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SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND

Carrying the Dead

Owen Heninger was a young teenager during World War II. With so many men serving their country, Owen was sometimes called upon to do a man's job at home. He seemed to have second thoughts after volunteering for this particular task. 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 Owen Heninger, MD

It was in the heat of summer in central Utah in 1943. Most young men were in the military where I wanted to be. Alas! At age fourteen, I was too young to serve. Therefore, I volunteered to do other things. I'd pick fruit or round up old tires and scrap metal to donate to "The War Effort."

Our family lived in a large house on the expansive grounds of the Utah State Mental Hospital. My dad, a psychiatrist, was the superintendent of the hospital. He would sometimes come and get me, in the state car, to go with him to get an escaped patient to return to the hospital.

Therefore, it was no big surprise when I was called one afternoon to assist three male hospital attendants. They were to bring back an escaped patient who had been found up on the mountain close behind the hospital.

With the bravado often displayed by teenagers, I accepted the task. My mother drove me the half mile to the hospital to meet the attendants and see where the mission was to begin. I assumed that the escaped patient was ill or injured, as one of the attendants carried a canvas stretcher. I was later to learn that the patient was DEAD, and that it was I who would become ill.

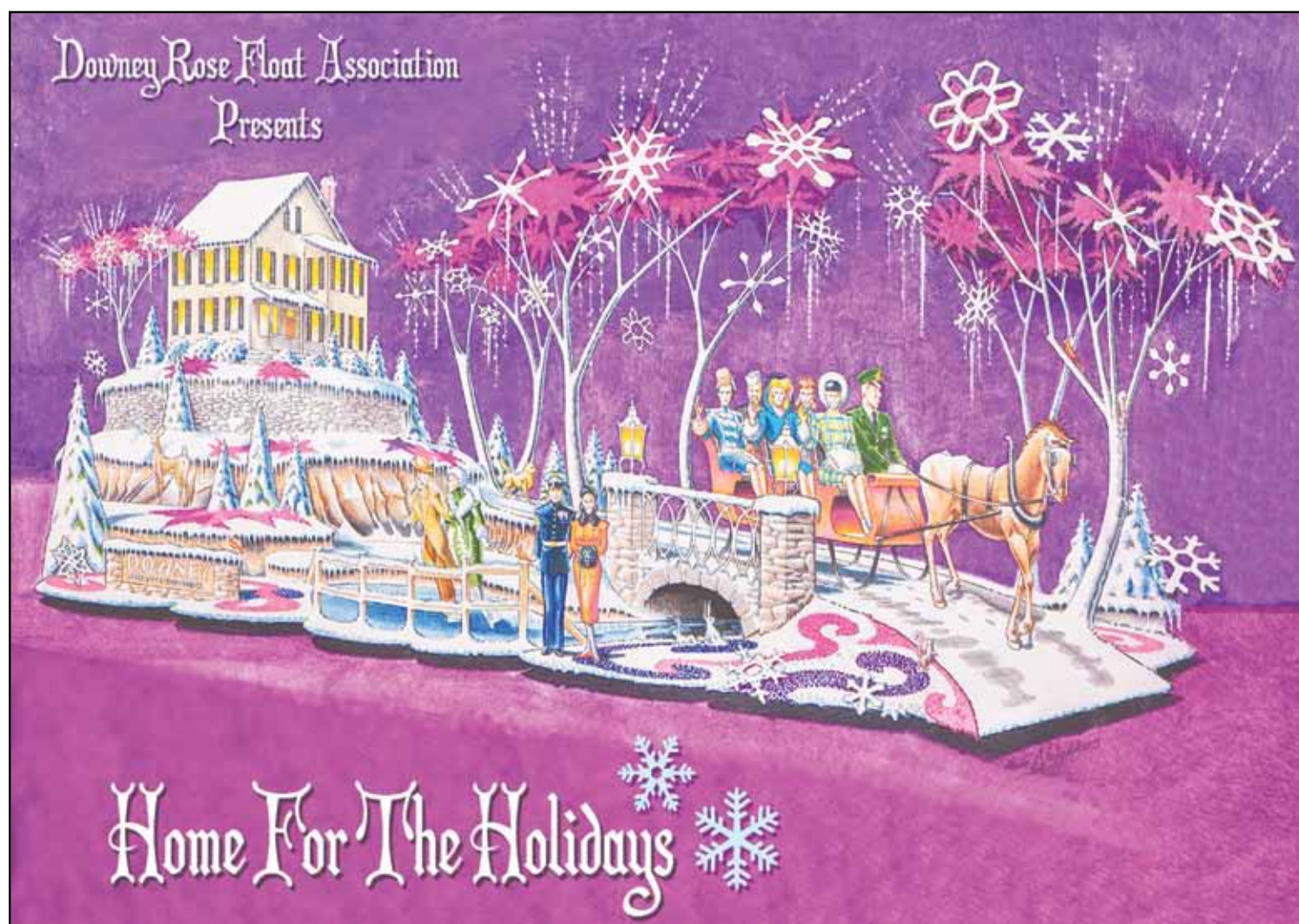
We walked the narrow dirt road that led up the mountain to a level firebreak. It had been gouged out of the mountain about four blocks above the hospital.

After perhaps a hundred yards, the object of our mission became apparent. First by the fetid odor emitted from it, and then by a view of the escaped patient himself - or to be more correct, the corpse of the escaped patient. It was lying in a contorted position on the gravelly ground of the firebreak. To add to my repugnance, hundreds of blow flies and squirming maggots were everywhere on the corpse, and it looked like the face had been half-eaten away.

As unsettling as the sight of this decaying dead man was, by far the most offensive and repelling thing and what was the most appalling to me was the shockingly putrid stench emanating from the corpse. It was like nothing I had ever smelled before, and even more disgusting than rotten egg gas. The stench set off waves of nausea and aversion in me. I realized that the only way to avoid the stench totally was to leave the task entirely.

Nevertheless, in my efforts to be manly, I endured the stench and actually helped roll the lifeless, decaying body on to the stretcher. Once the load was secured, I thought quickly and maneuvered so that I would be on the upwind end of the stretcher going back. I couldn't escape all of the stink, but I got over my nauseous feeling and was able to complete my part of the task.

When we reached the hospital grounds, I think we were all pleased to slide the stretcher, with its rank burden, into a waiting truck. Satisfied that I had done a man's part of the noisome retrieval, I easily walked the five blocks back down to our home. There I immediately shed my malodorous clothes and showered. It was a memorable learning experience.



The Downey Rose Float Assoc. has released a rendering of its 2015 entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Titled "Home for the Holidays," the float has a winter wonderland theme with a horse-drawn carriage and frozen lake. The design was conceptualized by Jeff Shadic, Kelley Roberts, Jason Redfox and Thom Neighbors. To build the float, the DREA will be fundraising at the summer concerts at Furman Park this summer, and they are also planning a casino night Saturday, Aug. 2, at Gold Rush Camp at Knott's Berry Farm. Tickets are \$40 (including dinner) and can be purchased by calling Jennifer DeKay at (562) 714-5658.

Downey's skilled students get recognition

• Supporters throw banquet for Downey's SkillsUSA students.

DOWNEY - The first annual SkillsUSA Banquet was held at the Rio Hondo Event Center on June 11, as the Downey community gathered to celebrate the students and staff advisors who traveled to San Diego to compete at the state level in the SkillsUSA Championships.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It was formerly known as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).

Begun in 1967, the SkillsUSA Championships has grown from 54 competitors in three contests to more than 6,000 competitors in 99 hands-on skill and leadership contests. Adding contests to the championships to meet the demands of new and expanding occupations, their affiliated instructional programs represent 130 different occupational areas.

Beginning the SkillsUSA journey in 2009 with a team of four Warren High School (WHS) construction students, to currently over 350 students and administrators from WHS and Downey High School (DHS), the Downey chapter has hit SkillsUSA by storm.

Currently with 15,000 school chapters, the Downey Unified School District (DUSD) is the largest chapter involved in SkillsUSA, with one or more students qualifying for Nationals every year since 2009.

This year alone, 350 students competed at the Regional Championships, 145 qualified for the State Championships and seven have made it to Nationals traveling to Kansas City, Mo at the end of June.

The banquet began with Mistresses of Ceremony Gia Marciano, a DHS senior, and Joseline Dubon, a WHS senior, welcoming guests and describing

their journey through the SkillsUSA experience. Both competing in the category of Extemporaneous Speaking, one taking gold and the other taking silver at the SkillsUSA State Championship, these young ladies said they have been changed by CTE and SkillsUSA.

"SkillsUSA and CTE molds leaders," said Dubon. "It builds what America will be in the future; it builds the leaders of America."

Continuing the evening, Marciano and Dubon called on each advisor to congratulate their students in specific areas of the competition. Downey and Warren High School students competed in categories such as: 3D Animation, Sports Therapy, Digital Animation Production, Culinary Arts, Electrical Construction Wiring, Medical Math, Mobile Robotics Technology, First Aid and CPR, and the list continues.

One area of competition was most prominent, the President's Volunteer Services Award (PVSA). Located in the leadership area of SkillsUSA, the Downey Unified School District surpassed all other districts throughout the country, with over 50 student volunteers from both high schools. Recipients receive an official lapel pin, personalized certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter from the president.

Following the applause of the PVSA recognition, keynote speaker Laura Gouillon took the stage. A recent high school graduate and International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate from Petaluma, Gouillon is a dedicated individual. She currently serves as a student ambassador for CTE through her services as this year's SkillsUSA National High School Vice President and will be attending USC in the fall to study computer engineering and computer science.

In her address, she stressed to students the importance of the letter E.

"In school, people put too much focus on the letters: A, B, C, D and F; how about the letter E,



Student of the Year award recipients Isaac Lopez, left, and Gia Marciano, with CTE director Phil Davis.

lets solve for E", stated Gouillon. "Evolve yourself, seek epic eternal excellence..."

As she continued her speech, a stillness came over the crowd as she reached not only the students in attendance, but parents, administrators, and school board members.

To conclude the SkillsUSA Banquet, the awards for Student of the Year were given to one student from each high school. Isaac Lopez, a senior at WHS, was called to the stage. Attending New Mexico State in the fall for Civil Engineering, receiving a silver medal last year at the SkillsUSA State Championships and currently the President of the Technology Club, Lopez was

commended for a unique skill set and meticulous work ethic that made him a recipient of this year's award.

Mistress of Ceremony and DHS senior, Gia Marciano, was also presented the Student of the Year award. She is president of the Debate Club, competed in the SkillsUSA State Championships for two consecutive years, and will attend Harvard in the fall.

Seven gold medal state champions will now travel to Kansas City on June 25 to compete with over 6,000 contestants in this year's SkillsUSA National Championships, the largest number of Downey Unified students to reach the national level thus far.

DUI checkpoint June 27

DOWNEY - A driver's license and DUI checkpoint will be conducted at an undisclosed location in Downey next Friday, June 27, starting at 8 p.m.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol or drug impairment while also checking for proper licensing.

"Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions in Downey have claimed no lives but resulted in 101 injury crashes harming nearly 150 of our friends and neighbors," said Sgt. Perry Miller of the Downey Police Department.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000, "not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out," authorities said.

A state grant is funding the checkpoint.

DOWNEY POISED TO ADOPT BALANCED BUDGET

DOWNEY - The City Council on Tuesday is poised to adopt its third consecutive balanced budget, a spending plan that includes upgrades to Downey parks and adds nine new city jobs, including five combination firefighters and paramedics.

Downey's reserve fund is also projected to swell to nearly \$32 million, after the city sold the former Downey Regional Medical Center property to PIH Health for about \$9.5 million.

"Things are steadily getting better," City Manager Gilbert Livas said Tuesday during a budget study session at City Hall. "Not dramatically better, but we're trending the right direction."

The proposed budget, which still needs to be ratified by the City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday, projects total revenue of \$71.4 million and includes funding for an additional police officer, which will bring the total number of Downey police officers to 111. At its peak before the recession, the department employed 124 sworn officers, said Police Chief Carl Charles.

Also budgeted is the position of executive director of the Columbia Memorial Space Center, which managed to attract 26,000 visitors last year despite lacking a top manager.

The budget includes upgrades to local parks, most notably restoration of the two freshwater lakes at Wilderness Park. The city-owned golf course and banquet center also are in line for new amenities.

Although not budgeted, council members expressed interest in expanding the city's technological abilities, primarily wireless internet at public facilities. The city has explored adding Wi-Fi in public places in the past, but those efforts stalled due to their associated costs.

Earlier this year, the city installed wireless internet at City Hall and the library but with two-hour time restrictions, and the connections can be unreliable. There is currently no Wi-Fi at the space center, senior and community center, or the Rio Hondo Event Center.

"I'm proud of all the hard work our staff and council has put in to make sure we have a balanced and sound budget without compromising services to our community or public safety," said Councilman Alex Saab, who served on the budget subcommittee with Councilman Mario Guerra. "I think we're fortunate to be in this position and the near future looks promising."

The vote to receive and file the budget was 3-0. Councilman Roger Brossmer had to leave before the vote was taken due to work obligations, while Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez was a no-show.

"Being fiscally responsible does pay off," Guerra said in an interview Tuesday. "We have a balanced budget...and our reserves are some of the highest in the history of the city."

"This is good stuff!"

-Eric Pierce, editor

POETRY MATTERS

SPRING EQUINOX

A dime-shiny moon makes change of itself -
silver slivers spilling on the water,
lily petals tossed extravagant. Their perfume
rings like coins scattered across the sky, alms burning

silver, slivers spilling on the water
deep as the sky itself, garlanded with auroras,
rings like coins. Scattered across the sky, alms brining
paper wishes, smoke rising toward the full-faced goddess

deep as the sky itself. Garlanded with auroras,
the lake is a mirror cupping the moon's
paper wishes, smoke. Rising toward the full-face
goddess
the lake is a mirror. Cupping the moon,

a dime-shiny moon changes itself
where stars are falling over themselves,
lily petals tossed. Extravagant, their perfume.

By Brigit Truex, *Strong as Silk*

Watching the changing lights in the skies has always fascinated humans. On June 21, we will mark the summer solstice, the shortest night and longest day of the year. Here Brigit Truex chooses another celestial moment, that of equilibrium between day and night.

The Romantic movement in poetry celebrated the refreshing spontaneous beauty of Nature, as opposed to the Industrial Revolution which had brought commercialization, human exploitation and manufacturing waste to the countryside. The Romantics also enjoyed exotic verse forms like this one, where, like the changeable moon and its phases, commas and periods change the meaning within the phrases, from first stanza to last.

A modern Romanticist, Truex read this poem in Downey in July, 2012.
-- Lorine Parks, curator, Poetry Matters



John and Hilda Contreras, of Downey, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Melina Contreras, to James Baruch on April 23. The ceremony took place at Coconut Beach on the Island of Barbados in front of family and friends. The couple honeymooned while on a cruise through the Caribbean. Melina is a graduate of Downey High School and they are making their home in La Mirada.



Shawn Goodner: one cool kid

DOWNEY – Downey sixth-grader Shawn Goodner has been collecting towels, blankets, sheets, and newspapers the past five years for the SEACA animal shelter.

Last year, he also collected more than 100 eyeglasses and cases for the needy, which he donated to the Downey Lions Club.

A student at Downey Christian School, Shawn is also a Boy Scout with Troop 441 in Downey. He has earned his first class and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He plans to become an Eagle Scout by the time he is 15.

On May 26, for the sixth year, Shawn participated in the Cypress Forest Lawn Memorial Day service along with his grandmother, Mary Hawk. They carried the wreath for the Spanish-American War.

This past November, Shawn won first place in the Downey Elks Lodge 2020 Hoop Shot contest, sinking 23 out of 25 free throws. He went on to win first place in the district and came in second at regionals.

Shawn, who wants to be a veterinarian, collects the eyeglasses, newspapers, towels and blankets mostly from family and friends, but also accepts donations from the public. To make a contribution, call his family at (562) 861-7464.



The Warren High School PTA distributed more than \$3500 in scholarships to seniors at its annual scholarship luncheon Monday in "Bear Alley" on campus. Pictured are just some of the 18 students who were awarded scholarships. PTA board members prepared and served the lunch.



Natalia Loya and Betty Porto smile for the cameras after Natalia's performance at Make Music Downey last Saturday. Natalia, a student at Doty Middle School, was a recent finalist on "La Voz Kids," a talent competition for children on Telemundo. The plaza in front of Porto's was one of nine venues for the all-day free music festival.

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Teen charged with attempted murder

DOWNEY – Downey Police have arrested a teenage boy in connection with a May 24 beating that left a man critically injured with severe head trauma.

Authorities did not identify the suspect but said he was booked for attempted murder. He is currently housed at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

The victim was targeted and deliberately attacked at about 10:30 p.m. near Florence Avenue and Orizaba Street, authorities said. He remains on life support at a local hospital.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with additional information is asked to call Detective Mike Galindo at (562) 904-2330 or Detective Robert Del Rio at (562) 904-2324.

Tips can be left anonymously by calling (800) 222-TIPS or text the letters TIPA, plus your tip, to CRIMES.

'March for Jesus' Saturday

DOWNEY – The fourth annual March for Jesus – a community walk that brings together local Downey churches – will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than 300 walkers participated last year; organizers expect to increase that number this year.

Participants will gather on the grassy area across from First Baptist Church of Downey starting at 9 a.m. for donuts and coffee, worship and prayer. The march begins at 10 a.m. on the sidewalk on Firestone Boulevard, between Lakewood and Paramount boulevards.

After the march, the church will host praise music, a gospel message, fellow and a free light lunch.



Military graduate thanks Downey community

DOWNEY – U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Alexander Thomas Foskarino, a Downey native, credited his hometown after graduating cum laude from Norwich Senior Military University in Northfield, Vt. last month.

Lt. Foskarino, a computer security and assurance major, was commissioned after his graduation.

"It was from the teachings of unsung Downey individuals that kept me going," Lt. Foskarino said. "I encourage the youth in Downey to stop, listen and learn from the experience Downey has available to them."

"For example, the words of Warren's outstanding track coach, Ramon Miranda, would not allow me to slow down before aggressively striding for the finish line. The pride in being worthy of my deployed Marine friends John Min Oh, Bill Winans, Spencer Edmonds, Sean O'Neal and Miguel Dennis drove me on. The fundamentals taught by Warren's fine teachers Kevin Hobbensiefken, Jon Westerman, Rob English and Bill Austin supported my pursuit of a computer security degree.

"Finally, the spiritual sermons from Calvary Chapel Downey's Pastor Jeff Johnson and the love of my dotting mother (Rose Foskarino) and grandmothers (Ela Foskarino and Rosa Medina) created the driving force that made it all happen.

"If high school students are looking for a military and academic challenge, I encourage them to look at the three U.S. military academies and six senior military universities; lean on experienced leaders that Downey has to offer; and when done, understand that the adventure has only begun."

Brian Clarke finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman 1st Class Brian T. Clarke graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

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

He is the son of Colin Clarke of Downey and Judith Clarke of Seal Beach, and grandson of Joeseeph Onesty of Seal Beach.

He is a 2008 graduate of Downey High School. He earned an associate degree in 2012 from Cerritos College.

NORWALK DECLARES FISCAL EMERGENCY

• City warns of layoffs, service cuts if voters don't approve updated utility users tax.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

NORWALK – The Norwalk City Council approved a \$135 million, 2014-15 fiscal year budget on Tuesday, but also declared a fiscal emergency as nearly \$2 million in tax revenues may vanish if residents do not vote to modernize the utility users tax this November.

While city officials were able to mitigate a \$1.5 million deficit during budget negotiations this year, a flat sale taxes and an outdated utility users tax are slowly choking the city's revenue stream just as necessary costs are escalating.

While projected revenues during the 2014-15 fiscal year are expected to reach \$41,625,006, an increase of 2.4 percent, city expenditures will total \$41,606,570, leaving a small operational surplus.

New expenditures include a 2.6 percent increase in the city's contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and a \$176,000 increase in utility costs. The city also green lit 33 new capital projects, totaling over \$20 million. Fifteen of the projects are park improvements.

The new budget does not include any layoffs, but some positions were reclassified including the elimination of a vacant accountant position. Due to recession, the city held back on replacing major equipment and vehicles, but next fiscal year, funds are allocated to update old

equipment and purchase new vehicles.

However, Jana Stuard, the city's finance director, says the problem lies in the city's revenues, which have returned to pre-recession levels, but have not kept up with inflation.

"Our sales tax has seen no growth and we can expect it to drop," said Stuard, who linked the decrease to the I-5 Freeway widening project and changes in consumer shopping habits. "We must prepare for future decline."

Stuard also highlighted the utility user tax, a major source of revenue for Norwalk that has been declining since 2009. City officials say the tax on electric, gas and phone lines needs updating to incorporate newer forms of technology, such as cell phone service.

City Manager Mike Egan said any change in language on the utility users tax must go before the voters this November, but if it's not passed, the city stands to lose \$2 million in revenue that will negatively affect public safety programs, community services, and city maintenance.

However, the threat of losing \$2 million in revenues is not the only reason council members agreed to declare a fiscal emergency.

CalPERS retirement costs to the city are also expected to increase by \$1.9 million over the next six years as more employees enter retirement. The Affordable Care Act will also soon require action from the city as well as \$32 million in unfunded liability as a result of retiree's medical benefits.

On May 22, Norwalk councilmembers adopted a revised reserves policy, which pledged to increase the city's emergency funds to 20 percent of operational

expenditures, but Stuard said the city's reserves will not significantly increase by the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

"We are going to end with a budgetary fund balance of \$9.06 million, which is within our new reserves policy," she said. "This allows the city to have two and a half months of operating money in case of disaster, earthquake, or economic downturn."

Although Mayor Marcel Rodarte expects blowback after the unanimous vote, he defended the decision to declare a fiscal emergency in Norwalk.

"This is not an easy decision -- but it allows us to put a measure on the ballot," he said. "We're not really saying we're in a dire financial situation, but if [the utility users tax] ends up on the ballot in November, the voters will have to decide. If it fails, we'll have to cut programs."

Rodarte said the council is working on ways to mend the flat sales tax in the city, but he maintained that modernizing the utility users tax is vital.

"I know the utility users tax is not popular, but we must fix the language. If we don't, we run the risk of losing that revenue," he said. "Without it, we will see significant cuts."



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Author luncheon June 28

DOWNEY – Best-selling authors Shaun Morey and Tyler Dilts will headline an author's luncheon Saturday, June 28, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

More, an avid fisherman, is famous for his "Incredible Fishing Stories Series" as well as his novel, "Wahoo Rhapsody," an international mystery and drug caper.

Dilts taught English at Cal State Long Beach and is the author of a series of novels set in Long Beach and featuring homicide detective Danny Beckett.

Tickets are \$25 and include a buffet lunch and book. Reservations are required by calling Marilyn Van Dyke at (562) 714-6515.

The luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Christian club meets

DOWNEY – "Precious Independence Day" is the theme of the Downey Christian Women's Club's July 9 meeting at Los Amigos Country Club.

Guest speaker is Natasha Wills, whose topic is "Celebrate Life."

The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch. For reservations, call Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Library offers reading prizes

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library's summer reading program for kids, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" starts this Monday at 10 a.m.

The library is challenging kids up to age 12 to read 20 books or 1,000 pages this summer.

Kids can enroll in the challenge until July 26 and receive a free reading log, bookmark, and list of events. Children can read the books at home or at the library, or for younger kids, have adults read the books aloud to them.

Beginning June 30, kids who read five books or 250 pages receive a free book bag. Other prizes include a magnetic bookmark (10 books or 250 pages), reading medal (15 books or 750 pages), and a free book and certificate of completion (20 books or 1,000 pages).

Prizes will be distributed until Aug. 2. For more information, call the library at (562) 904-7360, ext. 127.

Free magic show for kids

DOWNEY – Magician and comedian Dave Skale will give a free performance at the Downey City Library next Thursday, June 26, at 2 p.m.

The act features tricks, a "magic carpet" and culminates with a live white rabbit that Skale makes disappear.

Show passes will be distributed to the first 110 children. Due to space limitations, parents will not be allowed in the Cormack Room during the performance but are asked to remain in the library during the program.

Latecomers will not be admitted to the room after everyone is seated.

For questions, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 127.

Sports camps begin next week

DOWNEY – Multiple city-sponsored children's sports programs are scheduled to get underway Monday and it's not too late to sign up.

Co-ed basketball and volleyball leagues are eight weeks long and offered to children ages 7-13 (volleyball) and 7-14 in basketball.

The basketball league is from 2-3 p.m. (ages 13-14); 3-4 p.m. (ages 10-12) and 4-5 p.m. (ages 7-9). The program is held daily Monday through Thursday. Cost is \$125 for Downey residents and \$129 for non-residents, not including a \$50 uniform fee.

Volleyball is from 6:30-8 p.m. for all ages. It meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$105 for residents and \$129 for non-residents, plus \$40 for a uniform.

The city is also offering basketball, volleyball, baseball and football training camps that focus on fundamentals. Players of all abilities are welcome.

Training camps are for ages 7-17 and will be offered June 23-26 and June 30 – July 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$120 for residents and \$124 for non-residents (per camp).

For more details, call (562) 904-7128.

Eastern Star club plans fundraisers

DOWNEY – Worthy Matron Robin Logan and Worthy Patron Jim Myers, of Downey Chapter No. 160 Order of the Eastern Star, have planned their annual "Baked Potato Bash" for Tuesday, June 24.

They will be serving the baked potato with all the trimmings: chili, onions, cheese, sour cream, etc. Price is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 10 and younger.

The dinner is from 5-8 p.m. on the second floor of the Masonic Center located at Downey Avenue and 3rd Street. The public is welcome.

The organization is also planning a bowling night July 16 in partnership with the Masons, Job's Daughters and DeMolay, and a fundraiser July 29 at the Frantone's Pizza in Cerritos.

The group's next regularly scheduled meeting is July 1.

Free meals at Downey schools

DOWNEY – Selected Downey Unified schools will be offering free breakfast and lunch this summer to students as part of the federal Seamless Summer Food Service Program.

Alameda Elementary will serve breakfast from 9-10 a.m., and Sussman Middle School from 10-10:20 a.m.

Downey and Warren high schools are offering lunch from 10-11 a.m., while West Middle School will have lunch from 12-12:30 p.m.

Meal service will be available Monday through Thursday, starting June 23.

For questions, call the Downey Unified School District's Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

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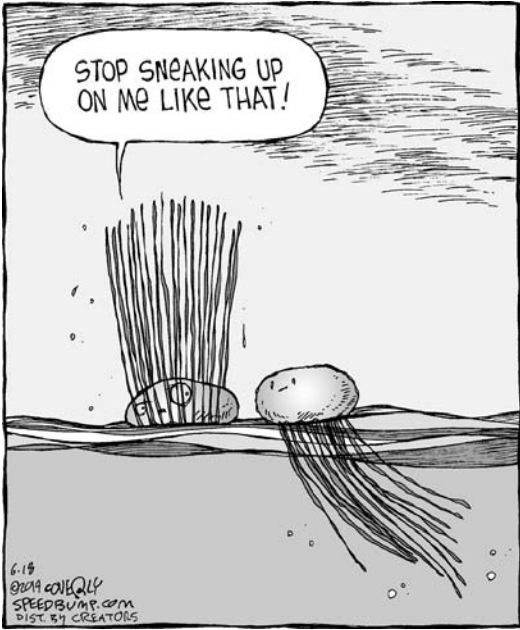
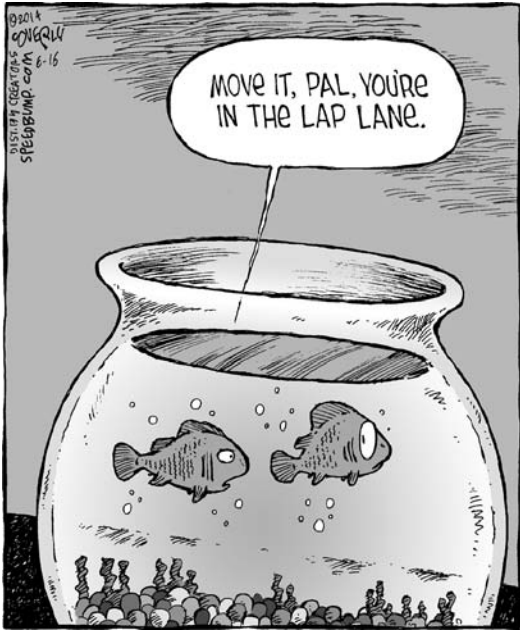
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Sat., June 21: "March for Jesus." First Baptist Church of Downey, 10 a.m.
 Sat., June 21: **Open house**, Downey YMCA, 11 a.m.
 Thurs., June 26: **Special Olympics host site meeting**, Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 3:30 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 information 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...

June 19, 1862: Slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.
1910: Father's Day was celebrated for the first time, in Spokane, Wash.
1964: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved after surviving an 83-day filibuster in the United States Senate.
1987: The Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring any public school teaching the theory of evolution to teach creation science as well.
Birthdays: Actress Phylicia Rashad (66), actress Kathleen Turner (60), singer Paula Abdul (52), actress Zoe Saldana (36), basketball player Dirk Nowitzki (36) and rapper Macklemore (31).

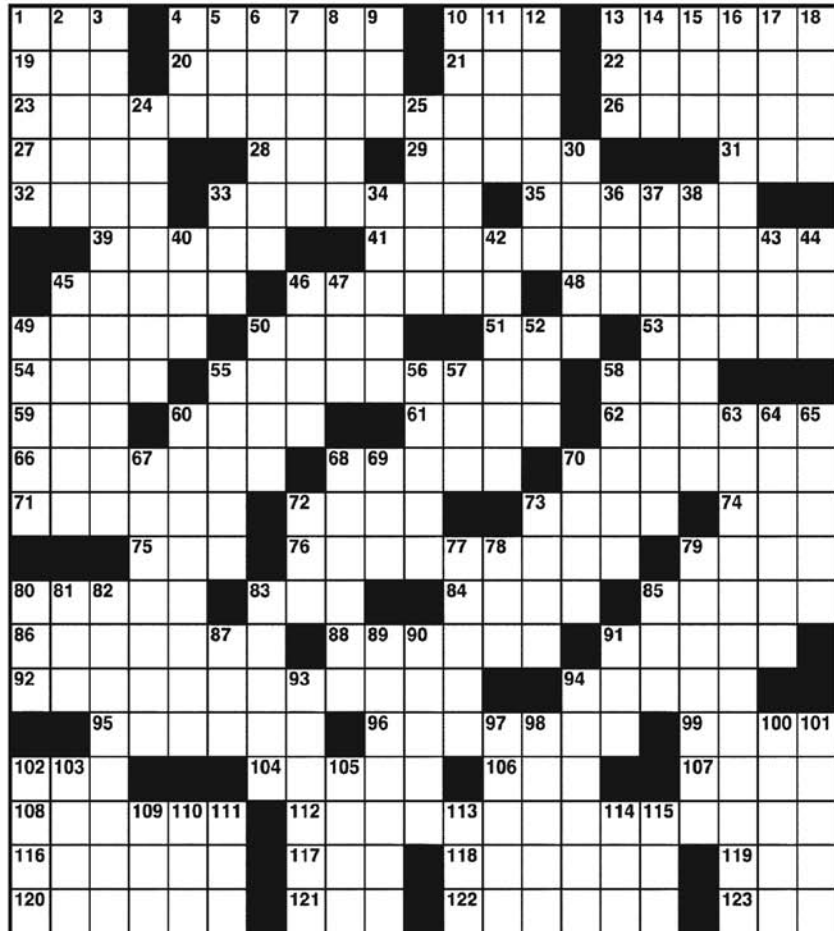
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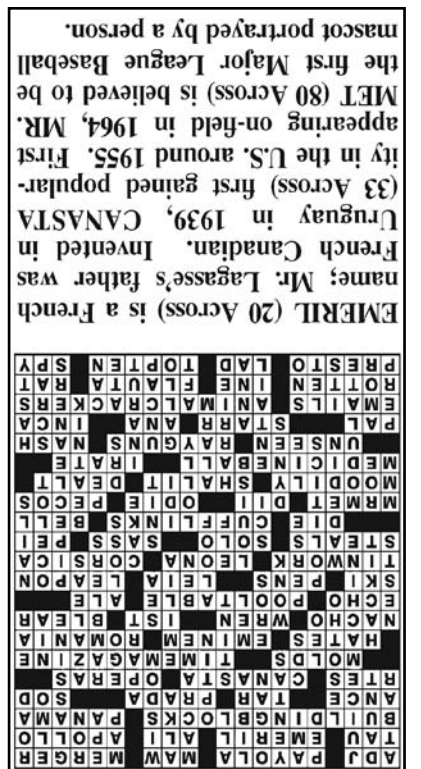
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SPORTS BRIEFS: Doty MS wins track meet

• Downey Middle School students win track and field competition.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY - Doty Middle School won last week's girls' track and field competition at Downey High School. However, there were excellent athletes from all four schools who competed.

In 6th grade girl competition West scored 54 points, Sussman scored 26 points and Griffiths scored 9 points. In 7th grade girl competition Sussman scored 42 points, West scored 37 points and Griffiths scored 9 points. In 8th grade girl competition Sussman scored 46 points, West scored 23 points and Griffiths scored 9 points.

The sixth grade girls had several city champions from different schools. K. Ferrufino from Sussman won the hurdles in a time of 20.61. S. Caceres from West won the 100 in a time of 14.01 and the 200 in a time of 29.93. J. Jovel from West won the long jump with a jump of 12' 8 1/2 and M. Garcia, also from West, won the high jump with a jump of 4' 4.

The seventh grade girls had several city champions from different schools also. M. Mordecai from Sussman won the hurdles in a time of 18.38 and won the high jump with a jump of 4' 4. N. Carcamo from West won the 100 in a time of 13.37 and won the long jump with a jump of 13' 10. L. Gonzalez, also from West, won the 800 in a time of 2:43.37.

The eighth grade girls also had city champions from different schools. A. Butron from West won the long jump with a jump of 14' 2 and A. Smith from Sussman won the high jump with a jump of 4' 2. Congratulations to all the winners, as well as to all the athletes, who competed and represented their

respective schools.

Doty Middle School won last week's boys' track and field competition at Downey High School.

In 6th grade boy competition West scored 39 points, Griffiths scored 32 points and Sussman scored 27 points. In 7th grade boy competition Sussman scored 32 points, West scored 27 points and Griffiths scored 16 points. In 8th grade boy competition Sussman scored 43 points, West scored 33 points and Griffiths scored 18 points.

The sixth grade boys had several city champions from different schools. J. Simen from Sussman won the hurdles in a time of 19.58 and the 200 in a time of 29.12. B. Gallegos, also from Sussman, won the shot put with a throw of 26' 10. Saleapaga from West won the long jump with a jump of 14' 6 1/2 and B. Vasquez of Griffiths won the 100 in a time of 13.69.

The seventh grade boys had one city champion that was not from Doty. F. Banuelos from Sussman won the 400 in a time of 60.23.

The eighth grade boys also had several city champions from different schools. Z. Vargas from Griffiths won the 100 in a time of 12.37. M. Marsetti from Sussman won the 200 in a time of 25.48, won the 400 in a time of 56.22 and anchored the winning relay team in a time of 49.39. E. Garcia, also from Sussman, won the shot put with a throw of 43' 3.

It is great to have sports back in the Downey Unified School District. Football and girls' volleyball will kick off fall sports when school resumes in September.

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The Long Beach Press-Telegram has released its annual Dream Team baseball team for

the 2014 season. Warren senior pitcher and infielder Alan Trejo was selected to the First Team and Bear head coach Scott Pearson was given Dream Team Coach of the Year honors.

Warren junior pitcher and outfielder Steve Nuno was selected to the Second Team Dream Team and senior outfielder Brandon Hernandez was given honorable mention recognition.

Alan Trejo was selected Most Valuable Pitcher of the S.G.V.L. after going 10-0. Trejo had a 0.51 ERA and had an impressive 86 strikeouts. Trejo hit .438 with 13 doubles, four triples, nine stolen bases and had 26 RBIs. Trejo helped lead Warren to a 15 game winning streak, 28 wins and a quarterfinal appearance in the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

Coach Pearson led the Bears to an overall record of 28-5 and a S.G.V.L. record of 7-3. Warren's 28 wins were the most in school history. The Bears were the number two entry from the San Gabriel Valley League behind league champion Downey. Warren lost to top seeded Palm Desert 7-4 in the quarterfinal round of the Division III playoffs. The quarterfinal appearance represented the farthest playoff run for the Warren Bear baseball program since 1964.

Palm Desert finished their season with an overall record of 27-6 and a Desert Valley League record of 12-0. The Palm Desert Aztecs lost to Bishop Amat 4-3 in the C.I.F. Division III championship game held at Dodger Stadium on June 6.

...
Downey senior pitcher and infielder Gabriel Llanes and Downey senior pitcher and infielder Tyler Tungate were both selected to the First Team Dream Team. Downey junior infielder Randy Labaut was given

honorable mention honors.

Llanes and Tungate helped lead Downey to an overall record of 20-9 and a S.G.V.L. record of 9-1. The Vikings were the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions. Downey was seeded third in the C.I.F. Division III playoffs and lost at home in the second round to Quartz Hill 2-1.

Llanes shared S.G.V.L. Co-MVP honors with Viking teammate Tyler Tungate. Llanes was 6-4 with a 0.92 ERA and had 63 strikeouts. Llanes hit .376, had 32 hits and 19 RBIs. Llanes was also drafted by the New York Mets in the 15th round as a pitcher. Llanes is the highest drafted baseball player in Downey High School history. Llanes signed his commitment letter and will play his college baseball as a Bulldog at Fresno State.

Tyler Tungate missed his junior season due to Tommy John surgery. Tungate finished his senior season with eight wins, an ERA of 0.75, 22 RBIs and a .405 batting average. Tungate signed his commitment letter and will play his college baseball as a Highlander at UC Riverside.

Other San Gabriel Valley League players to receive recognition included Gahr senior infielder Jaime Estrada to the First Team, Gahr senior pitcher George Castillo honorable mention and Gahr junior pitcher Paul Versteeg honorable mention. Paramount junior infielder Randy Buenrostro also received honorable mention recognition.



New Warren High football coach Raul Lara will be meeting supporters at a comedy night fundraiser July 22 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Comedy night fundraiser

DOWNEY - A comedy night fundraiser to support Warren High School's football program will be held Tuesday, July 22, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$25 and include all-you-can-eat barbecue and a show featuring 2-3 comedians.

Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment, uniforms and other items for the Bears' 2014 season. The event is also an opportunity to meet Warren High's new coaches, including new head coach Raul Lara who comes to Downey after 13 years with Long Beach Poly.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is from 6-8. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets and information, contact Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or lemorales1964@yahoo.com.

Football, cheerleading sign-ups

DOWNEY - Downey Youth Football, also known as the Razorbacks, will hold registration and its final jersey and spirit pack fittings for football players and cheerleaders this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

Kids will be fitted for their spirit pack (shirts and shorts) and game jersey. A make-up date for cheerleaders only will be held July 2 at 6 p.m. at a location to be determined.

The Razorbacks offer flag football, tackle football, and cheerleading to boys and girls ages 5-14. Practices start July 28 at Rio San Gabriel Park and the first game is Sept. 6 at Warren High School.

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Bea Robles breaking stereotype barriers

• Soft-spoken executive assistant Bea Robles does not conform to bike-riding stereotypes.

By Nimfa Rueda

DOWNEY – One might picture a biker chick as a tough-talking, tattoo-covered woman riding on the back of her man's motorcycle.

But female motorcycle riders all over the world are breaking the stereotype. One of them is Bea Robles, the petite and soft-spoken senior executive assistant to the L.A. County Board of Education.

"Many of us are girly girls who love a good lipstick and a great pair of heels," said Robles, who owns two Harley-Davidson bikes. "Women riders are mothers, grandmothers, professionals and business owners. They are smart, independent, accomplished women, who also love to ride their own bikes."

Robles vividly remembers the first time she rode on the back of her father's motorcycle when she was 10 years old. "It was exhilarating," she said. "I loved riding in the open, feeling the

wind in my face and enjoying the sights, sounds and scent of the outdoors."

More than just a joy ride, being on a bike has now become foremost an empowering experience for Robles.

She has broken the proverbial glass ceiling for female riders by serving as road captain for a group of mostly male Harley riders. As the leader, she plans the route and group formation on long-distance trips. She is also responsible for ensuring the group's compliance with safety rules. "Good riders will always respect the law," said Robles, who also serves as membership officer for the Harley Owners Group Southern California Chapter Board #0183. She has, so far, recruited more than 300 members.

She recently led a group of HOG members as they made their way from Los Angeles to Reno, Nevada. They took Highway 50 to Ely Nevada, crossed over to Utah and took Highways 89 and 9 to Zion National Park, then to St. George and Mesquite.

"You have to concentrate completely, focus totally on what you're doing and what everybody else is doing," she said.



Her two-wheeled travels have taken her as far away as Coos Bay in Oregon and Colorado Springs. Her next destinations are the Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and South Dakota.

The Iron Butt Association has certified her riding record: 1,000 miles in 24 hours and 1,500 miles in 36 hours. She plans to break the record in September by logging 1,500 miles in 24 hours. Last month, she won a free rear tire when she clocked up the most miles -- 2,800 -- in June.

The determination, discipline, focus and organizational skills that she taps as a seasoned rider have transferred into other parts of her life -- relationships, creative and professional work and balancing her time, she added.

Robles and her fellow riders also support philanthropic endeavors in communities via group rides and participation in charity events, Pride events and motorcycle education activities.

She is active in the Patriot Guard Riders, whose members attend funerals to honor fallen heroes -- soldiers, police officers or firefighters -- and support their grieving families. She has welcomed and escorted returning troops who completed their missions in Afghanistan and were reunited with their families.

But her most fulfilling riding experience, so far, was when she joined a group of riders who responded to a dying man's request. An avid rider who had terminal cancer wanted to hear the roar of bikes one last time.

"I couldn't forget the look of pure joy on his face when he saw us approach his house," she recalled. "We revved our engines for him, then we chatted with him for about half an hour. His family was very thankful."

Robles hopes to empower other women who are interested in riding motorcycles. She volunteers to help orient women at "garage parties," where motorcycle workshops are offered and women can network and learn the basics of bike handling and operation in a low-key, after-hours environment.

"Some women think they might like to do it but they hesitate, not knowing how to get started," said Robles. "They're worried about things like the bike seems too big and too heavy for me, or maybe I don't know other women who ride. So I tell them my story, and I hope to inspire them to also live out their own dreams."

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Downey resident fulfills dream with master's degree

DOWNEY – Despite a diving accident that left him paralyzed as a child, Downey resident Gonzalo Centeno realized his dream Sunday when he graduated with a master's degree from Cal State L.A.

Centeno earned his degree in counseling with an option in rehabilitation counseling.

Centeno suffered the injury 35 years ago and called his life since "a most fulfilling journey." He currently works as a disability management specialist in the university's Office for Student Disabilities (OSD), where he assists students with diverse disabilities to receive the resources and support they need to achieve their educational and professional goals.

Centeno holds a bachelor's degree in French and was the first in his family to earn a college degree.

In August 2013, he was acknowledged by the State Department of Rehabilitation as one of "50 Notable People" in the disability community for California.

Downey native pursues degrees

DOWNEY – Jenna Wilson, a 2008 OLPH Downey graduate, made the Dean's List for the spring semester at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Wilson is in a five-year dual-degree engineering program with the University of Notre Dame. She is pursuing a BS in Mathematics with a minor in Philosophy at Saint Mary's, and a BS in Computer Science with a concentration in Media Computing through the Notre Dame College of Engineering.

Aparicio makes President's List

DOWNEY – David Aparicio made the President's List at Cerritos College last semester with a 4.0 grade point average.

Aparicio went through the Downey school system, graduating from Warren High School in 2004. He is attending college under the GI Bill, having served in the Navy from 2006-12.

He is planning to complete his education with a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

His parents still live in Downey.

Jonathan Mora completes basic training

DOWNEY – Army Reserve Pvt. Jonathan Mora has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, Mora received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions.

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Mora is the son of Jenin Mora, of Downey. He graduated from California High School in Whittier in 2013.

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Chorus seeks members

BELFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus is holding auditions as it looks to increase the size of its choral group.

The 44-member chorus consists of men and women performing a wide repertoire, including pop, Broadway, country, classic, and the standards.

The group performs three concerts annually at the William Bristol Auditorium in Bellflower.

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. at Simms Park in Bellflower. Potential members are invited to visit a rehearsal and meet the group.

For questions, call (562) 866-4664 or email alicepagal@verizon.net.



Bosco Tech golf tournament

ROSEMEAD – Don Bosco Technical Institute will host its 25th annual Golf Classic at the Montebello Golf Course on Friday, July 11.

All tournament proceeds benefit the school's Alumni Association Financial Aid Fund and the athletic program.

Tournament registration is \$125 on or before July 1 (\$150 after that date) and foursomes are \$500 (\$600 after July 1).

Registration for the scramble format event begins at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at 11 and a noon shotgun start. The awards buffet starts at 6 p.m.

To register for the tournament, go to boscotech.edu/golf.

Rock band to perform debut album

DOWNEY – Los Angeles-based rock band Dream Alive will release its debut album, "Before The Dawn," at the Stardust Club in Downey on July 12.

The record features eight tracks melding sounds ranging from psychedelic to cinematic, bridging the band's classic rock roots in Journey and Pink Floyd and their modern rock influences of Muse and Coldplay.

After tracking drums and bass at Simon Phillips' Phantom Recordings in Van Nuys, Dream Alive recorded and self-produced the album at Karan's K Loft Studios in North Hollywood.

"We worked day and night trying new sounds, textures and arrangements that would bring our vision for these songs to light," said Nik Phoenix (lead vocals and keyboard). "We are extremely proud of this album and can't wait to play it live."

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Amateur radio operators giving public demonstration

DOWNEY – The Downey Amateur Radio Club will host a public demonstration of its emergency communication capabilities on Saturday, June 28, at Apollo Park.

Despite the Internet, cell phones, email and modern communications, year after year entire regions find themselves in the dark due to tornadoes, fires and storms.

In these cases, amateur radio operators, often called “hams,” provide backup communications for everything from the American Red Cross to FEMA.

Over the past few years, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications during unexpected emergencies in towns across America, including the California wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes and other disasters.

The June 28 demonstration is part of an annual “Field Day” event in which ham operators use only emergency power supplies and construct emergency stations at parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards across the country. Their slogan is “When all else fails, ham radio works.”

The public is invited to the free demonstration, where they can also learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.



The “Downey 1” team of the Downey Bocce Club won first place out of 16 teams competing at the annual Laguna Niguel Bocce Tournament held June 8 at Marina Hills Park. The winning team was comprised of (from left) Miguel Tamagno, Amadio Egizii, Pat Limatola and John Fiorenza.

Norwalk considers new logo

NORWALK – The City Council has decided to hold off on refreshing Norwalk’s logo until it can decide how to brand the diverse city of about 105,000 residents.

Norwalk’s current logo is blue and gold and was first introduced in 1989. A line runs through its center – signifying motion – to correspond with the city’s then slogan, “A city on the move.”

The logo has not been updated since.

In February, the City Council paid David Riley Associates of Newport Beach approximately \$10,000 to design potential new logos. They came back with six designs, each similar to the current logo but with a more modern treatment.

“You want a logo to be progressive, forward-thinking and contemporary,” said Jeff Hobbs, communications and public affairs manager for Norwalk.

At a study session meeting Tuesday, most council members agreed Norwalk’s current logo needs upgrading but they said the timing was not right.

“We don’t know what our brand is at the moment,” said Councilwoman Cheri Kelley as she studied the logo renderings. “It’s certainly not the water tower. At least I hope it isn’t.”

Longtime Councilman Luigi Vernola, who was on the City Council when the current logo was introduced, said none of the designs impressed him.

“I don’t like any of them. What’s wrong with what we’re using now?” he asked. “Show me something better... I like to stay with the past,” he added. “The past dictates the future.”

Mayor Marcel Rodarte said Norwalk’s logo “was a great design but I think it’s run its course.”

“If we stick with the ‘80s logo, that’s how we’re going to be perceived, like we’re not moving forward,” Rodarte said.

Council members deferred a final decision and instead will begin preliminary talks on a branding initiative, which is expected to eventually result in a refreshed logo.

–Eric Pierce, editor

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Federal workers hosting lunch

DOWNEY – The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees Southeast Chapter 482 will host a catered lunch Wednesday, June 25, at noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Cost is \$10 for members and guests.

For details, call Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

Historical society luncheon

DOWNEY – The Downey Historical Society will host its annual luncheon Saturday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Cost is \$20. RSVP by calling (562) 862-2777.

Senior talent show tickets on sale

DOWNEY – Tickets are now on sale for the 11th annual Senior Follies Talent Show, taking place June 28-29 at 3 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The production features seniors ages 50 and older performing a wide range of dance numbers, solos, duets, instrumentals, and more.

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Joe Valdivia received the school district's Vision Award earlier this month. He is pictured with Doty Middle School principal Brent Shubin, left, school board member William Gutierrez and superintendent Dr. John Garcia.



The Ruiz family - Daniel, Regina, Elisa, Joseph and Branden Barnette - recently enjoyed their travel to Boston to attend their daughter Monica's graduation from MIT. Monica is a 2008 graduate of Downey High School, while Branden and Elisa members of the Downey High class of 2011. Elisa graduated from Cerritos College in May and will attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall. Joseph just promoted from Doty Middle School and will attend Downey High in the fall.

Doty Middle School worker honored

DOWNEY - Joe Valdivia, a longtime utility worker at Doty Middle School, was honored with the Downey Unified School District's Vision Award on June 3 for "maintaining the facilities at Doty Middle School to the absolute highest degree possible, with safety and cleanliness held as essential priorities for students and staff."

During his 21 years at Doty (previously known as East Middle School), Valdivia has twice receive a written commendation from the superintendent for his dedication to keeping the campus clean and "looking excellent."

On a recent visit to the campus, school board members Barbara Samperi and Nancy Swenson remarked on how nice the campus appeared.

"The Downey Unified School District is fortunate, and Doty Middle School is blessed, to have a man like Mr. Valdivia as part of our team," said Doty Principal Brent Shubin.

In addition to the maintenance work, Valdivia, an accomplished guitar player, began a Guitar Club on campus six years ago. There is currently a Beginner and Advanced Guitar Club, which performs each year at the Downey Theatre along with the band and choir.

Valdivia volunteers two days a week to instruct students and even staff members on the fine art of picking and strumming the guitar.

Valdivia is also a former U.S. Marine, having served during the Vietnam War.



Tonette and David Bradford recently drove to South Dakota for a two-week vacation, making several stops along the way. Tonette is pictured at the Mount Rushmore sign and her husband at Fort Laramie Wyoming.

"Mt. Rushmore is a very dramatic monument," Tonette said. "Just standing at the base of it and looking up at the presidents gave me chills, knowing what those men went through to form our country. The men that carved this monument also went through a lot to make sure that we have this monument down through the ages. Fort Laramie Wyoming was a very educational place to see. So much history on that property."

Downey considers becoming Special Olympics host city

DOWNEY - The city of Downey is hosting an informational meeting Thursday, June 26, to consider possibly becoming a host town for the 2015 Special Olympics.

As a host city, Downey would provide hotel accommodations, meals and training locations to 100-120 Special Olympic athletes.

The meeting starts at 3:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. For more details, call (562) 904-7166.

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Great Downey Home!
Very nice 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom home located in a very desirable area of Downey. This property features an updated kitchen and central air & heat! Call today for more information on this exquisite home!

Downey Condo
Terrific condo with great Location, 3 bedroom & 1 3/4 bath, Assoc. Sparkling pool & Sauna, BBQ Area, 2 underground parking spaces with electronic security gate. Priced at \$285,000.

Perfect For Entertaining North Downey
North Downey pool home - In very nice condition. Open floor plan - Fireplace in family room - Newer appliances. Carpet everywhere but kitchen and pantry have linoleum. Tons of storage - Three linen closets plus utility room storage and walk-in pantry. Extras like built-in ladder to attic. Call Today For More Info!

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Downey Charmer!
Excellent 3 bedroom and 1 bathroom home located in a nice area of Downey. This property features a 2 car detached garage and a cute backyard! Call today for more information on this lovely home!

Spectacular Downey Home!
Beautiful custom built home! Pride of ownership. This home features 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms with almost 4,600 sq. ft. of living space. The home also has a commercial kitchen, lots of oak throughout, marble entry, a wet bar and much, much more. Call today for more information on this exquisite home!

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North Downey Condo!

2 BD, 2.5 BA 2-story condo. 1,403 sq. ft. living space, inside laundry, 2 car subterranean parking, individual storage room, association pool and spa. New tile countertops and new cabinetry in kitchen. A MUST SEE!
Priced at: \$299,950



Large Lot with Room to Grow!

3 BD, 1.5 BA North Downey home with a 2 car detached garage, RV parking, & large 10,366 sq. ft. lot. New paint, new carpet, new granite countertops, new central air and heat, and new landscaping.
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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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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



Great Location!

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