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Downey's Tesla

Downey is finalist for Tesla plant

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Tesla Motors, an emerging leader in the manufacturing and sales of electric cars in North America and Europe, is considering opening a production and assembly plant in Downey which could create up to 1,200 local jobs, and city leaders are mounting an aggressive recruitment campaign to make the deal happen.

Tesla received \$465 million in low-interest loans from the U.S. Department of Energy in June to accelerate the production of fuel-efficient electric vehicles, company officials said.

Elon Musk, the South African-born CEO of Tesla, said he would build the plant on land currently occupied by Downey Studios or at a former Boeing facility near the Long Beach Airport.

Tesla representatives are in negotiations with Industrial Realty Group (IRG), which operates Downey Studios, about how much land Tesla would require and other specifics, city officials said.

The land encompasses a total of 80 acres; the city of Downey owns 20 of those acres.

IRG did not return phone calls seeking comment, and a representative with Tesla said they would wait to speak to the media until after a decision has been made.

A final decision is expected this month.

City officials, however, are not sitting on their hands and waiting idly by. Mayor Mario Guerra said Downey officials have been in contact with Tesla the past six months,

and while he would not divulge specific details of Downey's recruiting campaign, he acknowledged that it was aggressive and "we're in contact with them on a semi-daily basis."

Councilman Luis Marquez said, "We're just showing them the Downey love."

Musk has toured the Downey Studios complex twice, Guerra said. City officials are selling Musk on Downey's good schools, relatively low crime rate and a fiscally-sound community.

"We are offering a stable, well-run, well-financed city," Guerra said. "We have low crime with our own police and fire departments, we have many economic pluses, and we also have a rich history and legacy that cannot be matched. And we hope Tesla will continue to write another chapter in our book of what a great city should be."

Another selling point: the Downey Landing Specific Plan and environmental impact report prepared for the city in 2002 already allows for a production plant Tesla is proposing.

"We're ready to go," Guerra said.

Many Long Beach officials, meanwhile, are reportedly lukewarm to the idea of Tesla opening a production plant in their city, and have publicly stated their preference for a movie studio.

Gerrie Schipske, councilwoman for Long Beach's fifth district, has been outspoken in her desire to have Tesla in Long Beach. But she alleged in an Aug. 14 blog entry that Mayor Bob Foster and City Manager Pat West were not



PHOTO BY JD LASICA/COURTESY CREATIVE COMMONS

Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors, has named Downey a finalist to land a new production and assembly plant, which would generate up to 1,200 jobs. Downey officials are rolling out the red carpet in a recruiting attempt.

How to Help

City officials are asking the public's help in recruiting Tesla Motors to Downey. Residents are encouraged to write to: **Elon Musk, CEO, Tesla Motors and SpaceX, 1 Rocket Road, Hawthorne, CA 90250**

returning phone calls from Tesla, jeopardizing a potential deal.

"Mr. Musk says they want to come to Long Beach and manufacture 20,000 electric vehicles and produce 1,000 jobs. But they are looking elsewhere because no one at Long Beach seems interested," Schipske wrote.

On Monday, Schipske issued a press release titled "Long Beach – We Can Do Better Than Downey."

Wherever it's located, the Tesla plant is expected to generate up to 1,200 jobs, and Musk has said he would attempt to fill the positions locally.

Downey Studios, by contrast, produces only 40 full-time jobs,

city officials said. Production companies bring in union employees and catering companies from out of the area.

Until Tesla makes its final decision, Downey officials said they would continue to woo the company. They are also asking residents, community leaders and business owners to write letters to Tesla asking them to come to Downey.

"Tesla would be great for Downey and the region," Marquez said, before Guerra added, "If ever there was a time for the Downey community to come together, this is the time to do it."

Campos to retire as police chief

■ After 30 years with Downey PD, Roy Campos will step down Dec. 2.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Roy Campos, chief of the Downey Police Department the past four years, has announced his retirement effective Dec. 2.

"Part of my plan from day one was to put in 30 years in law enforcement before retiring," said Campos, who will turn 52 next Friday.

"I've seen people retire around this stage and it seems to work well for them."

Campos said he has no immediate plans after retirement, other than to spend the first few months enjoying the free time. Later, Campos said he would like to spend his time volunteering, possibly at an elementary school or with senior citizens.

Consulting work is also a possibility, he said.

Campos' replacement is expected to be announced at the Sept. 22 City Council meeting, City Manager Gerald Caton said. In the meantime, he lauded Campos as a leader who helped bridge the department to the community it serves.

"Roy was an excellent police chief; he's done a great job," Caton said. "We are very selective on who we hire as police officers, and we have not always been able to fill those positions. But with Roy we are totally hired now and running on full bar."

Campos began his law enforcement career in 1977 as a police student worker with the LAPD. He entered the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy the following year and graduated first in his class with the distinction of Honor Cadet.

After six months with the Sheriff's Department, Campos joined the Downey Police Department in 1979.

He was promoted to chief on Oct. 28, 2005, replacing the retiring John Finch. Campos was Downey's eighth police chief and the department's first Hispanic chief.

"I was a newcomer to the City Council when Roy was selected as chief," Councilman David Gafin

said on Wednesday. "I thought it was a wise decision then, and four years later, evidence shows it was a very wise decision."

Gafin said Downey enjoyed falling crime stats under Campos' tenure.

"When the City Council approved plans to increase the number of police officers ten-fold, it fell on his lap," Gafin said. "He did a wonderful job."

To combat gangs, Campos increased the number of detectives assigned to the department's gang unit and created a task force responsible for combating robberies and burglaries.

Also under Campos' tenure, police cruisers were outfitted with video recorders and GPS tracking devices, the GPS to help officers quickly reach addresses during emergencies. The department also began using a graffiti tracking system that catalogs graffiti and helps identify tagging suspects.

In a 2007 interview with the *Downey Patriot*, Campos said, "I'm most proud of the tremendous work ethic of our police officers and our civilian employees. I've looked at the quality of people in the department, and how much they care, and I'm honored to lead them. Our people are truly of the highest quality and we don't ever want to lower our standards."

He added: "It's my job to make sure that my police officers are diligent and, in plain terms, nosy."

Mayor Mario Guerra said Campos leaves behind a legacy of leadership and professionalism.

"Roy Campos has been a class act and a top professional and his legacy is the great condition in which he leaves the police department," Guerra said. "Crime continues to go down and our police is the model of proficiency and professionalism, and that's a testament to his leadership."

Caton said the next police chief would come from within Downey's own ranks.

"It will be somebody who can continue the quality of the department, someone who wants to improve the department," Caton said. "No matter how great an organization is, it can always get better."

Gafin expressed optimism no matter who the new chief is.

"(Campos) will be a huge loss, obviously," Gafin said. "But we have people waiting in the wings who I'm sure can fill his shoes. Roy has done a great job training the people underneath him."

"There won't be a hiccup in the action," he added.

Construction stalls at Ball residence

■ Spanish Colonial home mostly torn down as part of renovation.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – In 1920, the Albert Ball residence, located on 8572 Cherokee Dr., was one of the most prominent homes in Downey.

"The home was built with citrus money," said George Redfox, a local Downey historian. "Ball made his money with the orange groves that used to be in this area."

Built in Spanish Colonial style, the rectangular structure sported a red tile roof and arched windows. A sheltered porch extended from the home's main entrance, supported by round white columns.

"The wood used for the floors inside was imported from Africa," said Redfox. "It was the best that you could buy."

Today, just twelve columns

remain, holding up what is left of the historic property since building permits were issued to the owners who began remodeling the home last year.

According to Linda Haines, director of building and safety for the city of Downey, the current owners, Salvador and Maria Cerros, are responsible for the slow progress of construction.

"I don't know why they are not building," Haines said. "The revisions we seek from them are minor."

Representatives of the owners were bringing various revisions back and forth to the city but were asked six months ago to consolidate everything into one plan, Haines said.

"Last Friday, a representative came in with a copy of the plan," Haines said. "Staff sat down with him and the plan was checked, but he was told that four sets were needed. We have not heard from anyone since then."

Although Haines has not seen



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the plans, she acknowledged that the Cerros family, who could not be reached for comment, agreed to make their new home look similar to the Ball house.

The original residence was designed by Los Angeles architect H.H. Whitely for Ball, who was part owner of the Ball and Tweedy

Packing Company, one of Downey's chief industries of the time.

The large lot that the home resides on is all that remains of a huge fruit ranch that was subdivided many times into smaller residential units.

Man shot and killed in Downey

DOWNEY – A 20-year-old Norwalk man was shot and killed in an early-morning shooting in South Downey on Tuesday, authorities said.

Officers responded to a shots fired call at about 1:15 a.m. on the 8900 block of Priscilla Street, said Sgt. Alex Irizibal with the Downey Police Department.

Joaquin Marroquin Madrigal was shot multiple times in the upper torso as he sat in his parked grey Infiniti, Irizibal said. Downey

paramedics declared him dead at the scene.

There is no motive for the attack yet, but witnesses reported seeing suspected gang members in the area before the shooting, Irizibal said.

The county coroner's office and Downey police are investigating.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Downey detectives at (562) 861-0771.



Matthew P. Wassenaar, son of Joe and Faye Wassenaar of Downey, is currently serving aboard the Navy's USS Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. He left July 31 for a deployment in the Western Pacific. Wassenaar attended Rio San Gabriel Elementary, East Middle School and graduated from Downey High School in 2007.

Moode to speak on local theater

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, will be the guest speaker at Wednesday's meeting of Citizens for Downey at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Moode is expected to speak about theater in Downey, and the Downey Civic Theatre, which some have said could be better utilized.

An optional breakfast buffet will be available at 7 a.m. for a nominal fee. Moode will begin speaking at 7:15.

Business Expo planned Oct. 15

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will present the 2009 Business Expo on Oct. 15 at Stonewood Center.

Vendor booths are available at a cost of \$100 for Chamber members, \$175 for non-members. Electricity is available for an additional \$25.

The Business Expo provides companies the chance to display their product or service, tell their company story, reach prospective clients, and network with other businesses.

For more information, call (562) 923-2191.

Mixer at Rose Float site

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association will host a mixer Sept. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The mixer is free and will feature door prizes and networking opportunities.

The Rose Float Association operates from 13030 Erickson Rd., north of Gardendale Street.

For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

Book calendars now on sale

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library is now selling page-a-day 2010 Book Lovers calendars inside the Friends Book Store.

The popular calendars offer a year's worth of good authors, good books and good reading.

For more information, contact the Friends Store at (562) 904-7331.

New pharmacy opening its doors

DOWNEY – Pharmacist Adel Naguib has opened a new drug store, The Medicine Store Pharmacy, at 7816 Florence Ave., west of Paramount Boulevard.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce will assist with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Medicine Store Pharmacy offers free delivery in Downey, free diabetes and blood pressure screening, and free consultation on new or existing medications.

The community is invited to the ribbon-cutting.

OLPH lunch Sept. 16

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will host a luncheon Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. inside the Parish Center. The community is invited.

Cost is \$10 for a hot lunch and bingo cards.

Tickets for the Oct. 10 "Shopping Extravaganza" at Citadel Outlets may be purchased at the luncheon.

A \$20 ticket includes three raffle tickets, wine tasting, lunch from Ruby's Diner, a goody bag and shopping discounts from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Men's Conference kicks-off soon

DOWNEY – The Love, Peace and Happiness Church in Downey, in conjunction with the Family Mighty Men of Valor Ministry, will host a Men's Conference this week featuring clergy members from across the state.

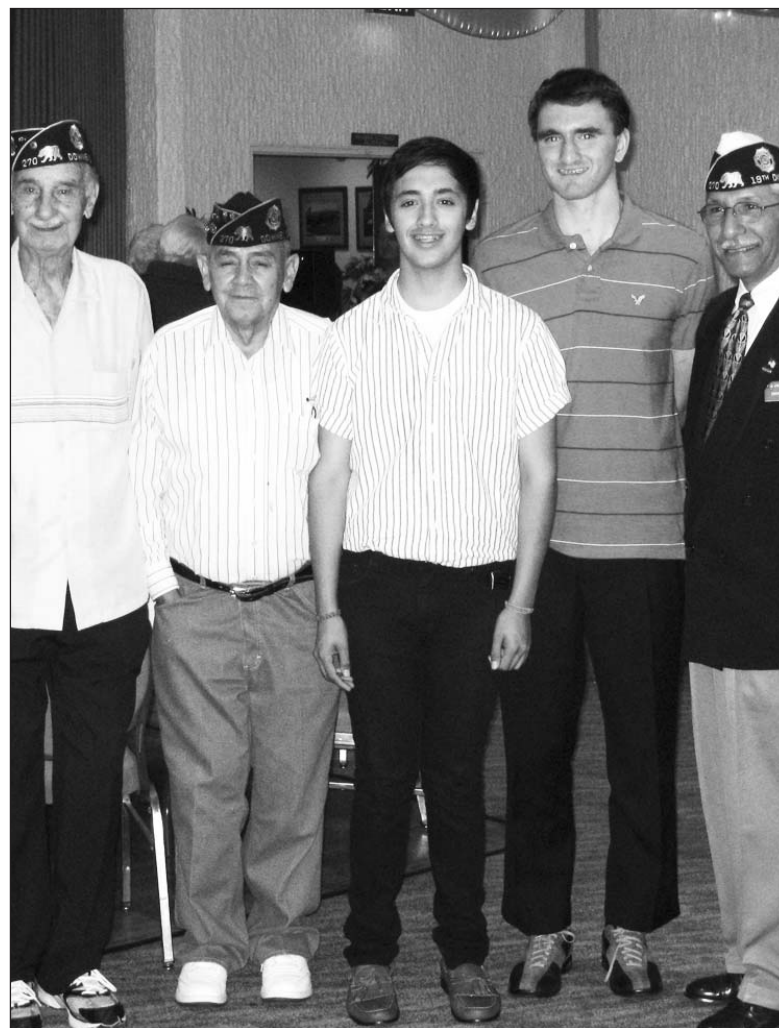
An "institute hour" will take place every night Sept. 9-11 at 6 p.m., followed by a service at 7:30 p.m. A luncheon is scheduled Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Elder Tommy Henry.

Other conference speakers will include Bishop Eddie Jernagin, Evangelical Ivan Cawthon, Pastor Wayne Pittman and Pastor Donell Givens.

Pastor Donald Martin of Fresh Anointing Christian Fellowship in Claremont will close the conference Sept. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

All activities will take place at the Love, Peace and Happiness Church, 11022 Old river School Rd., north of Firestone Boulevard.

For more information, call (562) 806-9890 or go online to www.lphfamily.org. Men and women are invited to attend.



Rudy Mendoza, a senior at Downey High School, and Eric Siryj, a senior at Warren High School, have been selected American Legion Post 270 to attend Boys State, a program that introduces students to the inner-workings of state government. The boys, pictured above with American Legion members, were recognized at a dinner Aug. 17 at Los Amigos Country Club.

Meet DUSD-approved tutors

DOWNEY – Parents of middle school students are invited to a "provider fair" Sept. 12 where they can meet DUSD-approved tutors.

Free after-school tutoring is available to middle school students who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

The fair will take place at Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale St., from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rise 'N Shine on Tuesday

DOWNEY – Mike Daniels of the Small Business Development Center, and Louis Grimaldi, of State Farm Insurance, will be guest speakers Tuesday at Rise 'N Shine Networking at Downey Brewing Company.

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. Cost is an order from the menu.

RSVP by calling the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

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Warren High School kitchen 'the best in the nation'

■ \$3 million stainless steel kitchen opened yesterday for start of school.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – At a cost of about \$3 million, the much-anticipated culinary arts kitchen located at Warren High School finally opened for business yesterday.

Part of the Downey Unified School District's increasingly significant Career Technical Education (CTE) program, which is run in consonance with goals established by the market- and labor-conscious Los Angeles County Regional Occupational Program (ROP), the facility is state-of-the-art, with its gleaming stainless steel serving, preparation, and storage equipment put in their proper places presumably only within the last few days.

Last week the equipment fabricators' representatives and set-up specialists were still busy bolting down and installing pieces of equipment and otherwise doing a thorough check of every plumbing, heating and cooling, exhaust and ventilation, electrical and sensor contraption required for the facility's safe and efficient operation.

There were banquet tables to be arranged just so, and countertops, cabinetry, racks and drawers, and trays, as well as convection ovens installed with their corresponding heat and moisture gauges. Dollies were evident, to move pieces around and about.

Phil Davis, ROP-CTE district director, indicated where grease traps were placed strategically

inside and outside, where they are hidden underground.

John Harris, Downey High School principal and close-up overseer of the kitchen and such other CTE programs operated under the WHS roof such as commercial photography, retail marketing, construction technology, and film & TV production, looked ahead to other possible use configurations of the kitchen; with an area outside large enough for a patio and stage, he suggested that perhaps jazz/musical concerts can be conducted, or construction technology/interior design classes can be conducted in combination, with the culinary arts facility supplying refreshments afterwards.

Hearing about this, superintendent Wendy Doty was heard to remark: "This is precisely what we're talking about—putting a school resource to maximum use."

In any case, a kitchen for instructional purposes (it is designed to accommodate some 30-34 students at a session) won't be complete without a baker's table, and so the facility will have one, as well as a sink by the main entrance, so a person can wash his/her hands before entering the facility. Its main feature, though, promises to be a demonstration kitchen with a large curving screen monitor, with filming, DVD, etc., capabilities even as it documents guest chefs, say, in action.

A very important element of the CTE culinary arts course is it offers the student an opportunity to receive a Serv-Save sanitary certification, which will open doors in the hospitality, tourism, and recreation industry.



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Downey resident earns full scholarship to CSULB

■ Jon Tryby is named President's Scholar and receives 4-year scholarship.



PHOTO COURTESY CSULB

DOWNEY – Jon Tryby, of Downey, has begun his collegiate career as a member of the 15th incoming class of President's Scholars at Cal State Long Beach.

As part of the program, Tryby has received a 4-year scholarship from the university worth nearly \$50,000.

Tryby, the son of Joyce Rosebrock of Downey, was a National Merit finalist last year at Whittier Christian High School in La Habra. He is planning to major in computer science.

"Even after 15 years, the President's Scholars Program at Cal State Long Beach still attracts many of the brightest and most talented high school graduates in California, and I believe it will continue to do so for years to come," said CSULB president F. King Alexander. "Each year, we receive more than 500 applications from California valedictorians or National Merit scholars for these premier scholarships, and each year 50 new students are selected to be part of this incoming group of scholastically outstanding individuals."

With the addition of this year's class, the total number of high school valedictorians and National Merit scholars currently studying at the Long Beach campus is 271.

As a President's Scholar, Tryby is attending Cal State Long Beach on a full scholarship that covers general student fees, an annual book allowance and paid housing in the campus residence halls for four years. In addition, the scholars

receive priority registration, personal academic counseling and more.

The benefits are made possible through support from the CSULB Alumni Association, President's Associates and the Corporate Scholars Council.

"Because of the efforts of hundreds of supporters who annually raise the necessary funds privately, we are able to offer these academically talented students a full scholarship and the opportunity to receive an outstanding education in a variety of academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level," Alexander said. "In return, they add a great deal to the stature of the university throughout their academic pursuits in research, academic competitions and other activities."

"They also perform thousands of hours of community service and are solid representatives of the university wherever they go," he added.



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So Small

BY LORINE PARKS,
WRITERS' WORKSHOP WEST

"So small," some might say, shaking their heads over a garden plot that measures a little more than a yard wide and stretches out behind that like a long narrow carpet for nearly forty feet.

But Jeff considers the fifty-four varieties of flowers and shrubs he is growing to be ample acreage for him to care for. He has planted a Purple Princess bush in honor of his grandmother who had one too, and several rare species, such as South African pink tiger claws which he got at the Huntington Library Gardens annual plant sale in San Marino, near Pasadena.

Jeff grows a bleeding heart from the woodlands, stag horn ferns, wildflowers such as lupin and the giant sunflowers that he saw in the south of France; white spider lilies push up beside delphinium and a pink and blue lace cap hydrangea. One of his thriving perennials is a glossy-leaved bellflower, a coincidence considering his garden is in Bellflower, California, where he lives in a mobile home park with a green area alone just one side of his unit.

At the far end of the plot, by the chain link fence. Jeff tends raspberries and grows tomato vines, which are watched over by a sentinel taller than he is, a seven foot Mr. Lincoln crimson rose bush. He has a mint plant, too, but as he says, "If you're not careful, it'll take over the garden."

When asked his secret, Jeff gives credit to plentiful sun plus daily shade, cross breezes for ventilation, careful watering and a green thumb he inherited from both his grandmothers. His mini eco-system nurtures many plants that would not do as well in more open lawn or exposed flower beds.

A purple trumpet flower bush that was discarded by another gardener because it was not doing well in its pot, has thrived since Jeff transplanted it into the ground. It now threatens to smother the wrought iron trellis that also frames his white floribunda Ice Queen roses.

Healthy spikes of pink and yellow gladioli rise above his red carnations, and when they fade as summer comes, dahlias and asters take their place.

As a specialty, about five years ago the Huntington sale, Jeff bought blueberry bushes especially adapted to grow in Southern California's hot dry weather. To those used to picking blueberries on the granite slopes of New Hampshire or the misty northern seacoast of Oregon, this seems impossible. But Blueberry Dan, who comes every year with his bushes to the sale, has developed several successful varieties. Jeff chose an O'Neal, because his favorite sport is basketball, and every year he and Blueberry Dan discuss the art and feeding of the elusive blueberry in Bellflower.

Besides tending the flowers, Jeff has sprinkled stones he collected from trips to the Grand Canyon and Mexico, and shiny quartz-sparkled granite that reminds him of his back-packing days in the Sierras. He has a space lined with shiny black obsidian with clean curved fracture lines, from Glass Mountain near Mammoth Lakes, and some orange clay nuggets that his mother brought back from the Tuileries gardens



PHOTO COURTESY WRITERS' WORKSHOP WEST

Yolanda Adele, Lorine Parks and Peggy Smith, pictured above, left to right, were winners in Writers' Workshop West's non-fiction contest. Parks' story, "So Small," won first place and is featured at left.

Writers' group issues awards

DOWNEY – Lorine Parks, a poet and regular contributor to *The Downey Patriot's* "Poet's Corner," has won first place in a non-fiction contest sponsored by Writers' Workshop West of Downey.

Parks won for her entry "So Small." Second place went to Peggy Smith for "Dogs Are Smarter Than People."

Yolanda Adele's "All Shook Up," her account of meeting Elvis Presley in Las Vegas, won third place.

The winners were awarded cash and certificate prizes at the Writers' Workshop West meeting Aug. 18. The next competition due in November will be for fiction.

Several competitions are held each year including poetry. Potential members and visitors are welcome to the meetings, which are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Downey High School library.

For more information, call (562) 862-3106.

in Paris and white limestone pebbles speckled with black from Egypt near the Pyramids.

Last week Jeff added some greenish copper ore boulder he bought from Prescott, Arizona, and a few limestone slabs with fossils in them he collected near his job site. He is interested in geology and has a small three billion year old fossil ammonite, a sort of ancient chambered mollusk, but that he keeps inside his doors.

In his imagination he can see himself strolling around the world and back in time, both in his own life and that of the planet. As Hamlet said, "I could be bounded in a nutshell and count myself king of infinite space." After inspecting Jeff's well tended garden, one would have to agree. Not so small after all.

POET'S CORNER

Vegan

I'm never gonna eat no meat, no more
Count me out as a carnivore
Should have gone this route before
But I didn't have a clue - (do you?)

What made me change my stupid ways?
Two good friends from happier days
One had cancer, the other one a stroke
Both of'em much to young to croak!

So I became a Vegan, V-E-G-A-N
Eating what nature gave us
When human life began.

No matter what your politics, or race
We all have in common a human face.

And that means our bodies
Share the same needs -
Food not obtained by violent deeds!

So close down the slaughterhouse,
Open up the cages
Say good-bye to those Dark Ages!

You wanna help but you don't know how-
Kick the meat habit - right now!

Fields full of cows instead of grain
People starving - where is our brain?
It's a 5-letter word that can save the world-
Let's say it again - and again -
That's V-E-G-A-N, Vegan!

-Rosalie Carpenter,
Downey

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Tesla, We Want You

By Eric Pierce

In the very first issue of *The Downey Patriot*, published May 3, 2002, the late John Adams wrote, "The Patriot vows to pay close attention to the needs of the business community in an effort to spur economic growth. A healthy business community is the machine, which produces revenue by which a modern city maintains services and infrastructure. Without a healthy business base a modern city withers and dies."

He went on: "A newspaper should supply its readers with a mirror of the present, a window to the past, and a door through which to explore the future."

Aerospace is Downey's past, Downey Studios is the present, and Tesla Motors, manufacturer of electric cars, has a good chance of being the future.

It's with that in mind that Downey residents are implored to write to Tesla Motors and sell them on Downey's economic advantages over Long Beach.

A Tesla Motors plant would create up to 1,200 jobs, and Tesla CEO Elon Musk has pledged that local residents would be given preference for those jobs.

The fact that films such as "G.I. Joe" and "Spiderman" were filmed in Downey looks nice on the city's resume, but the truth is, and city officials will acknowledge this, the film industry has done little to enhance Downey's economy. Production companies bring in their own workers, including caterers.

Tesla Motors is the future, if not in Downey, somewhere. They have nearly half a billion dollars in monies loaned by the U.S. Department of Energy, and they will use that money to steer America onto a path of cleaner, more fuel-efficient transportation.

Downey has a chance to play a critical role in that development.

My hunch is that Tesla Motors is secretly hoping Long Beach officials pull their heads out of the sand and begin showing Tesla the welcome mat.

Downey, on the other hand, has no qualms that Tesla belongs in our city. It's a natural, beautiful fit.

The entire City Council is pitching in on an aggressive recruitment campaign, and residents have the chance to do the same. Write to Tesla and tell them how much we would value them in our community. Write to Elon Musk, CEO, Tesla Motors and SpaceX, 1 Rocket Road, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

You can also save a stamp and e-mail Mayor Mario Guerra, mguerra@downeyca.org, who will forward the correspondence.

ESL class in need of a few volunteers

An excellent class at Downey Adult School is seeking a few more volunteers to help on Thursday mornings.

In this advanced-level English as a Second Language course, volunteers meet with small groups of students at conversation tables simply to talk together, in English, during an informal, friendly hour. There are no grades or reports to turn in to the teacher and no discipline problems. Well, the classroom frequently erupts with laughter, but that's good. The aim is to help these adults practice their English skills, both in using the language and in hearing it.

This program was an inspiration of the late Ed Beaumont, who contributed so much to life in the Downey community, and it has proved successful over a dozen years.

Volunteers will meet on Thursdays from 9-10:15 a.m., beginning Sept. 10. If you would like to sit in on a session, to try it out, please contract the teacher, Debbie, at (714) 609-2721, or one of the volunteers at (562) 928-4122.

The school is on Woodruff near Imperial, and plentiful parking is free.

Letters to the Editor:

Letter of congrats

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to *The Downey Patriot* on attaining "newspaper of general circulation" status; and to Jennifer DeKay-Givens, the publisher, for bringing it about. It is another bright growth milestone in a very valuable and much appreciated asset of our community.

Let me also take this opportunity to commend the Patriot for its ongoing internship program. These young people will come to appreciate the time spent in the program. We look forward to the new interns showing us their stuff in the pages of the Patriot as the previous interns have contributed in making the Patriot an even better community newspaper.

Did you know that the late Sen. Ted Kennedy did an internship with the Boston Herald?

Congratulations again!

—Harold Tseklenis,
Downey

Congress needs a 5-day work week

By Lee Hamilton

Looking at ways to make Congress a stronger, more effective institution, it's easy for reformers to get dispirited by the sheer complexity of the task. How do you even begin to fix the budget process, or reduce the hold of campaign money on members' attention, or change the lopsided power equation between Congress and the White House? Yet there is one small improvement that Congress could put into effect right now that would go a long way toward making it a more successful body: extend the congressional work week.

I don't mean to suggest that members of Congress are sloughing off. Far from it: they work extremely hard. It's just that much of their work involves tasks other than legislating. Most of the year, they devote only three days a week to this fundamental responsibility; the rest of the time, they're raising money, giving speeches, politicking in the district, traveling on fact-finding visits, meeting with lobbyists and constituents, and attending to the myriad other responsibilities that contemporary members of Congress believe to be part of their job.

Only during the middle days of the week is their attention focused on the hard and often tedious work of crafting legislative language on difficult policy issues — the core, in the end, of their constitutional reason for being.

Even then, if you spend some time on Capitol Hill, you cannot help but be impressed by the frenzied pace that legislators maintain during the few days they're there. They rush from one committee hearing to another; they hold countless meetings with lobbyists or groups of constituents, interrupted by a quick dash to the floor for votes; they give speeches, spend much time with the media, attend receptions and fundraising events, and put out dozens of telephone calls. The members of Congress I meet generally seem very tired, and it's no wonder, given the schedule they keep.

Which is why I often think of a piece of advice I got from the great New York Times newsman James "Scotty" Reston shortly after I arrived in Congress in the mid-1960s. "Make sure," he told me, "that you take the time to put your feet up on the table, look out the window, and think." When I repeated this to some members of Congress recently, they just laughed — they recognized good advice when they heard it, but also recognized that getting even a few minutes to reflect at peace seems an impossibility these days.

The manic schedule that members of Congress maintain costs them more than the chance to get their thoughts in order. I would argue, in fact, that it hurts their ability to be effective as legislators. For the simple truth is that good legislating takes time. It demands the patient pursuit of consensus, the working through of alternatives, the ability to test ideas in debate, and a willingness to build the broad consensus that is necessary for effective legislation.

California is leader in global warming planning

By Glenn Scherer

The state of California just did something neither the Obama administration nor Congress has done: look unflinchingly into the eye of the coming climate-change storm—not with the intent of stopping it—but of economically surviving it.

Rather than passing a weak climate change bill that kowtows to the fossil fuel industry—too little, far too late—Washington should follow California's lead. We do need serious greenhouse gas reductions, but there is equal urgency for us to adapt to a near future that could be swept by unpredictable drought, flooding, heat waves and rising seas.

The just released California Natural Resources Agency (CRNA) draft report was ordered by Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. It warns of the economic consequences of climate inaction, likely in the tens-of-billions of dollars annually—that's just in California. It notes that, of the state's \$4 trillion in real estate assets, \$2.5 trillion are "at risk from extreme weather events, sea level rise, and wildfires."

California offers twelve adaptation strategies to protect its economy, a plan that could be a model for federal climate change adaptation.

First, it proposes the formation of a Climate Adaptation Advisory Panel. A federal version of such a panel would include the best minds of the industrial, banking, insurance, energy, technology, agricultural, and environmental sectors, and use cutting-edge climate science to assess the major economic threats from global warming and recommend risk reduction strategies.

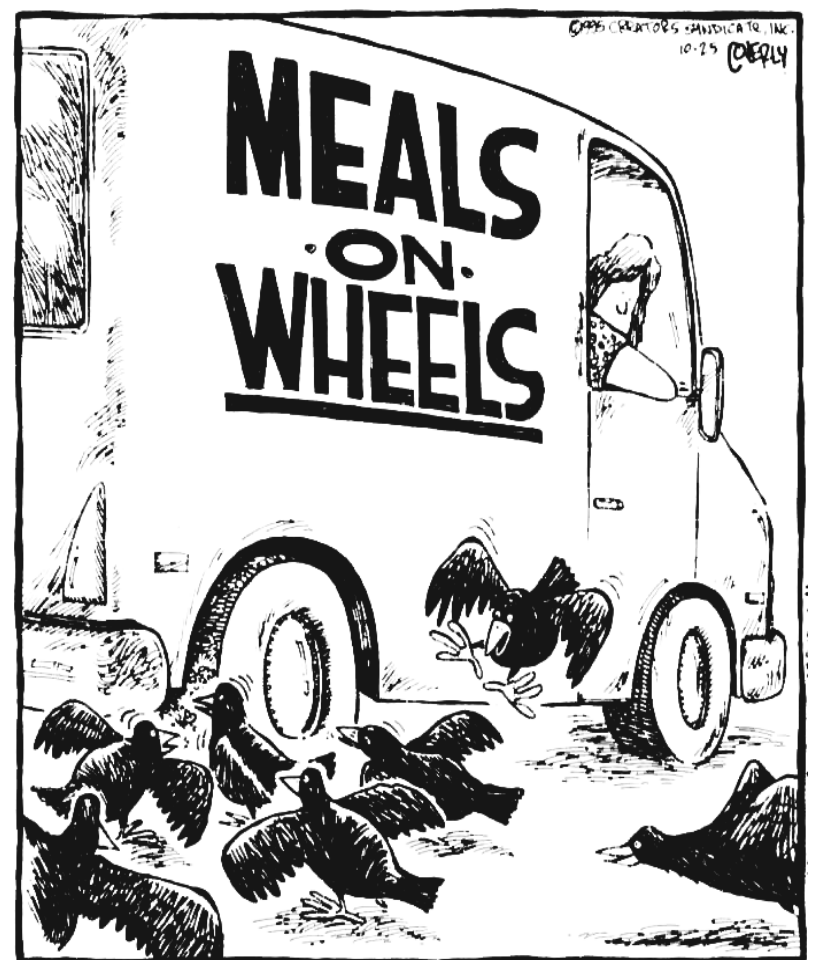
Next, government agencies that regulate public health, infrastructure and habitat would prepare agency-specific climate adaptation plans by September 2010. Individual communities too would be encouraged to shape their own plans.

Then there's water. Our fast evolving climate has already caused increased competition for this finite resource. California's adaptation strategy calls for a "20 percent reduction in per capita water use by 2020," plus improved water quality, water storage, and agricultural water use—excellent goals that safeguard water security.

The plan also sees an end to significant new development in areas likely to be submerged by rising seas or flooded by storm surges. This will be a hardship for the real estate and construction industries, but the alternative is a future in which coastal property losses could bankrupt the insurance industry and the nation.

Greater wildfire danger—especially in the drought-prone West—requires that firefighters "begin immediately to include climate change impact" in their planning.

All new government-funded construction projects and existing assets, such as roads and other vital transportation systems, should also be assessed for climate risk and protected.



CORRECTIONS

- A press release received from the city, and published last week by the Patriot, contained an incorrect date for a waste roundup. The roundup took place Saturday, Aug. 29.
- In a story last week on the closure of Casa de Gonzales Chevrolet and Cadillac, it should be noted that Robert Zavala, president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, was speaking in general terms when quoted in the article, and not commenting directly on Casa de Gonzales.

All of this is pretty much impossible if you usually devote only three — or three and a half — days a week to the work of the Congress. Many members don't have the opportunity to get to know one another well, and therefore to build the trust required to work across party and ideological lines. Time for debate and deliberation — key constitutional responsibilities — gets constrained.

The opportunities multiply for pursuing delaying tactics, playing against the clock, or, in the Senate, threatening a filibuster. Leaders have more leeway to circumvent good democratic process by cramming complex legislation into last-minute, must-pass legislative vehicles. The cramped congressional schedule, in other words, curtails the deliberative process and encourages the dysfunctional habits that the American people have come to identify with Congress.

This is why returning to a five-day work week on Capitol Hill, at least for three out of every four weeks, is so important.

I recognize that it is politically difficult to pull off — the jet airplane has made returning home to the district so easy that members of Congress feel they must do so every Thursday evening or risk alienating their constituents and the local media. But if they're interested in producing good legislation, there is no substitute for time spent doing so.

A longer work week in Washington would give them the chance to build the ties they need to work together, to craft legislation without constantly looking at the clock, to overcome the delaying tactics that have so frustrated policy-makers in recent years, and to make more rapid progress on the truly difficult issues that confront Congress with such regularity these days. It might even, every so often, give them a chance to put their feet up on the table, look out the window, and spend some time pondering what's best for the American people.

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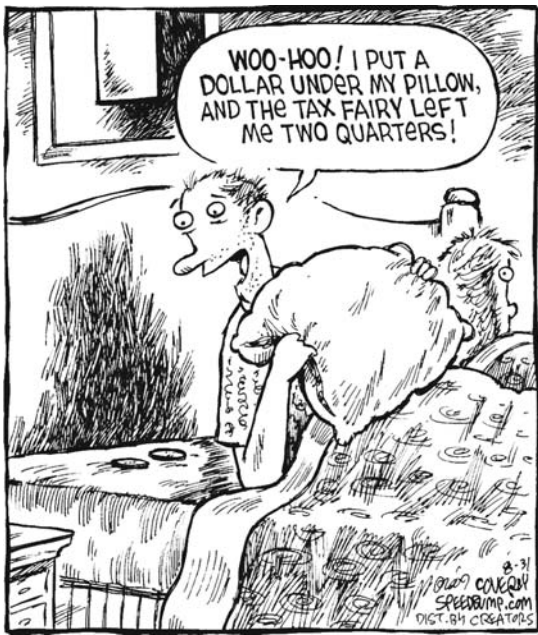
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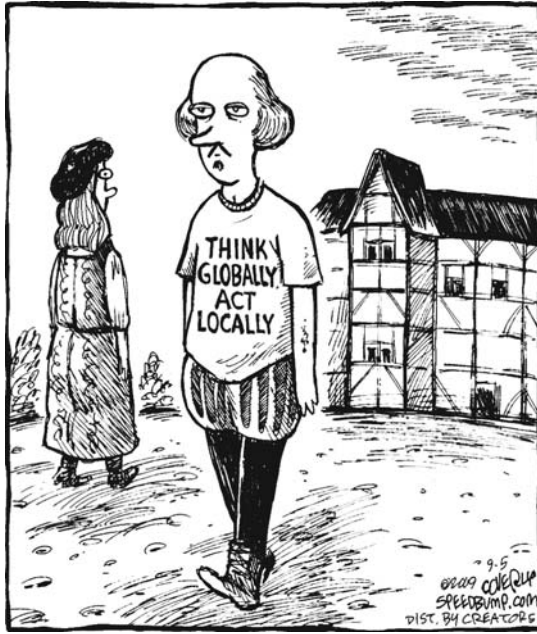
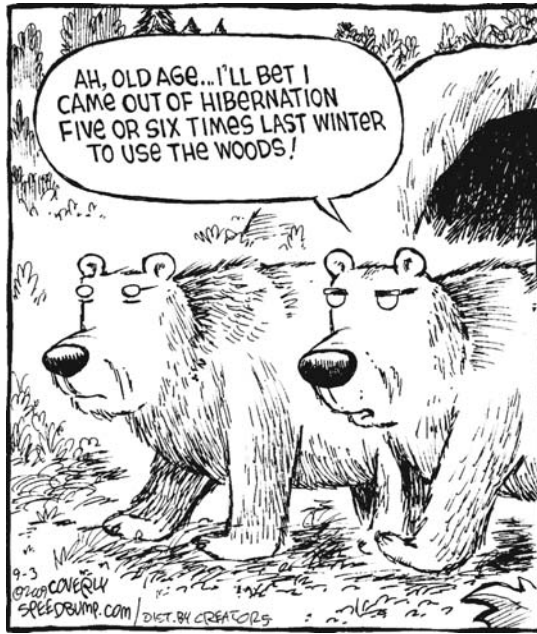
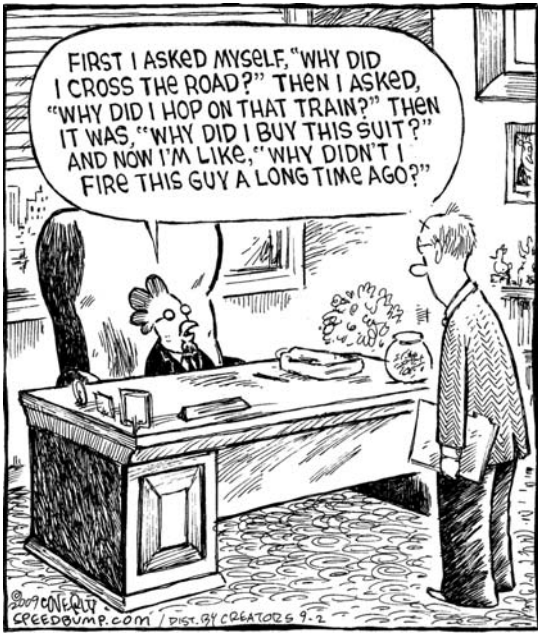
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

- Sat. Sept. 5: **Pancake breakfast**, Downey High School, 7 a.m.
- Tues. Sept. 8: **Rise 'N Shine networking**, Downey Brewing Company, 7:30 a.m.
- Wed. Sept. 9: **Citizens for Downey**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 7:15 a.m.
- Wed. Sept. 9: **Pharmacy ribbon-cutting**, 7816 Florence Ave., 10 a.m.
- Wed. Sept. 9: **Christian Club meeting**, Los Amigos Country Club, 11:30 a.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 7:30 p.m.: **Job/Career Coaching**, at The First Presbyterian Church, for info. call 861-6752.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Pat Rooney at 923-5352.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Brian Saylor at 927-2000.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
- 4th Weds., 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Cafe N Stuff, for information, call Sandy Esslinger, (310) 491-8989.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call (562) 904-7246.

On This Day...

Sept. 4, 1781: Los Angeles, Calif. is founded as El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula (The Village of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels of Porziuncola) by Spanish settlers.

1957: The Little Rock Crisis occurs, in which the governor of Arkansas calls out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from enrolling in Central High School.

1972: Swimmer Mark Spitz wins his seventh gold medal at the Olympic Games, a modern-day record.

2002: Kelly Clarkson wins the first season of "American Idol."

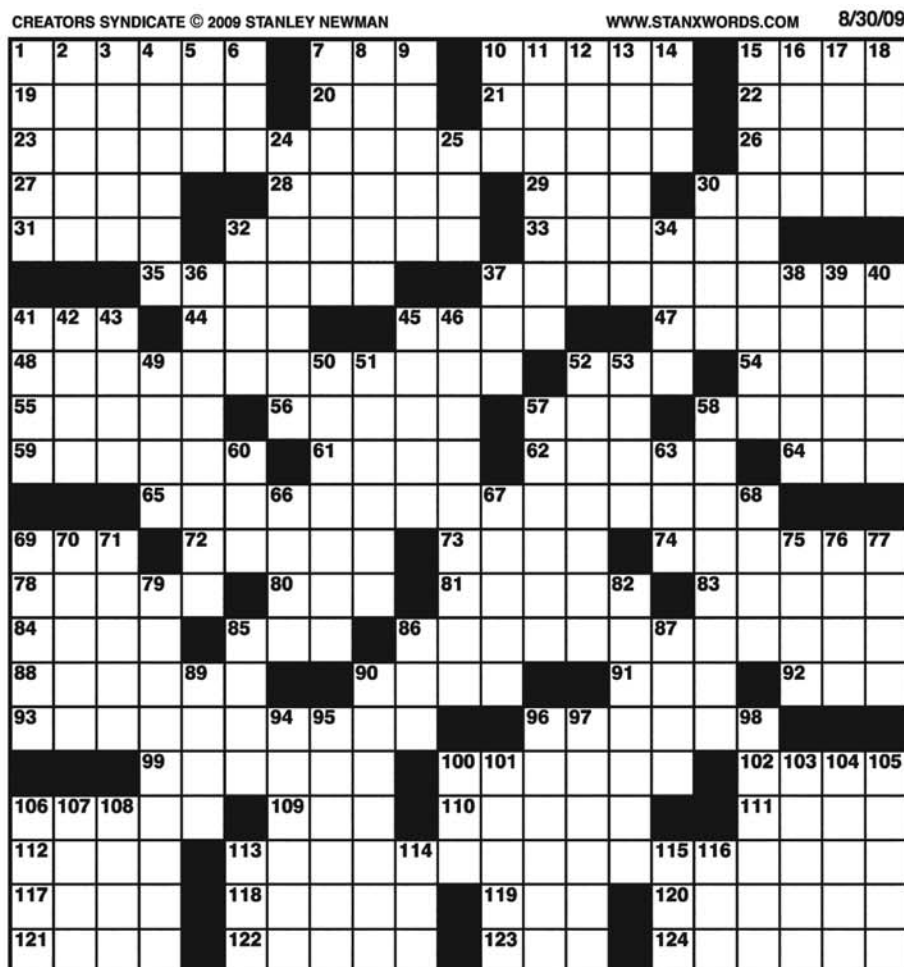
2006: Steve Irwin, the "Crocodile Hunter," dies after being attacked by a stingray.

Birthdays: Golfer Tom Watson (60), Dr. Drew Pinsky (51), actor Damon Wayans (49), former baseball player Mike Piazza (41) and singer Beyonce (28).

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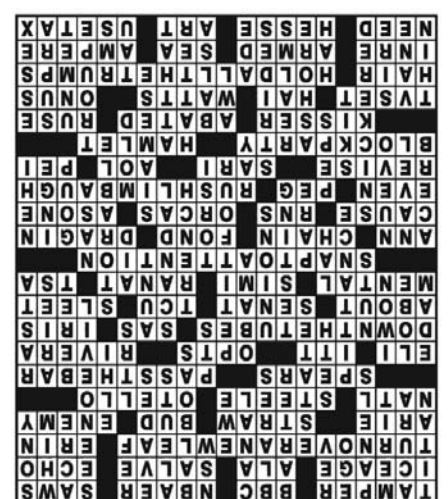
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India Arie (27 Across) won a 2003 Grammy Award for Best R&B Album, "OTELLO" (33 Across) is one of three Verdi operas based on Shakespeare; the other two are "Macbeth" and "Falstaff"; LITAN (1 Down), Saturn's largest moon, is the only moon known to have a dense atmosphere.





Downey High ASB attends CADA leadership camp

By Joanna Quintana

DOWNEY – Spirit, advice, and fool-proof plans to get the impossible done are only half of what Downey High's Associated Student Body, or ASB, learned amidst the seminars and inspirational speakers of CADA Leadership Camp.

CADA is a recommended camp located at the University of California, Santa Barbara for ASB's newest members where students interested in leadership positions within school can arrive from various parts of the U.S. to become a student body ready to learn how to govern successfully. The only time ASB members from Downey High were able to see each other between July 17-20 was during lunch breaks and late at night in each other's dorms.

"Being separate from school kids gave us a chance to meet a lot of people and that's going to happen in life, but everyone was so friendly and all had a common thing," said Commissioner of Campus and Community, Yaheli Aguilera.

From 6 a.m. to midnight, ASB students followed a rigorous schedule of council meetings and educational sessions. Councils were made up of students unknown to the other, but who worked together to achieve their purpose. These student-run councils met occasionally to focus on their topic, such as advertising or teacher and staff recognition. ASB President Liz Calvillo focused on matching sessions that would most likely be useful to each member's particular job at Downey.

"The sessions taught how to lead, how to be the one to step up," said Calvillo. "Everyone went to their own session, but I had everyone go to a pep session because school spirit has really gone down and we need to bring it back up. If you're more spirited, then you want to be at school. Everyone would be a lot less motivated if they hadn't been at CADA, and spirit at Downey isn't great, while spirit at CADA is really good. We see that, and it becomes our goal."

Every meeting, session, guest speaker, and new kid added to a complete educational experience that would assist not only in tasks demanded from a member of ASB, but also in tasks demanded from a leader throughout life.

"A speaker talked about how he made something out of his life, how he was nobody and yet he still managed to climb to the top, and I think that it's something I needed, a little push to do better and achieve what I want to achieve and I can use it in life, not just for ASB," said Elizabeth Bernstein, Commissioner of Pep, Spirit, and Assembly. "The speakers mostly applied to life and the kids applied to ASB with their leadership."

Downey High dances in jeopardy

By Gabriela Coxa and Jennifer Cho

DOWNEY – From about 800 Sadie Hawkins Dance tickets sold in previous years to only 38 last spring, the future of Downey High School dances is at stake.

Downey High ASB (Associated Student Body) cancelled Sadie Hawkins this past spring due to poor ticket sales and also decided to call off the Back-to-School Dance scheduled for this fall due to previous poor dance attendance and budget cuts, said Downey senior and ASB President Liz Calvillo.

According to Downey junior and ASB Treasurer Kristin Maranan, ASB is facing budget cuts now that it is banned from selling snacks to students—the main source of revenue in funding for dances.

"We're no longer allowed to sell food like churros and popcorn to the students in the quad," Maranan said. "The cafeteria ladies see us as competition, so now our budget for dances is really low."

With a tight budget, ASB has needed to find new, more economical ways to prepare for the dances.

"We used to be able to buy nice decorations," Maranan said. "Now, ASB members have to draw pictures to decorate [the dances]. All we can afford now is paper to decorate on and pay DJs."

Although money is a complication, appointed ASB members such as Downey senior and Dance Coordinator Elena Ortiz still hope to improve dances this upcoming year.

"Students can expect better music, DJs, and themes from this year's dances," Ortiz said. "We're really upping our game."

In previous years, students used to receive a free Back-to-School Dance ticket with the purchase of an ASB Activities Card. This year, ASB did not give out free tickets and is considering the Homecoming Dance as the school's Back-to-School Dance. There will be no Back-to-School Dance following a football game as it has been for many years at Downey; instead, Homecoming will take place right after the Homecoming game.

Although there will be no Back-to-School Dance this fall, students can look forward to Homecoming in October. ASB has confirmed the theme of this year's Homecoming is "Up, Up, and Away," inspired by Disney-Pixar's film "Up." The dance will be held in the school's gym after the game.

"Students can come from the [Allen Layne] stadium and head to the gym for the dance," Ortiz said.

Despite the economic obstacles, ASB members are looking forward to holding better dances even with a limited budget.

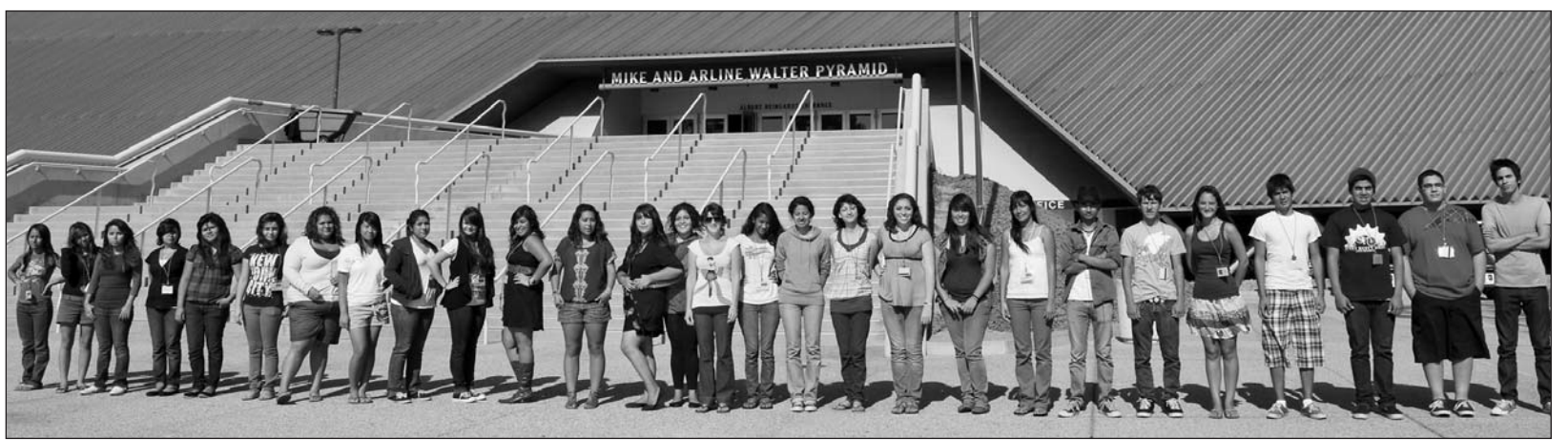


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Downey High School's yearbook staff attended a 4-day camp at Cal State Long Beach last month.

DHS yearbook staff attends camp at CSULB

By Joseph Apodaca

DOWNEY – Thinking ahead was a skill the members of the Downey High School yearbook staff were no strangers to as they developed the theme for their 2009-2010 yearbook at a camp held at Cal State Long Beach.

From Aug. 8-12, a group of 29 students attended classes, ate meals three times a day, and lived in actual college dorms, all in the hopes that by the end of their stay at camp, their concept for the yearbook was well developed and understandable to all.

For five days, the Yearbooks at the Beach camp played host to Downey High and other schools from across Southern California. Students in attendance were kept to a strict schedule each day. The schedules, however, were far from typical.

"We wake up, rush to get ready, and try to grab breakfast," said Copy Editor Andrea Ortiz. "We just change and go."

Depending on a staff member's area of expertise, they were placed into different classes where advisers taught the students all they needed to know about writing, photography, design, and for some, a yearbook experts class. Not for the faint of heart, yearbook experts was reserved for only the brightest, most experienced staff members.

"The assignments are very demanding," said Downey yearbook Co-Editor

In Chief Victor Kowalski.

Being at camp wasn't all work and no play, however. Each day, activities were set aside from classes and lectures to ensure the staff members had the chance to bond. From a hypnotist show to a gathering at the beach, every staff member became fast friends by the end of camp. Being friendly and familiar with each other only helped the students grow together as a staff, as they spent many late nights in the dorms working away at their concept.

"Working with the staff went smoothly and comfortably," said Editor-In-Chief Tiare King. "They really speak up and have been making good progress with coming up with ideas for the concept."

By the end of their five days at camp, the entire staff is asked to present their concept in front of a panel of judges. There, selected members of the staff present ideas for certain sections of the book, explain the theme, and show examples of design and coverage ideas. After their presentation, the judges give critiques on their theme and offer suggestions and ideas on how to perfect it further throughout the year.

Though the yearbook may not reach the hands of students until the end of June, the members of the Downey yearbook staff work long and hard during the school year to ensure their book is something they can be proud and something their peers will enjoy immensely.

Yearbook camp: where it all begins

By Deborah Won

DOWNEY – Preparation is what the Warren High School yearbook staff extensively focused on during this summer's rigorous four-day period of training in yearbook camp, where the foundation of the forthcoming yearbook was built.

The theme for Warren's 2009-2010 yearbook "High Definition" was chosen at the camp. This theme, chosen democratically from numerous other options, revolves around the idea of highlighting the best-quality moments in life, undoubtedly a perfect theme for the upcoming yearbook. Not to be taken lightly, yearbook camp shapes the students within the staff to successfully work as a team, and is the kick-off of beginning the new album of memories that is produced by the end of each year.

Most people see the yearbook as a symbol of the end of the year and past memories. However, to the hardworking staff, the yearbook is a fresh project that requires the commitment and effort of a dedicated team, even before the school year begins. Perhaps this is why yearbook advisor Cory Catalano encouraged his staff to attend yearbook camp this summer at Chapman University.

In fact, Catalano advocated staff members' participation in this camp to such an extent that he even provided scholarship opportunities to cover the cost of the program. Although not mandatory, several students from Warren High School attended yearbook camp this summer. Running from July 31 to

Aug. 3, students who attended the camp spent four days within the dorms of the university, and were required to follow a strict schedule that was planned for each day.

"Yearbook camp was an experience that allowed me to get really involved into the yearbook process," said editor-in-chief of Warren's yearbook staff, Irwin Luna.

Other members of the staff felt as Luna did, especially with the intense curriculum calling for every student's participation and profuse attention. Throughout this period of discipline, students were trained to grasp the specific skills needed to function properly within their staff in order to successfully create a yearbook.

One of the most important things they learned included a tutorial on how to use the software InDesign, a computer program universally used to create yearbooks. In addition, there were several other workshops that each school staff could sign up for according to the staff's best judgment of the most beneficial workshop.

The students were also given time to meet together as a unified staff and work on completing some of the basic necessities of the actual yearbook, a requirement of the program. A crucial week of training, the yearbook staff was truly committed to prepare for the new school year and its challenges, and will be rewarded when "High Definition" materializes into a phenomenal historic account of 2009-10.

New school year gets students talking

By Deborah Won

DOWNEY – Summertime and the days of relaxation have come to an end, and students all over Downey are clamoring with talk on the subject of going back to school.

"I'm really excited for my last year of high school since I have a lot going on for me," said senior Kayleigh Cook. "But I'm also nervous about filling out college applications and seeing what college I get into."

The final year of high school is an exciting yet tumultuous passage into the real world. Seniors hold high expectations, and expect nothing less than an eventful, memorable year. Although there is prom and graduation to look forward to, senior year is not all fun and games, especially when pressure comes in the form of the dreaded college application deadlines. Seniors, therefore, are preparing for a momentous, exhilarating year, in both the social perspective and college admissions aspect.

"I'm really concerned with my academics and sport this year," said junior Savannah Vilaubi. "Especially with college not that far ahead, I need to focus on how to get into the college that I want."

Sophomores and juniors, who have become accustomed to the routine of high school have realized that these two core years of high school may determine their future and the importance on school and academic studies is greatly stressed during this time. With harder Advanced Placement and honors courses available, and more freedom in choosing one's own school agenda, sophomores and juniors truly are responsible for setting their own path into college life. In addition, with sophomore and junior year comes the notorious A.P. tests, PSATs, and SATs.

"I'm actually pretty nervous about going into high school this year," said freshman Nicholas Valadez.

Becoming a freshman means new crowds, harder classes, a labyrinth campus, and much more, but over time, freshmen will adapt to the high school world.

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P.J. Mellana gets head start on campaign for Assembly seat

By Christian Brown, Staff Writer

It's not every day that someone decides to run for a seat in the California State Assembly, but P.J. Mellana believes his motives couldn't be more genuine.

"Ever since my 12th grade government class, I've had a passion for politics," said Mellana, who is campaigning to become the 50th District's next assemblyman. "I feel it's now or never. I need to fight for the things I believe in and the principles I stand for."

Mellana is just one of the many eager politicians across the Southland already gearing up for campaign season as the 2010 state election looms in the distance.

For Mellana the decision to run for State Assembly in the 50th District, which includes Bell, South Gate, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Bellflower, Lynwood, Florence Graham, Walnut Park and a portion of Downey, came out of disappointment.

"In this district, I felt there was no one representing me and my values," said Mellana, who is a registered Republican. "I came to the conclusion that I could do a better job."

As the only republican candidate in a race that has four challengers vying for the nomination of the Democratic Party, Mellana acknowledges that his candidacy is an uphill battle.

"If I have a chance, it's now," he said. "There's been a shift. The people don't want the same political jargon - they don't want the status quo that's going on in Sacramento right now."

Although Mellana's Democratic challenger will not be chosen until next year's primary, the 30-year-old Bellflower resident has already characterized the four contenders as political insiders who already have connections with

people in Sacramento.

"I may be a lone voice," he said. "But I think I have the ability to listen and address the concerns people have."

For the last 10 years, Mellana has worked in recreation for the cities of San Ramon, Glendale and Bellflower. He is currently a recreation supervisor for the City of Bellflower where he administers programs for youth, adults, and senior citizens. As a part-time instructor, Mellana also teaches general education subjects at the University of Phoenix.

With not much political experience, Mellana admits there will be a learning curve if he is elected; however, he is confident that voters are not looking for experienced leaders with bad policies.

According to campaign resources, Mellana's key issues include fiscal restraint, limited government and taxes, and government reform through accountability.

"The principles I'm running on transcend party lines, racial lines and economic lines," he said. "The economy is horrendous right now and it only got worst when they decided to increase taxes on people."

Mellana said there is a need for government, but does not agree that government should be creating jobs.

"We need to allow businesses the opportunity to create more jobs," said Mellana. "We can stimulate the economy by limiting taxes. If the climate is not friendly, people will take their businesses to Nevada or Arizona."

Mellana is also adamant about spending in Sacramento.

"We need fiscal discipline now," he said. "I'm experienced enough to know where that red button is to say 'no' to wasteful



PHOTO COURTESY P.J. MELLANA CAMPAIGN

P.J. Mellana, a recreation supervisor for the city of Bellflower, is seeking to become the next assemblyman in the 50th District, which includes portions of Downey.

spending."

Kristen Smith, campaign manager for Mellana, worked with him during most of his years in recreation. For Smith, helping Mellana seemed natural.

"He began working for me when he first entered the field of recreation in the city of Bellflower," said Smith in an e-mail response. "I have nothing personal to gain other than the satisfaction of knowing I am helping to

promote a responsible and ethical person that will represent his constituents well."

Mellana's wife, Kari, and two children, Peter and Reagan remain a constant figure in his campaign along with several volunteers who believe in Mellana's message.

"I believe California will get better," he said. "If we just give the people a chance to make it better."



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY SYMPHONY

Pauline Yang will perform Sept. 20 in a Garden Party fundraiser at the home of Dr. Walter Kelley. Tickets, priced at \$75, will benefit the Downey Symphony.

Great food, better music on tap

By Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony

DOWNEY - Among many compelling reasons to attend the Downey Symphony's Garden Party on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, are the great food and the lovely setting at Dr. Walter Kelley's home and the congenial guests and the exciting stuff at auction and the champagne and the dessert table laden with goodies that are "as close to Saturday night sinner's as you can get without you gotta be saved Sunday morning in church."

And you can expect the afternoon's entertainment to be equally remarkable. Five top brass players from USC, clustered on the lawn, will keep things humming with music both popular and classical.

As a spectacular bonus, Pauline Yang, the piano soloist with our orchestra last fall, will play for the guests, a performance she is donating in support of the Downey Symphony.

Also during this festive afternoon, in recognition of solo artists who have appeared over the years

with our orchestra, the board will introduce an award called the Circle of Stars. Along with Pauline Yang, violinist Danielle Belen and composer Robert Litton will be at the party to receive this honor.

There remains the final and most important reason of all to come to this affair, and of course that is the support you generate to keep this fine orchestra alive and playing.

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You do not need an affiliation with the Symphony to come to the Garden party, but you do want to make a reservation by Sept. 11. The price of \$75 covers all the delights noted above, and a portion is tax-deductible.

For information, or to receive an invitation in the mail, please phone (562) 928-4122.

FBI: O.C. man used Internet to lure girls

SANTA ANA - An Orange County man was arrested last month after arranging to meet a teenage girl he met on the Internet for sex, and the FBI fears there may be additional victims.

Robin Lam, 28, was arrested Aug. 20 on suspicion of communication with a known minor for the purposes of sex, and the attempted molestation of a child.

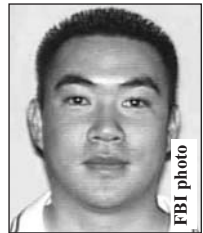
The investigation began Aug.

18 when the parent of a 15-year-old girl contacted police to inform them that her daughter was e-mailing and text messaging another person about meeting and having sex.

The next day, investigators with the FBI's SAFE Team, a task force focusing on crimes against children, assumed the girl's identity and arranged to meet with Lam for sex. He was immediately arrested

and booked at the Orange County Sheriff's Department in Santa Ana.

During a search of Lam's homes, investigators found an additional 17-year-old victim at his residence. The second victim said she met Lam online.



Lam used social networking sites to meet minors, and used the aliases "James Wing" and "JayMahaLA," the FBI said in a statement. Based on evidence and explicit communication found on his computer, investigators believe their may be additional victims.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the SAFE Team at (714) 542-8825 or (310) 477-6565.

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Strategy coach to speak here


DOWNEY - Marianne Emma Jeff, a "professional success and strategy coach," will be the guest speaker at Rise 'N Shine Networking on Sept. 22.

Jeff's topic will be "Breaking Through Your Invisible Barrier to

Success." The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and cost to attend is an order from the menu. RSVP by calling the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

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PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY CIVIC LIGHT OPERA

Katherine Henryk will make her Downey Civic Light Opera debut as Mrs. Higgins in "My Fair Lady" opening Oct. 1 at the Downey Theatre. Henryk is an award-winning actress who has appeared at the Mark Taper Forum, the Ahmanson Theatre, the Pasadena Playhouse, the Old Globe and off-Broadway. She is a veteran of film and television and studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.

Long Beach theater company releases season lineup

■ Award-winning 'Sweeney Todd' comes to Long Beach in January.

LONG BEACH – Single tickets will go on sale Sept. 16 for all shows in Musical Theatre West's 2009-10 season, which opens Oct. 30 with "Meet Me in St. Louis."

All Musical Theatre West productions are held in the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is based on the classic MGM film starring Judy Garland. Set against the backdrop of the historic World's Fair, "Meet Me in St. Louis" tells the story of the Smith family as they move from their beloved Victorian home to St. Louis in 1904.

The score includes "The Boy Next Door," "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

"Sweeney Todd" is the second production and opens Jan. 29. The Tony Award-winning musical tells the infamous tale of Benjamin Barket, aka Sweeney Todd, who

takes up with his enterprising neighbor in a plot to slice their way through England's upper crust.

For its third production, Musical Theatre West will present Roger Bean's "The Marvelous Wonderettes," opening April 16. A cotton-candy colored, non-stop pop musical, "The Marvelous Wonderettes" transports you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom, where we meet four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. The musical features the songs "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Lipstick on Your Collar," "Secret Love," "Mr. Sandman" and more.

The season will close the historic and patriotic musical "1776," opening July 9. A Tony winner for Best Musical, "1776" will introduce you to the Founding Fathers; sometimes comic, usually noble and always human.

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"Meet Me in St. Louis," the classic 1944 film starring Judy Garland, will be presented on-stage by Musical Theatre West beginning Oct. 30 in Long Beach.

Beach Boys, Ciara headline county fair concerts

POMONA – The L.A. County Fair has announced the lineup for its 19-night concert and entertainment series.

Al Green will kick-off the series tomorrow. A limited number of seats will be free with paid fair admission, but premium seating is also available.

In addition to Green, the complete concert lineup includes Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert, Sept. 6; Jaguares, Sept. 7; Monster Truck Madness, Sept. 10; Peter Frampton and Kansas, Sept. 11; Good Charlotte, Sept. 12; Lynyrd Skynyrd, Sept. 13; Creedence

Clearwater Revisited, Sept. 17; WAR and Average White Band, Sept. 18; LeAnn Rimes, Sept. 19; Mariachi USA Fiesta, Sept. 20; Donna Summer, Sept. 25; Ciara, Sept. 26; Beach Boys, Sept. 27; Demolition Derby, Oct. 1; Charlie Wilson and the Gap Band, Oct. 2; World Championships of Freestyle Motorcross, Oct. 3; and Shinedown, Puddle of Mudd and Saliva, Oct. 4.

Tickets range from \$18.50 to \$150 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations and online at www.lacountyfair.com.

Johnson to speak at Christian Club meeting

DOWNEY – Shirley Johnson of Best Travel will present the Special Feature when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets Sept. 9 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The meeting's guest speaker is Ella Mae Rawlings, who will speak on "The Making of a Dandelion." The Ukulele Ladies will provide music.

The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$13 for the buffet

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Sports

Tennis not immune to rivalry

■ Downey-Warren tennis matches have been known to become fiercely competitive.

By ALYSSA WYNNE,
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The fierce cross-town rivalry that engulfs the students of Downey High School and Warren High School is one that every Downey resident is aware. Football and basketball are generally the sports more focused on for the two schools.

However, the other sports should not be undermined. Both Downey and Warren have incredibly competitive girls' tennis teams and their coaches agree that the community should pay special attention to these athletically talented girls.

Downey High held tennis tryouts for 70 hopeful girls at the conclusion of their 2008-2009 school year. In order to make the team, head coach Denise Diego, was looking for focused and determined players who also have potential to improve if they are not already fully skilled.

The upcoming team for this season is consisted mainly of returning players but there is still a substantial amount of new players. The top singles player is Christina Arsenescu who has been on varsity for four years.

"I dislike it when people say that tennis shouldn't be considered a sport since there's no physical contact, but really, tennis is not only about playing a physical game, it's a mental game," Arsenescu said.

By the tone of her passion for the game, we realize that she is definitely one to watch out for this season. As for the doubles, Katie Medina and Janette Rico are also potential star athletes for this upcoming season. Their official season begins the second week of the 2009-2010 school year.

Warren head coach Mary Starksen recently held tryouts for the players this August and is hoping they will be a successful team despite it being almost a completely new squad.

She said that there is severe competition among the Bears in varsity because the line up is not yet set in stone.

"I was looking for girls with good work ethic," Starksen said. "Girls that can practice hard and try their best—no excuses. I want to see improvement every day."

There is no doubt that Rebecca Lopez, whom Starksen considers her top singles player, and Angelika Sosnowski match up to their coach's standards. Both girls are juniors and are playing varsity for Warren.

Starksen also mentioned that she believes her girls' reflect Warren as a school saying they are all good athletes, as well as students and are involved in things outside of just the sport of tennis.

Their official season begins Thursday with their first match.

Cheer camp Sept. 19

DOWNEY – Downey High School will offer their annual cheer camp Sept. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon inside the school gym.

Girls between the ages of 5-13 will learn game action cheers and perform during halftime of the Sept. 25 Downey varsity football game at Allen Layne Stadium.

Cost of the clinic is \$25 and includes a T-shirt and two admission tickets to the football game.

To register, call Kim Buss at (562) 822-4265.



PHOTO BY PAUL HEIDECKER

Warren will begin defending the San Gabriel Valley League title tonight when they host Torrance. Game time is 7 p.m.

Warren opens title defense tonight

■ Jesse Callier, Sam Bettencourt expected to lead team.

By SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Repeating a football league championship can be difficult enough, but it can prove to be even more challenging when replacing an offensive line as Warren High School will find out tonight at home in their season opener against Torrance.

Bears head coach Chris Benadom had expressed his concerns about the offensive line immediately after last season's loss against Mira Costa in the second round of the CIF Southern Section playoffs.

Warren this year will have to replace three starting offensive linemen in order to protect the likes of quarterback Sam Bettencourt and running back Jesse Callier. But summer practices have proven to Benadom that the offensive line are

up to the task and should be good to go against Torrance.

"We're on track and right where we want to be at this time," he said. "Everyone is hungry and it's time to play a game."

Benadom is confident in his team but doesn't really know what will happen until his team puts on the pads in a real game.

"We've been practicing against our own squad for eight months," he said. "The kids are ready."

Torrance will be a good test for the defending SGVL champs. Last year, Torrance kept it close against the Bears but fell two points short in a 23-21 loss on a cold October night.

The loss against Warren was the first of three in a row. But surrounding those three losses were nothing but victories. Torrance went 7-3 on the season, good enough for a third place finish in the Pioneer League, and just one game out of the playoffs.

The Torrance Tartars will be missing key components in their

offense and defense because of graduating players this year. But they will be returning plenty of familiar faces to the mix that should at the very least keep the status quo from 2008.

While this is a non-league game, Benadom still expects certain things from his team that will be returning a lot of starters from last year. His biggest worry about the first game will be consistency.

"You know, in the first game you worry about penalties, you worry about false starts, and other things," he said. "I just want a clean game from these kids."

It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone to see the same system from last year as far as the offense goes. Benadom said to not expect anything different in the way they run the ball as the Bears have been notorious to grind teams into the ground for years now.

With Callier returning, it is very possible to see him carry the ball over 25 times a game. Benadom did say that Bettencourt

has made a significant leap in his ability from his sophomore to junior year and said that they would be passing the ball a little bit more in comparison to last year.

"If it's not broken, don't fix it," Benadom said about his team's offensive strategy.

And why should he considering he has an all-CIF running back returning for his final year.

Torrance will be a good first game for an already proven defensive unit, running back, quarterback, and receiving squad. The game will also be helpful in the experience building aspect for the new offensive line.

But the game will also be an indicator to Benadom on where his team is so far after the countless hours in the weight room, practice field, and video room. A repeat is possible for the Bears but Benadom is not pressing.

"I haven't felt any pressure," he said. "But there's always going to be some kind of pressure to repeat."

Warren cross country: 'unbeatable' is an understatement

■ Team is hungry for CIF championship.

By JARED HEAD,
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The 2009 Warren boys cross country team can be described in a series of words such as unbeatable or uncatchable and every other phrase denoting an ability to see opponents left as if standing still.

Coming off of last season's second place finish to Paramount, the Bears have ready an arsenal of runners that are worthy of bringing in more than a San Gabriel Valley League title.

"This is the best cross country team Warren has ever seen," Warren coach Ramon Miranda said confidently.

Senior Frank Lopez and sophomore Alex Dominguez hold down the fort as part of the three-man team of blistering speed across three miles. But when you take a look at junior Christopher Enriquez, you see the embodiment of every single superlative there is.

"He's the SGVL's 3200m champion," Miranda said. "He ran a 9:32, that's the third fastest time in Warren's history. He trained in

Utah at a running camp and then joined us in Placerville for 19 days.

"They aren't out for just a SGVL title, they're hungry to bring Warren it's first CIF Cross Country title."

As formidable as an Enriquez-Lopez-Dominguez front sounds, the amazing depth shown in no less than 10 other runners on the team, a majority of them underclassmen, vying for the fourth spot is the clincher. 13 runners gunning for the Top 4 is seen everyday at races across the world, but when those 13 are on the same team, you have a group beyond championship-caliber.

The SGVL has three cluster meets this season. Instead of a school taking on another, every school in the SGVL meets at a park and races against every other school at the same time. It is possible to win the first two meets and lose the last yet still take the SGVL title, but Miranda has discounted losing at all this season. Clusters occur this season on Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and Nov. 6, with the last two counting as SGVL Finals.

"I can't think of one weakness," Miranda said. After seeing what can only be a modern-day cross country dream team, neither can anyone else.



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Vikings spend summer in training

■ Downey will scrimmage at Brea High School tonight.

By JOSEPH APODACA,
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The Friday night lights are shining bright once again at Allen Layne Stadium as the Downey High School varsity football team prepares for the start of their highly anticipated fall season come Sept. 11.

A more disciplined, eager, younger team eagerly awaits the start of a new year of football after spending the summer conditioning their technique. Though the Vikings lost many seniors from the previous year, that loss only resulted in a gain. With 64 at the start of summer, the team added two additional members, proving that more can be better.

"These kids are pretty dedicated," said Downey head coach Will Capps. "They mentally want to listen, learn and apply."

Throughout the summer, the members of the football team practiced in full uniform, despite the often-grueling temperatures. On hand were several coaches who held the team to a very tight, strict schedule. Those who weren't scrimmaging on the field were ordered to stand watch on the sidelines. Capturing the boys' attention was key, as coaches used clapping drills to make sure they were focused on what was taking place on the field.

"I treat the game like a class," said Capps. "We study all week for the big test on Friday night."

The varsity team members weren't the only ones who spent countless hours training this summer. The JV team showed that they could condition just as hard as their more experienced teammates.

"Our team is very big this year," said assistant head coach Jeff Wheeler. "We've got 60 players from 35 to 40 last year. They've definitely picked up on their game plan."

Though the skill level on the JV team differs from that of varsity, the determination to win isn't any different. Both levels strive to be the best in their division and shoot to win each game and progress on into the championships.

"The tempo increases with each level," said assistant head coach Eliud Rivera. "These kids really dig deep to be able to compete."

With the intense practice and conditioning the team has put into their game this summer, an exciting season of football is something to look forward to.

On the varsity end, quarterback Steven Cervantes, receiver Perry Gomez, and defensive end Jabar Ruffin are a few among several players to watch this season. Coaches are hoping for a strong defense and an exciting offense this year as they enter into their first official scrimmage against Brea Olinda High School tonight at Brea High School.

Cunningham to play overseas

DOWNEY – Former Downey High School basketball standout Larry Cunningham has signed a contract to play overseas, according to reports out of the Netherlands.

Cunningham, who recently graduated from UC Riverside where he set the school's all-time scoring record, reportedly signed with Landstede Zwolle of the Dutch Basketball League.

Cunningham ended his collegiate career with 1,502 points.

Sports

Downey girls are primed to continue success

■ Volleyball team has been dominant in recent years.

By SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey girls' volleyball head coach Andrea Sims cruised to a San Gabriel Valley League championship last year, and this year really shouldn't be any different with the Vikings returning so many players from last year's squad.

When looking at the numbers for the Vikings' volleyball squad, the numbers are absolutely staggering. Since the 2004-2005 season, the Vikings have lost only one game in SGVL play.

That lone loss came in the 2007-2008 season where they still won the SGVL title. In fact, if the Vikings can repeat what they did last year in winning a championship, they will have accomplished a feat deserving of much pomp and circumstance.

One league championship is great and something to celebrate. Back-to-back championships are definitely something to brag about. A 3-peat is a dynasty and worthy of a victory cigar.

If the Vikings lock down a championship this year, it will be their sixth straight SGVL championship, a dynasty indeed.

The Vikings this year will only have lost a handful of players from last year's team but will be returning man key players to the mix.

The biggest returning player is outside hitter Megan Kirkpatrick. Last year, Kirkpatrick led the team in kills (86), aces (33), digs (114), and receptions (58).

Also returning is setter Debra Lovell. The senior setter last year led her team with 125 assists. Lovell is also the only captain from the team last year returning.

In league, the only team the Vikings could encounter in their march to an unprecedented sixth-straight championship could be the Warren Bears.

The Bears last year were the only league foe that pushed the Vikings to five sets. In the only other meeting between the two teams, the Vikings were dominate and won in three sets.

While the Vikings seem invincible, they are far from that outside the comfort of the SGVL. The Vikings, undefeated in league, are a combined six games under .500 in the past three seasons outside of their division.

Also, in the playoffs, the Vikings have only made it out of the second round once in five years.

This year the Vikings look for things to be different. Their first game is at El Rancho on Sept. 17 at 3:15 p.m.

Band serving pancakes to raise money

DOWNEY – A pancake breakfast to benefit Downey High School's marching band and color guard will be held Sept. 5 from 7 a.m. to noon in the school's quad area.

Cost is \$5 per person. The community is invited.



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The Los Angeles Sparks recognized people with intellectual disabilities before their game Tuesday versus the Atlanta Dream. Consumers from Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County attended, and had the opportunity to high-five Sparks players as they emerged from the tunnel. The Sparks lost the game, 84-79.

CIF league preview

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SOUTHERN SECTION

DOWNEY – The 2009 CIF Southern Section football season will officially get underway this weekend, following a three-week practice period.

Most schools opened workouts Aug. 17 for a three-day conditioning session. Unrestricted football practice began Aug. 20.

A total of 395 member schools will compete in 11-man football, while 57 eight-man schools will compete.

Seventy-seven leagues will compete for 15 CIF Southern Section titles.

The following is a preseason preview:

WESTERN DIVISION: The top spot in the Western Division goes to 2008 semifinalist Palmdale. The fightin' Falcons, coached by Jeff Williams, return a talented team that also captured the Golden League title the last season for the seventh consecutive year.

Leading the way are All-CIF-SS players WR Josh Shaw (6-1, 185, Sr.) and DL Vincent Neilson (6-1, 185, Sr.)

Mira Costa gets the No. 2 ranking. Coach Don Morrow welcomes a bunch of talent from a team that advanced to the divisional finals in 2008. Leading that group is All-CIF-SS UT Kellen Lockwood (6-2, 195, Sr.) and DL Jr. Tavai (6-1, 230, Jr.).

Quartz Hill is the division's third-ranked team. Coach Pat Degan's Rebels will battle for the Golden League crown with the help of 2008 Western Division Offensive Player of the Year Kyle Brooks (5-8, 170, Sr.) and 10 other returning starters.

Defending Mission League champion Alemany gains the No. 4 ranking. Coach Dean Herrington's Warriors have 12 starters back from the 2008 league championship and semifinalist team. Returning for Alemany is All-CIF-SS standouts RB Malcolm Marable (5-9, 170, Sr.), OL Sergio Figueroa (6-1, 225, Jr.) and LB Anthony Espinoza (5-9, 190, Sr.).

Culver City claims the No. 5 spot. The Ocean League favorite Centaurs, coached by first-year coach Jahmal Wright, returns 13 starters from a team that advanced to the divisional quarterfinals in 2008. Included in that mix is All-CIF-SS LB Victor Burnett (6-0, 210, Sr.).

St. Francis of the Mission League takes the No. 6 position. The Golden Knights hope to advance through the Southern Section playoffs this season after finishing with a first-round loss last year. Coach Jim Bonds returns All-CIF-SS RB Dietrich Riley (6-2, 175, Sr.) to lead the way.

The 7th spot goes to Ocean League contender, Santa Monica.

First year head coach Travis Clark looks to return the Vikings to the playoffs after exiting from the first round in 2008. QB Garrett Safton (6-0, 170, Sr.), WR/LB Luke Zelon (6-3, 208, Sr.) and DB Jared Onouye (5-10, 170, Sr.) return for the Vikings.

San Gabriel Valley League favorite Warren gains the No. 8 ranking. Coach Chris Benadom's Bears have 11 starters back from the 2008 league championship team. Returning for Warren is All-CIF-SS RB players Jesse Callier (5-11, 180, Sr.), DB Bailey Cowins (6-1, 170, Sr.) and DL Augafa Vaaulu (6-3, 260, Sr.).

Leuzinger ranks No. 9. Coach Deon Toliver returns 13 starters from a team that finished tied for 3rd in the Ocean League but, missed the playoffs. Returning are All-league SS Taumoelau Kaveinga (6-0, 205, Sr.) and QB Teshon Burton (6-3, 195, Sr.).

The No. 10 ranking goes to Lynwood of the San Gabriel Valley League. The Knights, coached by Mark Williams, look to advance in the 2009 playoffs past the quarterfinal round this season. Lynwood finished second in league last season. All-league QB/S Deshawn Fox (5-11, 190, Sr.) returns for the Knights.

Beverly Hills, Eastside, Inglewood, Peninsula, Redondo Union and St. Paul are other teams to watch.

SOUTHERN DIVISION: Pacific Coast League top pick and defending divisional champion Laguna Hills claims the No. 1 spot in the 2009 preseason poll for the second-consecutive year. Coach Bruce Ingalls returns a talented

group led by All-CIF-SS DB Ryan Urr (5-9, 155, Jr.) and All-league RB Matt Martindale (6-0, 208, Sr.). The Hawks return a combined 11 starters and 26 lettermen.

Suburban League favorite Mayfair holds the No. 2 spot in the preseason poll. The Monsoons look to win a championship behind All-league LB Josh Gavert (6-0, 180, Sr.) and DT Filo Fonoti (6-4, 270, Jr.). Co-Head coaches Mike Fitch and Woodie Grayson hope to lead Mayfair to the title in 2009 after a runner-up finish in 2008.

Norwalk is the No. 3-ranked team. Coach Jesse Ceniceros's Lancers are led by QB/DB Dominique Diaz (5-10, 180, Sr.). Norwalk advanced to the semifinals in 2008.

Corona Del Mar, 2008 semifinalist from the Pacific Coast League, is looking for a divisional crown in 2009. The fourth-rated Sea Kings, coached by Jason Hitchens, look to All-CIF-SS LB Alex Swigert (6-0, 185, Sr.) for more this season.

Artesia, coached by Vince La Rosa, takes the No. 5 position.

With key veterans such as All-CIF-SS LB T.J. Taimatuia (6-2, 190, Sr.), QB/LB Anthony Johnson (5-10, 170, Sr.) and David Lasisi (5-10, 176, Sr.) they should be able to advance past the first round in 2009.

Garden Grove holds the No. 6 spot in the preseason poll. The Argonauts look to win a championship behind All-CIF-SS LB Zach Huff (6-1, 210, Sr.) for Coach Joe Hay.

Pacific Coast League challenger Irvine is the No. 7 rated team. All-league WR/DB Jake Day and LB Andrew Hills lead Terry Henigan's Vaqueros (in his final year as coach) in their quest for a title.

Garden Grove League contender Santiago/Garden Grove is ranked No. 8. Based on the return of 12 starters and 23 lettermen, the Cavaliers should make another run at the league title this season. Top returnees for Santiago are All-league OL/DL Anthony Caballero (5-11, 240, Sr.) and All-league TE/DB Juan Sanchez (6-2, 190, Sr.)

Seniors asked to mentor

By JOSEPH APODACA,
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – There's nothing like an opportunity for a fresh start to get a team motivated. The Downey High School boys varsity water polo team did just that this summer, as they prepared for their fall season.

With only three returning varsity starters and a bevy of JV players, the varsity line-up was in for a major revamp as veterans Serro Park, Derek Dodson and Derek Klotzer helped those with less experience adjust to life on varsity.

"This season I'm the oldest one, so it's kind of like me leading the team," said Park. "I'm pushing everyone, leading by example and going 100 percent every practice."

With so many new members and a chance to learn from past mistakes, the boys kicked things into high gear and practiced non-stop all summer long. Weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., lap swimming, drills, and scrimmages became second nature. Having new varsity additions participating in scrimmages helped create good chemistry and a better sense of the game when it came time for an actual match.

"Having a summer league helped a lot because we played a lot of hard teams with good reputations," said Park.

Tuesday and Thursday nights were dedicated solely to games, where the boys tested the waters against teams in their league. These games were the perfect way to see what the competition would be like in the fall, giving them an opportunity to improve in certain areas for certain teams. Even with the advantage of having games during the summer, winning wasn't always guaranteed.

"Over the summer, we go in with a mindset that these games are practice," said head coach Shaun Delhousay. "The purpose is to get better and ready for league games."

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Flu shot clinics available Sept. 26

BY MARK SAUTER,
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER,
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DOWNEY – City of Downey staff and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department are working together to plan for the upcoming flu season.

This year there will be two separate flu vaccination programs. The first vaccination will be for the 'seasonal' flu virus.

The city will host a free seasonal flu-shot clinic on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Downey Theatre. The clinic will be a combination drive-up and walk-up clinic. The drive-up option is for adults who have a difficult time getting through the walk-up system.

This is the first year the city has offered a drive-up option.

A map of the drive-up area and a traffic circulation plan will be provided in the future editions of *The Downey Patriot*.

The second vaccination this season is for the H1N1 flu virus. The forecasted health and community impacts of this virus have been reported as a potentially serious threat to exposed communities by the media.

However, until the H1N1 virus returns to this area through person to person contact, the virulence of the virus will remain an unknown.

The city is making plans to host a series of free H1N1 flu-shot clinics in the latter part of October, three weeks later in November and again in early December. As of this writing, an H1N1 vaccination requires a series of two doses of vaccine. Current science recommends a three week separation of time between the two doses.

City staff members from the Fire, Community Services, Police and Emergency Management departments are meeting frequently with representatives from the L.A. County Department of Public Health, Downey Regional Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente. The objective of the team is to ensure the planning and operations of the flu-shot clinics is effective and efficient.

Experts warn that school age children, seniors and those with chronic health problems are the most likely to have problems with the seasonal flu. Children and young adults in school are considered the primary carriers of the virus because of their associations and close work with so many people. Care givers for those with the flu are also at risk for exposure to the virus.

The H1N1 flu virus has been particularly hard on young people and those with chronic health problems such as diabetes, heart problems and breathing difficulties. Hence experts are emphasizing the importance of vaccinating

the 5-25 year olds and chronically ill individuals.

However, all members of the community are encouraged to receive the H1N1 vaccinations. The rationale for this recommendation is based on the concept of keeping as many people 'well' as possible to contribute to care giving, to maintain the workforce and to lower the number of potential carriers of the virus.

There are a large number of websites that offer information on this issue. The following websites are frequently updated with accurate information on the seasonal and H1N1 flu: www.flu.gov, www.cdc.gov/flu and www.mayoclinic.com/health/swine-flu/ano2000.

The development of the seasonal flu vaccine this year is very similar to the annual flu vaccine programs of the past. Scientists and medical professionals team-up and develop a vaccine for a forecasted strain of the flu virus.

Unfortunately, the seasonal vaccine is not always an exact match for the actual flu virus. However, experts recommend the vaccination is still the best way to ward off the flu. The vaccine is not a live virus and does not cause people to become sick with the flu.

Assistance League offering SAT, PSAT workshops

DOWNEY – A series of seminars to prepare high school students for the SAT and PSAT exams will be offered by the Assistance League of Downey this fall.

Students who attend the seminar will take practice SAT and PSAT tests while instructors offer test-taking tips.

The seminars will be offered Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5. All seminars are from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Downey High School.

Students who attend a DUSD school are allowed to attend. Registration before Sept. 12 is \$40 and includes the book, "Preparing for the SAT 1/PSAT." The price increases to \$60 after Sept. 12.

Enrollment is limited. For an application, call Alice Yamada at (562) 861-2318.

Kiwanis golf tourney Sept. 28

DOWNEY – The 12th annual Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament will take place Sept. 28 at the Candlewood Country Club in Whittier.

Entry fee is \$165 per person and includes green fees, golf carts, barbecue lunch and dinner. Additional dinners are \$35 each.

A foursome with a tee sign is \$700, and a Golden Tee sponsorship, which includes a foursome, special tee sign and dinner recognition, is \$1,000.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at noon. Dinner and awards begin at 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the philanthropic endeavors of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club.

To participate in the tournament, call Rich Molinaro at (323) 564-6901, ext. 206.

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Scott K. Pomrehn a good fit at City Hall

By HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

On his third anniversary with the city this April, Scott K. Pomrehn got an 'Outstanding' rating as assistant deputy city manager in eight of 10 performance categories, inclusive, from his boss, city manager Gerald Caton.

Pomrehn joined the Downey city staff as assistant to the city manager on April 15, 2006 and, two years later, was given his new title and obviously an expanded role, along with a merit increase. He was rewarded with another one following his third performance evaluation last April.

By Caton's, and by extension the city's, standards, Pomrehn had demonstrated exemplary expertise in the areas of planning/organization, quality/accuracy of work, participation, interpersonal skills, leadership behavior, reliability, initiative, skills and knowledge. Pomrehn could only achieve a "Meets/Exceeds Requirements" rating on the two criteria of follow-up and decision making, but perhaps this was just Caton's subtle way of saying nobody's perfect.

Pomrehn has gone to Washington, D.C. with city council members on lobbying missions to fund projects, especially the Columbia Memorial Space Center, which has become a pet project of his; liaised and attended meetings with community service groups and subcommittees; coordinated on interdepartmental projects (including budget preparation, state-of-the-city, city goal sessions, various other Power Point presentations, etc.); and is otherwise responsible for and done a host of other activities on behalf of the city manager. But when you come right down to it, he says, his energies are focused on three core areas for which he has primary oversight—public information, Neighborhood Watch (which now numbers forty-four cells "and counting," says coordinator Juddy Cenicerros), and the aforementioned Columbia Memorial Space Center, which is due to open on Oct. 23.

In Caton's evaluation, Pomrehn's handling of the 'Boil Water Order' brouhaha a while back was particularly commendable. Pomrehn says the press conference he uploaded to the Internet elicited some 4,000 hits and defused a potential crisis of confidence in the city (Caton: "Scott did a great job"). Caton also commended Pomrehn for "doing a nice job implementing the Council webcast system."

As it turns out, Pomrehn, growing up in the early '70s (he was born in Long Beach on Oct. 6, 1966) was already computer-savvy even as a kid, having fooled around with the whole array of video games (Atari, etc.) and such, and was early on able to "diagnose, repair, and update" all the computers that demanded his attention.

Indeed, having chosen public service as a career, he sees his role as helping people. As he goes about his duties, he says a chief motivation is customer service.

A potential blockbuster development he's closely monitoring is the Tesla electric car project. Right now he is the bridge between the city and IRG on this one. He says he's getting nothing but positive vibes from the current negotiations. Needless to say, the project's implications for Downey are huge.

It is apparent that Pomrehn is comfortable with issues and situations such as these. He has studied, seen and experienced them, in varying manifestations, in his prior employments. While still pursuing his master's in public administration at CSU-Long Beach, he started working as an intern in the small city of San Marino; not long after he moved up to a paid administrative assistant position, performing a "wide range of administrative and management-related tasks including budgeting, program oversight, and emergency preparedness activities."

Definitely a high point in his stint with San Marino was his putting together of the city's budget, for which he got for the city its first "Award of Financial Reporting Achievement" presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

He then worked for the public works department of the city of Lakewood where as a senior management analyst, he did budgeting, contract administration, program and policy oversight and analysis, plus oversight of personnel, safety, and technology programs. It was also while with Lakewood that he experienced representing his department before the City Council, commissions, and other government agencies and boards.

He therefore came to Downey prepared and capable of undertaking a host of local government tasks. As Caton commented in his evaluation report, "Scott is very knowledgeable about many aspects of local government." He's added crisis management to his range of interests.

Raised in Westminster, Pomrehn developed a love of the ocean and excelled in swimming and water polo. His dad had a boat moored at Balboa Island (yes, they usually passed by John Wayne's yacht), and he recalls "lots of summers" spent in Santa Catalina. Of course he was in Westminster High's swim and water polo teams: he is enshrined in its Sports Hall of Fame. In fact, after high school (while enrolled at CSU-Long Beach, where he majored in criminal justice) he was to coach



PHOTO COURTESY POMREHN FAMILY

Scott Pomrehn, an assistant deputy city manager for Downey, has his hands on an array of projects inside City Hall.

Westminster High's swim and water polo programs for the better part of three years.

For Pomrehn, it was a labor of love. His retired dad, Dr. Hugo Pomrehn, is a noted nuclear engineer who began his career in the headquarters of Admiral Hyman Rickover's nuclear Navy program; he was to serve four years in its Naval Reactors Group.

Through the years Dr. Pomrehn was to work in a number of local and foreign assignments representing various private and government agencies, including Bechtel Corporation and the Tennessee Valley Authority. From 1992 to 1994, on the nomination by President George H. W. Bush, he served as undersecretary of energy under energy secretary Admiral James Watkins (whose department employed some 17,000 federal and contractor personnel, with an annual budget of \$20 billion).

It was during one of his visits to his dad in Washington, D. C. that Pomrehn witnessed "the most wonderful July 4th celebration ever" while he was out in the mall.

Pomrehn's parents were both graduates of USC and "thus I have been going to USC football and basketball games through the years," he says. His kindergarten teacher mom passed away in June last year.

Part of his routine nowadays is a twice-a-week hike up in the San Gabriel mountains, Monrovia Canyon, along Mt. Wilson Trail, "in the local foothills, above Los Angeles." He cannot enjoy this activity today, of course, because of the conflagration that has affected the area. "But I still love the beach," he says, where he can enjoy body surfing and fishing.

It was a remark made by his high school Spanish teacher, though, that to this day finds resonance with him still. On the first day of class, his teacher said: "I'm not here to teach you Spanish. I'm here to teach you how to learn."

"My approach to life and career has grown from that remark," says Pomrehn. "To it I attribute my success in my studies and my attitude towards every task and every project before me. If I show initiative or am resourceful, which I probably consider my main strength, it's because of my Spanish teacher."

As a dad himself, Pomrehn enjoys talking about his 17-year old daughter, Randi, who is a senior at Monrovia High and who has been riding horses since age three.

Son Ryan, 20, attends Glendale Community College and is studying to be a pilot, while son Robbie, 14, is a freshman also at Monrovia High and very much into video games (like father, like son). Pomrehn's wife is a landscape architect.

As most everyone is aware, there will be a lot of changes happening soon at City Hall, what with the imminent retirements of key administrative personnel. Soon there will be a changing of the guard. Pomrehn is probably the least worried person among city staff. He knows he's ready to learn whatever there is to learn, and meet any challenge that may come his way.



PHOTO BY CARLOS ONTIVEROS

Freshmen listen as a Warren Link Crew member welcomes them to their new campus.

Warren Link Crew puts freshmen at ease

By JOANNA QUINTANA,
STUDENT LIFE INTERN

DOWNEY – After stomping, dancing, and cheering with Warren High's Link Crew, about 800 freshmen were put more at ease knowing they'd have nearly 120 student leaders and eight directors to lean on through a challenging first year.

On Aug. 26 and 27, hints of uncertainty showed on the faces of freshman clustered in groups of old friends as everyone slowly piled into the gym at 9 a.m. Link Crew immediately began relaxing the freshmen through a series of ice-breakers in which the crowd competed in a cheering contest, laughed at their mistakes in Simon-says, and participated in a battle-of-the-sexes balloon-popping game.

"I do bleacher work and floor work, but I do activities to get the kids feeling comfortable," said leading spokesperson and head director, Robert Peterson. "You know, back rubs, Simon-says, stuff like that. On the floor, we're partnering up and getting to know each other better. I lead them."

Every activity holds a purpose, such as silently organizing lines in the order of birthdays so that students are forced to be separated from their friends and forced to use teamwork so that they may claim themselves winners.

"I expected to be sitting in rooms, but we ended up playing games," said incoming freshman, Kendall Zarate. "I was kind of

nervous to be by myself, but then we met everybody."

After games were played, groups were formed as leaders took the paired-up freshman into their designated areas around the school.

The group sat in a circle and after introductions were made, a series of activities including the memorization of names while throwing up to four balls of tape in the air kept energy and laughter at a high level between freshmen and their student leaders.

"I think helping the freshmen and seeing how they start getting used to it and start having fun, because at first they come really intimidated and need to loosen up, and just watching them go through that process is fun," said student leader, Kenitza Carrillo.

Though the laughter may be in the moment, every activity had actually been carefully planned and practiced by each leader in training several days previously.

"We look for applicants who can hold good conversations and inspire the freshman," said another head director, Monique Willis. "We look for all different types of students: AP students, regular students, athletes, those who are involved in band, art, drama. We try to get a really wide selection of student body."

Link Crew is a popular event at Warren High School in which 500 seniors and juniors have applied for over the past year to be a student leader, with only 120 students picked.

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Marilyn McBride mourned by family

DOWNEY – Marilyn Mae Yenne McBride, a longtime Downey resident, died Aug. 24.

She was born Aug. 4, 1926 in Alameda, Calif., the only child of George and Jewel.

She was working at the PX base in San Pedro when she met James Franklin McBride. They were married Aug. 8, 1947.

Marilyn gave birth to their son, Ron, on Nov. 4, 1949. The family moved to Downey the following year and on May 9, 1951, their daughter Cheryl was born.

Marilyn and Jim began attending Downey First Christian Church in 1970, and were baptized shortly thereafter. They helped provide needed plumbing work for the church baptistry, and it was Jim's idea to put the shape of a cross on the bottom tiles.

In 1977, Marilyn and Jim moved into a mobile home park in La Mirada. In 1979, one week before Father's Day, Marilyn returned home from shopping for Jim's gift to discover that he had passed away from a heart attack.

After more than 30 years as a homemaker, Marilyn returned to the workforce. She worked for Gemco stores until they closed in 1986. Then she took a job at



PacificCare, now CareMore, where she worked until her retirement in 1995. She celebrated her retirement with a family cruise to Mexico.

In 1989, Marilyn sold the mobile home and returned to Downey, purchasing a condominium to be closer to her family.

She is survived by her son, Ron McBride; daughter, Cheryl Belcher, granddaughters, Carrie Yurek, Kelly McBride and Kris Bolling; grandson, Mike Belcher; and great-grandsons, TJ, Tyler, Trey and Nathan.

A memorial service was held Aug. 28 at Downey First Christian Church with burial at Rose Hills in Whittier.

Kim, Lowenthal chosen for honor

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center will honor Dr. Bill Kim and Sen. Alan Lowenthal at the 34th annual Charter Ball fundraiser, taking place Oct. 3 at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel.

Proceeds from Charter Ball, the hospital's largest fundraiser of the year, have been earmarked for the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment for the hospital's Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

Lowenthal is in his second term representing the 27th district, which includes portions of Downey.

"It is always an honor to know that Downey Regional Medical Center has the support from distinguished leaders like Senator Lowenthal," said Ken Strople, president and CEO of Downey Regional. "We are honored to recognize his commitment to making his communities a priority. It is through his leadership and continued support that current and potential patients of Downey Regional Medical Center can be ensured that they will receive the care they seek for their families."

As medical director for Downey Regional, Kim has worked arduously to improve the quality of healthcare at the hospital. As chairman of the Hospital Performance Improvement Committee, he works to ensure that patients receive high-quality care.

"For years, Dr. Kim has contributed to the well-being of the community, as an advocate for Downey Regional Medical Center, and this year we are very pleased to acknowledge his contributions, his

commitment and his tenacious leadership," Strople said.

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Hospital officials said the Cath Lab is in need of state-of-the-art equipment, and proceeds raised by the Charter Ball will be used to purchase modern technology.

To purchase Charter Ball tickets, for sponsorship opportunities or to make a "Cath Lab Angel" donation, call the Memorial Trust Foundation at (562) 904-5055.



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From left: Brian and Elise Saylor, chairs of the 2009 Charter Ball; Dr. Bill Kim, honoree; Sen. Alan Lowenthal, honoree; Mario Guerra, mayor of Downey; and Ken Strople, CEO of DRMC.

Soroptimist hosting breakfast for potential members

DOWNEY – Soroptimist International of Downey will host a breakfast meeting Sept. 17 for potential new members.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Soroptimist is a service organization for women who enjoy volunteering and giving back to their community.

RSVP by calling Mia Vasquez at (562) 806-3217 or e-mail missaywell@verizon.net.

Downey band hosting car wash

DOWNEY – The Downey High School Marching Band and Color Guard will host a car wash fundraiser Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$5 per vehicle. The car wash will take place on Brookshire Avenue.

Bus trip to Nevada stateline

DOWNEY – The Downey Sister Cities Association is organizing a fundraiser bus trip to the Nevada stateline Oct. 3 for a day of shopping, gambling and more.

Cost is \$30 and includes transportation, raffles and a buffet meal at a casino.

The bus will depart from behind the Embassy Suites at 6 a.m. and return at 10 p.m.

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Juarez at (562) 832-8059. The first 30 people who pay for the trip will be eligible for a \$30 gas card raffle.

Kids invited to parks after school

DOWNEY – The city of Downey Community Services Department is offering an outdoor after-school program for children ages 6-12 beginning Tuesday at Downey parks.

"A Safe Place to Play" is a free outdoor program offered Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks.

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