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NATIONAL CHAMPS



For the second time in school history, Downey High's freshmen, JV and varsity all won first place national titles at USA Nationals on Feb. 24. Performance videos can be found on varsity.com.

"We are so incredibly proud of these kids," said Downey High cheer advisor Ashley Rauls.

- MARCH 17**
Arc Walk
DATE: Saturday, March 17
TIME: 7:30 am
LOCATION: Stonewood Center
- Kilt Party**
DATE: Saturday, March 17
TIME: 3 pm
LOCATION: Bastards
- MARCH 18**
Treasure Island
DATE: Sunday, March 18
TIME: 4 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre
- MARCH 23**
'One Strange Rock' documentary screening
DATE: Friday, March 23
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center
- MARCH 24**
Carnival of Champions
DATE: Saturday, March 24
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: Warren High
- Brunch with the Bunny**
DATE: Saturday, March 24
TIME: 9:30 am
LOCATION: Golden Park
- MARCH 26**
State of the City address
DATE: Monday, March 26
TIME: 12 pm
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center
- MARCH 29**
Coffee with a Cop
DATE: Thursday, March 29
TIME: 6-8 pm
LOCATION: Starbucks (7954 Imperial Hwy.)
- MARCH 30**
'Animaniacs live
DATE: Friday, March 30
TIME: 8 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre
- APRIL 7**
Downey Symphony concert
DATE: Saturday, April 7
TIME: 8 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre
- APRIL 22**
Sara Evans in concert
DATE: Sunday, April 22
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre
- APRIL 28**
Miss Downey Pageant
DATE: Saturday, April 28
TIME: TBD
LOCATION: Downey Theatre
- City of STEM Science Festival**
DATE: Saturday, April 28
TIME: 10 am to 11 pm
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center
- MAY 5**
Downey Street Faire
DATE: Saturday, May 5
TIME: 10 am to 3 pm
LOCATION: Brookshire Avenue
- JUNE 1**
Soroptimist casino night fundraiser
DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center
- AUGUST 25**
Downey Relay for Life
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 25
TIME: 10 am
LOCATION: Downey Adult School

Pinky and the Brain, Animaniacs taking over Downey Theatre stage

The popular 90's animated series "Animaniacs" will be brought to life in a stage show March 30 at the Downey Theatre.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – It's time for Animaniacs!

Animaniacs in Concert will be coming to the Downey Theatre on March 30, bringing a wave of wacky and musical nostalgia to attendees.

The Animaniacs were a popular cartoon throughout the 1990's centering around the "totally insane" siblings of "Warner Brothers" Yakko, Wakko, and "Warner Sister" Dot.

After years of running around the Warner movie lot and being locked in the Warner Brothers Tower, the trio has once again broken loose and vamoosed. Having now landed in Downey, they're inviting residents to sit back and relax and laugh till they collapse.

Attendees should expect to hear some old-time Animaniacs classics such as "Hello Nurse" and "I'm Mad," as well as other never-before-heard tunes.

The show will accompany Emmy winning Randy Rogel – who wrote and created many of the songs from the Animaniacs – with award winning voice actor Rob Paulsen.

You may have never heard of Paulsen, but you've definitely heard him.

In addition to being the voice of Yakko, Paulsen – or rather, his

voice – may be familiar to many from the characters he has given life to over his over 30-year career in animation, including a laboratory mouse, a superhero sidekick, a lovable nerd, and a couple of turtles to name a few.

"I was Raphael in the original go around of [Teenage Mutant Ninja] Turtles 30-odd years ago, and now I've just wrapped up five years as Donatello on the most recent iteration of the show on Nickelodeon," said Paulsen. "I was also fortunate enough to be Pinky from Pinky and the Brain, and Yakko on Animaniacs; and Dr. Scratchansniff on the same show. Arthur from the Tick...PJ from Goof Troop, and Carl Wheezer from Jimmy Neutron. All kinds of fun stuff."

And those just scratch the surface of his extensive repertoire.

Still, Paulsen says that he's "just the actor and the singer." However, he is honored when he gets to speak with fans of the shows.

"It turns out that all these characters have brought an incredible amount of joy to folks," said Paulsen. "That's the greatest part about this gig is knowing that it makes people happy... It is never not humbling. It is really a profound gift when people take the time to tell you what these characters have meant to them."

According to Paulsen, voice acting brings its own set of challenges, including the relying on the use of voice and animation to portray a character as opposed to putting on a costume and physically entering a set or scene.

"It is much more an imaginative practice, much more of an imaginative exercise," said Paulsen. "I have a very fertile imagination; I think I'm pretty good at improvising in the context of what a scene is about and so are my peers."

"Jim Cummings, Frank Welker, Jeff Bennet, Maurice LaMarche, Billy West, Seth MacFarlane, Seth Green, all these people have such really vivid imaginations and they are entertaining by themselves. When you talk to Jim Cummings and he starts riffing as Darkwing Duck or Winnie the Pooh, or you talk to Frank Welker and he starts riffing as Megatron, or you talk to Seth MacFarlane and he starts riffing as Stewie, Maurice as Morbo or the Brain, it's effortless and they don't need a script to do it. It's pretty cool."

Aforementioned Maurice LaMarche – who voiced Brain on Pinky and the Brain - will also be joining Paulsen on the Downey Theatre stage.

"We found out yesterday," said Paulsen. "Randy Rogel has written new pieces for not only the Brain, but Pinky and the Brain and we will be performing them as well; things that no audience has ever heard."

The reunion of Paulsen and LaMarche should bring a fresh and exciting dynamic to the show.

"Now that Maurice is on board, he brings a whole new level – colloquially – a whole new level of bitchin'-ness to the show," said Paulsen. "He's the Brain for god's sake...he's just a profoundly gifted individual. He's also one of my very best friends in the world, and we can riff together as Pinky and the Brain for hours with no script."

After years of being off the air, Paulsen says that shows like The Animaniacs and Pinky and the Brain "hold up beautifully," with a demographic of current audiences spanning over two or three generations.

"Animaniacs and Pinky and the Brain were really excellent shows," said Paulsen. "Now to see a new audience embrace it...this is remarkable."

Ticket information can be found online at the Downey Theatre website, www.downeytheatre.org, or at animaniacs-live.com.

Those are the facts.



Pinky and the Brain, characters in the Animaniacs animated series, will come to life in a stage show March 30 at the Downey Theatre.

Downey restaurant grades

RJ Southern Home Cooking
8852 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/13/18
Grade: **C**

Taco Bell
9551 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/18
Grade: **A**

Sansai Japanese Grill
8428 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/18
Grade: **A**

Hometown Buffet
8432 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/18
Grade: **A**

Poke 2 Grill
9523 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/18
Grade: **A**

Uncle Henry's Deli
7400 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/18
Grade: **A**

Green Olive
9234 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/18
Grade: **A**

Lee's Maui Hawaiian BBQ
9230 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/18
Grade: **A**

Gaucha Grill
8830 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/9/18
Grade: **A**

Donas
8636 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/8/18
Grade: **A**

Downey Super Market
13240 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/8/18
Grade: **A**

Maria's Grill
13232 1/2 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

Morrison MGMT Specialist Inc
9449 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/8/18
Grade: **A**

Vallarta Supermarket
7900 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

Jim's Burgers
7322 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

General Nutrition Center
284 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

Olive Garden
9253 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
9265 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

Pollos A La Brasa
11408 Old River School Road
Date Inspected: 3/7/18
Grade: **A**

Portos Bakery
8233 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/6/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 61°

Saturday 62°

Sunday 63°

THINGS TO DO



Arc Walk

Saturday - Stonewood Center, 7:30 am
A 1- or 3-mile walk in support of people with intellectual disabilities. Hosted by The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties. \$25



Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday - Huntington Beach Central Park Amphitheatre, 10:30 am
Japanese dance, music, cultural exhibits, arts, crafts, games and food. Free admission.



Welcome Home Veterans

Sunday - Rose Hills, 2:30 to 5 pm
Veterans resource fair, car show, live music, food trucks, and family activities.



Live Boxing

Saturday - Commerce Casino, 6:30 pm
Commerce Casino hosts its "Battle of the Rising Stars" promotion, featuring live bouts, celebrity guests, food and a full bar. \$55.



L.A. Marathon

Sunday - Dodger Stadium, 6:55 am
Thousands will run the 26.2 miles from Dodger Stadium to Santa Monica.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@PoliticalEmilia: You can tell there's a problem when girl's clothing is regulated more strictly than guns on campus. #NationalWalkoutDay

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Stephen Hawking, world-famous theoretical physicist and pop culture icon, dies at 76

ENGLAND – Stephen Hawking, one of the world's best-known scientists who brought theoretical physics to the general public with his 1988 best-seller, "A Brief History of Time," died Wednesday in Cambridge, England. He was 76.

Hawking was an unmistakable figure, as well-known for his wheelchair and synthetic speaking voice as for his work in the sciences. Diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease – when he was 21, he achieved greatness even while his condition worsened and eventually all but paralyzed him.

Born Jan. 8, 1942 – which his personal website points out as "300 years after the death of Galileo" – in Oxford, England, Hawking was the son of scholars, both of whom attended the University of Oxford. Young Stephen, though destined to become one of the most respected minds of the 20th century, was an average student, as he told biographer Kitty Ferguson.

He cited his dismal handwriting and slowness in learning to read, but that same nonreader grew fascinated by machines, taking apart clocks and an old telephone switchboard to build a computer while he was in high school.

Mathematics, however, drew the young Hawking as he approached college age, but his father wanted him to study medicine; in the end, he settled on physics and chemistry, studying at his parents' alma mater.

As with many naturally bright scholars, he found his schoolwork too easy, which led to laziness: He later estimated that he spent an average of only about an hour each day on schoolwork. Despite his haphazard approach to his studies, he excelled, receiving the highest marks as well as admission to the University of Cambridge for graduate school.

Hawking faced an unexpected challenge during his final year at Oxford. The first symptoms of his ALS began to appear: He became unusually clumsy, and his speech began to slur. His family noticed the changes and consulted doctors, who eventually diagnosed him with ALS in 1963, when he was 21, giving him two years to live.

That's an unusually early age to be diagnosed with ALS, which typically appears decades later, around age 60. It may be that the early-onset nature of the disease was the key to how Hawking outlived his early prognosis so dramatically. Early-onset ALS tends to be a slower-moving form of the disease, according to health experts, and those rare patients diagnosed with it in their teens or 20s can be more likely to have decades ahead of them, rather than a scant few years.

Despite his health concerns, Hawking entered Cambridge, studying cosmology and general relativity. With his dire prognosis, Hawking became more serious about his studies, setting a goal to earn his doctorate while he still could. He received his doctorate in cosmology in 1966.

By the early 1970s, as his disease progressed, he used a wheelchair to get around, but he was nowhere near ready to concede defeat to ALS.

His work as a graduate student and as a young graduate centered on black holes. In 1974, he proved that black holes aren't entirely "black" – they emit radiation. This release of invisible particles or waves is now called Hawking radiation, which at first wasn't a widely agreed-upon concept. Decades later, Hawking radiation stands as one of his greatest legacies.

Along with his first major discovery came prestige and job offers. Hawking became a fellow of the Royal Society at 32, one of the youngest scientists to have achieved that honor.

He began teaching at a noted research university, the California Institute of Technology, and later returned to Cambridge as a professor, where he stayed for many years. He worked on theories of the origin of the universe, seeking to go beyond the Big Bang Theory of creation and discover what existed before the explosion.

As Hawking's condition worsened, he began to lose his speech and, eventually, underwent an emergency tracheotomy that entirely destroyed his ability to talk. He began using the synthetic voice that would become so indelibly associated with him that he ultimately had it copyrighted. He initially communicated by using his hands to select letters, words and phrases. As his paralysis increased, he was reduced to using a single cheek muscle to operate the voice synthesizer.

Increasing paralysis and deterioration of his voice failed to deter Hawking from continuing to discover and achieve. In 1988, he published the popular science work that brought his work to the masses, "A Brief History of Time." In it, he discussed subjects including black holes, the Big Bang, wormholes and time travel – all in language designed to be understandable to nonscientists.

Hawking bristled at some of the adjustments he had to make to be more understandable. For example, he wanted the book to include the complex mathematical equations and technical language that came naturally to him. In the end, his publishers leaned heavily enough on him that he was persuaded to make the necessary revisions to allow the book to appeal to a wide audience.

"A Brief History of Time" was one of many of Hawking's written works. Others include scholarly works and popular science, as well as a series of children's books co-written by his daughter, Lucy Hawking. "George's Secret Key to the Universe" and its sequels present black holes and

other concepts of physics to young readers 9 and up.

Among Hawking's interests later in life was the possible existence of extraterrestrial life. In 2015, he helped launch Breakthrough Initiatives, an attempt to locate extraterrestrial life. He also spoke of the importance of artificial intelligence – not only developing computers that think like humans, but also understanding its risks.

Hawking wasn't all business as a scientist. He became known for a sense of fun, racing his wheelchair around wildly and placing wagers with colleagues about the scientific hypotheses they sought to prove. He appeared on popular TV shows including "The Simpsons" and contributed a voice-over, via his synthetic voice, to Pink Floyd's song "Keep Talking." He dreamed of going into space, and in 2007 he sought to increase interest in space flight by participating in a zero-gravity flight on a "Vomit Comet" – a reduced-gravity aircraft.

In 2014, Hawking's life and love story became better-known to a wide audience with the release of the Oscar-nominated biopic "The Theory of Everything." Though it diverged from the facts from time to time, it painted a broadly correct picture of Hawking's ALS struggle as well as his courtship of and marriage to his first wife, Jane Wilde, who wrote the memoir upon which the movie was based. The couple were portrayed by actors Eddie Redmayne, who won the movie's lone Academy Award for his performance, and Felicity Jones.

Hawking and Wilde met while he was a student and married in 1965, then went on to have three children: Robert, Lucy and Timothy. The couple separated in 1990 and were divorced in 1995, shortly after which Hawking remarried. His second wife, Elaine Mason, had been one of his nurses. That marriage also ended in divorce, in 2006.

Hawking is survived by both ex-wives as well as by his three children and three grandchildren.



In Memory of Rose Shasha Neal

May 21, 1925 - March 5, 2018

Rose Shasha Neal, 92 years old of San Bernardino, formerly of Downey passed away peacefully on March 5, 2018 at 11:50 p.m.

Memorial dinner to honor her will be at Buca di Beppo in Huntington Beach at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday March 24, 2018. Please call Linda 949-331-3411 to reserve seating.

Rose is interred at Riverside National Cemetery at 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92518.

Rose was born in Pennsylvania to Joseph and Bertha Shasha on 5/21/25. She moved to Downey when she was eight years old and lived most of her life in Downey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Neal who passed away on February 14, 2003.

Rose is survived by her sons, Michael Neal of Downey and Alan Neal of Huntington Beach and her daughters, Linda Hill and her husband, Brad Malinowski of San Bernardino and Tammy Ford and her husband, Kenny Ford of Las Vegas, NV. She is also survived by her grandchildren, James Hill, Veronika Hill, Matthew Neal, Samantha Gonzales, Melissa Neal, Michelle Neal, Joshua Neal, Brian Ford, Jacob Ford, Tyler Ford and her great grandchildren, Mariah, Connor, Adam aka "Billy," Ian, Liliana, Aliyah, Fox, Gennivesia and Jocelyn, her sister-in-law, Josephine Shasha of Long Beach, her brother-in-law, Robert Neal of Oakland and many nieces and nephews.

Rose spent many years caring for all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, potty training each and every one and teaching them all to read.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23453 in the name of Rose Neal.



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Ed Hano, David Holcombe named police officer, firefighter of the year

DOWNEY – Police Cpl. Edward Hano and fire Capt. David Holcombe will be honored as Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year, respectively, at a luncheon April 17 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Now in its fourth year, the annual awards ceremony is put on by the Downey Police & Fire Foundation.

Honorees are selected after consideration of a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, outstanding acts of kindness, compassion, courage, attitude, professional work ethic, and devotion to duty.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$30 and must be purchased in advance by contact Yvonne Rosales at (562) 904-2301 or yrosales@downeyca.org.

Event sponsorships are also available, ranging from \$500-\$2,500. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

2 arrested for buying alcohol for minors

DOWNEY – Two people were cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor during a Downey Police Department “shoulder-tap” operation on March 10.

In the operation, a minor stands outside a liquor store or convenience store and asks customers to purchase alcohol for them. The minor indicates they are under 21 years old and can’t buy the alcohol themselves.

Adults who purchase alcohol for the underage decoy receive a citation.

The decoy is under direct supervision of a police officer, authorities said. Downey Police completed the operation with assistance from the Bell Gardens and Whittier police departments.

Approximately 70 police and sheriff’s departments across California participated in the operation, which was funded by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Downey man arrested for impersonating civil engineer

DOWNEY – A Downey man was arrested Tuesday accused of using falsified engineering documents and the name and logo of a legitimate Rolling Hills Estates-based company.

Wilfrido Rodriguez, 46, and Ruben Gutierrez, 44, of Huntington Beach, were charged with 487 felony counts of identity theft, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Rodriguez was an engineering drafter and Gutierrez was an architectural designer at Palos Verdes Engineering. Neither Rodriguez nor Gutierrez were licensed architects or civil engineers.

Between 2007 and 2014, the pair are accused of forging the signature of one of the licensed civil engineers that owns Palos Verdes Engineering. In addition, both men allegedly used the victim’s engineering seal in order to deceive homeowners and municipalities into believing that the victim had personally drafted the engineering plans and conducted the required site inspections.

The victim did not review or approve any of the engineering plans allegedly created and submitted by the defendants and did not authorize Rodriguez and Gutierrez to use his seal, the prosecutor said.

Investigators estimate that there were more than 700 residential and commercial properties where fraud allegedly occurred in more than 50 cities in Southern California.

If convicted as charged, Rodriguez faces up to 152 years in state prison, while Gutierrez faces a possible maximum sentence of 105 years in prison.

Meet Downey police officers at Starbucks

DOWNEY – Downey police officers will be at a Downey Starbucks on March 29 for “Coffee with a Cop,” an opportunity for the public to interact with officers in an informal, neutral space.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Starbucks located at 7954 Imperial Hwy. All community members are invited.

For questions, contact Lt. Alex Irizabal at (562) 904-2369 or airizabal@downeyca.org.

“We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers,” said Chief Carl Charles. “These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships. There has never been a more important time for Coffee with a Cop than right now. This program will bring our community together and make us stronger.”

Rock & Brews raising money for Children’s Hospital LA

DOWNEY – Rock & Brews, the rock-inspired restaurant at Stonewood Center co-founded by rock and roll legends Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons, is supporting the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles’ Make March Better campaign by donating 5% of all dinner proceeds on March 27, from 4 p.m. to closing.

“As a parent it is important for me to support health care for children,” said Jon Mesko owner of Mesko Restaurant Group. “The organization’s aim is to raise \$1 million dollars and we at Rock & Brews are happy to do our part toward achieving that goal.”

All year round, Rock & Brews locations nationwide partner with various charitable organizations for their grand opening fundraisers and other events. To date, the Rock & Brews brand has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to a broad range of philanthropic efforts.

For more details, visit rockandbrews.com/downey or call (562) 622-1178.

‘Brunch with the Bunny’ returns to Golden Park

DOWNEY – The city of Downey, in conjunction with Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, will present its Brunch with the Bunny & Spring Extravaganza event Saturday, March 24, at Golden Park.

The event includes carnival games, an Easter basket prize walk, temporary tattoo booths, information booths, games, live entertainment, and photo opportunities with the Easter bunny.

A pancake breakfast will be available for \$5, served by the Boy Scouts.

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

Library fundraiser at Panera Bread

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library is hosting a fundraiser Wednesday, March 21, from 4-8 p.m. at Panera Bread in Downey.

The restaurant will contribute a percentage of sales brought in by library supporters to the Friends, who regularly donate more than \$30,000 a year to the library.

You must have a flier to participate in the fundraiser. Fliers can be picked up in the used bookstore inside the library, at the library checkout counter, or by calling (562) 928-4327.

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

At 9:30 a.m., a male suspect entered the Arco Am/Pm Market at 9706 Telegraph Rd. The suspect robbed the clerk at gunpoint and took cash from the register. The suspect then ran from the location. Detectives are investigating.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

At 1:30 a.m., a male victim of a stab wound sought treatment at a local hospital. He stated he was in the parking lot at the Anarchy Library Bar, 13250 Woodruff Ave. As he attempted to break up a fight, he was stabbed with scissors and sustained non-life threatening injuries. Detectives are investigating.

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Julia Emerson is historical society's guest speaker

DOWNEY – Julia Emerson, a Downey native and public affairs manager for Southern California Gas Company, will be guest speaker at the Downey Historical Society's monthly meeting March 22.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Emerson graduated from Warren High School, Cerritos College and UC Irvine. Prior to her career with the utility, Emerson served for years as a legislative aide to several elected officials, including an internship with Rep. Del Clawson.

She is the daughter of the late Judge Leon Emerson, long active in Downey and once an attorney serving on the Steering Committee for the incorporation of Downey.

The historical society also announced that its annual luncheon will take place June 16 at the Rio Hondo Event Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Raymond's celebrating St. Joseph's Table

DOWNEY – For the 36th year, St. Raymond's Catholic Church will host a St. Joseph's table March 18, an all-day feast and celebration sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation.

The celebration includes a viewing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Mass at 9 a.m. with a blessing to follow; and a pasta dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take-out dinners are available.

For more information, call Perry Shurko at (562) 804-0230.

CareMore opens new facility in Lakewood

LAKEWOOD – CareMore Health celebrated the opening of its newest care center in Lakewood on Feb. 27.

The facility will provide care to more than 3,700 current patients in Downey, Lakewood and Long Beach who reside within a 5-mile radius of the new location.

CareMore patients will have access to doctors, nurses and other health providers who will administer programs to help manage conditions like diabetes, chronic lung disease, and heart failure, as well as behavioral health and other support.

The center, located at 3300 E. South St., will also serve as a place for seniors and residents to enjoy social interaction with others.



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) celebrated Griffiths and Stauffer middle schools and their recognition as California Schools to Watch in 2018.

The congresswoman addressed the students, teachers, parents and school administrators at Griffiths, and presented them with a certificate of recognition for their achievement.

Both Griffiths and Stauffer were recognized as high-performing public schools that will serve as models for middle schools throughout California.



Beth Gendreau and Mayor Sean Ashton.

Beth Gendreau receives Mayor's DNA Award

DOWNEY – Beth Gendreau, 31-year resident of Downey, received the Mayor's DNA Award for outstanding volunteerism, selflessness, extraordinary leadership and exceptional service in an effort to make the community of Downey a better place to live.

The award was presented at the Feb. 27 city council meeting by Mayor Sean Ashton.

Beth and husband, Scott, have three children who were educated in the Downey Unified School District. She has been active in the PTA for 21 years, serving first at Price Elementary School, then president of PTA at Griffiths Middle School. After serving as a board member of the Downey Council PTA for many years, she became its president, serving the allotted two terms.

She was director of the PTA H.E.L.P.S. food pantry for seven years and currently works with Downey First Christian Church FoodHelp with their food distribution program on Saturdays, as well as their community outreach.

Beth is still active on two PTA boards, serving as their parliamentarian and continues to be a part of Thirty-Third District PTA as Head Start Consultant where she serves on the Policy Council for LACOE Head Start. She is also a member of Downey Unified School District Parent Advisory Committee for LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula).

Beth is chairman of the CROP Hunger Walk, which is held annually, and serves as treasurer for Downey Coordinating Council. She's also an appointed member of Downey's Public Works Committee. She is employed by Downey Unified School District, working in the cafeteria.

Beth has been a Girl Scout leader and co-leader for 19 years, starting with a troop of Daisy Scouts through Senior Scouts and assisted her youngest daughter in achieving the Gold Award, an equivalent to the Boy Scouts Eagle Award. She still assists her cousin's troop with various activities when needed.

Beth is involved with daughter, Kelly's Non-Profit LEASH Animal Rescue, as well as the non-profit Environmental organization, Trails 4 All, where she represents them as a member on the working committee of the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Project.

In 2015, Beth Received the Woman of the Year Award for recognition in the area of Non-Profits, for the 32nd Senate District of California.

Beth said she "appreciates the recognition given by her community and thanks her family and friends for their continued support of her effort to help make the City of Downey a wonderful place to live."

March for Jesus expected to draw thousands

DOWNEY – The March for Jesus, an annual walk in celebration of Jesus Christ, will take place Saturday, March 24, starting at 9 a.m. near the civic center.

In addition to the march, events include a kids zone, light lunch, live music, and a keynote address by Pastor Jason Neville of Praise Chapel Downey.

The event is produced by First Baptist Church of Downey, The Lord's Grace, Praise Chapel Downey, Light and Life Church, FPC Downey, Abundant Hope Christian Center and Iglesias de Cristo Ministerios Llamada Final.

An estimated 2,000 people marched in last year's event. For more details, call (562) 923-1261 or go to m4jdowney.com.

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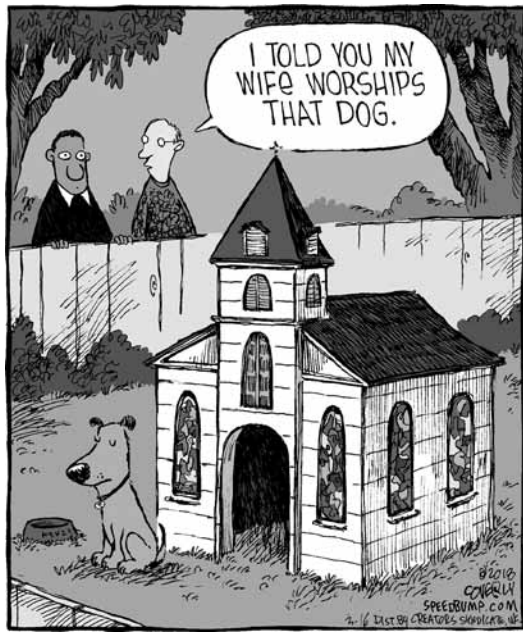
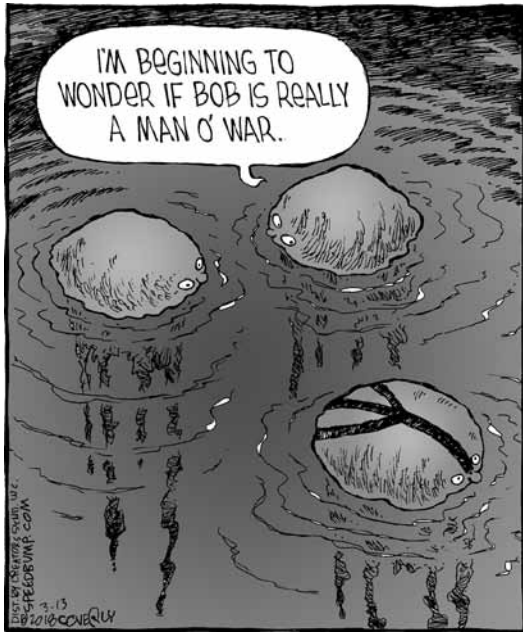
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 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 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.
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Barbara 869-1044.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 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 Alex Lopez 441-7947.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 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.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, 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 Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 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 Helen 864-7319.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please 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 Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.
 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 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 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.

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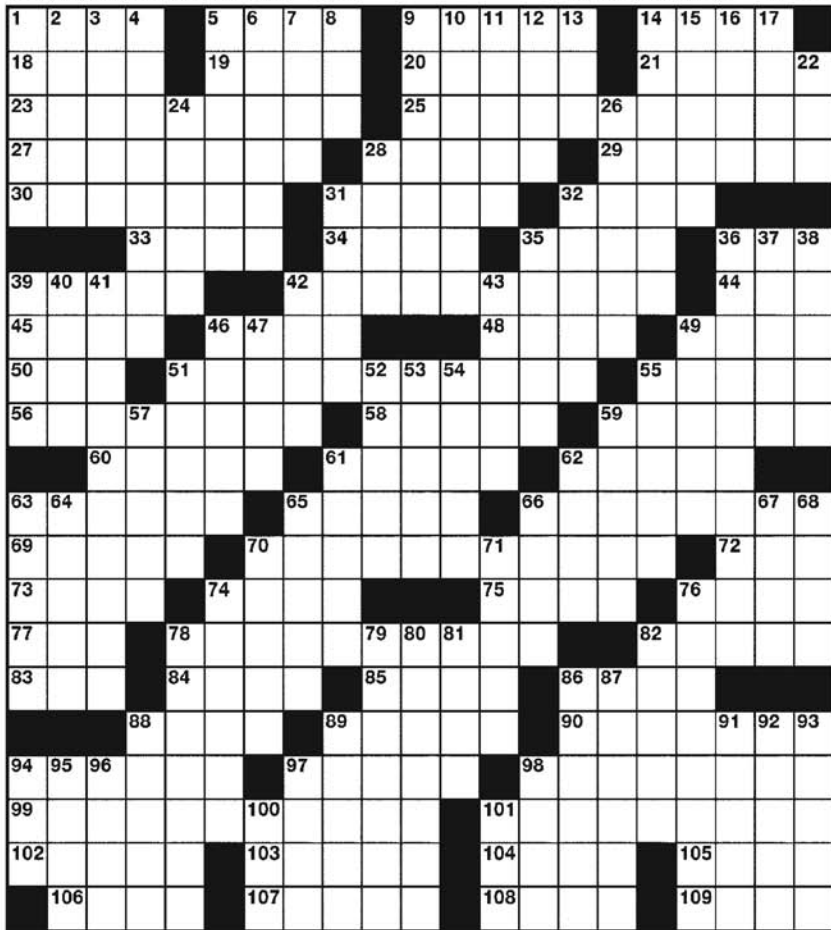
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- 1820:** Maine was admitted as the 23rd state of the Union.
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- 1991:** Four Los Angeles police officers were indicted in the beating of Rodney King on March 3, 1991.
- 1994:** U.S. President Clinton extended the moratorium on nuclear testing until September of 1995.

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Mayor's Corner: Bicycle lanes added to Brookshire

► Recently-completed work on Brookshire Avenue includes the addition of bicycle lanes, helping to reduce traffic congestion.

**By Sean Ashton
Mayor of Downey**

Hello Downey,

Entering our third month makes one realize just how quickly this year is going. In just the first quarter of 2018, the city has accomplished many of its goals it has set for its residents; one of them being to continue to improve our roads.

The Brookshire Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project was recently completed and it's a significant improvement in that incorporates bike lanes. Having bike lanes on our roads encourages people to bike for transportation and to provide an attractive and healthy transportation option, helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

Other upcoming road projects are: Old River School Road between Imperial Hwy. and Arnett St., as well as Lakewood Blvd. between Gallatin Road and Telegraph Rd. Also included in the road improvements are 6.9 miles of residential streets just this year alone.

Earlier this year my council colleagues and I approved a \$50,000 grant contract with the Los Angeles County to develop a Downey Homeless Action Plan. In November 2016, the voters of Los Angeles County approved a 10-year, quarter-cent sales tax measure to provide funding for homelessness prevention services and coordinated care and housing for homeless individuals in Los Angeles County.

As part of the County's adopted homeless strategy, the County is asking local agencies to develop their own individualized Homeless Action Plans. These plans are intended to further integrate resources of nonprofit agencies, faith organizations; county and state services, railroad and flood

control agencies; healthcare organizations; environmental response organizations; and local government services such as public works, library, community services, police, fire and emergency medical agencies.

The City of Downey applied for and was granted \$50,000 in Measure H funds to develop a local Homeless Action Plan. The goals of the City of Downey Homeless Plan are:

- Development of an inventory of existing governmental and non-governmental services
- Identify service gaps and develop a plan to address the gaps
- Enhance the efficacy of existing services,
- Educate staff and community members on the resources available
- Create a framework for any future policy implementation.

Our city's and nation's homeless problem is not an easy problem to solve, but this will assist us in helping address some of the issues Downey has in providing services to our homeless population.

In my capacity as part of the Downey City Council, I have had the pleasure of serving on the Lower LA River Working Group. Many residents don't realize that we have an actual river running right through the middle of the City of Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funds, the river has been neglected over the years. Under California State Assembly Bill 530, cities and advocates banded together to create the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (the Plan), which describes opportunities for improving the environment and



residents' quality of life along the river.

The Plan ensures that the voices of the people are heard now and in the future as the river is re-imagined and revitalized into an integral part of a healthy, equitable, and sustainable community. To view the Plan and how it will possibly affect Downey and its surrounding communities go to <http://lowerlariver.org/the-plan/>.

The "If I Were Mayor" Student Contest is still going strong. All students kindergarten through twelfth grades who live or attend schools in the City of Downey are encouraged to submit their ideas on how to make our City a better place to live. Entries may be an essay, artwork or a photograph. Winners will be recognized with an official city certificate by the Mayor and the City Council at a City Council meeting.

Also nominations are open for the Mayor's Downey DNA Award. The Mayor's Downey DNA Award recognizes individuals and businesses which through

their actions have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and exceptional service in an effort to make our community and world a better place. Winners will receive special recognition at a City Council meeting.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to join me as I highlight the goals and accomplishments of the past year and share my vision for the future State of the City. The 2018 State of the City Address will be on Monday, March 26, 2018 at noon at the newly renovated Rio Hondo Golf Club. For more information and to RSVP please contact the Downey Chamber of Commerce at 562-923-2191.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

**Sean Ashton
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Legal nonprofit Feras Legales graduates its second class of interns

DOWNEY – Feras Legales, a Downey-based non-profit organization focused on delivering free services to underserved communities and increasing diversity in the legal field, launched its second internship cohort last Thursday, March 8.

Maria Torres, who serves as executive director, gave the orientation after welcoming remarks by Downey attorney Ricardo Perez who serves as board president.

The internship program runs 6-8 weeks and exposes students to different areas of law. This year's class consists of three Rio Hondo College and one student from La Verne Law School.

The program kicked off the first week with a training on completing citizenship applications, which the student interns will be conducting as part of the monthly Feras Legales Free Citizenship Clinic in Lynwood's office of Centro Jalisco, which was held March 10.

Feras Legales also announced that their partnership with Rio Hondo College's Pathway to Law School helped secure recognition for the college as "Diversity Champions" at the annual Pathway to Law School Summit which was held at the University of San Francisco Law School in February.

Additionally, the University of La Verne awarded a \$7,000 scholarship to transferring student Christian Galeana largely due to his community service work as a Feras Legales intern during the first cohort of the Feras Legales Internship Program. Christian is also mentored by Downey attorney Matias Flores as part of the Feras Legales Mentorship Program held in partnership with Rio Hondo College.

For inquiries about the internship program or about the Feras Legales services, please contact Executive Director Maria Torres at mtorres@feraslegales.org.



From left: Salvador Melendez, Yasbet Pérez, Maria Torres, Luis Pérez, Chris Galeana, María Gomez Garret, and Samuel Beltran after completing training for citizenship application completion.

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Downey's postseason ends early, but future looks promising

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' basketball team saw their season come to an end last Saturday night at Downey against Cathedral Catholic of San Diego, 50-48, in the second round of the 2018 C.I.F. Division 2 State Championships.

The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 26-7 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-2. Downey finished their season as C.I.F. Division 2A Finalists and in second place in S.G.V.L. play behind league champion Lynwood.

The Lady Vikings were defeated by Glendora at Azusa Pacific University, 47-35, on March 2 in the C.I.F. Division 2A championship game but qualified for the C.I.F. Division 2 State Girls Basketball Championships with their string of wins in postseason play.

Downey defeated Westview of San Diego at Westview, 59-51, in the first round of state championship play on 3/7 to advance to the second round. In that game, the Lady Vikings trailed 19-16 at the end of the first quarter and 29-27 at halftime.

Downey outscored Westview 11-7 in the third quarter and led 40-38 as the quarter came to an end. The Lady Vikings outscored Westview 19-13 in the fourth and final quarter and came away with the hard-fought 59-51 win.

The Lady Vikings were then eliminated last Saturday night at Downey against Cathedral Catholic. In the Downey/Cathedral Catholic game, the Lady Vikings trailed at the end of the first quarter 12-8. Downey rallied back in the second quarter and took a 21-16 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Lady Vikings were outscored 20-8 in the third quarter and trailed 36-29 as the quarter came to an end.

Downey outscored Cathedral Catholic 19-14 in the fourth quarter but fell short, 50-48.

Coach Harris, his staff and players are all disappointed with how their last game ended. However, many of this year's players are underclassmen and will be back next year to make a deeper run.

This was an excellent season for the Lady Vikings and they should feel proud of how well they played and how hard they competed.

WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School girls' basketball team saw their season come to an end last Wednesday night against Legacy High School of South Gate at Warren, 74-73, in overtime in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 State Girls Basketball Championships.

The Lady Bears finished their season with an overall record of 20-11 and a S.G.V.L. record of 6-4. Warren defeated Cabrillo, 47-42, in overtime at Colony High School in Ontario on March 3 to claim the C.I.F. Division 3AA title and qualify for the state tournament.

In the Warren/Legacy game, Legacy jumped out to a 31-21 lead as the first quarter ended. Warren outscored Legacy 8-7 in the second quarter but still trailed 38-29 going into the locker room at halftime.

The third quarter was action packed as Warren outscored Legacy 26-25 but still trailed by eight points going into the fourth quarter. The Lady Bears tied the score in the fourth quarter and forced overtime.

The two teams battled back and forth in overtime. Warren took the lead at 73-71 with 3.7 seconds left and Legacy needed to go the length of the court to score. That is exactly what Legacy's Arianna Harper did. Harper drove the length of the floor, drew the foul and made the free throw to give the Lady Tigers the 74-73 lead with .3 to play.

Harper's final three points gave her 35 points for the game and helped seal the win for Legacy. The Bears inbounded the pass but that was all they could do as the clock expired and Legacy claimed the hard fought, 74-73 overtime win.

WARREN BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 6-1 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Lynwood at Warren on April 10.

Warren swept Hoover, 13-0 and 11-1, on 2/27 in a doubleheader at Warren. The Bears defeated Magnolia, 18-5, on 3/1, defeated Rancho Alamitos, 12-0, on 3/3 and were defeated by Santa Ana at Warren, 7-6, in nine innings on 3/5.

Warren defeated Estancia at Estancia, 13-2, on 3/7 and defeated Savanna at Warren, 10-2, on 3/9. The Bears were scheduled to play El Rancho on Tuesday afternoon but the game was postponed due to the rain. The two teams played on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time).

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 19-10 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-2. The Bears were eliminated last season in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs by Peninsula at Peninsula 6-2 after winning their wild card game against Long Beach Poly 3-2.

WARREN SOFTBALL: The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 4-2 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Lynwood on April 10.

The Bears have played three games in the Savannah Tournament. Warren defeated San Clemente, 2-1, on 2/24, were defeated by Woodbridge, 4-3, on 2/24 and defeated Fullerton, 4-0, on 3/9.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 21-9 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-2. The Bears were eliminated in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs by Santa Margarita at Santa Margarita 8-0. Warren was scheduled to play Millikan on Tuesday but no result or information was made available.

Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play.

DOWNEY BASEBALL: The Downey High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 1-7 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Paramount on April 10.

The Vikings are currently 0-3 in the Downey Tournament (Feb. 24-26 and March 12-14) and were 1-5 in the Loara Tournament (March 1-9). The Vikings were defeated by La Mirada, 6-2, on 2/24, were defeated by Cantwell-Sacred Heart, 3-0, on 2/26, were defeated by Edison, 4-0, on 3/1 and were defeated by Cypress, 8-1, on 3/3.

Downey was defeated by Canyon, 3-0, on 3/6, was defeated by Ocean View, 2-1, on 3/8, defeated Anaheim, 6-0, on 3/9 and was defeated by Pacifica, 7-1, on Monday. The Vikings hosted Long Beach Poly at Downey on Wednesday in their fourth and final game of the Downey Tournament (score unavailable at press time).

DOWNEY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 7-4 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Paramount on April 10.

The Lady Vikings defeated St. Paul, 6-4, on 2/24, defeated Walnut, 17-2,



Downey FC 2005 Boys are the State Cup champions, winning the title after finishing the regular season undefeated in their first year as a club.

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The first few rounds were in Temecula to narrow the field down to 128, then 64. The next week was in Lancaster, where the boys defeated FC Premier, 7-0; then P2KS L.A., 3-0, in the round of 16; then Pateadores SC, 6-0, in the round of 8.

The last two games were also played in Temecula, with Downey defeating BF310 Galaxy, 2-1, in penalty kicks in the Final Four, and then International Futbol Club, 3-0, in the championship game. Downey FC scored 21 goals and allowed only one in the last five rounds of the tournament.

"The boys played wonderfully, representing our city with great sportsmanship and pride," Downey coaches said.

Top row, from left: Coach Rolando Gonzalez, Daniel Castillo, Christian Fausto, Sebastian Figueroa, Joseph Jaimes, Joshua Jaimes, Diego Gonzalez, Jorge Perez, Christopher Almaguer, Samuel Chukwurah, Head Coach Jose Jaimes.

Bottom row: Andrew Gonzalez, Anthony Cardenas, Adrian Diaz, Andrei Pater, Ethan Gonzalez, Jesse Ramirez, Julio Jimenez, Nikko Viramontes.

Not pictured: Ramiro Sanchez and Team Manager Christina Almaguer.

on 2/24, defeated Sunny Hills, 8-1, on 3/1 and swept Lakewood at Lakewood in a doubleheader, 9-5 and 6-3, on 3/6.

Downey competed in the Tournament of Champions in Bullhead City, Arizona, March 8-10. The Lady Vikings finished that tournament with a record of 2-3.

Downey was defeated by Pacifica, 6-2, on 3/8, was defeated by Cienega of Vail, Arizona, 2-0, on 3/9, defeated Flagstaff, Arizona, 11-0, on 3/9, was defeated by Coronado of Henderson, Nevada, 4-3, on 3/10 and defeated River Valley of Arizona, 3-0, on 3/10.

Downey was defeated by La Habra at La Habra on Tuesday, 7-6. Coach Garcia, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play.

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Stauffer students win innovation prize with storm filter idea

DOWNEY – A team of students from Stauffer Middle School were the winners of Downey Unified’s Mission: Impact Challenge – Operation Oceans, a new program in which young innovators from DUSD’s four middle schools were challenged to develop an innovative and feasible solution to solve a real-world problem facing our oceans.

Students worked in teams, with 2-5 students per team. A panel of five judges, comprised of experts in marine biology and sustainability, reviewed presentations from each of the six finalist teams and selected a grand prize winner and two runner-up teams.

Submissions were scored based on originality of their idea; use and application of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math); feasibility and potential impact.

The three winning teams and their ideas are:

Grand Prize: Stauffer Middle School students Bailey Canham and Evelyn Vaca developed a better and cost-effective storm drain filter to separate garbage from water before emptying into the oceans.

Runner-Up: Sussman Middle School students Peter Manriquez, Victor Plascencia, Jordan Price, and Sebastian Ramirez created a mercury filtering submarine to help clean-up mercury contamination in the oceans.

Runner-Up: Griffiths Middle School students Lindsay Santana, Alondra Simbala, Carlos Simbala, Katie Stocks, and Giovanni Trujillo designed a solution to our overfishing problems using radar, sonar, and a digital database to track fishing and impose penalties for overfishing.

The grand prize team won a trip to San Diego where they will tour innovative companies focused on saving and exploring the oceans. Each member of the three winning teams also received a prize package comprised of an Amazon Echo, a Thimble STEM Kit, and passes to the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Stauffer Middle School also received \$600 in gift certificates in science supplies from Flinn Scientific, Carolina Biological Supply Company and Ward’s Science.

Winners were announced at a celebration event Feb. 24 at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Guest speakers included Dr. Jerry Schubel, president and CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific; Jordan Howard, a social good strategist; Dr. Jyotika Virmani, senior director, Energy & Environment, XRIZE; Dr. John Garcia, superintendent, Downey Unified School District; and Phil Davis, director of STEAM programs, Downey Unified School District.

“We are thrilled to celebrate the three top winning teams and are beyond proud of all the extraordinary young adults within Downey Unified that competed,” said Davis. “This was a difficult challenge and many of our students stepped up with remarkable solutions to solve real-world problems. Programs like this help unleash the creative minds of our young innovators and engage them in important STEAM disciplines.”

The challenge was a partnership between DUSD and Carrot Group.

“We are honored to partner with Downey Unified and design the Mission: Impact Challenge around oceans,” said Alan Zack, president



Stauffer Middle School students Bailey Canham and Evelyn Vaca developed a cost-effective storm drain filter to separate garbage from water before emptying into the ocean. They are pictured with their principal, Alyda Mir.

of Carrot Group. “It is so important that students understand all the issues surrounding our oceans and take steps to come up with new and innovative ideas to solve them using their STEAM knowledge. We applaud all the teams who competed in this Challenge and celebrate the winning ideas.”

For more information, visit gocarrotgo.com/missionimpact

Jay-Z, Beyonce announce summer tour

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are hitting the road again.

The superstar couple announced the “OTR II” stadium tour on Monday.

The tour will kick off Wednesday, June 6, in Cardiff, UK. They’ll stop in 15 cities across the United Kingdom and Europe before hitting 21 cities in North America.

Fans have been eagerly awaiting the announcement since a posting briefly appeared

on Ticketmaster and Beyoncé’s Facebook page last week for a July 30 “On the Run 2” date at Philadelphia’s Lincoln Financial Field

Beyoncé on Monday shared a series of photos on her official Instagram account about the upcoming tour.

The pair last toured jointly with “On The Run” in 2014.

They recently released a video for their song “Family Feud” from Jay-Z’s Grammy-nominated



“4:44” album.

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Shared Stories: Listen and Learn

Steve Zaragoza is an observant man. The boy scouts probably learned a lot under his leadership. 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 Steve Zaragoza

It was picture-perfect springtime in Joshua Tree National Park when a group of Boy Scouts visited in 1984. All the colors were sharp and the air was crisp and clean. It is a time I captured and kept in my mind.

I was a scout troop assistant scoutmaster and advisor for hiking and backpacking. We had two patrols of six boys and six leaders. Friday night evening dinner was jumbo burritos.

Next morning started with seasoned potatoes, scrambled eggs, and bacon. After clean-up, we all helped each other to prep for a day hike.

The trail we took would lead us to the boulders area. Throughout the hike we pointed out the different cactus - the Joshua tree, teddy bear cholla, Mojave yucca, chuparosa, desert lavender, creosote bush - just to name a few. During our hike in a dry creek bed, we also saw small desert life - rabbits, squirrels, and birds.

At the point of about two miles, we had reached an area at the boulders. All of us agreed to rest. That started a lot of chitter chatter. While that was going on I noticed a signal to have our lunch and snacks.

My favorite snack on hikes is salami and cheese with crackers (Ritz, of course). Some of the boys wanted salami and cheese, so I made a trade - peanut butter and jelly for salami and cheese.

While everyone was eating I noticed a rock climbing group ahead of us. As I was watching, I heard one leader giving instructions to one boy on where to place his hand and foot.

The instructor made himself very clear, telling the boy, "Right arm straight out and about two hand lengths up, and place four fingers in the fissure. Then slide your right leg up slowly till you feel a bump with your foot."

At the base of a boulder, one of the other instructors was prepping another boy to climb. "Pull yourself up," he yelled.

That instructor also told the boy to, "Hold and feel my hands to know the movements of tying a knot."

At that point I turned back to my group of boys and said, "Hey, guys, look and listen and tell me what you see." About five minutes in, the boys said they just saw others rock climbing.

I told them, "Listen, guys, they're in constant communication while climbing and rappelling."

The group of kids we were watching were blind. It told our boys that we had a lot to learn about how to listen and work together.

Paramount High honors exceptional African American students

PARAMOUNT - Paramount High School junior Christopher Shokunbi has an affinity for science and medicine that he shares with his mother, a registered nurse, and his older sister, who is also pursuing nursing.

The mutual passion helped them share a memorable moment on Feb. 23 at the 11th Black Family Forum Student Achievement Awards Night when Shokunbi accepted the Mae C. Jemison Award, given to an outstanding student in the area of science.

"It's such an honor to be recognized and have my parents be able to experience it with me," Shokunbi said. "Our school is not majority African American, so it's great that we take the time to recognize the contributions of African American students."

Nearly 300 Paramount High School students and their families

gathered in the PHS gymnasium for a dinner and celebration that shines a light on the success of African American students while creating a greater sense of community.

Shokunbi, who wants to be a pediatrician, was also one of the nine students honored for holding a GPA of 4.0 or above. Students were recognized throughout the night in areas of excellence that included language arts, mathematics, leadership, attendance and athletics.

Keynote speaker Dr. Lance Roberts, a political science professor at Southwest College and Long Beach chapter president of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. youth mentoring program, urged students to blaze their own trails and make an impact on those who follow. The message was underscored by decorations that included images of African American pioneers like Alexa Canady, the first African American neurosurgeon, and aviator Bessie Coleman.

The night's entertainment included spoken word, and an African dance performance by students Anita Okogbue, Taleesa Jackson, Zyniece Williams, Rickia Walker and Zipporah Moses.

"It's so inspiring to celebrate the talents and achievements of our African American students," said Lourdes Talamantes, PHS counselor and Black Family Forum coordinator, said. "Our awards event has become a staple in the community that brings us all closer together."

The Black Family Forum consists of parents and students from the District who meet monthly to discuss issues and opportunities for African American students.

"We will continue to work to make sure our African American students are thriving and being recognized for their success," Paramount Superintendent Ruth Pérez said. "I want to thank all of the parents, staff and students who made this year's Black Family Forum: Student Achievement Awards Night another memorable event."

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Next performance is a poet reciting, "The Luck of the Irish," blue eyes snapping:

"Once I journeyed to the Cliffs of Moher." I follow him to a rocky precipice, pause, then jump to dizzy foam tides below, fall, keep falling into this slow, heartbreaking solo.

-Denise Low, *Mélange Block* (Red Mountain Press, 2014)

On St. Patrick's Day, everybody's Irish, so they say, and the music of the auld sod works its magic on us all. Former Kansas Poet Laureate Low is a fifth generation Kansan of mixed British Isles, Irish, German, and unaffiliated Delaware (Lenape and Munsee) and Cherokee heritage. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



Paramount High School junior Christopher Shokunbi receives the Mae C. Jemison Science Award at the Black Family Forum Student Achievement Awards Night on Feb. 23.

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