the 10th of 11 children.

He is survived by his siblings Yolanda Contreras, Manuel Martinez, Josie Weymouth, Vicky Yap, Frank Jr. Aguilera, Helen Villegas, Corrina Alcocer and Patsy Aguilera. He is also survived by his daughter, Celeste Aguilera, and grandchildren Jason and Justine Montalvo.

Richard grew up in Hawthorne and moved to Downey. He was active in his church.

A memorial service will be Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship, 3034 E. Gage Ave., in Huntington Park.

Open house at The Arc

DOWNEY - The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties will host an open house Thursday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Guests can a first-hand look at the center's 14 programs and services, meet Arc participants and staff, and tour the facilities.

The Arc is a non-profit organization that provides services and support to people with developmental disabilities.

There will also be a driveway sale featuring items from the Arc's Just-A-Buck store.

For more details, call (562) 803-4606.

Warren High band hosting fundraiser

DOWNEY - Warren High School's band and color guard will host its first annual Cow-A-Banda fundraiser this Saturday from 12-4 p.m. on the school's soccer field.

The event is a day full of music, food and games, including cow chip bingo with a possible \$75,000 payout.

In cow chip bingo, players pay \$10 for a square space. If the cow "uses" your square, you win.

There will also be performances by Warren High, Griffiths Middle School and West Middle School's jazz bands.

For more details, go to warrenband.net.

Masonic Lodge names its Teachers of the Year

DOWNEY - Nancy Hooker, Williams Holmes and Marci Vasquez were named Teachers of the Year by the Downey United Masonic Lodge.

The three educators received their awards April 8. The annual award is given to teachers of all levels of education -- this year's awards were presented to a teacher from each level in the Downey Unified School District.

Starting at the elementary level, Mary Weyers, principal of Maude Price Elementary School, had nothing but smiles when she presented fourth-grade teacher, Nancy Hooker, with one of this year's Masonic Teacher of the Year awards.

"What makes her the best is the way she reaches every student, she knows students need to be heard," stated Principal Weyers.

Hooker was hired at Price in 1999 and has taught fifth, third, and most recently fourth grade, while serving on many curriculum committees and being her grade level representative for many years.

Eighth-grade social studies teacher, William Holmes, received the next award presented by West Middle School principal Alyda Mir. Holmes believes students deserve the best and pushes them to be actively engaged in History, bringing it to life by dressing in character when teaching certain history topics.

Co-coordinator of the History Club, participating in various staff productions such as a T-Bird in Grease and the great and powerful Oz in the Wizard of Oz, Holmes is very involved in extracurricular activities to engage his students at all times.

Principal Mir finished by saying, "West is lucky to have such an enthusiastic, caring, and determined staff member that keeps his students' interest a high priority."

This year's last Masonic Teacher of the Year award was given to Marci Vasquez, a Warren High School English Language and Development (ELD) Teacher.

Principal Laura Rivas spoke about Vasquez's vast accomplishments since joining the WHS staff in 2000. First, piloting the Expository Reading and Writing Courses (ERWC) curriculum back in 2007 and turning it from a pilot program to currently the primary college prep curriculum for 12-grade students; Vasquez is passionate about making sure ELD students get an accurate placement and have the same opportunities and access to school programs as all other students.

"She exemplifies the characteristics and criteria for the Masonic Teacher of the Year recognition through her active participation in the development and delivery of rigorous curriculum," said Principal Rivas ending her speech. "She has earned the respect and trust of her colleagues, counselors, administration, students and families."

Bike ride to Azusa May 31

DOWNEY - The Downey Bicycle Coalition's monthly ride for May will take place on Saturday, May 31, departing from Wilderness Park at 8:30 a.m.

In celebration of the end of National Bike Month, this ride for experienced cyclists will travel up the San Gabriel River Trail to the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains in Azusa.

The ride, which is about 46 miles round trip, features long stretches of bike trail next to the Rio San Gabriel river bed, and traverses the top of the Santa Fe Dam.

For more information, check the Downey Bicycle Coalition Facebook page.

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DOWNEY'S DR. STAUFFER

By Valentin Flores

In 2012, before Downey Art Vibe (DAV) had a physical gallery space (Stay Gallery) and while we scrambled to organize our first student art exhibition outside of Porto's Bakery, I received an anonymous phone call asking me how our organization would utilize if given \$500 for the upcoming student exhibition we were putting together. I replied "we would use the money for art supplies and student awards."

Days later, I received an envelope with a \$500 donation and a note reading, "Keep doing what you are doing." The check was from the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation.

Since its creation in 1992, the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation has contributed an estimated \$5 million to the students of the Downey Unified School District and the programs that contribute directly to their educational experience. She has also been a staunch supporter of many of our local non-profit and charitable organizations.

Even before Dr. Stauffer got to know me personally, she not only took a very strong interest in the development of our non-profit organization, but also in us as individuals. She attended most of our youth related events, always lending helpful advice on how we could better support Downey's youth.

Dr. Stauffer is a big reason why Downey Art Vibe began to develop youth programs and initiatives. Since day one, she has always urged us to use our capacity to give back and ensure that we celebrate 'excellence' in youth education. As Downey Art Vibe prepares to launch our 2014 'Stay Young' Initiative, I would like to thank Dr. Stauffer for always believing in us and in Downey's youth. It is thanks to people like her that our future continues to remain unlimited.

Though she cares little for formal recognition and is quick to let you know that she has enough plaques with her name on it at her house, it is in my humble opinion that we as a community must come together to ensure that we commemorate Dr. Stauffer's legacy and everything she has done for the City of Downey for many generations to come.

Thank you Dr. Stauffer for everything you have done and continue to do for the City of Downey. You inspire us all.

Valentin Flores is executive director of Downey Art Vibe and Stay Gallery.

REASONS TO EAT LOCAL

Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire, respectively, claimed the top three spots in the 2014 Locavore Index, a ranking of each state's (and the District of Columbia's) commitment to promoting and providing locally grown foods.

At the bottom of the heap are Arizona, Nevada and Texas, with the Lone Star State dead last despite the fact that it's the nation's No. 1 cattle producer and No. 3 for crops receipts, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"There are many good reasons to eat locally produced foods, the first among them that they're very good for us," says cardiologist and professional chef Michael S. Fenster, MD, (whatscookingwithdoc.com), author of "Eating Well, Living Better" and "The Fallacy of the Calorie," (Koehler Books; fall 2014).

"There's a direct relationship between our food, our environment, our genetics and our health. Eating locally grown foods gives us our most nutritious meals, most flavorful meals. Few choices have as many personal ramifications as that which we decide to stuff into our gob."

He offers four more reasons – "the tip of the iceberg lettuce, so to speak" -- to go localvore:

- Money: Eating organically, eating fresh and finding the seasonal local foodstuffs can be expensive – if you do all your shopping at the supermarket, Dr. Mike says.

Likewise, visiting a local fishmonger can result in tasty bargains compared to flash-frozen fish flesh. Shopping for what is bountifully in season, and thus locally overstocked, can mean big savings.

- Freshness: In some ways, it's amazing we're alive considering all the food we eat that's dead, Dr. Mike says, noting almost 60 percent of the modern Western diet is prepackaged, preserved and processed.

Because local growers don't have to add preservatives or pick produce weeks early to ensure they'll produce will keep during shipping, local foods can be consumed at the peak of freshness and ripeness – when they taste their very best.

- Rhythms: Our great hairy ancestors have always been omnivores. By leveraging the seasonal and cyclic variations that naturally occur, your palate will never become dull and monochromatic, he promises. A pleasant dining experience directly lights up our primal happy-happy joy-joy place, an experience that contributes directly to overall well-being.

- Sustainability: All the reasons for purchasing high-quality ingredients locally ultimately circle back and rest upon the concept of sustainability. In knowing where your food comes from, in being able to ascertain both what it contains and what it does not contain, you take a proactive step in determining your own health and wellness, Dr. Mike says.

By focusing on procuring the best for you and those who depend upon you, you act to sustain yourself and your family. By affecting such a posture, you deliver local impact.

Hotel workers deserve livable wage

By Richard Carranza

I'm sure you've heard that recently the Los Angeles Clippers and the NBA players association did what 99% of people who have been employed by a rotten boss can only dream about doing. They collectively decided they would not play unless the NBA forced Donald Sterling, the bigot owner of the Clippers, who's racist tirade was caught on audio tape, to sell the franchise.

What did they get? Exactly what they wanted.

Adam Silver, the NBA's commissioner, stood in front of a group of reporters and a nationwide audience thanks to ESPN and assured us that Sterling would no longer have any part in the league and would be forced to sell his team. This was one of the first times in my life where I have witnessed a set employees actually get what they wanted. Of course I'm not surprised, the NBA's revenue is up to \$5 billion a year and any time you have an opportunity to rid your business of a xenophobe you have to take it.

I'm also not surprised that just a few miles from where the Clippers have been performing at exhilarating levels all season long, a group of hotel employees are having trouble getting support for legislation that would increase their pay to a livable wage. So what's a livable wage? That I cannot tell you for sure because so many factors play into the amount of money an individual needs to support themselves and potentially a family. I can, however, tell you that \$9 an hour, California's minimum wage as of July 1, 2014, is definitely not a livable wage, especially if you

are supporting a family.

Currently city officials are awaiting economic studies that will help address any questions that opponents of this legislation may have. Of course, in our country, financial figures supersede common sense and humanitarianism. It is common to neglect the woman who wakes up before dawn, helps her children prepare for school and then goes on to work elongated shifts all to barely get by. Neglecting this issue is validation that the comfort of tourists and business travelers is worth the overbearing sacrifice of the members of this community.

What can we do? First, it's important to have some accountability. Next time you travel, please be mindful of the person who will clean up after you. Yes, they are getting paid, but, no, it's not enough.

Next head over to laane.org/raise-la/ and support this grassroots coalition that is spearheading this effort. Take initiatives like my fellow colleagues who have garnered signatures that say you support a proposal to raise wages for hospitality workers.

Lastly, contact members of your community and your local council members and let them know that this issue needs to be addressed, sooner rather than later.

Richard Carranza is a first year graduate student at the University of Southern California. He wrote this op-ed as part of an assignment at USC.

Undocumented foster children need help

By Jesse Tran

When children are in need, we can empathize that we all were once children, some of us with parents to navigate through the obstacles of life. When foster children are added to the category of children, most of us can feel sympathetic towards those children since the majority of us did not come from foster care. We want foster children to have the same opportunities as we had growing up, and ideally we would like those children to be reunited with their parents or adoption into a nurturing environment.

Now add "undocumented immigrant" before foster children, and feelings then split towards the contentious issue of immigration.

When immigration reform is mentioned, conflict arises when the current status in legislation is at a standstill. Even Congressional leaders from different political parties have stated a need for children towards a path of citizenship who were brought into the United States illegally by their parents. However, the House Speaker announced a halt on immigration reform before the November 2014 elections.

Here in Downey, we are located in the 40th Congressional district represented by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. She has a pro-immigration reform agenda, advocating for immigration rights to empower these undocumented persons to become contributors back to the community. The Congresswoman was also one of the first co-authors of the Dream Act, a bill that assists undocumented immigrant students with state financial assistance to attend postsecondary schools. A study of the bill concluded that it would contribute \$329 billion into the United States economy and provide one million jobs by 2030.

Vulnerable undocumented immigrant children were brought into the United States unlawfully by their parents from circumstances resulting in the loss of parental rights. The court system also determined it was in the best interest of the child not to deport in fear of retribution from their abuser in their country of origin. These children then become dependents of the state in the foster care system.

According to a fiscal year report by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, more than 13,000 unaccompanied alien youths were under federal custody and foster care – a small national population of undocumented immigrants, a model group that could be the grassroots displaying a successful immigration reform program.

It would cost taxpayers more money to deport or pay for social services and incarceration for children who age out of the foster care system without a lawful immigration status. A lawful status could enable federal secondary educational financial resources, legal employment and, in the long-term, contributors to society where the baby boomer generation are retiring and the future of the workplace depend on the children. A pair of Princeton University scholars have conducted a study of the increasing immigrant population, predicting that immigrant youth

are the fastest growing population and will account for one-third of the child population across the nation by 2025.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a law passed during the 1990s, is a voluntary application process for undocumented immigrant children in the care of the state to achieve a lawful residency status before they age out of the foster care system. According to the provisions of SIJS, the abuse, neglect, abandonment and the best interests of the child to remain in the United States in fear of retribution from the abuser, must be proven in a court of law. If the children become United States citizens they cannot bring relatives to the United States so it is not a law to enable more immigrants to the United States. There is a lack of awareness of SIJS across the nation and is not required by law to process the application.

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services has their own department for SIJS from having the most cases nationally, assisting undocumented immigrant children towards a lawful residency status. The progression of the procedures in LA County is a milestone to assist a vulnerable population from a federal standstill in immigration reform. Southern California is taking smaller steps locally to deal with a larger federal immigration reform.

The proposal of a federal bill Foster Children Opportunity Act or H. R. 2036, co-sponsored by Roybal-Allard, would mandate administrative documentation, staff training and advocates for the foster children to assist in immigrant relief programs towards a lawful immigrant status across the nation. The Foster Children Opportunity Act basically directs agencies to provide assistance for immigration relief laws already passed such as SIJS. Unfortunately three previous federal bills identical to H. R. 2036 sponsored by California senators have been proposed and died before reaching the Congressional floor for a vote.

The demographics of the nation are changing, and as a community we must be flexible in order to progress into the future. Adaptation to the environmental changes in the community will develop a reciprocal relationship where the population will then give back to the community. A lack of action and information will keep the community stagnant, no change using up the surplus of resources in the community. Laws such as SIJS are available but not required to assist a vulnerable population of children has taken shape in the LA County community where it has shown the process works assisting children towards attainment to a better future.

We can unite in our communities by our selection of local leaders and national leaders representing our community to persuade the nation from the example of success in Southern California.

Jesse Tran is a student at the University of Southern California's School of Social Work. He wrote this op-ed as part of an assignment at USC.

Investing in drug rehabilitation

By Christine Mondragon and Jaimie Martinez

In recent news, a 48-year-old man in Louisiana was sentenced to 22 years in prison for possession of cocaine. Tammany Parish was a repeat drug offender that has been in and out of prisons battling his disease of addiction. Parish's lawyers argued in court that his crime was non-violent and should receive a lighter sentence. The judge on this case sentenced Parish to 22 years and considered it to be on the lower end since they were non-violent. Not only do we live in a country where we witness harsh drug sentences but it is also happening in our own backyard, the state of California.

As a graduate student studying for a master's degree in social work, I interned at a social service agency that worked with individuals facing homelessness and addiction. While leading a support group for participants, I had the opportunity to speak with a certain individual who shared his personal story about the factors that led him to our agency. After being released with a few bucks in his pockets, he had nowhere to go, and no family or friends to receive support from. Aside from having little to no support, he now faced the barriers of life as a convicted felon.

Over time, I spoke with more individuals and discovered that the common obstacle for these individuals was re-integrating into society after serving a prison sentence for drug offenses. Without a permanent home, or a social support, it often leads them to commit crimes again in order to survive and also to support their addictions. This is a never-ending cycle. After being convicted and identified as a felon, there is the lack of support for housing and education, and finding a job is nearly impossible. Not to mention the overcrowded prisons offer very little support for substance abuse and mental health. Many continue to be punished for their addiction but never receive proper rehabilitation for their disease of addiction.

Each trip to prison costs the state money and the offender becoming a statistic of recidivism. So, what can be done to prevent homelessness and recidivism? The common response would be to offer housing as a form of prevention and build on that through education and job training. While this is a proactive approach, this is not going to help the underlying problem of preventing homelessness and recidivism. I pondered on the issue and came to the conclusion that the money spent on California

prisons needs to be reduced significantly and allocated towards drug rehabilitation, education, mental health, and social services for the marginalized population.

We live in a society that does not forgive felons. The barriers faced by these individuals lead them to commit crimes again. It is in our citizens' best interest to push for a reform in current controlled substance sentencing laws. Recently, on Oct. 13, 2013, Governor Jerry Brown vetoed Senate Bill 649. SB-649 was intended to reform our current controlled substance sentencing laws, giving the prosecutor the flexibility to prosecute the case as a misdemeanor rather than a felony. By no means am I suggesting that we let drug abusers off the hook. However, what I am advocating is that we find other alternatives to reduce the overcrowding, recidivism rate and the number of felons in our communities. The idea that California believes that sentencing a controlled substance abuser to a lengthy prison sentence will rehabilitate the individual and he/she will be ready to re-integrate into society, has proven to be a failure. I believe that rehabilitation rather than a prison system is the way to go. Governor Brown thought rehabilitation for a cocaine abuser was not the route to take, so until then, we will continue to witness this vicious cycle and spend more on prisons than education.

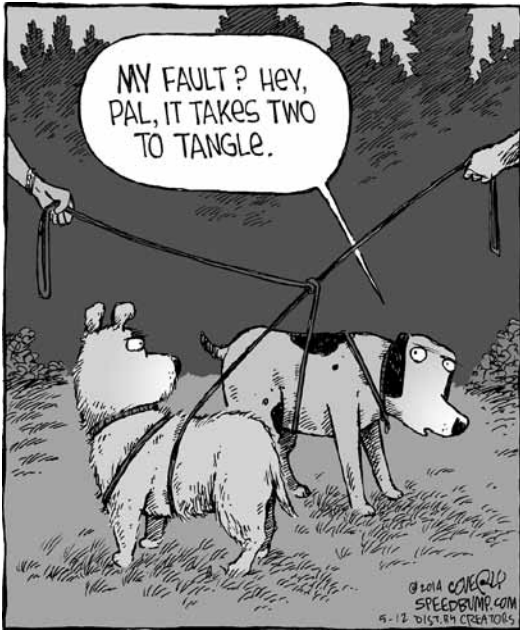
SB-649 would save the state millions of dollars and would also give those convicted an opportunity to make a change without having to face the barriers convicted felons face, living as second class citizens. Author of SB-649, Mark Leno (D), suggests that offenders enter evidence based programs that have proven to have reduced recidivism and make our communities a safer place. Recidivism is a common occurrence in the state of California. It is in our citizens' best interest to push for a reform in current controlled substance sentencing laws.

Ultimately, the goal of SB-649 is to reduce the cost spent on prison and attack the issue from the root by investing more on drug rehabilitation, education, social services and mental health services (Mark Leno (D)).

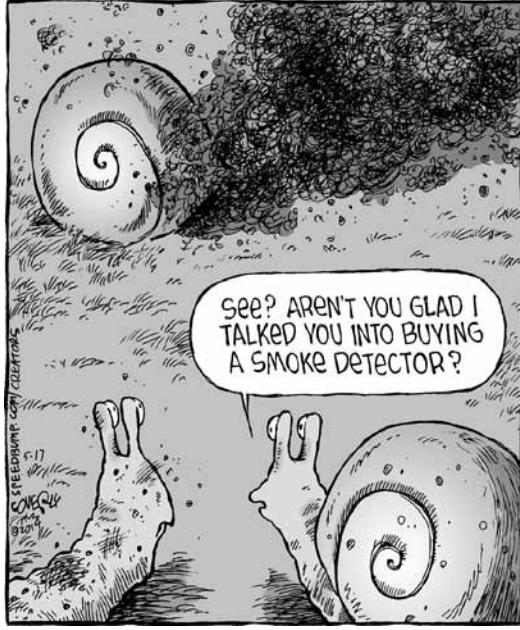
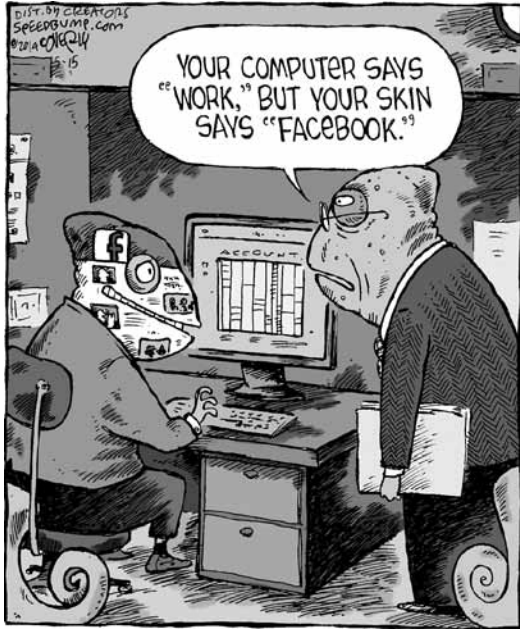
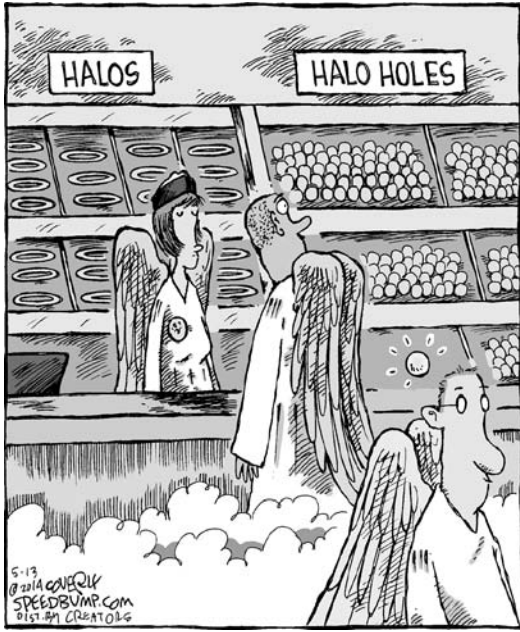
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

Fri. & Sat. May 16 & 17: "Alice in Wonderland." St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy, 7 p.m.
Sat. May 10: "Hansel and Gretel." Downey Theatre, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

City Meetings

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, 6:30 p.m.: City Council, Council Chamber.
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
4th Mon., 5 p.m.: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

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 Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
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 dianedavis4sc@gmail.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., 3:30 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.
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 Cindy 803-4048.
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.
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 (310) 322-2342.
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.
4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
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.
9:30 a.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
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.
1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: Lions Club, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
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.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9 a.m.: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
4th Sat., 12:00 p.m.: Downey Arts Coalition, at Epic Lounge.

On This Day...

May 15, 1930: Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight from San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyo.
1970: Two black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi were killed when police opened fire during student protests.
2006: A defiant Saddam Hussein refused to enter a plea at his trial in Iraq for crimes against humanity.
Birthdays: Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (77), baseball hall of famer George Brett (61), football hall of famer Emmitt Smith (45) and actress Jamie-Lynn Siegler (33).

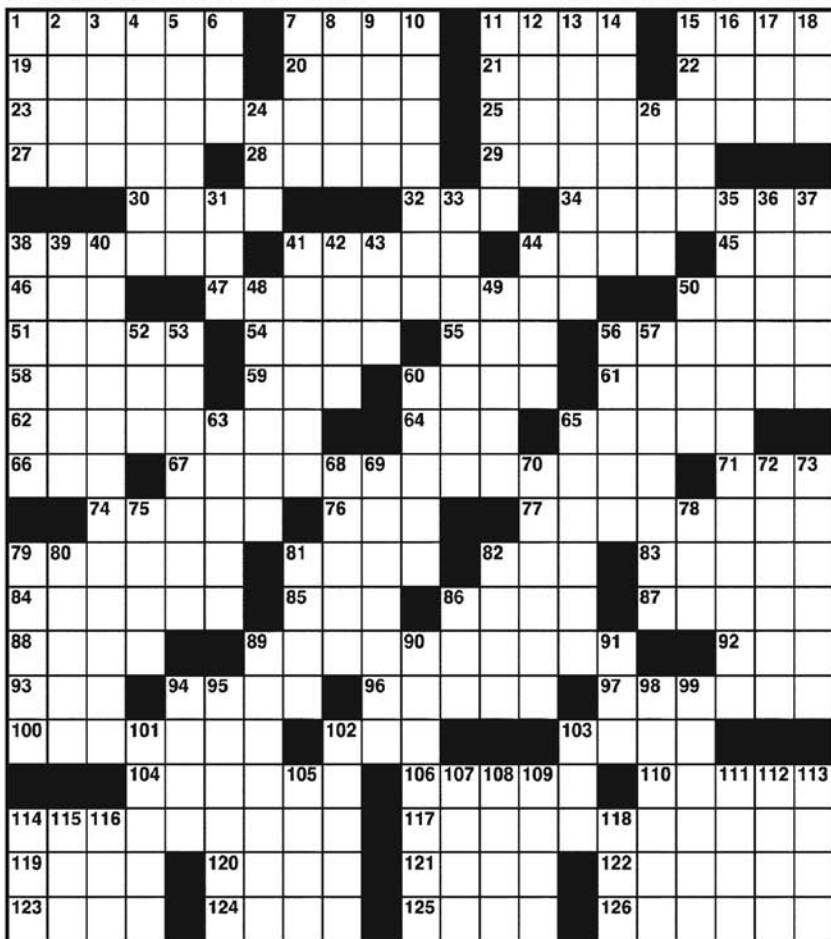
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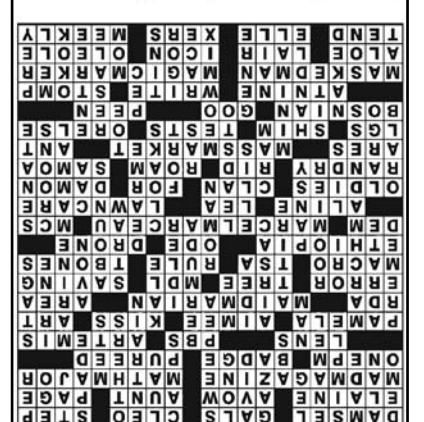
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According to an interview he gave to ESPN, basketball great Michael Jordan (25 Across) started out as a MATH MAJOR at the University of North Carolina, later changing to geography. Apollo and Artemis (34 Across) were the twin siblings of Zeus and Leto. ALAN (2 Down) and Alexander the Great were the first and middle names of author A.A. Milne.



SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey, Warren swimmers earn titles

• Swimmers from both schools break records, bring home championships.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' swim team are the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions.

Of the 11 events competed in, Warren won 10. Of the 10 titles won by the Lady Bears, seven new league records were set.

"It was a record-breaking, record-breaking afternoon at Downey High School," said Coach Josie Cordero.

Kayla Casas won the 200 Freestyle and the 50 Freestyle. Casas set a new school and league record in the 200. Valeria Orozco won the 200 IM and the 100 Butterfly. Orozco set new school and league records in both events. Justine Castro won the 100 Freestyle. Kim Shepherd won the 500 Freestyle. Shepherd set a new school and league record. Yatzyl Lajud won the 100 Backstroke.

Brittney Baron, Jocelyn Castro, Valeria Orozco and Justine Castro won the 200 Medley Relay. Baron, Castro, Orozco and Castro set a school and league record. Justine Castro, Erin Gonzalez, Kim Shepherd and Kayla Casas won the 200 Freestyle Relay. Castro, Gonzalez, Shepherd and Casas set a school and league record. Valeria Orozco, Kayla Casas, Brittney Baron and Kim Shepherd won the 400 Freestyle Relay. Orozco, Casas, Baron and Shepherd set a new league record.

Kayla Casas is a three time league champion in the 200

Freestyle. Valeria Orozco is a three time league champion in the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly. Warren also swept the medal stand in the 200 Freestyle with Kayla Casas, Kim Shepherd and Brittney Baron. The Lady Bears also took first and second in the 50 and 500 Freestyle.

C.I.F. preliminaries took place Wednesday at Riverside Junior College (scores unavailable at press time). The top 16 fastest qualifying times from Wednesday returned to compete in the finals yesterday (scores unavailable at press time).

The Downey High School boys' swim team are the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions. Downey finished with 173.5 points followed by Warren with 78, Gahr with 74 and Paramount with 59, respectively. With this title, Downey has won the S.G.V.L. title each of the last three years.

Nine league records were broken out of 22 events that were swam. Michael Kim won the 200 IM, Ryan Cruz won the 500 Freestyle and Tadeo Marquez won the 200 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly. Marquez set two new league records with his efforts. The Vikings swept all three relay races.

Of the 22 events, 19 of the league champions were either from Downey or Warren. The Lady Bears had ten and the Viking boys had seven. The only event the Warren girls did not win was the 100 Backstroke. Lucia Rodriguez of Downey won that event in a time of 1:17.83.

Keilan Touzani of Gahr won league titles in the 50 and 100 Freestyle. Warren freshman Edgar Fabian won the league title in the 100 Backstroke and Paramount's Michael Gilliam won the 100 Breaststroke for the Pirates.

Downey Coach Shaun

Delhousay is extremely proud of his team and how hard they have worked this season. The Vikings were 13-0 this season in competition and capped off their season with a third straight S.G.V.L. title.

As league finals concluded last week, Downey quickly turned their attention to C.I.F. Prelims at Riverside Junior College. The Prelims took place Wednesday (scores unavailable at press time). The fastest 16 qualifying times from Wednesday returned to compete in the finals yesterday (scores unavailable at press time).

The Warren High School boys' volleyball team advanced to the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs Tuesday with a four set win over visiting Hemet.

Warren faced Rio Mesa yesterday in their second round matchup (scores unavailable at press time). Rio Mesa defeated Valley Christian to advance.

Warren is the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champion and top league seed. Warren finished their regular season with an overall record of 14-7 and were 10-0 in league play. Entering the playoffs, Warren defeated Lynwood 3-0 at Lynwood on 5/1, defeated Gahr 3-1 at Warren on 5/2 and defeated Paramount at Paramount 3-0 on 5/6 in their final regular season game. The Bears are looking to make a nice run in the Division 3 playoffs.

The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 20-5 and are 8-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Bears defeated cross-town rival Downey 4-3 at Downey on 5/6, defeated Dominguez 17-0 at Warren on 5/8, defeated Lynwood 11-0 at Lynwood on



Warren High's girls' swim team won the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League championship and 10 individual titles.

5/13 and closed out their regular season schedule yesterday against Paramount at Paramount (score unavailable at press time).

If Warren defeated Paramount and Gahr defeated Lynwood in yesterday's games, the Bears will be co-champs with Gahr (15-9, 8-1). Both Gahr and Warren are looking to make a nice run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Interestingly, the two teams may face each other again in the playoffs depending on where they are seeded in the bracket. Brackets will be released on Sunday.

The Downey High School baseball team are the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions.

The Vikings are 18-8 overall and are 8-1 in league play. Downey clinched the league title on Tuesday with a 13-0 shutout win against Dominguez at Dominguez. The Vikings concluded their regular

season yesterday at Downey against the same Dominguez team (score unavailable at press time).

Downey's last loss was against Gahr 4-1 at Gahr on 4/29. Since then, Downey defeated Gahr 5-0 at Downey on 5/2, defeated Paramount 4-1 at Downey on 5/6, defeated Paramount 11-4 at Paramount on 5/9 and defeated Dominguez 13-0 at Dominguez on Tuesday.

With the San Gabriel Valley League title, Downey will be the top league entry into the C.I.F. Division 3 bracket. Gahr (18-10, 6-3), Paramount (11-15, 5-3) and Warren (24-4, 5-3) will also earn playoff berths. The fourth team from the S.G.V.L. will most likely have to play a wildcard game to begin the playoffs. Lynwood (8-10, 2-7) and Dominguez (4-17, 0-9) have been eliminated.

Downey enters the Division 3 playoffs on a hot streak. The

Vikings have won four games in a row and 15 of their last 16. Downey is now ranked 71st in the Southern Section and 10th in Division 3. Downey has a team batting average of .268, an on base percentage of .353 and has 22 stolen bases. The Downey offense has scored 125 runs and have collected 180 hits. The Viking pitching staff has an ERA of 1.11.

Tyler Tungate, Gabriel Llanes and Randy Labaut have led Downey in both hitting and pitching this season. Tungate is hitting .386, Llanes .372 and Labaut .329, respectively. Tungate leads the Downey pitching staff with a 7-2 record and an ERA of 0.72. Labaut is 5-1 with an ERA of 2.10 and Llanes is 5-3 with an ERA of 0.81. Coach Gonzalez, his staff and players are looking forward to making a nice run in the Division 3 playoffs.

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5 QUESTIONS: ALICIA EDQUIST

"5 Questions" is an occasional feature in which we ask five questions of Downey business and community leaders. This week's participant is Alicia Edquist, an adjunct journalism professor at Cerritos College. Interview conducted by Eric Pierce

1.) How did you get into journalism?

From a young age I grew up reading newspapers and watching the news with my parents and especially my grandparents, but what really got me into journalism is that I loved to write and tell stories about people or events. Even in high school I participated in the school newspaper. It wasn't until I got to Cerritos College and experienced being on the Talon Marks during 9/11 that I became hooked on storytelling, breaking news and giving others the opportunity to have a voice. I realized during that time how important my job as a journalist is because without journalism and journalists in the world, people would not be informed about what was happening and we would not hear personal stories that connect us with the world.

2.) Journalism is obviously in a state of flux, in terms of how things are reported and how that information is consumed. What do you tell your students about journalism's changing landscape?

Journalism itself is the same, what has changed is how journalists and media outlets deliver the news, consume news, how we report,

gather information and distribute stories to the world. Journalism has its roots and all the same principles apply. What has changed most is how content is delivered and how our readers consume news.

What I tell my students is that they are journalists from day one and in order for them to be good journalists in the future they must consume news daily. You can't be a journalist and not read, listen or watch the news. Well you can, but you would not be a very good one. You have to know what is happening around you at all times. My students learn how to use Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms to research, find and read news updates and get sources for stories. There is an incredible amount of information out there and news is at everyone's fingertips. People now feel connected to news through citizen journalism and it is important to be connected with social media to find out what the story is.

3.) You have done your own share of writing and reporting, including a front page story in the Patriot last year. What is your favorite topic to report on?

I love reporting on city government and being a watchdog for the people. When I was at Cerritos College, I was the only one that really wanted to cover Board of Trustees because I found it interesting, there were always stories (good and bad) and it was where I really was able to make connections with the people who ran the college

that still last even to this day. It always has been important to me that I cover important government meetings because the impact of the decisions effect how the community lives.

I also love feature writing because I can be creative by telling stories about people, places, objects or anything. Features on people, places or things gives your readers the opportunity to learn, seek and discover new areas of life. Downey has such a rich history, I would love to write about all the interesting people and places this city has to offer.

4.) We have seen a lot of magazines, newspapers and news sites come and go in Downey, but in all sincerity, I respected your reporting the most because it was honest, accurate and unpretentious. What is your philosophy when it comes to reporting?

Thank you, I appreciate your comments. My philosophy when it comes to reporting has been exactly that. I have to think as a reader of news what I expect from a journalist and media outlets, it has been that.

Even living in Downey for all my life, I have my opinions about things that happen here but as a reporter it is not my job to insert my opinion into stories. When I report on events or people, I ask a lot of questions and get as many views of the story as needed because everyone has something to say. I don't take the easy way out...like many news sites that only talk to the mayor; while the mayor is an important person for the community, so is the people that live and work in the city. I find that most community news sites only stick to talking to the council members and they are not always the most important person to talk to for the story.

Being a journalist is not an easy job. It takes lots of work and many hours but you have to be dedicated to who you are working for which is the community. I work hard on developing my relationships with

sources. You have to stay connected with your community and sources.

I take my time before attending events, meetings or interviews to do research on my subject matter because it will matter to your sources that you are well informed and that you can ask questions that many people wouldn't. Have integrity in everything that you do as a person and a reporter because, honestly, even though you are a normal person you are always seen as a journalist to your sources, people in the community, friends and family.

5.) Any advice to young people interested in pursuing a career in journalism?

Get into journalism courses at a local community college early and learn the basics. Develop a web and social media presence because that is where readers are turning to for news and information and you can distribute your stories on various platforms. Make sure that you are consuming news and know what is happening around you.

If I am being honest, I am a little bias when it comes to finding a journalism program that is great. I graduated from Cerritos College's journalism program and have worked for the program for the last nine years. I would recommend those interested to check out the program. It is a good place to start and the student-run newspaper Talon Marks is an award winning newspaper and website.

But if you really want to start pursuing a career in journalism, you need to know how to write, design, shoot and edit photos and video, as well as know how to use social media and multimedia tools, all of which you can learn at a local community college or university. The more versatile you can be as a journalist, the more likely you will be able to get a job.

Lastly, I would say practice your craft by starting a blog, going out to events and report on them and get into a college that has a strong journalism program and earn your college degree in journalism/communications so not only will you be ready for the work force but gain some experience working for news outlets.



WARREN HIGH STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE ROBOTS

DOWNEY – Warren High School will hold a public demonstration of its award-winning robotics program Saturday, May 24, at 10 a.m. at Stay Gallery.

The demonstration marks the official kick-off of Downey Art Vibe's "Stay Young" initiative, in which the Downey Unified School District's innovative programs will be showcased at Stay Gallery through the end of June.

Instructor Glenn Yamasaki and his students will be demonstrating their robots and practicing for a May 31 competition at Downey High. The machines will also be roaming around the downtown area during the farmers' market.

"Our robotics program has evolved into an innovative approach to get DUSD students excited about the field of engineering and robotics," said Yamasaki. "We are able to take interested students who have never touched a robot and transform them into regional, state and national champions."

In addition to the demonstration, spectators will be able to drive various robots. The event is free and open to the public. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

"The more we become ingrained with our community and Downey Unified School District, the more we realize that we need to develop programs that compliment our changing educational system," said Valentin Flores, executive director of Downey Art Vibe. "With more emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) at the forefront of the curriculum, we are partnering with DUSD administrators and teachers to integrate art and design into students' education. We are currently development programs that will further the development of students in areas of teamwork, leadership, and presenting skills by emphasizing art and design. Mr. Yamasaki's class embodies exactly the type of innovation and creative thinking our youth needs to be exposed to."

College grad to offer scholarship tips

DOWNEY – The Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet Wednesday, May 21, at the Rio Hondo Event Center for their monthly dinner marking their

49th anniversary. The celebration begins at 6 p.m. for networking and dinner at 6:30.

Jessica Dibella will share how she successfully went through four years of college without incurring any major cost to her or her parents. Upon graduation, she was without debt or loan obligations.

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Parachute will headline Brave Fest at St. John Bosco High School this Sunday.

St. John Bosco launches music festival

BELLFLOWER – The first annual Brave Fest, a music festival planned by high school students under the guidance of industry professionals, will be held at St. John Bosco High School this Sunday at 11 a.m.

The festival includes a headlining performance by pop rock band Parachute, which has opened shows for Kelly Clarkson and Gavin DeGraw.

Tragic Thrills, a pop-rock quartet, also will perform.

The festival will include a battle of the bands competition, with the winner receiving an opportunity to play "in front of thousands of people and open for a nationally known headliner."

Besides musical artists, Brave Fest will feature special guests from social media, such as Viners weeklychris, lyciafaith, selfieC and GraysonhunterG. Youtube artists DavidAlvareezzy and JRMunOZ also are scheduled to attend.

Brave Fest is part of an effort to train students how to manage entertainment and gain experience in concert promotion.

General admission tickets to Brave Fest are \$35 and VIP meet-and-greet tickets are \$125. Tickets can be purchased online at brave-fest.com.

Oak Ridge Boys in La Mirada

LA MIRADA – Country and gospel band The Oak Ridge Boys, owners of a Grammy Award and 12 gold records, will perform twice at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts this Saturday, May 17.

The band's string of hits includes the country-pop chart-topper "Elvira," as well as "Bobbie Sue," "Dream On," "Thank God for Kids," "American Made," "I Guess it Never Hurts to Hurt Sometimes" and many others.

The Oak Ridge Boys will perform at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased online at lamiradatheatre.com or by calling (562) 944-9801.

RIVERSIDE THEATER RELEASES SCHEDULE

RIVERSIDE – The Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside has released its 2014-15 season lineup, headlined by performances of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and the smash hit "Mamma Mia!"

Season tickets go on sale May 23 at noon. Single ticket sales will follow subscription sales and will become available at a to-be-determined time.

The full schedule follows:

"Defending the Caveman," Oct. 18, 2014: The season opens with "Defending the Caveman," the longest-running solo play in Broadway history and a comedy rooted in the way men and women fight, laugh and flirt.

The show opened on Broadway in 1995 and has been touring theaters internationally ever since.

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast," Nov. 18-19, 2014: Just before Thanksgiving, families will enjoy the classic story of "Beauty and the Beast," a Tony Award-winning production that features the Academy Award-winning score by Alan Menken and the universally known music and lyrics of Menken and Tim Rice.

The new touring production has been seen by more than 35 million people worldwide and reunites the original Broadway show that tells the beloved story of Belle and the challenge for Beast to embrace love in order to break the vicious spell upon him.

"Anything Goes," Nov. 25-26, 2014: "Anything Goes" takes audience members aboard an

ocean liner and into the love stories of two unlikely pairs. Amid classic standards including the title track "Anything Goes," "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "You're the Top," the New York Times calls it a "deluxe candy box of Cole Porter's best songs."

The show has been revived several times on Broadway and has won multiple Tony Awards, most recently including best choreography of a musical.

"Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight!," Jan. 17, 2015: Heading into 2015, the legendary Hal Holbrook will portray the title character in "Mark Twain Tonight!" for one night only as he depicts the celebrated author giving a lecture with an emphasis on his funnier writings.

Holbrook, an Academy Award nominated actor, has been performing his role as Mark Twain around the world for nearly 60 years.

"Mamma Mia!," Feb. 4-5, 2015: The season includes the rebirth of the Swedish pop group Abba's most famous hits from the 1970s and '80s in "Mamma Mia!," an international success and the 10th longest running Broadway musical of all time.

The show follows 20-year-old Sophie, engaged and curious about the whereabouts of her real



father as she finds her mother's old diary and uses it to help track him down to walk her down the aisle. Nominated for multiple Tony Awards, the show was adapted into the 2008 feature film starring Meryl Streep and Amanda Seyfried.

"Memphis," Feb. 13-14, 2015: Featuring an original score by Bon Jovi founding member David Bryan, "Memphis" highlights the birth of 1950s rock and roll during a turbulent time period. Inspired by actual events, the show centers on a radio DJ who wants to change the world and a club singer ready for her big break.

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MAYOR TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Downey mayor Fernando Vasquez was asked to deliver a commencement address at San Diego State University -- his alma mater -- this Saturday.

Below is a copy of his speech:

"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, graduates, family and friends, honored guests. It is my sincere pleasure to be here on this very special occasion. I am honored and humbled to say the least. To the faculty and staff of San Diego State University, I say thank you for inviting me to participate in this celebration. To the graduates, let me be one of the first to congratulate you on your achievements and wish you all the best for the future. Congratulations are also due to all those who have helped you along the way—your families and friends, and of course, members from this fine university. Commencement is not only a time of celebration, but a time of reflection. A time to reflect on your individual achievements.

"Like you, I once sat exactly where you sit right now. I am proud to be a graduate of this fine institution. Class of 2005, as a matter of fact. Like many of you, I worked while I was in college, and managed to balance my studies with work, family and other extracurricular obligations. So, I understand and appreciate how hard you have worked to reach this point, and I commend you on your achievement. There is no doubt that like you, I had specific goals that motivated me to study, go to class and persevere. The people you have become these past few years is largely thanks to your time here at San Diego State. You have not only gained knowledge, been opened to new ways of thinking, and been prepared for a rewarding career, but you have built lifelong friendships with faculty and colleagues, and have experienced a chapter in your life that you will forever remember.

"By now some of you probably have a very clear idea of what you

would like to do from this point forward. You have obtained and mastered some very valuable skills and knowledge here at San Diego State, and now you are ready to conquer the world. In today's world, each new experience, each new day serves to act as a fountain of knowledge. And knowledge is both a tool and power. Those with the right tools help build great things. Those who use knowledge wisely will prosper.

"There is a great little quote: 'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars.' In looking forward to your careers and life after college, I truly hope you continue to reach for the stars. If you want to be the best person you can be, you need to use your talents to their full potential. You must find something to challenge you, you will be sharper, happier and stronger as a result. I hope you find your passion that will drive you to success. Many of you will have careers arranged already, I hope you enjoy them! Some of you will not have decided yet. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already learned, you will never grow. My advice to this class of 2014 is never stop reaching for more.

"Although you may be graduating today, this does not mean that you will stop learning. Your education will not stop here. Life will continue to teach you valuable lessons that will make you grow as an individual and encourage you to keep going. You have a number of opportunities that await you, those that will help you to expand your mind, and this is important. Use what you've learned these past few years and apply these concepts wisely. Do not let people tell you who you are and what you can do, do not let people decide what you are capable of doing. You, yourself are your own person, with your own thoughts and your own opinions. Remember that.

"Graduation is not an end goal

in itself; it is instead a part of the larger journey of life. Wherever your future takes you, let it take you somewhere. Life is a journey, and all accomplishments you achieve during its course should be taken as starting points for further achievements. Your graduation should serve as such a launching point, projecting you to wherever your futures are meant to take you. You don't stop growing once you leave today. Life gives you new opportunities to continue growing and to learn new skills that you will carry for the rest of your lives.

"You don't have to stop here. This graduation has already proven how capable you all are of accomplishing your goals when you commit yourselves to them. I hope all of you here today can take this personal accomplishment as an example of how anything is truly possible when we put your minds to it. As you all continue in your lives, take each new problem on with confidence, knowing that you have achieved great heights and are equipped with the necessary tools to tackle your future.

"There is no real magic formula for success in life, indeed the things you have learned here are the basic building blocks of your future life. Celebrate the days of success and always prepare for the challenges that meet each of us as we venture through life. Today you get to celebrate the results of all your efforts. You really deserve to have your moment. Some of you have achieved everything you wanted to and more. Some of you are just a little short of expectations. All of us here believe every single one of you is very, very successful. I do hope you are proud of yourself. We sure are.

"I know that all of you are probably wondering today what your lives are going to be like. I know I did. What people you will meet, what job will you land, what goals you will meet. Let me tell you something — it's going to be a lot

different than you think it will be. It will be up to you to determine your destiny. I challenge you to be leaders. To promote change and opportunities for the greater good of society. To get involved in your communities. Be a contributor and participant. Don't be a passive bystander who complains about the problems that surround us and isn't willing to make the sacrifice to find solutions or work toward a better way. I also encourage you to do what you like. If you don't like what you are doing, then you won't be happy. The future will be yours to make, which is a great thing given the lessons you have learned. I really do encourage you to set goals you are passionate about, work hard, get feedback from respected people, maintain your own personal integrity and help other people. As you go on to your careers I hope you can be inspired by many great people to do many great things.

"Someone once said 'the only thing constant in our lives is change'. What a great statement that is and how relevant it is to all of us today. Today marks the culmination of years of hard work and is a worthy way to celebrate your success. Graduation day is also a day that many of us turn our attention to the future and what we see as the challenging changes that lie ahead. Looking back over the past few years you really have undergone a high level of change, both personally and in your education. Perhaps much more change than you give yourselves credit for. Don't worry about change. Change is inevitable, welcome it with open arms and allow it to make a well-rounded individual.

"From someone who has experienced both good times and not so happy times, I urge you to keep your family close to you. I personally, have been blessed with two amazing parents and two lovely sisters. Like many others,



my parents came to this country with hope for a better life. From very young, my parents taught me the value of a good education. The value of perseverance, humility, and kindness. Your family are those who have been with you all the way and they will be there no matter what happens in the future. There is no substitute for the love of your family. The single most defining relationship is with your parents and immediate family. This group has loved, nurtured, guided and entertained you since you were born. Their support has helped make this day possible.

"I would like to conclude by leaving you with a few words from a famous American Writer, William A. Ward. Words that he calls the 'recipe for success,' and they are: 'Study while others are sleeping, work while others are loafing, prepare while others are playing, and dream while others are wishing.'

"May all of you be blessed with much happiness in the future and the satisfaction of knowing that whatever you do, you will do it well. After all you are all graduates of San Diego State University, an excellent institution. Remember that life is a wonderful journey. A course that you set and determine by the choices you make each day.

"Congratulations class of 2014. I wish you the best of times and the best of life. Well done everyone. Good luck!"

Students excel at state competition

DOWNEY – Seven DUSD students won gold medals at the SkillsUSA state championship competition held April 26-27 in San Diego.

More than 1500 students competed in a wide variety of events that included engineering, film and video production, culinary arts, quiz bowl, computer assisted drafting, 3D animation, law enforcement, technical math, health occupations, construction technology, commercial photography, extemporaneous speaking, and sports therapy.

In addition to the gold medal winners, 21 Downey students earned silver medals and 18 students brought home bronze medals.

Of the 145 DUSD students that competed, 46 won either first, second, or third place in their respective categories.

The seven students that won gold medals will move on to the national championships being held June 23 in Kansas City.


Students that win gold at the national championships are invited to the international championships in Germany.

Join symphony guild

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Guild is currently renewing its membership roster and accepting new members.

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DOWNEY – Simplicity Bank is donating \$1,000 to six local organizations through a Facebook contest called “Your cause. Our Cash.”

Beginning May 19, Simplicity Bank’s Facebook page will begin accepting nominations. Deadline for nominations is May 30, and voting begins June 2.

The six winners will be announced June 16. The top six organizations with the most votes each win \$1,000.

For more details, go to simplicitybank.com/yourcause.

To participate in the contest, go to facebook.com/simplicitybank

Las Vegas man gets 7 years for Ponzi scheme

SANTA ANA – A Las Vegas man charged in separate fraud cases was sentenced Monday to more than seven years in federal prison for running a fraud scheme that caused Orange County residents to lose more than \$1 million.

Jonathan Glen Turner, 39, was also ordered to pay \$1.5 million in restitution.

Between January 2005 and June 2006, Turner operated companies known as Absolute International and Oasis International Holdings in Las Vegas and claimed to be in a position to import goods from Asia and then resell the items for a substantial profit to purchasing companies in the United States.

Turner recruited investors and told them their money would be used to manufacture the products in Asia and that their money would be secured by the goods themselves, or with insurance, prosecutors said.

“Turner advised the investors that he would earn a profit on the sale of the goods, and that the sale would occur approximately 3-4 months after the goods were manufactured and shipped to the United States,” FBI officials said in a news release. “Turner promised investors a particular rate of return or a specified dollar amount on their investment.”

Prosecutors said Turner created fraudulent purchase orders from various companies to fool his investors. Instead of using the investors’ money as promised, Turner used the funds for other ventures and to make Ponzi-style payments to investors which he described as profits.

Turner also used the money to fund his gambling habits at various casinos and “adult entertainment at various clubs in the Las Vegas area,” authorities said.

Approximately 10 people invested money with Turner, resulting in a loss of \$1.53 million.

Turner was indicted in October 2009 by a federal grand jury in Orange County. He was convicted by a jury in 2012.

Turner, who previously served 16 months in federal prison for a similar scheme, is also scheduled to be sentenced for a separate investment scheme that he operated while free on bail in 2011 and 2012. Turner was convicted in that case in August 2013 and is scheduled to be sentenced July 21.

9,200 EARN DIPLOMAS FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH – California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) will confer more than 9,200 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees for the 2013-14 academic year, and many of those earning degrees are expected to walk across the stage at Commencement 2014, a collection of 10 graduation ceremonies at the Long Beach campus scheduled for Tuesday-Friday, May 20-23.

In addition to participating students, upwards of 70,000 family members and friends are expected to visit the university over the four-day period to hear their graduate’s name and watch him or her walk across the dais.

“Commencement is the highlight of the academic year as we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students,” noted CSULB Interim President Donald J. Para. “On behalf of the graduates, we acknowledge the essential role of the faculty and staff in making this day a reality and we celebrate with the family and friends who have supported them on this life changing journey. These students are graduating well prepared to embark on the next chapter in their lives.

“This year, we will have more than 9,200 graduates, making this the largest graduating class in our history,” Para pointed out. “I look forward to shaking the hand of every one of the 2014 CSULB graduates and wishing them great success.”

Held in the campus’ Central Quadrangle, Commencement 2014 begins Tuesday, May 20, with graduates from the College of Health and Human Services being recognized in two separate ceremonies -- one at 9 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 21, the College of Liberal Arts will host three ceremonies for its graduates—the first beginning at 9 a.m., followed by the second at 1 p.m. and the third at 5 p.m.

Two more ceremonies are set for Thursday, May 22, featuring graduates from the College of the Arts at 9 a.m. followed by a 5 p.m. ceremony for those students earning degrees from the College of Business Administration.

On the final day, Friday, May 23, the College of the Engineering will recognize its graduates in a 9 a.m. ceremony. Then, graduates from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics will

follow at 1 p.m., and the College of Education will close out the campus’ graduation festivities with a 5 p.m. ceremony.

After each ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to attend a one-hour reception hosted by their respective colleges on the terrace level of the University Student Union. Refreshments and music will be provided.

Free parking is available for commencement guests in Lots 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18 at the north end of the campus as well as Parking Structures I, II or III. Courtesy shuttles will be available to transport guests to the Central Quad area.

Visitors may enter the campus from Atherton Street, Bellflower Boulevard or 7th Street. Before parking, drivers may drop off passengers at the west turnaround near Brotman Hall or the east turnaround by the CSULB Foundation Building. Parking for the disabled may be arranged by calling Parking Administration at 562/985-4146.

Guests with other special needs should contact Disabled Student Services at 562/985-5401.

CSULB JOURNALISM PROGRAM EARNS ACCREDITATION

LONG BEACH – The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has won national accreditation from the prestigious Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC).

The decision was made May 2 at the Accrediting Council’s annual program review meeting in Arlington, Va. The Accrediting Council consists of members from the media and journalism schools from around the country.

“This is tremendous news,” said Chris Burnett, chair of Journalism and Mass Communication Department who also attended the meeting in the Washington, D.C. suburbs. “The stamp of approval on our program from ACEJMC means that Cal State Long Beach is competitive with other leading journalism and public relations programs in

providing a high quality education that leads to jobs for our students.”

Burnett noted that the ACEJMC accrediting team, which visited the campus Feb. 16-19, was impressed with the university’s commitment to relocate the department and its approximately 440 majors to renovated space in the Liberal Arts 4 Building, nearer to the hub of campus activities. The move from the basement of the SSPA Building is scheduled for spring 2015.

The accreditation is the culmination of a three-year process.


Based at the University of Kansas, ACEJMC has accredited more than 100 undergraduate and graduate journalism programs nationwide. CSULB was one of five programs this year to receive first time accreditation. A minority of schools nationwide offering journalism degrees are accredited. In California, there are only eight

other accredited programs.

“Cal State Long Beach regaining its accreditation makes this campus more of a destination for top students who want to study journalism,” Burnett pointed out. Additionally, he said the accreditation will help raise the department’s profile as an attractive destination for bright young faculty seeking teaching careers and students seeking a top-notch journalism education, Burnett said.

Also, students and the department will now be eligible for Hearst Journalism Awards available only to students from ACEJMC accredited schools.

The department was judged on nine standards including mission, governance and administration; curriculum and instruction;



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The moon keeps following our car like a mute fish swimming on a hook and line. In the passenger window you glow, rain-frizzled hair, back-lit by halogen headlamps.

Your hand will not rest tonight on my hand. The night slips away speechless. Your hand continuously shifts position, tracing my veins exploring my fingers, reading my palms studying my skin like a book or a wall in the blind night.

We’ve been driving for years. I think to myself. I should tell you I love you, shy, like the first time.

I keep my eyes fixed on the road. I know about words; words would bruise the moment like a drunk pedestrian stepping on the flowers.

By Daniel McGinn

Here’s a poem about respecting the silent communication of a tender moment, in both romantic situations and in writing a poem. The poet wisely remains mute as the moon, and leaves words to the “drunk pedestrian.” Daniel McGinn read for Poetry Matters in Downey in 2012. This is from his book “1000 Black Umbrellas.” -- Lorine Parks, curator, Poetry Matters

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TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/01/2010. 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 05/29/2014 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/06/2010, as Instrument No. 20101787072, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, State of California. Executed by: GUADALUPE BARBOSA RAMOS, A SINGLE WOMAN AND SOPHIA MONTIYA, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by 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# 6255-014-044 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8207 DE PALMA STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241 he undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$322,682.25. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-10-390718-VF Order No.: 100590275-CAGTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/5/2007. 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 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 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 do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): GUILBALDO VALLES JR. AND NANCY VALLES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 11/13/2007 as Instrument No. 20072528773 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California; Date of Sale: 5/29/2014 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$419,943.35 The purported property address is: 13117 MARKDALE AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8047-008-004 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, 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

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Students from Columbus, Downey and Warren High Schools celebrate after being honored at the Optimist Club of Downey annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Three years ago, the Optimists presented three cash awards to worthy seniors. This year, they presented 25 Scholarship and Awards to the students, the most in the long history of the Optimist Club of Downey. Joining the students were members of the Board of Education and school advisors and counselors. The chair of this year's Optimist scholarship program was Beverly Mathis (far right). Her committee reviewed more than 100 applications from local high school students. The scholarships and awards are funded by money raised at the annual Optimist Charity Golf Tournament.

St. Pius X performing 'Alice in Wonderland'

DOWNEY – Students at St. Pius X — St. Matthias Academy's Performing Arts Department will present "Alice in Wonderland" next weekend, May 16-17.

Both performances are at 7 p.m., with a bonus show for partner middle schools May 15 at 10:30 a.m.

The production is based on the 1951 Disney film "Alice in Wonderland" and the novels "The Adventure of Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll.

Students from all grade levels at

St. Pius X — St. Matthias Academy are featured in the production, which tells how Alice gets lost in Wonderland and tries to find her way home. The same students recently finished performing "11,"

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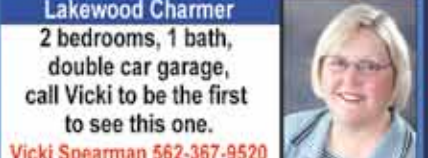
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NUMBER 1!
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Downey Charmer!
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3 bedroom, 3 bath custom home. 1925 sq.ft. 8615 lot 350 sq. ft. permitted bonus room Upgraded throughout!!
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4836 Aquamarine Way, Cypress
2 master suites, 3 full baths, over 1,500 sq. ft. living space, Tri-Level townhouse, built in 2006, great schools. Priced at: \$489,000
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Private Cul-De-Sac Location
3 BD, 2 BA North Downey home built in 1985. Over 2,300 sq ft of living space with spacious master bedroom, beautiful fireplace & wet bar that wraps around the living room & formal dining room, and the kitchen has an adjacent family room & office space.
Priced at: \$585,000



Quality and Elegance
4 BD + office, 3 BA, 2,900 sq ft home in cul-de-sac. Large living room with vaulted ceilings, formal dining room, family room adjacent to kitchen and downstairs bedroom.
Priced at: \$675,000



Nice Area! Nice Price!
3 BD with den, 2 BA Downey home near Rancho Los Amigos. Refinished hardwood floors in living room and 2 bedrooms; new laminate hardwood floors in den and master bedroom. 2 car detached garage, covered patio, and private grass area.
Priced at: \$459,000



Rarely on the Market
2 BD, 1.5 BA townhome with patio and 2 car garage in gated community of Santa Fe Springs. Very clean interior with tile floors on bottom level and carpet upstairs. Call Michael for a private showing of this home!
Priced at: \$282,500



Northeast Downey Home
Attention All Swimmers!
4 BD, 3 BA, 3,000 sq. ft. main house PLUS a 700 sq. ft., 1 BD, 1 BA guest house above the 3 car attached garage. Backyard has spa and pool with automatic cover and lap swimming lane. Home has large master BD/BA and excellent floorplan.



Investor or Owner-User Special
4,000 sq. ft. retail/office corner property with new central air & heat, new paint and carpet, the building has 2 BA, (3/4 & 1/2 baths) and laundry hook-ups, 2 parking spaces within the gates.
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