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CRIME REPORT

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

At 6:30 a.m., Downey Police Officers responded to 9036 Firestone regarding a burglary. An employee of Café-n-Stuff had arrived at the location and discovered that sometime during the night a burglar had smashed the front glass door of the business and made entry. The only loss at the time appeared to be the cash register. Investigators are working the case.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

At 1:00 a.m., Downey Police Officers responded to Kaiser Hospital regarding a robbery. Officers arrived and contacted a 48-year Bellflower resident who had been riding his bicycle in the area of Paramount and Florence when his path was blocked by two men walking on the sidewalk. The two suspects stopped the victim and demanded the man's bike and punched him. During the incident, a vehicle stopped to see what was going on which scared off the suspects before they could obtain any loss. The victim then took himself to the hospital to seek treatment of minor injuries he received from the incident. Detectives are investigating.

At 1:00 p.m., Downey Police Officers responded to 7121 Firestone, Home Depot regarding a robbery. Upon their arrival, officers detained and later arrested a 23-year-old man for robbery, after he had entered the store, taken merchandise, and then exited the store failing to pay for it. When the suspect was contacted by store security, the suspect fought with them but was ultimately subdued. He was booked for robbery and transported to the Los Angeles County Jail.

At 10:30 p.m., Downey Police Officers responded to 7356 Stewart & Gray, The Glen bar, regarding a subject brandishing a weapon. Upon the officers' arrival, they detained and later arrested a 30-year-old man from the city of Glendale who had brandished a knife at the victim during an argument outside the bar. The suspect was booked for brandishing the knife.

At 11:35 p.m., Downey Police Officers responded to the area of Birchdale and Everest regarding a possible attempted carjacking. Upon their arrival, officers contacted a 23-year old Downey resident who had been driving in the area when an unknown man attempted to steal her car. As the suspect was demanding that she relinquish her car, the victim was able to fend off the attacker and drive away. Detectives are investigating the incident.

Fireworks debate could head to voters again

CITY COUNCIL ROUNDUP: Fed up with illegal fireworks, Councilman Roger Brossmer requests study of ballot initiative.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Despite hefty fines and a stated zero-tolerance policy, illegal fireworks continue to explode over Downey every July, scaring pets and igniting trees and homes.

Councilman Roger Brossmer has a solution.

His solution is neither new nor without controversy.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Brossmer instructed staff to begin work on a ballot initiative that would allow residents to decide whether to prohibit all fireworks in Downey.

The election is guaranteed to be controversial, as non-profit organizations rely on firework sales as significant sources of revenues.

This past July 4, Downey police officers issued only 20 citations for illegal fireworks. Officials said it's difficult to catch perpetrators in the act, especially when illicit fireworks are exploding alongside "safe and sane" fireworks sold by community groups.

Illegal fireworks are suspected of sparking a house this summer at a Chaney Avenue home.

More information on the ballot initiative, including potential costs, will be presented to the council at a later date.

Downey Nissan

On a 4-1 vote, Downey city council members Tuesday night approved loaning Downey Nissan

\$1.25 million so it can build a new larger facility at the corner of Firestone Boulevard and Old River School Road.

The \$1.25 million loan will be repaid to the city over 12 years at an annual interest rate of 4.25%.

The city's loan is secured by the current Nissan dealership property, which will be held as collateral and secured by a promissory note and deed of trust.

Dealership owner Tim Hutcherson said Downey Nissan has outgrown its current location at 7559 Firestone Blvd. The new location will more than double the car lot's size, with a larger service area, more room for vehicle displays, and modern accommodations.

Hutcherson said he also anticipates doubling his staff to about 160 employees.

City officials recommended that council members approve the loan, and suggested Downey could potentially lose the dealership without a deal.

"The potential relocation of Downey Nissan and total loss of revenue would be much more detrimental and undermine the City's delicate economic recovery and cause significant impact to services," community development director Aldo Schindler wrote in a staff report. "The City is making a significant commitment to maintain the economic momentum it has gained over the past 18 months."

Mayor Luis Marquez and Councilman Roger Brossmer called the loan "a no-brainer" and a way to keep a tax-generating car dealership from fleeing the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Alex Saab called the deal "a smart investment as a

community."

Councilman Sean Ashton cast the lone dissenting vote.

The council also authorized a \$1 million grant application through the Community Development Block Grant program that, if successful, would push the total amount of public assistance to Downey Nissan to \$2.25 million.

Construction of the new dealership is expected to start before the end of this calendar year and conclude in 2016.

Shellyfield Parking

Frustrated by overflow parking from nearby apartment complexes clogging their streets, residents of Shellyfield Road convinced the City Council this week to create a preferential parking district, prohibiting early morning parking except for residents that live on the street.

The district makes it illegal to park on Shellyfield, between Cecilia and Muller streets just north of Stonewood Center, between 2-6 a.m. except for vehicles displaying a parking permit. To obtain a parking permit, the vehicle owner must reside on Shellyfield.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Shellyfield residents complained that residents of nearby apartment complexes routinely parked on their street.

The practice is not only annoying, they said, but also dangerous, as the cars make it difficult to turn onto Cecilia Street.

According to a survey turned in to the city, 33 of 36 households on the street approved the parking restrictions.

Renowned doctor and researcher leading free seminar in Downey

Stroke and dementia seminar Oct. 28 at Rio Hondo Event Center; sign up at rthfoundation.org or call (888) 794-9466.

By Greg Waskul
Contributor

DOWNEY – It's not every day you get to hear one of the world's top doctors and researchers speak for free on a topic that can save your life.

Yet that is exactly what is happening in here on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m. when the brilliant neurologist and researcher Helena Chang Chui, MD, will be speaking about stroke and dementia at Rio Hondo Event Center during the final Primary Stroke Prevention Seminar of the year in Downey.



Dr. Helena Chui

In addition to Dr. Chui's presentation that will provide essential health tips for leading a healthier life, the RTH Stroke Foundation will provide carotid artery and blood pressure screenings to all those who preregister for the event toll-free at (888) 794-9466 or at rthfoundation.org.

The carotid artery screening alone can cost up to \$500 in a doctor's office. It will be given at no charge at this event.

"I would recommend that anyone wishing to attend should sign up right away, because Dr. Chui's presentations in Downey have quickly sold out each time she has spoken here in the past," RTH Stroke Foundation Executive Director Guy Navarro said.

"Dr. Chui will speaking on the

day before World Stroke Day," said RTH Stroke Foundation President Deborah Massaglia. "Stroke Day is being observed worldwide on October 29 to underscore the serious nature and high rates of stroke, raise awareness of the prevention and treatment of the condition, and ensure better care and support for survivors. We are very pleased that a world-renowned medical leader will be presenting our special Stroke Day seminar in Downey."

Dr. Chui, the Chair of the Department of Neurology at USC's Keck School of Medicine, will discuss the latest research findings about Alzheimer Disease, vascular cognitive impairment and stroke. Internationally recognized for her research in Alzheimer Disease and vascular cognitive impairment, Dr. Chui is the principal investigator for the Alzheimer Disease Research Center, funded by the National Institute on Aging, and is the author of more than 120 publications in her field.

"I am always amazed by how Dr. Chui explains complex medical concepts so simply so that everyone understands so much more about how to improve their health," Deborah said.

The RTH Stroke Foundation sponsors the free Primary Stroke Prevention Seminar series with Rio Hondo Event Center, Keck Medicine of USC, and *The Downey Patriot*.

"We provide these free screenings so that we can help save lives," Massaglia said. "In the Downey area alone, we have saved many, many lives and put thousands of local residents on the road to better health over the last three years with the combination of health screenings and presentations by eminent physicians and researchers."

Dr. Chui's presentation is just one of many efforts that USC's Memory and Aging Center is making across the greater Los Angeles area to inform the community about Alzheimer Disease and other types of memory loss. The Memory and Aging Center, which Dr. Chui leads, includes the National Institute on Aging Alzheimer Disease Research Center and California Alzheimer Disease Centers at USC and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey.

In addition to a wide-ranging discussion of the latest research findings about Alzheimer Disease and other memory loss issues, Dr. Chui will also provide helpful information about risk factors for coronary heart disease and stroke.

She will also prescribe lifestyle modifications for those who are at risk, which could help seminar attendees dramatically decrease their likelihood of having a heart attack or stroke.

"I am always impressed by how Dr. Chui provides so much important medical information at her seminars, but unlike some other clinicians, she presents this high-level material so that I can understand it," said Downey community leader Beverly Mathis.

"Dr. Chui is a noted physician and researcher, and she has certainly earned her reputation as one of the top-rated neurologists in the world," Beverly said. "But for me, it is her kindness and compassion for others that sets her apart as a truly great person. I wouldn't miss this event, and I hope my fellow Downey citizens pack the Rio Hondo Event Center again this year to learn how we can live a more healthy life from this remarkable medical leader."

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 81°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Duran Duran Tribute

Friday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 7 p.m.

Live concert by Rio, a Duran Duran tribute band.



Halloween Parade

Saturday - Pioneer and Mapledale in Norwalk, 11 a.m.

The 32nd Annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade.



OLPH Carnival

All Weekend - OLPH Carnival

Carnival rides, food, games, live entertainment, and a raffle for a 2015 Scion.

Senior scam workshop Oct. 23

DOWNEY – Seniors citizens are invited to the Barbara J. Riley Center on Oct. 23 for a free workshop on senior scams.

Attendees will learn how to protect themselves from scams, which often target the elderly.

According to statistics, one in five seniors has been a victim of fraud. Seniors are the most targeted group.

The meeting is from 9-11 a.m. and is sponsored by state Sen. Tony Mendoza and the Contractors State License Board.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Mendoza's office at (562) 860-3202.

Street repairs begin on Lakewood Blvd.

DOWNEY – Street repairs started Monday on Lakewood Boulevard, between Gallatin and Telegraph roads.

The project calls for wider streets; new concrete, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and curb ramps; water system improvements; new street and pedestrian lighting; raised landscaped medians; traffic signal upgrades; and parkway trees, benches and trash receptacles.

Construction is expected to last until March 2016 but could be delayed by anticipated rain.

Most work will be completed weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



The annual Downey Rotary/YMCA pancake breakfast will be held the morning of Nov. 7 at Downey High School. Proceeds benefit the YMCA.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Councilman proposes ballot initiative to prohibit all fireworks

Malia Phillips: Banning safe and sane fireworks will not stop the illegal fireworks at all. And it will hurt the youth of our city.

Bill Aumack: How is banning legal fireworks going to make the illegal fireworks stop? That makes no sense at all. You're just hurting all the folks who are legally enjoying fireworks.

Katie Wright: Yes. Illegal fireworks have ruined the experience. It's a shame.

Gabby Lopez: I hope it really happens. Ban the fireworks and bring back the REAL 4th of July fireworks show.

Elsa Pierce: As a booster parent for the Warren High School marching band I disagree with this completely! A huge part of our budget comes from the fireworks stand.

Robert Greilach: I think a ballot vote is a good deal. Let the people decide.

Reach us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/DowneyPatriot)

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@branchavers: sat down today for an interview with the @DowneyPatriot. very grateful for the opportunity.

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The Downey Council PTA Membership Competition is now underway at all 19 public schools in Downey. The friendly challenge started last year to increase PTA membership, and schools that achieve the highest membership percentage bring a trophy back to their campus.

Last year's winners were Unsworth Elementary, Stauffer Middle School and Warren High School.

This year's competition theme, "The Membership Games," is based off "The Hunger Games."

Those interested in becoming PTA members can contact their school directly for details, or call Claudia Cano, Downey Council PTA 1st VP and Director of Service, at (323) 413-3457.

Attached is a picture of last year's winners with school board president Tod Corrin.

Church parking lot sale

DOWNEY - The Moravian Church of Downey will hold a parking lot sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 24.

For information, call the church office at (562) 927-0718.

Mario Magat passes away at 87

DOWNEY - Mario Magat, a husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, died Oct. 6 after a brief bout with pancreatic cancer.

He was born Oct. 17, 1927 in Havana, Cuba, where he completed school up to pre-med but was forced to stop his studies because of the revolution involving the Fidel Castro government. He had been working with his father on the side as a salesman.



Mario emigrated to the United States in 1959 and met and married Gloria Miranda in 1960. He worked with his brother and father in a family-owned textile business in Downtown L.A.

This Saturday would have been his 88th birthday.

Mario is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughter, Gloria Lynn Bennett; son, David Bennett; grandson, Torrey Bennett; brother, Arthur Magat (Elena); two nieces and one nephew.

'Spooky Science Night' at space center

DOWNEY - The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host its annual Spooky Science Night on Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24, from 5-9 p.m.

The space center will offer a variety of activities and demonstrations each night, including make your own slime, static ghost, robotics labs, a spooky maze, and more.

There will also be food trucks and a costume parades, so visitors are encouraged to dress in a Halloween costume.

Admission is \$5 (free for space center members).

For questions or more information, call (562) 231-1200.

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Q&A: Don Lamkin



Don Lamkin will have his first solo exhibit at Stay Gallery on Oct. 3. The event marks the gallery's three-year anniversary.

DOWNEY – Don Lamkin is a Downey native that is proud to still be a part of his hometown community.

Educated in the Downey Unified School District, he went to Dixie College in Southern Utah before returning to Los Angeles to pursue a career as a firefighter. After attending Rio Hondo College and completing the Fire Science program, he was hired as a firefighter for the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department, where he served the community for 30 years.

Growing up playing sports in Downey was a big priority for Lamkin and he is still active, playing hockey in the LEAF League here in Southern California. He is also nationally ranked with AHRMA in their national Thruxton Cup motorcycle road racing series.

When it comes to the arts, Lamkin has no education or formal training but has always been interested in many forms of art, culture, and design. Although uncomfortable referring to himself as an artist, he has experimented with acrylic and water color painting, pen and ink art, graphite and pencil drawing, porcelain tile mosaic work, metal sculpture, wood carving, graphic design and architecture.

Getting involved with the Downey Arts Coalition and other local arts

organizations has reinvigorated Lamkin's passion and in the arts. His first solo exhibit opens at Stay Gallery on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Q: Why is art and culture important to Downey?

A: I think art and culture is important in Downey because it nurtures creativity and involvement in one's community. Cultivating creativity, especially in our youth, means fresh and vibrant ideas will help development and sustainability for our city. Being a destination for events featuring art and culture will not only motivate the best and brightest to stay here, but it will also be an invitation to quality visitors to play and stay in our city.

Q: What is your role in Downey's art scene?

A: I have always been interested, on a personal level, in art, design, and cultural activities. Five or so years ago, I found a Facebook page that had just started up inviting locals to join a group called the Downey Arts Coalition. I attended the first meeting and soon we had a small group discussing our desires to improve art and culture in our city. Soon after that, I was introduced to the Downey Art Vibe [the group that manages Stay Gallery] folks and got involved with them as well. It didn't take long before

there was a sizable number of people interested in the arts.

Eventually, I found myself involved in leadership or support roles with just about every arts group in town, including DAC, DAV, Stay Gallery, the Downey Art League, and the Downey Museum of Art. In all of these organizations, I have promoted and implemented ideas and events.

Q: Why did you decide to 'Stay' in Downey?

A: Simply put, I love my hometown. For all but some time out of state for education and a short try at living in Orange County, I have been a Downey local. I choose to stay because I appreciate the people we have here. We have a sense of community and pride here that is very rare to find elsewhere. We know and care for our neighbors. We have a special situation where we have fantastic diversity yet still operate as Team Downey first and foremost. Our local police and fire departments are as good as it gets and our Downey Unified School District is producing unbelievably impressive kids that want to stay here and continue our trend of community improvement... and we are now finally getting to a point where we have dining, art, and entertainment choices right here within the city limits. What's not to love?

Q: Where is this arts movement going?

A: I actually see a nice future for our arts scene here in Downey. The constant challenges to a vibrant art

and culture scene are funding and involvement. We have a handful of very effective groups that have found ways to get the community interested and engaged. With modern day social media outlets, I think there is great opportunity to continue the outreach as well as creating funding sources to ensure sustainability in programming that will keep residents within city limits on weekends as the favored entertainment option.

Q: What is education's role in all of this?

A: I have personally seen the results of Downey Unified's interaction in our arts scene and community. As a product of Downey public schools, I am so proud of today's Downey youth! I spent a couple of months on Downey Avenue late last year working on a mural and after interacting with high school students walking home from Downey and Warren high school each afternoon, I was compelled to write a letter to the *Downey Patriot* about the positive behavior exhibited each day by these kids. Clearly, Downey Unified is doing something very right.

I have also been featured in Stay Gallery's youth initiative programming with the Downey Doodle-icious program which pairs community history along with art lessons for third graders. That really created a spark within these kids for art and community pride. A partnership between the school district and the art and culture groups can only create an even better experience for our community's youth.

Q: What's your vision for the future with our arts scene?

A: I think our path to success is to continue to create alliances between organizations in our community. We have an extraordinary amount of groups that do fantastic things with and for our citizens. The common goal for all of us is to promote an ever improving quality of life for all Downeyites.

If I were to have a wish list for the arts, it would look something like having a symbiotic relationship between our city leadership, the Downey Unified School District, our city service clubs, and the various arts organizations to promote art and culture at all levels. I'd love to see more public art installations around the city. I'd love to see progress in the downtown district in regards to a pedestrian-friendly square with a stage and lighting for entertainment of all kinds. The development of a 99-seat theatre with city and private sponsorship would invite more sustainable entertainment on a regular basis. We have a fantastic 738-seat civic theatre that serves larger and more infrequent events so a 99-seat space could fill the gap for smaller and more frequent events.

Most importantly, I would like to see more and more of our community getting hooked on art and culture and getting themselves immersed into our community and involved in positive ways.

School board candidates forum Oct. 21

DOWNEY – The *Downey Patriot* will host a forum for Downey Unified School District board of education candidates Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The forum will be an opportunity for residents to listen to school board candidates as they explain their vision for Downey schools and answer questions in a moderated discussion.

Eight candidates are seeking four open seats on the Downey school board, including incumbent Willie Gutierrez and Claudia Medina in Trustee Area 3; incumbent Donald LaPlante, Maria Avalos and Linda Saldana in Trustee Area 4; and incumbent D. Mark Morris and Vanessa Rodriguez in Trustee Area (6).

Incumbent Tod Corrin is running unopposed in Trustee Area 2.

The candidates forum is free and open to the public. Christian Brown, a staff writer for the *Downey Patriot*, will serve as moderator.

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Don Lamkin installing Stay Gallery sign



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Another day, another massacre

By John Morlino

Yes, it's happened again. A man with a legally acquired arsenal walked onto a college campus. Moments later, 10 people were dead, and nearly as many wounded.

Sick to your stomach? Of course you are. Surprised? Didn't think so.

Like Aurora, Newtown, and a lengthy list of similar tragedies, the October 1 mass shooting at Umpqua Community College in Oregon aimed the spotlight on the debate over guns in America. But there shouldn't be a debate at all.

Arguing that guns are a sacred part of our culture just doesn't cut it anymore. They're instruments of death. Nothing else you can own can kill more easily or efficiently.

Guns in private homes extinguish the lives of loved ones far more often than they prevent the advance of an intruder. Children shoot other children. Adults shoot their spouses and their children. Accidental death or suicide is just a trigger pull away.

This, apparently, is the price we've agreed to pay to uphold a convoluted interpretation of the Second Amendment.

Sure, there'll be calls for background checks to keep these weapons away from people stricken with severe mental illness, served with a restraining order, or convicted of violent crimes. But gun owners appear to have nothing to worry about.

After all, who's going to suggest disarming ourselves completely?

From the Brady Campaign to Everytown for Gun Safety and Americans for Responsible Solutions, no prominent organization purportedly working to end gun violence — actually, they prefer the word “reduce” — has been willing to explicitly endorse giving up our firearms.

Instead, some of them — along with nearly any elected official you can think of — seem to go out of their way to express support for the Second Amendment. “Sensible” gun control, they say, is their objective.

Making it harder for the most troubled among us to acquire a gun would,

of course, be a good thing. As would comprehensive mental health care for all, and a ban on assault weapons.

Yet well-intentioned as this strategy may be, it's cursed with a deadly flaw: There's no guarantee that anyone deemed a “responsible gun owner” today will still be one tomorrow.

The human mind is ever-changing. And there's no end to the number of things that can send people into a nosedive — disintegrating relationships, devastating unemployment, unlucky biology, profound trauma. Passing a background check on a given day does nothing to ensure that a person buying a gun will remain emotionally stable for the rest of his or her life.

So how do we dig ourselves out of this mess?

The answer, I believe, lies in confronting the two-headed monster that's left us in a state of perpetual paralysis.

Fear and distrust lurk beneath our collective psyche.

For example, people who wholeheartedly distrust our leaders delude themselves into thinking that, if properly armed, they'll prevail in an apocalyptic shootout with the government.

Some gun buyers fear the neighborhood “bad guy” and comfort themselves by fantasizing about winning a duel in their living room. Others fear the aftermath of a prolonged natural (or man-made) disaster where fighting over — rather than sharing — food, water, and shelter becomes the norm.

To varying degrees, the odds would be stacked against us in any of those situations — just as they would be in a mass shooting. It's only on the front end that we can improve our chances. The sooner we develop a genuinely compassionate and trusting society, the less likely any of us will find ourselves in such dire circumstances.

John Morlino is a former social worker and founder of The ETHIC (The Essence of True Humanity Is Compassion). He's been writing about gun violence for more than a decade. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

Will the carnage ever cease?

By Donald Kaul

I've written at least 75 columns on gun control over the years. It might have been as many as 100.

Every time some demented loser would haul a gun — usually some sort of automatic — into a public place and lay waste around him (it's always a him), I would get on my soapbox and excoriate the National Rifle Association, gun dealers, and our cowardly politicians for letting this outrage go on unchecked.

And do you know what came of it? Nothing. Unless you count the fact that gun sales always spiked.

One of the last columns — a response to the Sandy Hook school massacre — came to the attention of Fox News viewers and gun enthusiasts across the nation. Their obsession fully metastasized, producing an avalanche of email. Two readers said they were reporting me to the FBI. And that was some of the friendlier fare.

Worse were the telephone calls, particularly the ones at midnight featuring a low voice telling me he knew where I lived. (That might not be a death threat exactly, but it wasn't an invitation to exchange Christmas cards either.)

After one more column on the failure of Congress to take action after Newtown, I decided to stop writing about guns. It was going get me killed. And anyway, what good did it do?

Besides, this isn't a gun problem — it's a mental health problem, right? Surely that explains what happened at Virginia Tech and Columbine and in Aurora, Charleston, Tucson... Oh, who can keep track?

Then, a student at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon gunned down nine people before fatally shooting himself. And the politicians came out with the same sad lying faces and made the same sad lying speeches, and I knew I had to write another column about guns.

Two more students, at Texas Southern University and Northern Arizona University, have been killed since then in yet more shootings. Ye gods! Will the carnage ever cease? There's no country in the developed world that kills as many of its own people as we do. Surely we can't be the only rich country that's grappling with mental illness.

The argument that good people will have to arm themselves against the crazed monsters among us is superficially attractive. Who among us hasn't channeled his or her inner Clint Eastwood and dreamed of stopping a mass murderer in his tracks with a well-aimed bullet?

But reality isn't like that. Even police officers confronted by armed assailants shoot and shoot until their guns are empty, seldom hitting the target. Good marksmanship is hard when you're terrified.

The chances that you, an untrained shooting range wizard, can prevail against an insane guy with an assault weapon are less than nil.

The real culprits in this fiasco are our Founders, who wrote the Second Amendment. It's a sloppy and ungainly piece of work, even for a government document.

The wording is almost perfectly ambiguous. The amendment's claim that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed” would seem to indicate that the gun lobby is on solid ground to resist all laws dealing with firearm ownership.

But the Founders introduce that thought only after stating that “a well-regulated Militia” is “necessary to the security of a free State.”

The truth is, it's not, not any longer. They were envisioning a state without a substantial standing army, which they feared. It was a conjured-up notion of a country of minutemen ready to run out of the door and defend their nation with muzzle-loading rifles.

In case you haven't heard, we've got a standing army. And the Pentagon's “arms” are way more destructive than anything our Founders could conceive of.

In other words, the Second Amendment is an 18th century relic with little relevance to contemporary reality. We should change it or get rid of it altogether.

Please don't call the house. It makes my wife nervous.

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Your internet provider is distorting free speech

By Timothy Karr

Earlier this year, the Newseum Institute asked 1,000 Americans to name their rights under the First Amendment. A clear majority listed freedom of speech first — before freedom of religion, assembly, and other core civil liberties.

And that makes sense. Protecting free speech is essential to the health of any functioning democracy.

Free speech matters to the hundreds of millions of Internet users who exercise this right every time they connect with others online. But if you ask some of the lawyers working for the companies that sell you Internet access, they'll insist that it's more important to protect the free speech rights of phone and cable giants like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon.

In a convoluted twist, they argue that the First Amendment gives these same companies the right to block, throttle, and degrade the communications

of everyone using their services.

Did you get that? Comcast thinks it has the right to censor you.

We owe this Orwellian shift in thinking to a growing number of court decisions, among them Citizens United, that define corporations as people and their business practices as speech.

Harvard Law School's John C. Coates documented this change in a study released last February, noting that “corporations have begun to displace individuals as the direct beneficiaries of the First Amendment.” This trend, Coates writes, isn't just “bad law and bad politics.” It's also “increasingly bad for business and society.”

It was only a matter of time before Internet service providers — or ISPs for short — decided to get in on this dangerous game.

In February, they lost a monumental battle when the Federal Communications Commission adopted strong Net Neutrality protections that prevent providers from blocking or slowing down online traffic and services. By summer, their legal teams had filed 10 lawsuits against the FCC's ruling to undermine the protections it extends to Internet users.

“Broadband providers are First Amendment speakers,” reads a brief filed by one of these ISPs. The new FCC rules, the brief claims, “strip providers of control over which speech they transmit and how they transmit it.”

When it sued the FCC over the agency's 2010 rules on Internet access, Verizon's lawyers explained this position in more detail. “Broadband providers possess editorial discretion,” they claimed. “Just as a newspaper is entitled to decide which content to publish and where, broadband providers may feature some content over others.”

Not quite. ISPs aren't like newspaper editors — their services merely transmit our speech. A long list of prominent First Amendment scholars agree: Acting as a conduit for our messages isn't the same as engaging in free expression.

“Whether it's a phone call, a text, an email, a webpage request, or a video stream the carrier transmits, making that delivery isn't an editorial function,” notes my Free Press colleague Matt Wood.

Indeed. The framers of the Constitution couldn't have foreseen a time in which technology allowed more than 2.7 billion people to communicate worldwide via interconnected digital platforms. This exponential growth of speech is without precedent — and it requires us to be clear on who the real speakers are.

As the court case against the FCC's Net Neutrality rules unfolds, the First Amendment shouldn't be used to take communication rights away from the very people it was designed to protect.

Timothy Karr is the senior director of strategy for Free Press. FreePress.net. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

DUSD election

Dear Editor:

Looking at our upcoming school board election, I have to vote for one person out of the three names on my ballot but it appears to me this is just another big waste of our taxpayer dollars.

I bet only about 12%-18% of the registered voters will even show up and most of them will be friends and family of the incumbents who will probably get re-elected anyway. My suggestion is that we combine the school board election with our annual political election to get a better turnout and save hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Past newly-elected Downey city councilman Mario Guerra's first big mistake, just weeks after getting into office, he had us pay for a special election to get rid of term limits for city council members, even though we Downey citizens had already made it clear by voting for term limits. Mario insisted on a special vote and the cost to Downey citizens back then was said to be \$75,000. We won the vote but paid the price. Mario lost, this was his deal.

This happened even before Mario got his three other council member buddies to pull off a nasty trick by doing a first time ever rotten stunt, when they voted Ann Bayer out of the mayor position and put Mario in because he was such an important person. We don't vote for mayor, they rotate into that position.

Mario thought he was such an important person at that time but guess what? His mayor term failed. Just look at what Tesla Motors did to him when they signed with San Jose for their manufacturing plant instead of signing with Downey.

However, I do believe he set a new record of having pictures of himself in the *Downey Patriot* every Friday. And still to this day in 2015, you can almost guarantee Mario's picture will be in the paper on Friday.

**Maurie Thomas
Downey**

Dear Editor:

A story in last Friday's paper contained a significant inaccuracy.

The article titled, “School Board Candidates Announce Endorsements,” stated that Donald LaPlante's opponent was endorsed by “a local teachers union.”

I am writing to clarify, as the President of the only teachers union in Downey, that DEA (Downey Education Association) and the teachers within it, fully support and endorse Donald LaPlante, William Gutierrez and D. Mark Morris.

**Jim Mogan
Downey**

School shootings

Dear Editor:

Evil exists today, just like it existed eons ago when Cain slew his brother Abel with a rock. Evil will use whatever instrument is at hand to deal death and destruction.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Edmund Burke

Why are we surprised that death follows when people are confined in areas where they are forbidden to defend themselves?

**Drew Kelley
Downey**

Personal responsibility

Dear Editor:

Three cheers for Johnathan Quevedo for verbalizing what I've always felt. (“Responsibilities of Parents,” Letters to the Editor, 10/8/15)

Schools should be there to teach students. Feeding, getting assignments in and getting kids to class on time are all parental responsibilities. How can kids learn about personal responsibilities when they don't see it at home?

The nice column “Humans of Downey” by Downey Daily Photos featured a mature young lady named Yesenia. She developed independence by taking care of herself and her daughters. She didn't need teachers or programs.

Poverty is not an excuse. Demand more from people instead of less.

**Katy Fields
Downey**

Power of volunteers

Dear Editor:

This past weekend I was proud to be a citizen of Downey.

My hubby and I took the CERT training class on Saturday morning. Two more Saturdays and we will be official Community Emergency Response Team members.

Saturday evening we had a wonderful time under the stars with a very funny man, Charles Phoenix. He presented an entertaining Kodachrome slideshow of vintage Downey. We enjoyed it even more than expected and found ourselves laughing out loud all evening! Charles served Pineapple Upside Downey cake to finish off the evening. The topping on this cake was that it benefited two very worthy organizations; Downey Conservancy/ Downey Rose Float! By the way, did you know it is free to be a member of the Downey Conservancy?

On Sunday, I along with eight invited family members attended Glennfest (after reading about it in the Patriot). This free screening of a documentary titled “Landfill Harmonic” was sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition at the Downey Theatre. A very uplifting, touching, true story of perseverance! All ages in our family enjoyed it immensely.

Wednesday night my husband and I took a chance on another Glennfest movie with subject matter outside of our comfort zone. This time the location of this free movie was at our very own Downey neighborhood Krikorian. “Boy Meets Girl” is a movie I now can't stop telling my friends to see. We were once again educated and entertained.

Tonight we went to see “Butterflies of Bill Baker.” For the first time on the big screen and right here in Downey with the producer in attendance! An intelligent, suspenseful story that at times had us on the edge of our seat. All this entertainment in Downey with free soda and popcorn included.

After the closing night screening there was a free after party. My first time ever at the Epic Lounge. We were treated to a wonderful late dinner and delicious Porto's dessert. I finally had the pleasure of meeting Glenn Stephens, film fest coordinator extraordinaire.

I realized something as well. This entire educating and entertaining weekend was due to one huge factor: volunteers. From the Saturday morning CERT class to the evening fundraiser at the Columbia Space Center put on by the Conservancy and the Rose Float, to Sunday's art show and documentary, a week of free movies ending with the after party, it was completely due to the selfless citizens in this city that spend countless hours volunteering.

After being inspired by the likes of long time community volunteers such as Pat Gil, current neighbors Harold and Ann Tseklenis and many others my husband and I are making a pledge to become more involved and civic minded. In fact we are looking forward to it, starting by becoming part of the Downey Conservancy, spending time volunteering with the Downey Arts Coalition, as well as signing up to volunteer and help publicize this outstanding film festival that Glenn and friends work so hard to make available to the fortunate citizens of Downey.

This week's activities are just the type of events that makes Downey a great city that people should be proud to live in. I know we are!

**Anita Rojas
Downey**

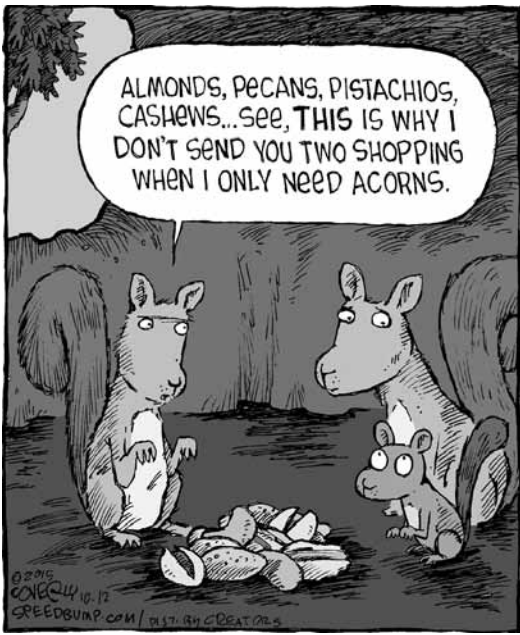
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday, Oct. 21: DUSD candidates forum, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 6:30 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3477.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, call Karika Austin 260-3856.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

- 9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

On This Day...

Oct. 15, 1860: Eleven-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, N.Y., wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by growing a beard.

1951: "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS.

2007: The New York Yankees and third baseman Alex Rodriguez agreed on a record 10-year, \$275 million contract, the richest in sports history.

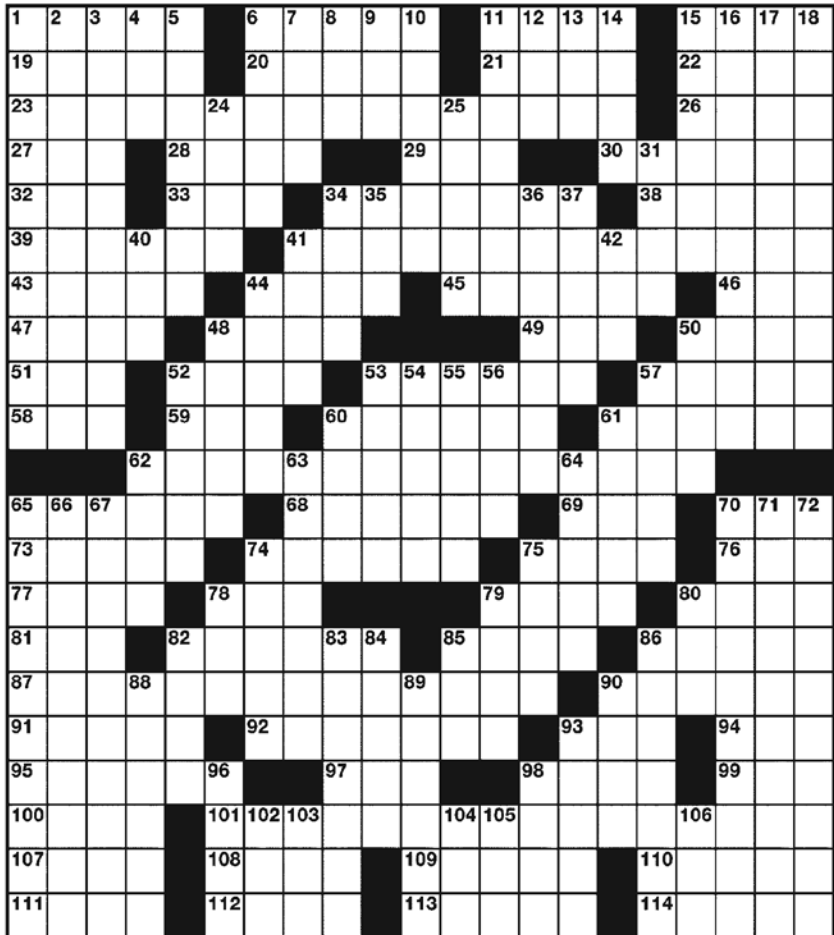
BIRTHDAYS: Director Penny Marshall (72), pop singer Richard Carpenter (69), British royal Sarah Ferguson (56), chef Emeril Lagasse (56), R&B singer Ginuwine (45) and R&B singer Keyshia Cole (34).

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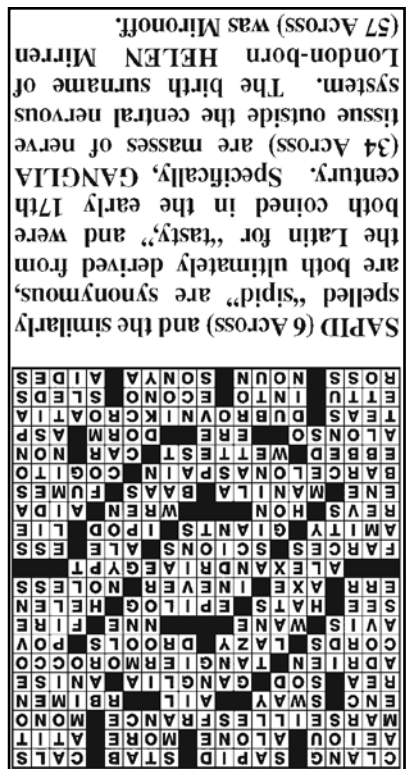
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Downey's Dia de los Muertos festival one of the best in the region

By Lee Wade

DOWNEY – The 3rd annual Downey Dia de Los Muertos Art Festival is just weeks away, and we're just hitting our stride. In fact, I don't think there is another free Day of the Dead Festival in the Los Angeles area that can rival us for class, presentation, variety, quality and value.

I've been "in" event marketing, both Hispanic and general market, for 25-some years. I've developed a keen eye for what's going to take hold, and work, long term, and what is not. I've observed that if an event is destined to become a local, annual tradition-- it will become apparent within its first three years. Otherwise, it will just peter out; it was apparent within 4 or 5 hours, that first year, that this event was a winner.

My part of the Festival is to secure sponsorship, assist with marketing, make suggestions and help as needed, but that happens lots of times, and the events don't always turn out as special as this one. Sure, the perfect weather helped, as does free parking and free admission, but mainly, it was "the vibe." People felt good; they were smiling.

Here's why I think this Festival is so special:

There is a "real" 738-seat theater with continuous live entertainment: colorful, dramatic ballet folklorico;

The traditional noon showing of "Macario," the quintessential "Day of the Dead" movie, from Mexico's "Golden Age" of film. It's rare to see this Academy Award nominee (for best foreign film) on the big screen,

where the surrealistic images can really dazzle the audience.

This year, there's a second film, "Rock 'n' Roll Made in Mexico," about the repressed Mexican rock music scene in the 50s and 60s, including its exclusion from radio, concerts, clubs, juke boxes, and record stores. A fascinating peek, with interviews from the big stars of that era. That showing is at 5 p.m.

There's a romantic "zocalo" with continuous live music, with space to dance, have a glass of wine or a beer surrounded by colorful decorations and greenery.

There are amazing sculptures. The alley off of Brookshire will be converted to an "Urban Art Alley" which includes three large sculptures by Martin Sanchez, whose work was a hit last year with his 22' high skeleton on a bicycle. This year he's showing three, new magnificent works.

New this year is the "trunk altars" display: altars built into the trunk of a car, usually a vintage, collectors car, so it's like a car show, but with altars.

As always, the balcony level lobby is the traditional fine arts exhibit: oils, acrylics, collage, mixed media, ceramic, etc. This display is elegant and professional, thanks to the good taste and hard work of Carolina del Toro of the Downey Arts Coalition.

There is an altar contest, and

they are all on display in the Theatre main lobby.

Much bigger this year are two large arts and crafts pavilions, in the Theatre courtyard, for children to "make and take" masks, decorate "calaveras"-- the iconic little sugar skulls--and to create a luminaria.

We have master papel picado and calaveras decorators on hand to demonstrate and guide. There are altar making kits for sale, too

Up to date, trendy food trucks galore, ranging from specialty ice creams to Brazilian cuisine-- plus tacos and burgers.

There's great shopping: for art, jewelry, accessories, clothing.

There's face painting.

Much of the credit as to why this Festival works so well goes to Amber Vogel. Her day job is as Manager of the Downey Theatre, but she is also the de facto producer of this beautiful Festival, of which I am so proud to be a part of.

Lee Wade owns Events Marketing, a long time L.A. based agency specializing in Hispanic fiestas. Eventsmarketing.us

Downey native Jim Stecklein to speak at Barbara Riley Center

DOWNEY – Jim Stecklein, a Downey resident from 1934 to 1952, will be guest speaker at the Downey Historical Society's meeting Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara Riley Center.

Stecklein was born in Denver in 1929 and his family moved to South Gate that same year. In 1934, the family moved to Downey.

Stecklein attended Downey Grammar, Junior High and Senior High schools, graduating from Downey High in 1947. While at Downey High, he was senior class president, elected as senator in the California Association of Student Councils, sports editor of the "Norseman" school newspaper, and was on the yearbook staff. He also played varsity football, basketball, track and baseball.

Moving to Whittier in 1952, Stecklein attended Whittier College, playing football and baseball. He was elected "Athlete of the Year" in 1951, and selected as an All Conference Player in both football and baseball. He also made the Associated Press All Pacific Coast football team.

Stecklein played in the College Azteca Bowl against Mexico City in 1950.

Stecklein attended Whittier College graduate school from 1951-53, where he also coached the junior varsity football team. He graduated with a BA in Business Administration and a master's degree in Recreation and Physical Education. He also earned a teaching credential.

Stecklein graduated from the U.S. Naval Officers School in 1953 and served in the Navy for three years as a recreation and special services officer and legal officer. It was there that Stecklein coached U.S. Naval Station basketball and baseball teams in intercollegiate play.

After the military, Stecklein was in the retail hardware, furniture and appliance business in Downey for 29 years. He also worked as the assistant superintendent of recreation for the city of Whittier for 11 years, and was director of parks and recreation for Manhattan Beach for 23 years. He retired in 1992.

From 2002 to 2015, Stecklein also bred and sold Alpacas, a domesticated species of South American Camelid. (It resembles a small llama in appearance.)

Stecklein's presentation Oct. 22 is free and open to the public.

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New Downey Symphony season opens Oct. 24



"Ballerina," a painting by Steve Clay, will be one of several art pieces on display at the Downey Symphony concert Oct. 24.

this season and we begin with two wonderful Russian treasures," said Sharon Lavery, who is entering her eighth season as music director and conductor.

"First, the dynamic Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov that will highlight the talents of our concertmaster, Carolyn Osborn. Additionally, we have the critically acclaimed professional dancers from Luminario Ballet of Los Angeles joining us in a grand performance of the Swan Lake Suite by Tchaikovsky. Downey Symphony Orchestra has been hailed as one of the best metropolitan orchestras in Southern California.

"I thank everyone for their ongoing support and look forward to seeing you all at the concert," Lavery added.

A short lecture about the music being performed will be given by Lavery from the stage at 7:15 p.m.

However, the doors to the Downey Theatre lobby will open at 6:30 p.m. for "Dance And Movement," an art exhibit presented by the Downey Arts Coalition.

Liz Moran, curator of the art exhibit, encourages everyone to come to the exhibit and meet the artists.

"It is my pleasure to announce our featured artist, Steve Clay," she said. "His six paintings are displayed on the ground floor of the lobby of the theatre. They consist of a combination of his older style and most recent style.

"Downey Arts Coalition chose Steve Clay to be the featured artist

because his artwork portrays a deep understanding of body movement through the art of dance. The two paintings from his older style, 'Come Fly With Me' (2010) and 'Soaring' (2012), show his synchrony in movement. In both paintings, the subjects are connected in rhythm and although the scene is presented in the two-dimensional, our minds are able to continue the dance routine as if we were actually there.

"His most recent style is almost impressionistic. Each dancer is in her own spotlight at center stage, framed to receive our full attention. The beauty of these comes from the delicate, but assertive, manner in the way the arms are painted. Each dancer is painted striking a pose to show their full potential. Beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder.

"A personal favorite is 'Ballerina' (2014) because the contrasting colors of the dress and Rothko-esque backdrop capture the eye while her limbs guide the eye throughout the rest of the painting.

"In a conversation I had with the artist Steve Clay, he revealed that his personal favorite was the "Gypsy Woman" (2014). The world deserves to know of the exceptional artist that is Steve Clay."

Other artists included in "Dance and Movement" are:

Karen Yee, displaying her talent with "Russian Traditional" (2014). The work is a three-quarter view self-portrait in traditional Russian dress. It is imperial in presence and shows Yee seated on a throne, manifested into majesty.

Chris Landeros, a young local

artist, who captures movement through his brushstrokes in "Death Dance" (2015) and "Swan Princess" (2015). His combination of subtle colors and sharp brushstrokes makes one's neck hair tingle from an eerie power that resonates off the paintings.

Pat Gil, member of the Downey Symphonic Society Board of Directors and also a member of the Downey Arts Coalition, announced other participants.

"Up and coming local artist, Susy Arteaga, is returning and showing three of her latest paintings, especially created for the "Dance And Movement" exhibit," Gil said. "We are very happy to have her show her work again; she is becoming one of the crowd favorites.

"Other returning favorites are Lindsay Yost and Carolina Del Toro. Yost with another wonderful mosaic, "Fit to Dance", that has a tutu literally coming out of it. Utterly amazing! Del Toro will not be disappointing anyone with two more fabulous photographs that her fans are already buzzing about.

"Isabel Acosta and Polaris Castillo are also returning with their whimsical art that is always asked about in our exhibits. Also, we are very excited to have "Unknown" by Dulce Zelaya in the exhibit. This painting won an award in the 2014 Lucille Roybal-Allard Congressional Art Competition."

Something new that is included with this art exhibit, something that has never been done before, is the inclusion of art work displayed on the stage itself.

A monumental artistic undertaking by Roy Anthony Shabla, "Water Music: Blue and Gray 2015," is a diptych [anything consisting of two parallel or contrasting parts] that is 8 ft. by 36 ft., done on two canvases that are 18 ft. long each. The canvases will be placed on the Downey Theatre's side-stages and give the illusion of water.

Shabla explains the amazing art piece.

"While devoid of image, this painting evokes the idea of sunlight on water," he says. "The colors range across the canvas of each panel from dark to light/light to dark referencing not only the movement of the unseen sun but time itself. This painting depicts the continuous human experience of the world without depicting humanity, society, or the world; only time."

Other artists displaying their work are Hannibal Aguilar, Kristine Augustyn, Rey Armenteros, Lafleche-Marie Bourgeau, Nicholas Caesar Colon, Alejandra Garcia, Claudia D. Hernandez, Jose Moran, Charles E. Pickens, Lisa Maffia-Reynosa, Elaina Soto, and Terry Walker.

The art exhibit "Dance And Movement" and the Downey Symphony Orchestra concert, "From Russia With Love," take place at the Downey Theatre on Oct. 24. Lobby doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a lecture about the music at 7:15 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m.

There will be a special champagne reception on the theatre patio after the concert, limited to season ticket subscribers only. This concert is the first of three of the 2015-16 season.

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Downey man is finalist for H&R Block award

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Alba's family practice has been in Norwalk since 1964. He recently moved the office from the intersection of Alondra and Pioneer boulevards to 11825 Alondra Blvd., about 150 yards south of their previous location.

Guest presentation on life after death

DOWNEY - Dominic Berardino, president of the Southern California Renewal Communities, will be guest speaker at the OLPH Women's Guild general meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. in the OLPH School auditorium.

Berardino's presentation is titled "Purgatory and Other Mysteries of Life Beyond Death."

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The giveaway is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

Library open house, holiday marketplace

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library will host its annual Open House and Holiday Marketplace on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the library.

They will be selling an assortment of handmade crafts, holiday centerpieces, stocking stuffers, holiday crafts, cook books, and more.

There will also be a one-day raffle with donations from local businesses. All proceeds benefit the library.

Author Louise Mathews to speak about cooking behind bars

DOWNEY – Louise Mathews, author of "Jail House Cuisine," will speak in the Cormack Room at the Downey Library on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Her book is the first to take a look at what it is like to cook and to eat behind bars, examining in detail the many challenges and the unusual and unbelievable events which occurred each day while serving over 10 million meals per year.

It is the story of her 21 years "behind bars" as the Chief of Food Services for the San Diego Sheriff.

Mathews went to school to become a writer, but along the way her experiences led her to a career in food services. She has won numerous awards for her work. Among them, the prestigious International Diamond Award for the best correctional food and the Silver Plate, which is akin to winning an Oscar in her career.

She is currently at work on a novel about a Native American character and reincarnation.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey Library and is free. Refreshments will include treats from some of the recipes in her book.

Library's October silent auction items

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent book auctions to raise money for library programs. October's items:

"John Lennon," "Imagine-John Lennon" and "Best of Lennon & McCartney for Acoustic Guitar" (two books and one DVD on the famous Beatle);



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"Scary Story Collection" and "Skippy Jones in Mummy Trouble" (the first by Disney Press and the latter includes the Skippy Jones stuffed toy-two nice books for Halloween!);

"Hollywood Urban Legends" (Did Carson really say that to Zsa Zsa? "Play it again Sam" never happened. Hollywood legends, some of which are true.)

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Betty Porto gives UCLA alumni a behind-the-scenes tour of Porto's Bakery. Southeast L.A. Bruins hosted a "Welcome to the City: Downey" event on Wednesday.

Downey welcomes UCLA alumni

DOWNEY – The Southeast L.A. Bruins held their "Welcome to the City: Downey, Southeast LA" event on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The event is part of a series of "Welcome to the City" events held by UCLA Alumni all over the world.

Southeast L.A. President Miguel Duarte, himself a product of Downey (and Downey High School), provided welcoming remarks during the opening reception at Stay Gallery.

Valentin Flores, the executive director of Stay, provided an overview of the history and programming of the gallery before screening two videos highlighting the City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District.

Mario Guerra (who is a proud Bruin) and Kirk Cartozian, both former mayors of Downey, gave a historical account of Downey's history, from the moment that Downey became a chartered city, to Downey's transition from a global leader in aerospace engineering to the cultural and developmental renaissance that we are seeing today.

Betty Porto, of Porto's Bakery, herself a UCLA alumna, was the featured special guest of the evening. After giving attendees an account of the Porto family history, she led guests across the street to Porto's Bakery, where guests were treated to a special behind-the-scenes tour of the inner workings at the bakery.

Guests were able to see Porto's staff prepare orders and saw first hand the state-of-the-art machinery that helps make Porto's an industry leader. Ms. Porto ended the evening by providing a sampling of the newest items that Porto's will be launching.

The Southeast Bruins is recognized officially as the regional chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of California, Los Angeles (known as "UCLA"), and is known officially as the UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey-Dominguez game suspended due to lights

High School Sports Schedule
FRIDAY, OCT. 16
Football
Lynwood HS @ Downey; 7 p.m.
Warren @ Gahr HS; 7 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Lynwood HS @ Downey; 3 p.m.
MONDAY, OCT. 19
Girls Tennis
Gahr HS @ Warren; 3 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCT. 20
Girls Tennis
Downey @ Warren HS; 3 p.m.
Girls Volleyball
Dominguez HS @ Downey; 3:15 p.m.
Warren @ Paramount HS; 3:15 p.m.
Girls Golf
SGVL Prelims (Downey & Warren) @ Rio Hondo Golf Club; 2 p.m.
Boys Water Polo
Warren @ Downey HS; 3:15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21
Girls Golf
SGVL Finals (Downey & Warren) @ Los Amigos Golf Course; 12 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCT. 22
Girls Tennis
Downey vs. Gahr HS @ Liberty Park; 3 p.m.
Girls Volleyball
Downey @ Lynwood HS; 3:15 p.m.
Gahr HS @ Warren; 3:15 p.m.
Boys Water Polo
Downey @ Cal HS; 3:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 23
Football
Downey @ Warren HS; 7 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Paramount HS @ Downey; 3 p.m.
Lynwood HS @ Warren; 3 p.m.
Boys Water Polo
Garden Grove Tournament (Warren) @ Garden Grove HS

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team was leading Dominguez 13-0 at halftime last Friday night when the lights went out at Dominguez High School.

The game was resumed Wednesday afternoon at Dominguez, and the Vikings held on for a 27-14 win.

Downey will host Lynwood (4-2, 0-1) this evening and Dominguez will travel to Paramount (3-3, 0-1) to face the Pirates.

The Downey-Dominguez game was bizarre to say the least. The game was called shortly after halftime due to faulty lights. The lights at Dominguez High School could not stay on for the duration of the game and the game was called shortly after halftime when the officials were told that the generator controlling the lights was not coming back on. As a result, the game was rescheduled for Wednesday.

Downey scored all 13 points in the second quarter. The first touchdown came on a Jalen Thompson 105 yard interception return and the second touchdown was scored on a Hinckley Ropati 62 yard touchdown run. Viking quarterbacks Trevor Hill and Rafeeq Rahim II combined to complete 1/9 pass attempts for nine yards. The one completed pass was completed to Daevon Vigilant.

The Downey rushing attack was led by Ropati's one carry for 62 yards, Vigilant's nine carries for 61 yards, Emari Demercado's three carries for 11 yards and Rahim's one carry for eight yards. Downey carried the ball 14 times for 142 yards in the "no lights" shortened game (part 1).

The Viking defense was led by Michael Vital's six solo and three assisted tackles, Michael Cabrera's two solo and seven assisted tackles

and Kiefer Enslin's two solo and six assisted tackles. Coach Williams, his staff and players must refocus and finish the Dominguez game before they can turn their attention to Lynwood later today.

The Warren High School boys' water polo team currently has an overall record of 9-5 and are 2-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

Warren defeated Santa Fe at Warren 22-7 on 9/8, were defeated by Kennedy at Kennedy 9-8 on 9/10 and defeated California at California 15-11 on 9/15.

The Bears defeated Los Amigos of Fountain Valley at Downey 10-7 on 9/17. Warren then participated in the Newport Rib Company Classic Tournament on September 19. The Bears defeated Santa Ana Valley 14-2 at 8:20 a.m., were defeated by Ramona 7-6 at 2:00 p.m. and won by forfeit 5-0 against Tustin at 4:20 p.m. Warren finished 2-1 in the N.R.C.C. Tournament.

Warren was defeated by St. John Bosco 14-3 at Bosco on 9/22, was defeated by Whittier 9-8 at Downey on 9/24 and defeated El Rancho at home 20-6 on 9/29. Warren was defeated by Millikan 19-8 at Millikan on 10/1 and opened S.G.V.L. play with a 19-3 win against Paramount at Paramount on 10/6.

The Bears defeated Garden Grove at Warren 9-8 on 10/8 and defeated Gahr at Gahr 17-9 on Tuesday in their league game against the Gladiators.

Warren will travel to cross-town rival Downey next Tuesday, will travel to Cerritos to play the Dons on 10/27 and will host Whitney of Cerritos on 11/3 to close out their regular season schedule. Coach Nichols, his staff and players are looking forward to finishing league play strong and making a nice run in the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs.

The Downey High School girls'

tennis team currently has an overall record of 8-3 and are 6-2 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings defeated Santa Fe at Santa Fe 11-7 on 9/3, were defeated by Millikan at Downey 11-7 on 9/10 and defeated El Rancho at El Rancho 13-5 on 9/21. Downey opened S.G.V.L. play with a 12-6 win against Lynwood at Downey on 9/24, were defeated by cross-town rival Warren at Warren 13-5 on 9/25 and defeated Gahr at Downey 16-2 on 9/29.

Downey defeated Paramount at Paramount 17-1 on 10/1, defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 14-4 on 10/6 and were defeated by Warren at Downey 13-5 on 10/8. The Lady Vikings defeated Gahr at Downey 17-1 on 10/9 and traveled to Paramount on Tuesday and defeated the Lady Pirates by the same 17-1 score.

The Lady Vikings will close out league play by hosting Lynwood later today, traveling to cross-town rival Warren next Tuesday, hosting Gahr next Thursday and finishing up against Paramount at Downey on 10/23.

Coach Diego, her staff and players are looking forward to finishing the tennis season strong. The Lady Vikings are looking to play well at league finals and making a nice run in the C.I.F. team playoffs. Last season the Lady Vikings advanced to the second round of playoff competition by defeating John Glenn 14-4 in the first round before falling to Valencia by the same 14-4 score in the second round.

The Warren High School football team improved to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play with a 30-27 win against Paramount at Warren last Friday night.

With the loss, Paramount fell to 3-3 overall and 0-1 in league play.

Warren will travel to Gahr (3-3, 0-1) later today to play the Gladiators. Gahr is coming off a 21-6 win against Lynwood at Lynwood last Friday night.

In the Paramount game, Bear quarterback Jordan Yancy completed 12/24 pass attempts for 245 yards. Yancy threw two touchdown passes and had one interception. Yancy also had seven carries for 20 yards.

The Warren ground game was led by Marquise Lowe's 18 carries for 76 yards, Edward Chorro's five carries for 12 yards, Darnay Harris' two carries for seven yards and Domonique Picken's one carry for two yards. The Bear running backs combined for 33 carries and had 117 rushing yards.

The Bear receiving corps were led by Jordan Mayes' 6 catches for 97 yards and one touchdown, Darnay Harris' three catches for 80 yards and a touchdown, Ulises Cotá's two catches for 33 yards, Mason Marquez's two catches for 24 yards and Marquise Lowe's one catch for 11 yards. Warren's receivers caught twelve passes for 245 yards and had two touchdowns.

Coach Lara, his staff and players are looking forward to playing Gahr this evening and improving to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren will host cross-town rival Downey next Friday. Warren Athletic Director Russ Heicke mentioned that two endzone bleachers will be made available for the game providing an additional 2,000 seats.

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DUSD test scores climbing

Downey Unified School District (DUSD) scores on the California Standards Test (CST) in the Downey Unified School District continued to increase, even while scores for the state slipped down slightly for the first time in years, state data shows.

CST scores for the 2012-13 school year, released Aug. 8, also show that Downey Unified composite scores increased in all four subject areas - English language arts, history, mathematics and science - compared to 2011-12.

Test scores show what percentage of students tested are either proficient or advanced in the subject areas.

The state report also shows that scores in Downey exceed the scores in the rest of Los Angeles County in all areas and exceed the statewide averages in English language arts and science.

Downey Unified scores in math trailed the statewide average by 6/10th of a percent.

In English language arts, the Downey district average showed 58.1 percent of the students tested advanced, compared to the L.A. County average of 54.1 percent and state average of 56.4 percent.

While the state average went down 8/10th of a percent, Downey's average increased by 4/10th of a percent.

In mathematics, 50.6 percent of Downey students scored proficient or advanced, exceeding the county average of 49.6 percent but trailing the state average of 51.2 percent.

However, Downey's district average showed improvement, up 1.5 percent from the 2011-12 school year.

Mathematics tests are given in grades 2-7 and at the end of the course in higher grades.

PIH HEALTH BUYING LAND FROM DOWNEY

New operators of Downey Regional Medical Center but in the meantime it has reached a deal to purchase the city-owned land for \$9.85 million.

The City Council gave consent to the sale on Tuesday. Downey Regional currently operates the hospital at 11500 Brookshire Avenue, which is owned by the city of Downey. The hospital pays Downey only \$1 per year under terms of a lease that does not expire until February 2021.

According to the deal between PIH Health and the city of Downey, PIH Health will pay the fair market value of \$9.85 million.

The purchase agreement requires PIH Health to operate a hospital or medical-related use unit at least 2003.

City officials, however, sounded confident that a hospital will remain on the site long past 2020.

The fact is they're investing millions and millions of dollars into the hospital. From a business perspective, they wouldn't invest so much money if they didn't plan to keep it a hospital," Councilman Alex Salas said Wednesday.

PIH Health has a very important role in the health care system and I think it's a win-win," he said.

Downey Regional has leased a four-emergency room in Downey from the city since 1967 under previous terms offered by the city to ensure a community hospital remained in Downey. But the hospital was kept by financial difficulties and did not find although it remains to be seen

"The hospital also suffered from disgruntled medical billing. Goerra is partner in a firm that handles insurance contracts and other matters. He has been in the city for a long time."

"We all live in the city. If we call hospital," said Councilman Roger Brommer. "I'll be honest, I've been in the city for a long time."

Archbishop Gomez helps rededicate St. Matthias

The titrust was large (nearly 500) and celebratory last Friday at the hour-long blessing and dedication ceremony of the reconstructed and newly-named St. Pius X St. Matthias Academy on Gardendale Street, as the principal speakers led by the Most Reverend Archbishop of Los Angeles, spoke of the two schools' rich past and what the new entity church's future."

"The Catholic Church's values and practicing the virtues of good education includes upholding values and practicing the virtues of good education to providing a good education for right living."

With this new chapter in St. Pius X, Matthias' evolution, Goerra said will definitely be part of that future."

"Our bright and promising youth commitment to providing a good education for right living."

Goerra and mayor pro tem Fernando Vasquez did not vote on the purchase agreement due to potential conflicts of interest.

Goerra is partner in a firm that handles insurance contracts and other matters. He has been in the city for a long time."

"I'm a resident first and foremost, it looks like a good deal in my public office," he said.

Goerra proposed putting half of the \$9.85 million in city reserves and hiring 3-4 police officers. He also wants to see improvements to local parks and roads.

Escrow is expected to close in September. PIH's takeover of Downey Regional requires consent from Attorney General Kamala Harris, who is expected to rule by the end of this month.

School board race gets crowded

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charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ivonne Abbitt, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/22/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2597257 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/02/2015 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$330,121.16 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 6425 Dos Rios Road, Downey, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6366-032-003 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information

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Downey Girl Scout Troop #1045 traveled to San Francisco this summer for their bridging ceremony. They walked across the Golden Gate Bridge and "bridged" to the next level, Girl Scout Cadettes.

They took with them a copy of The Downey Patriot.

From left to right: Amanda, Erin, Trinity, Naomi, Alyssa, AnnMarie, Abby, Kamryn, Rebeca, Arianna, Alex and Marisol.



Glamour gown giveaway

DOWNEY – The Assisteens of the Assistance League of Downey will be hosting a glamour gown event this Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the chapter house, located at 7749 Florence Ave. in Downey.

Free gowns and accessories will be given out to girls in need.

Contact Stacy Brabant for questions and more information at (310) 991-3757.

Bosco celebrating Dia de los Muertos

BELFLOWER – St. John Bosco High School will celebrate Dia de los Muertos, a traditional Mexican celebration to honor and remember deceased loved ones, on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.

A prayer service, art exhibit and traditional altar displays created by students will be displayed.

Participants are encouraged to bring copies of photos of deceased loved ones to place on the community altar.

Halloween event Oct. 30

DOWNEY – The Foundation of Hope and Innovation will be hosting a Halloween fundraising event Oct. 30 from 4-8 p.m. at the Moravian Church of Downey.

The family event will include carnival games, raffles, food, and a costume parade and contest, with a grand prize of four tickets to Disneyland.

For details about the event, or to become a sponsor, call Marianne Aranda at (562) 869-1201.

Why you should brake for possums

The possum is not the brightest of animals. When they are threatened, they pretend to be dead, which is where we get the expression "playing possum." Sometimes, they do this in response to threats from oncoming traffic, which results in possums becoming roadkill.

Many people don't give a lot of thought to some of the forest animals that may be crossing a road or trying to scurry out of the way as a car comes speeding around a corner. Well, there may be a lot more thought given to possums, now that they have been connected to being the saviors of human beings against Lyme disease.

As the Poughkeepsie Journal reported, possums are an American marsupial that have a name which most people can't even pronounce correctly. Yet, here "Lyme disease goes to die."

Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are most prevalent during the warmer spring months, such as May and sometimes April. It is possible for them to come about at other times of the year, too.

The Lyme disease-carrying ticks are often found in large numbers of mice, shrews, and chipmunks, but they are often eaten by opossum.

Research done by the scientists at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies have placed different species into cages for experiments. At that point, the species were covered with ticks and the researchers waited for the arachnids to jump off, and then counted how many survived.

In staggering numbers, possums ended up removing or eating as much as 96 percent of all ticks that land on them. Rick Ostfeld, from the Cary Institute, explained that possums are actually the "unsung heroes in the Lyme Disease epidemic."

Not many people know a lot about Lyme disease, but it became quite well known when Yolanda Foster revealed she was battling it. The star of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills has struggled with issues with her health for some time now, and it has gotten to the point where she can't function or read.

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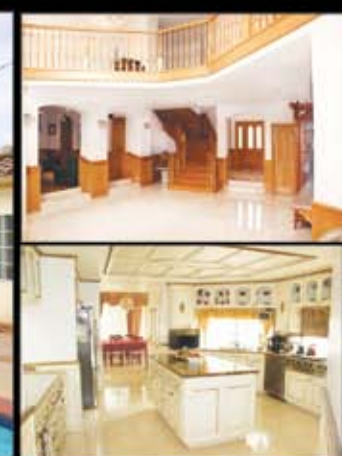
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