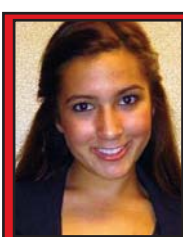


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Nathan Trasoras, born and raised in Downey, survived the first round of eliminations this week on the FOX competition show, "So You Think You Can Dance."

Downey dancer advances on show

DOWNEY – Allison Iraheta isn't the only one with talent around here. Downey's Nathan Trasoras is advancing on the hit FOX competition show, "So You Think You Can Dance," surviving the first round of eliminations this week.

He is now among the 14 finalists on the show. Voting resumes on Tuesday.

Trasoras, 18, attended Imperial and Old River elementary schools in Downey before enrolling in the Orange County High School of the Arts, a middle school and high school in Santa Ana.

He was baptized and attended pre-school at Downey United Methodist Church.

Trasoras earned a silver medal this year from the youngARTS-NFAA (National Foundation for Advancements in the Arts) and was a semi-finalist to become a Presidential Scholar.

Last year he was the grand prize finalist at the Music Center Spotlight Awards held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Trasoras twice won the World Teen Mr. Starpower dance competition (2006-07) and was named National Dance Champion in 2005.

Trasoras has two older brothers, Tony, a platoon sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp., and Michael, who teaches dance at Orange County High School of the Arts.

Aerospace author will be at Borders

DOWNEY – Gerald Blackburn, author of the retrospective book "Downey's Aerospace History 1947-1999," will be at the Borders Express inside Stonewood Center on Nov. 21 from noon to 3 p.m.

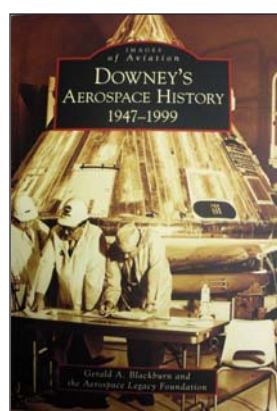
The book, published by Arcadia Publishing, includes more than 200 photographs of what has been called "one of aerospace history's most sacred sites."

Wealthy industrialist E.M. Smith began the history when he purchased a portion of the Huynan Ranch in 1929. His company, EMSCO Aircraft, was the first of what would become a memorable list of pioneers in aviation and space.

The story of the site's aerospace history, where engineers and scientists designed and developed the technology that took man to the moon and established a permanent presence in space, extends from North American Aviation's tenancy in 1947 to the site closure in 1999.

Blackburn spent 35 years at the Downey site as an engineer and project manager with North American Aviation and Boeing.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. A portion of the book's proceeds are being donated to the Aerospace Legacy Foundation.



Street banners pay tribute to residents in the military

■ City wants permanent memorial for fallen soldiers.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Surrounded by nearly 100 community members, the City Council celebrated Veteran's Day on Wednesday by unveiling military banners, honoring 20 Downey residents currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"Today, the city did what was long overdue," said Mayor Mario Guerra. "We honored the men and women who pay the ultimate sacrifice and give us our freedoms."

The 20 military banners, which line Firestone Boulevard, from Brookshire to Paramount, were proposed by Councilman Roger Brossmer who introduced the banner program after seeing several military banners hanging in a neighboring city.

"I was driving in the city of La Habra and saw their banners – I thought, 'Why aren't we doing that?'" Brossmer said. "I asked someone if it was too late to do this – but they told me it's never too late to do the right thing."

Held in the courtyard outside of the Downey Theatre, the ceremony grew sober when several family members shared touching stories about their sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, who are serving abroad.

Joe and Faye Wassenaar's son, Matthew, is currently serving on a U.S. aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf, but before he left, Faye remembers the day Matthew rode around Downey on his bicycle.

"He rode around the whole city, he wanted to see the new park – he's a product of Downey," said Faye. "These banners will help us remember our veterans – it also inspires young people to join."

Matthew Wassenaar graduated from Downey High School in 2007.

All three of Sharon Slovyan's sons are serving in the Armed Forces, one in the Navy, one in the Army and one in the Marines.

"I never dreamed all three would go," said Slovyan with tears in her eyes. "I thank the city for doing this program – we just need to keep praying."

Several were drawn to tears



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

The city unveiled 20 street banners that honor Downey residents currently serving in the U.S. military. The banners, located on Firestone Boulevard between Brookshire and Paramount, list the service member's name, branch of service and the words "Downey Salutes Your Service!"

during the ceremony after Guerra recognized Crystal Vincent, the mother of late Lance Cpl. Joshua Whittle, who died earlier this year while serving in Afghanistan.

"He's an example of one willing to pay that ultimate sacrifice for this great country," said Guerra.

During the ceremony, Brossmer announced the creation of a new foundation, which will begin raising funds for a permanent memorial in honor of all the soldiers from Downey who have fallen in battle.

"We've already looked at some examples and taken some field

trips to see other memorials," said Brossmer. "We want to start the fundraising – we don't want money to be an obstacle."

Guerra called the memorial a "high priority that will be pushed through the Council."

Brossmer hopes that as residents see the banners, they will both donate money and submit more names of Downey servicemen and women.

"We want to add 20 more banners to Firestone," said Brossmer. "We just want to honor all those who need to be honored."

Maurina Lee integral to the future

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

Schooled in the British system of education growing up in Hong Kong, Maurina Lee excelled in mathematics and Calculus I and II didn't exactly strike fear in her heart. Her initial career impulse was to pursue mathematics, but her mother advised against it, and for Lee to choose a "more pragmatic" course instead.

Thus, on a scholarship at Pacific Union College, she obtained a bachelor's in business administration, major in accounting.

She first found employment with a computer company, where she stayed five-six years. Then it was on to the city of Bellflower, where she worked for eight years and served as senior accountant, gaining valuable hands-on experience in financial reporting and budget preparation. She also mentions gaining expertise in "implementation of process improvements and technology integration." Her next—only her third—stop was here in Downey, when she hired on in April of 2006 as finance manager reporting to finance director John Michicoff, whom she describes as "very nice and very supportive."

The environment Lee stepped into suited her skills and temperament just fine. To her delight, she inherited staff who'd been with the city more than ten years "willing and eager" to learn new computer skills. She also realized her penchant for problem-solving (and crunching numbers) found free play.

She was to remark later that indeed the people she interacts with on a daily basis and the work environment in the department inspire respect and are very conducive to performing productive work. "Everyone's just like family," she says.

She was still with the city of Bellflower, she says, when she got interested in the mechanics of community development. This curiosity continued with her move to Downey, culminating in her getting

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City puts brakes on pot dispensaries

■ Application for medical marijuana dispensary prompts 45-day moratorium.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – In a unanimous decision, the City Council approved a 45-day moratorium on the establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries in the city, hoping the brief pause will give officials ample time to draft and adopt new policies regarding these facilities.

The vote comes amidst a conflict between state and federal law over the legality of medical marijuana use and distribution.

Currently, medical marijuana dispensaries are prohibited under federal law, but many Californian cities and counties have chosen to heed Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, which authorizes marijuana use for medical conditions.

According to the city resolution, 27 cities and counties in California permit medical marijuana dispensaries and have ordinances regulating them. Another 30 have banned the facilities while nearly 62 jurisdictions have moratoriums in place.

In order to prevent any adverse public health risks, the City Council approved the resolution so that staff could create regulatory controls for medical marijuana dispensaries while reviewing zoning laws, which currently do not specifically address these facilities.

Under the ordinance, health clinics, care facilities, residential elderly homes and hospices are not considered to be medical marijuana dispensaries.

City Attorney Edward Lee said the city's moratorium could be extended in the future if approved by 4 or 5 Council members.

Mayor Mario Guerra comment-

ed that despite the valid use of medical marijuana, a moratorium was needed to properly address the dispensaries.

"I'm in favor of it – there needs to be a moratorium," Guerra said. "We need to study and find out as a city what we can legally do."

In October, the Obama administration announced that federal agents would not pursue sanctioned suppliers and their patients in the 14 states that allow medicinal marijuana, a significant departure from the Bush administration, which continued to enforce federal anti-pot laws regardless of state codes.

Sculpture of Roman god OK

■ Sculpture is part of city's Art in Public Places program.

By ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY — An 8-ft. tall fiberglass sculpture has gained City Council approval to be erected outside a shopping strip on Lakewood Boulevard.

The sculpture by Downey-based artist Jameel Haiat portrays the Roman god Neptune wrapped in a tarp and gripping a trident.

It will be constructed of fiberglass and maintain a rough texture to mimic the feel of traditional stone, according to a report given to the Council.

The sculpture, named "Reveal," represents "the birth of culture and the loss of culture," Haiat said.

Louie Christopolous applied to install the art piece outside a retail center he developed at 9637 Lakewood Blvd., south of Gallatin Road.

A conception was approved by an advisory committee in August, although the Council maintains final say on all artwork placed through the city's Art in Public Places program.

The program is funded by a 1 percent fee levied on local large-scale development projects.

The city's building and safety department still needs to sign off on the sculpture. Wording on an adjoining plaque has not been specified.

Haiat's work has been prominently featured at Disneyland, Universal Studios and Legoland.

In other action, the Council:

- Proclaimed October and November as National Breast Cancer Awareness and End Domestic Violence months;

- Approved warrants totaling approximately \$3.72 million;

- Adopted a resolution supporting redevelopment of the former Verizon building as an affordable housing project;

- Authorized \$28,500 to complete the addition of a fitness room at Fire Station No. 4 at 9349 Florence Ave. The new 340-sq. ft. room will be attached to the east side of the apparatus floor and clear the rest of the station from fitness clutter. The city's Public Works Maintenance Division will work on the project, with fire department personnel providing most of the labor;

- Filed a state-mandated city progress report prepared by the Planning Commission. The report summarizes the city's progress on goals, policies and programs, both past and present.

- Approved a new labor agreement with the Downey City Employees' Association — Maintenance Unit, representing 51 currently-filled positions.

The one-year contract does not include increases in salary or benefits, but modifies the language for Safety Work Boot Allowance. The annual allowance is set at \$200 for employees who work on the parks, streets, mechanics, water distribution and water supply crews. All other field crew employees receive \$160 per year. Any unused allowance may now be used for shoe care and maintenance products, including repellent sprays, polish, shoelaces and insoles;

- Approved an agreement to keep Jeff Turner as fire chief but on a part-time basis, effective Jan. 1;

- Waived parking requirements for Icon's Café at 8237-8239 2nd St., which is planning to operate a new restaurant and nightclub. The establishment has been approved for live music and is allowed to be open Sunday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to midnight and Friday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following morning.

"It is staff's opinion that the

restaurant/nightclub is a desired land use for the downtown area since [it] provides daytime customers to the area and a destination use in the nighttime," Community Development Director Gilbert Livas wrote in a report.

Under current code guidelines, Icon's Café would have needed to create 18 new parking spaces. Customers of the restaurant and nightclub will be expected to use existing parking structures and lots.

"Staff is committed to facilitating high quality businesses and more intense land uses in the downtown area," Livas wrote. "One of the ways to accomplish this, both for challenging sites and to encourage changes of land use and the recycling of older-stock buildings, is to encourage developers and architects to entitle downtown development projects using offsite public parking resources, when appropriate and readily accessible."

- Established interim hours for the Columbia Memorial Space Center (Thursday through Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.), admission fees (\$5 per person), and gift shop prices (cost plus 50 to 200 percent).

The fees and hours are temporary until the center is fully operational. In the meantime, a subcommittee of councilmen David Gafin and Roger Brossmer will examine costs for space center memberships, room rentals and more;

- Issued a 45-day moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries;

- Authorized the mayor to send a letter supporting the county's application for a grant specified for tobacco control and obesity prevention;

- On a 3-2 vote, chose Dec. 8 as the date when the city's next mayor will be sworn into office;

The next regular public meeting of the Downey City Council will be held Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.



IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF DOWNEY

"Reveal," a fiberglass sculpture of the Roman god Neptune, has been approved for inclusion in the city's Art in Public Places program. It will be erected outside a shopping strip at 9637 Lakewood Blvd.

Council squabbles over mayoral transition

DOWNEY — The seemingly mundane task of choosing a date to install the next mayor turned contentious Tuesday when Mayor Mario Guerra and Mayor Pro Tem Anne Bayer bickered over when to hold the ceremony.

Bayer claimed the mayor pro tem traditionally chooses the date when the council elects a new mayor. She requested the ceremony be held Dec. 1 and called for a motion, seconded by Councilman David Gafin.

But Guerra disagreed and said it is the outgoing mayor who chooses the date. He said he could not make a Dec. 1 meeting.

Councilman Luis Marquez, who is expected to be made mayor pro tem at the ceremony, said he also could not make a Dec. 1 meeting.

Bayer's motion failed on a 3-2 vote, with Councilman Roger Brossmer opposing the date as well.

A majority vote chose Dec. 8 as the ceremony date, with Bayer and Gafin opposed.

The regular city council meeting will be pushed back to Dec. 15.

City seeks up to \$2 million for downtown housing

■ Financing sought for Verizon housing project.

By ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY — The city of Downey will submit an application with the County of Los Angeles seeking up to \$2 million to help finance a housing complex at the former Verizon building in Downtown Downey.

The project at 8312 2nd St.

calls for a 50-unit affordable housing complex with subterranean parking. But the project won't begin until housing developer National Core secures financing, said Gilbert Livas, community development director for the city.

National Core is currently seeking funding from at least five sources, Livas said.

The City Council on Tuesday adopted a resolution affirming its support of the project, a move Livas said will "significantly enhance" an application for up to

\$2 million from the county's City of Industry Housing Funds Program.

Due to very little residential land use in the City of Industry, the county redistributes its housing funds to qualified housing projects.

In a staff report, Livas wrote that the Verizon project is on a "faster track" than a similar development at the nearby Avenue Theatre. Predevelopment work, including environmental and entitlement analysis, is underway at both properties.

Entitlements for the Verizon project are expected to be obtained from the Planning Commission in the first quarter of 2010, Livas said.

Lions Club to discuss service projects

DOWNEY — Lions Clubs International is opening a new chapter in Downey and a meeting will be held Wednesday for potential members.

The meeting will be held at Café 'N Stuff restaurant at 5:30 p.m. The new club will discuss service projects and leadership opportunities within the club.

There is a \$10 charge to attend the meeting and includes food and drink.

RSVP by calling Larry Dicus, district governor of Lions International, at (562) 699-4600.

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H1N1 flu shots here tomorrow

■ Visitors should expect to wait in line.

By MARK SAUTER,
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER,
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

DOWNEY – The City of Downey and the L.A. County Department of Public Health will host a free H1N1 flu-shot clinic tomorrow at the Downey Theatre.

The planned clinic hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or when the vaccine supply has been distributed). The clinic layout will be similar to the flu-shot clinics held previously in the same location.

The availability of a supply of the H1N1 vaccine for this clinic was confirmed, earlier this week, by the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH). The H1N1 vaccine should be available as an injection and a nose spray. The availability of specific vaccines, such as the preservative-free version, will not be known until Saturday morning when the clinic supplies arrive.

Supplies of the H1N1 vaccine for flu-shot clinics have been limited and have presented planning challenges for clinics such as this one. The DPH believes the number of available vaccinations will be similar to the amounts distributed during the October H1N1 clinic in Downey.

The DPH is targeting the following groups for vaccinations at the Downey H1N1 clinic:

- Young people ages 6 months to 24 years
- People living with or giving care to children under 6 months of age

• Emergency Medical Services personnel and health care workers

• People ages 25-64 with chronic heart, respiratory, diabetes and other health problems

• Pregnant women

Clinic attendees should expect to be screened during the registration process for the above criteria. It is important to note that the DPH is prioritizing their vaccinations for this clinic. Clinic staff will do their best to keep those in lines informed regarding the clinic wait times and the availability of vaccine.

Health care professionals recommend children under the age of 11 receive two vaccinations separated by three to four weeks of time. The clinic tomorrow is too soon for a second vaccination if a child received their first vaccination at the Downey clinic held on Oct. 27.

The clinic is open to those who live throughout the Downey area. Community members from the surrounding cities are welcome. The clinic will not open early, so attendees are not encouraged to arrive excessively early. Attendees should know they may experience wait times exceeding two hours. Considering the wait, attendees may choose to bring a lightweight chair (and something to read) if standing for long periods of time is uncomfortable. Clinic attendees can streamline

the registration process by downloading the registration form from the DPH website (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov) and completing it in advance. The DPH registration forms are available in several different languages. Those who are in a priority group for H1N1 vaccine should bring their completed vaccination form with them to the clinic.

Attendees should also remember they will likely need to bare a shoulder for their vaccination; therefore they should wear accommodating attire. The waiting lines for vaccinations are entirely outside. Attendees should be prepared for varying fall weather conditions.

There will be congestion in the Civic Center area before and during this event. Residents are encouraged to avoid the area if they will not be getting a vaccination or have business in the Civic Center area. The parking area will be posted for the event on Friday evening. Swap meet patrons will be directed to park away from the Civic Center area. The library will be open on Saturday for normal operations.

An additional H1N1 flu-shot clinic is planned for Downey on Dec. 5 but the location for this clinic and the vaccine availability has not yet been determined.

Questions about the Downey H1N1 free flu shot clinic may be directed to ready@downeyca.org. The L.A. County information phone line (211) may also be helpful.

Fire chief will be part time

DOWNEY – Fire Chief Jeff Turner, who has expressed a desire to retire at the end of this year, will stay with the city in 2010 but in a part-time role, according to an agreement approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

The one-year deal keeps Turner as fire chief but downgrades the position to part-time. He will work under the direction of the city manager.

Mayor Mario Guerra said the city will save money by avoiding paying into CalPERS, the state retirement system.

According to a staff report by assistant city manager Lee Powell, the city will save \$7,410 per month when Turner becomes a part-time employee Jan. 1.

Turner will be paid an hourly rate of \$91.96.

In his new role, Turner will be expected to:

- Attend City Council meetings
- Respond to council members' inquiries regarding fire safety
- Provide a "smooth transition" for the new fire chief
- Work with fire employee groups to maintain good labor relations.

—Eric Pierce

Columbia Memorial Space Center still not fully operational

■ Officials 'hopeful' all exhibits will be open by January.

By CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center launched with much fanfare last month, entertaining nearly 2,200 guests on its opening weekend; however, the 20,000 sq. ft. center remains a work in progress and may be months away from total completion.

As of last week, several exhibits inside of the space learning center were non-operational or incomplete, including the Challenger Learning Center, a space mission simulator, which will be used for space science education programs.

"We're hoping to have these functional by January," said Jon Betthausen, executive director of the center. "We're still growing – there are some bugs, but we are a work in progress."

Once inside the two-story facility, visitors are greeted by several hands-on exhibits including a rocket launcher, virtual flight simulator, and robotics lab, where kids can work from four workstations programming Lego Mindstorms robots.

Betthausen said more exhibits, including one that highlights Downey's aerospace history, will materialize soon.



PHOTO BY JERRY BLACKBURN/AEROSPACE LEGACY FOUNDATION

The Columbia Memorial Space Center opened last month but remains a work in progress.

"We want to partner with places like the California Science Center or Griffiths Observatory," said Betthausen, who hopes these facilities will share their after-school programs and unique exhibits. "The Columbia Memorial Space Center should be an extension of the park, instead of just school – we want to engage kids in science."

Upon its completion in January, the Challenger Learning Center will give middle school students the opportunity to take on a simulated space mission. While some students direct the adventure from mission control, others will perform scientific duties inside a replicated space station.

In the future, Betthausen expects the interactive exhibits to rotate covering topics such as science and cinema, planet exploration, and moon rocks.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is operated by 6 employees

and volunteers, but Betthausen said soon the facility will have a program manager and center supervisor.

Temporarily, the center is open Thursday through Sunday from 12 – 6 p.m. and costs \$5 for ages 4 and up. Admission is free for ages 3 and under.

On Tuesday, the City Council was to vote on the center's permanent hours and fees, but the resolution was altered after Councilmember David Gafin said staff "jumped the gun."

Gafin asked that only the temporary interim hours and fees be approved so that the appropriate subcommittee could review the proposed permanent hours and fees.

The Council voted unanimously to keep the center's current hours and send the remaining resolution items back for further review.

Betthausen hopes the center will eventually be open 5 days a week, from Wednesday to Sunday, but he acknowledges that the facility must work up to that point.

"Right now, the main focus is hiring staff and fundraising," Betthausen said. "If all goes well – we'll increase our times of operation."

Betthausen said the goal is to make the space center self-sustaining by bringing in families and schools from across Los Angeles County, especially middle schoolers.

"That would be great," said Betthausen recalling the grand opening. "Young people loved it here – one of the kids, 10-year-old Ryan, said it was the "best place ever, better than Disneyland."

3 years later, dog and family reunited

DOWNEY – It was a lucky day for a wayward pooch found wandering in the city of Downey last Saturday.

The 4-year-old white Poodle was rescued from a busy intersection near Florence Avenue. When the SEACA animal control officer scanned the frightened canine for a microchip, his handheld scanner chirped, displaying a microchip number which allowed the animal care agency to reach the owner.

Raquel Rodriguez, of Long Beach, was identified as the owner. Reached by SEACA officials, she said she had lost the dog more than three years ago.

"She said the dog was just a puppy when it became missing from her home almost 3 1/2 years ago from the city of Bell," said Aaron Reyes, director of operations for SEACA.

Rodriguez was accompanied by her 4-year-old son, Joshua, when they picked up the dog on Tuesday.

"It seemed like the dog, named Princess, recognized both of them immediately," Reyes said.

After the required paperwork, Princess left SEACA with Rodriguez and Joshua.

"Mrs. Rodriguez told staff she had given up long ago on finding Princess. She said her mother-in-law, who puppy sat from time to time, was distraught and drove the neighborhood looking for any signs of Princess," said Reyes. "She said they checked the animal shelter and looked for posted signs for months, to no avail."

"Microchips reunite pets with their families and withstand the test of time," Reyes added. "Princess is



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Lee: Safeguarding city's assets is critical duty of a finance employee.

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her masters in public administration last August from USC. Now, she says, in her job she finds herself enjoying a direct, more comprehensive, and fulfilling, role in local government. She sees now how development of an area and more equitable resource allocation can be effected for the good of the community.

In the city's scheme of things, the finance department is charged with safeguarding the city's assets and, by managing the city's fiscal affairs, keeps its focus on "serving the financial needs of Downey's citizenry, (city) management, and employees" through the following centralized functions: accounting, auditing, business registration, animal licenses, water customer service, city-operated ambulance collections, treasury, purchasing, information technology, as well as the filing of numerous regulatory

annual reports."

To support said activities, such routine departmental transactions as cashing, revenue collections (sales, use, property, utility users, etc., taxes), accounts receivable, accounts payable, business registration, ambulance billing, etc., are fed into a computer and, instantly, because of the integrated system in place, provides "more meaningful information" (e.g., depreciation on fixed assets, etc.) to management in an "organized and timely manner."

Lee's major responsibility areas embrace accounting and revenue collections. Information technology and purchasing, the two other major finance functional areas, are handled by associates. The purchasing manager's position is currently vacant.

The department does the bookkeeping meanwhile for the Community Development Commission, SEAACA, and the

Downey Cemetery District.

Lee says the use of functional modules makes it possible to separately keep track of data on inventory, payroll, utility, purchasing, and such. Sought-for data is available "at one's fingertips." Preparation of financial reports and budgets, which before took weeks, months to do, has been made easier to prepare, more accessible for analysis (for better internal controls, data reconciliation, etc.), and otherwise able to provide more precise and useful information.

In this kind of setting, there is room for more creativity in looking for better ways to achieve a "smoother, more efficient, more prioritized" information flow.

Last summer, Lee was able to visit mainland China (Beijing, Shanghai, etc.) for the first time in her life, and the experience made a vivid impression on her. Naturally curious, possessed with an analytical mind, along with an infectious

smile, she strikes one as attuned to global trends and issues. She and her husband (who works for the county of Los Angeles) have two boys who are in middle school. They reside in Fullerton with her mom.

She's very aware of Lee Powell's impending retirement, and Michicoff's added assignments/responsibilities as a result. The full ramifications of this development are not determined as yet. Suffice to say that Michicoff continues to relish the national recognition for the city's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by the department. (The current one is nearing completion and should be ready by next month).

As important city developments materialize one by one, it's safe to say Maurina Lee will be an integral, active part of what promises to be a vibrant future.

Earthquake readiness is topic

DOWNEY – Jenny Alonzo from Behavioral Health Services will speak on earthquake preparedness when the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees meets Wednesday at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Alonzo's presentation begins at 1 p.m. The public is invited.

New beauty salon is opening

DOWNEY – Paradise Garden Beauty Spa at 11019 Myrtle St., Suite 101, will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The spa is owned and operated by Carmen Castro, who has 18 years experience as a hair stylist.

Paradise Gardens offers hair styling for men and women, manicures and pedicures, make-up for all occasions, facials and more.

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting. The Downey Chamber of Commerce is assisting with the event.

Singing group needs members

DOWNEY – The Joyful Singers, an ensemble of mixed voices, is seeking additional singers to join its group.

Tenors, basses and baritones are particularly sought to join the 4- and 5-part harmonies.

The Joyful Singers have performed for the OASIS group at Downey Adult School and at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cerritos. They have also performed short concerts in Downey, Bellflower and Cerritos.

The group rehearses a varied repertoire of new compositions, show tunes, classics and oldies at a private home in Bellflower on Sundays from 6 to 8 p.m.

The ability to read music is a plus, but not required. There is no fee to join.

For more information, call Yvonne Blew at (562) 926-2445.

Options to lower electric bills

DOWNEY – A workshop to help residents better manage their electricity bills will be held Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Representatives from Southern California Edison and the California Public Utilities Commission will share information on income-based energy bill discount programs, energy efficiency and conservation programs, bill payment assistance plans, solar power and more.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Registration is not necessary.

For more information, visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.



Hundreds catch fish at lakes

DOWNEY – Hundreds of children and their families attended the 12th annual Youth Fishing Event at Wilderness Park last Saturday.

The two lakes were stocked with more than 1,200 pounds of catfish for the event. City officials estimated the crowd at about 900.

The event was co-sponsored by the city of Downey and the California Department of Fish and Game and included a low-cost breakfast, face painting, a bait station, five learn-to-fish stations, fly-tying demonstration, silly hat contest, and giveaways.

Big Fish Partners contributed financially to the event, providing T-shirts, event supplies and fish.

Community sponsors included All American Home Center, Andrews Rancho, Beach's Market, Berkley Gulp, Big Five, Bradley's Plastic Bag Company, Department of Fish and Game, Classic Graphix, Coca-Cola Bottling, City of Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Fire Management Association, Downey Fiermen's Association, Downey Fly Fishers, Downey F.O.P. Lodge 20, Downey Police Officers' Association, Finch Family, Gangs Out of Downey, Golf 'N Stuff, Imperial Catfish, In-N-Out, Izaak Walton League-Fullerton, Knights of Columbus, Maintenance Services Division, McDonald's, Penske Toyota Scion, Public Safety Auxiliary Employees Association, Rainbow Bait, Rubio's-Downey, Savon Tackle, Southern California Gas Company, Starbucks – Downey Landing, Stonewood Center, Volunteers, Von's, Wal-Mart and World of Décor.

POET'S CORNER

I Talked With God Today

I talked with God today
His precious Son was there
It's in His name, I pray
Each time I say a prayer.

Sometimes I bow my head
Sometimes I'm on my knees
He hears each word I've said
He always hears my pleas.

I say: How Great Thou Art
Each time I start to pray
Whatever's in my heart
Is all I have to say.

Sometimes I take a walk
He hears each word I say
He hears me when I talk
He listens when I pray.

What does His scriptures say
Tha's how He speaks to me
He teaches me to pray
To pray unceasingly.

Unceasingly, I pray
The way He tells me to
I ask our God each day
To bless each one of you.

His Spirit's in my heart
That's why I humbly say
"How truly great Thou art"
I talked with God today.

–Bill Milburn,
Downey

Good Morning Glare

Who bore you beauty, and stowed most
wholesome a face.
I disfigured transgress the streets a sigh of
haste.

A case, unfair in my eyes, but goodness in yours.
Too bad, tesion strained my neck where blood it
stored, that I see nothing a sail but soot and pores.
Therefore, it is to my avail that you haunt my touch
and end my shore.

Bewildered, my eyes rested, and now are poor.
–James Hernandez,
Downey

Fun in the 31

The night is young
The hot rod's old
The colors gleam
Across the road

Some are pinstriped
Others have flames
Some are "works in progress"
And others are tame

The engines "fire up"
And the cruise begins
At times it's hard to see
Where the line begins and ends

A common interest shared
By those behind the wheel
They talk about their cars
And how they really feel

As I sit in the 31 Ford
I wonder where it's been
Who sat where I am today
Way back then

Many of the classics
Would have faded away
If the car enthusiasts
Hadn't saved the day
–Christina Anderson,
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Roybal-Allard's remarks on healthcare

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34) submitted the following statement into the congressional record in support of last week's House-passed health care reform bill:

"Madam Speaker,

I rise in support of H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, a bill that is undoubtedly the most important single piece of legislation being considered by this 111th Congress, and possibly by any Congress in the last decade.

I commend Chairman Waxman from the Energy and Commerce Committee, Chairman Miller from the Education and Labor Committee, and Chairman Rangel from the Ways and Means Committee, and all of their dedicated staff who have invested so much time and energy into crafting a bill that addresses the complex and vast failures of our current health care system.

This has been without a doubt the most transparent and inclusive legislative effort that I have seen in my seventeen years in Congress, and I commend Speaker Pelosi for her tenacious leadership in bringing this bill to the floor.

The Affordable Health Care for America Act is not a perfect bill. With an issue that impacts so many stakeholders, and involves so many competing interests, it is doubtful any single legislative effort could ever satisfy everyone and address all the problems.

But the fact of the matter is that we cannot afford to do nothing. Study after study has shown that under our current system things will get worse unless we act now. If we are not successful in passing this health reform bill, Americans face a 50 - 50 chance of losing their insurance in the next 10 years, the average family will have their already prohibitive health costs increase an average of \$1800 each year, and the rising price of medications may become unaffordable even for those with insurance.

H.R. 3962 will help end this cycle of skyrocketing health care costs and represents a milestone in our nation's history by finally framing healthcare as a universal right for all Americans. With the passage of this bill we will improve the quality and affordability of health services, prioritize prevention and the reduction of health disparities, and take the necessary albeit difficult steps to rein in the escalating costs of health care in this country.

I will vote for H.R. 3962 for many reasons. The most important is that it will provide access to affordable health care to the millions of uninsured individuals in this country. In my 34th Congressional District of California, where the average annual household income is less than \$36,000, and where 40 per cent of my constituents are currently uninsured, this bill will provide access to health care for 240,000 more people.

The bill also helps families in our country who have health insurance, but are struggling with high premiums and uncovered health care costs. Last year 1,120 families in my district were forced to file health care-related bankruptcies. H.R. 3962 will protect individuals like them from catastrophic out of pocket costs through an annual allowable personal expense cap.

This bill will protect our seniors from the Medicare Part D donut hole by reducing 50% of the cost for brand name drugs and gradually eliminating the donut hole altogether. This will be extremely beneficial for the 4,100 seniors in my district who each year hit the Medicare Part D donut hole requiring them to pay the full cost of medications they can't afford.

H.R. 3962 will help make small businesses more competitive in providing health insurance to their employees by providing tax credits up to 50% of the cost of the insurance. In my district approximately 15,000 small businesses would qualify for these credits.

As chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Health Task Force, I commend the Affordable Health Care for America Act for its efforts to reduce health disparities and improve minority access to culturally and linguistically competent health care. The bill expands Community Health Centers which have been a cornerstone of primary care services in communities of color, and incorporates critical health disparities language guided by the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2009. In addition, the Manager's Amendment strengthens the focus of eliminating health disparities by codifying the Office of Minority Health and establishing Minority Health Offices across all Department of Health and Human Services agencies.

As co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Public Health, I am particularly pleased that the Affordable Health Care for America Act finally prioritizes prevention and public health in this country. The bill ensures full coverage of evidence based preventive health services, and establishes a Public Health Investment Fund that will support core public health infrastructure, help finance the delivery of community-based prevention and wellness services, and provide grants to train the next generation of Public Health workforce professionals.

Madam Speaker, I fully believe that the Affordable Health Care for America Act is a bill that will transform our healthcare system and will play a determining role in the collective health and fiscal viability of our region, our state, and our nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting YES for this bill today, to ensure that our families and communities will have the promise of a healthier tomorrow."

Letters to the Editor:

Healthcare reform

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to our representative in Congress, Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34), for voting to pass healthcare reform legislation. Without this measure, the for-profit health insurance industry would keep making themselves rich on the backs of ordinary Americans.

Note that the 2008 compensation of Aetna's CEO was more than \$38 million and Cigna's CEO received more than \$30 million. All the while our insurance premiums are going up and the percentage of money going to their profits keeps increasing.

This industry has spent millions trying to defeat or change this legislation to make it benefit them. From January to March, healthcare firms and their lobbyists spent money at the record-setting rate of \$1.4 million a day on campaigns designed to influence the healthcare reform legislation.

This legislation, by getting rid of wasteful spending, will actually reduce the federal deficit by an estimated \$106 billion while insuring an additional 36 million people. It is about time that the American people had comprehensive healthcare reform.

Democrats were the party that successfully fought to create Social Security and Medicare and once this bill passes the Senate, we will finally have health care for all.

— **Anita Rivero,**
Downey

History lesson

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regards to Maggie Allen's rebuttal to the letter sent by Miguel Rojas ("Politics and Religion Don't Mix," 10/30/09). It is obvious to me that Mrs. Allen is not well informed in the subject of U.S. History.

First of all, her statement that "all but one signer of our Constitution were Christians" is completely false. The signers of our Constitution were a mix of Christians of different denominations, Quakers, Unitarians and Deists. They all knew, regardless of their own personal beliefs, that the adulterous connection between Church and State was better left to the English.

Our own Constitution acknowledges no power to anyone other than "We The People" and makes no mention of God nor of a man called Christ. Mrs. Allen is correct in stating that "the separation of church and state" is not in any of our governing documents and only appears in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson in 1802 to the Danbury Baptists in which he referred to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution as creating a "wall of separation" between church and state.

I would like to share a legitimate governing document with Mrs. Allen known as the "Treaty of Tripoli" Article 11 in particular which reads as follows: "As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion; as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Mussulmen; and, as the said States never entered into any war, or act of hostility against any Mahometan nation, it is declared by the parties, that no pretext arising from religious opinions, shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

Official records show that after President John Adams sent the treaty to the Senate for ratification in May 1797, the entire treaty was read aloud on the Senate floor and copies were printed for every senator. A committee considered the treaty and recommended ratification, 23 of the 32 sitting senators were present for the June 7 vote which unanimously approved the ratification recommendation.

So to imply, as Mrs. Allen does, that our U.S. history has been so perverted in recent editions of our textbooks or that many immigrants nowadays don't really know or care about our history, would do nothing other than give the appearance of ignorance to the true intent of The Founding Fathers and racism towards educated citizens with a Hispanic surname.

— **Charlie Negrete,**
Downey

Presidential policies

Dear Editor:

After reading Mr. Ambruso's letter ("Presidential Haters," 10/30/09), I reread my letter to the editor of Oct. 16. I didn't find any place where I expressed hate for President Obama.

I did express very clearly my disagreement with his policies. That is still allowed, isn't it? There is one statement I would like to correct where I stated "President Obama is transparent when he says illegals won't get health care." I have since learned they will get health care. It doesn't matter what is in the bill because the courts have ruled that health care cannot be refused to anyone.

Regarding the government taking control of many areas of our lives, I learned today that the federal government now has control over 30 percent of private wealth. I also heard that some feel it is unconstitutional to force Americans to get health care against their will. I'm happy with my health care and don't want to be forced into any federally-controlled program as I don't have great respect for the performance of government.

Why can't Congress work out some program for the uninsured, which Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard says is 16.4 percent, and leave the other 83.6 percent of us alone? It is notable that government workers have the right to opt out of the bill for better care. If it is good enough for us, I say it's certainly good enough for them!

I'm opposed to the vast spending programs of President Obama. I don't know if people realize that to pay off the present debt, it would cost every person in the U.S. more than \$330,000 and this doesn't include future debt. If this healthcare bill is passed, higher taxes will start immediately, but the program will start in 2013. Does anyone in their right mind think this money will be saved until 2013? It will be "borrowed" just as Social Security money has and IOUs will be put in just like Social Security.

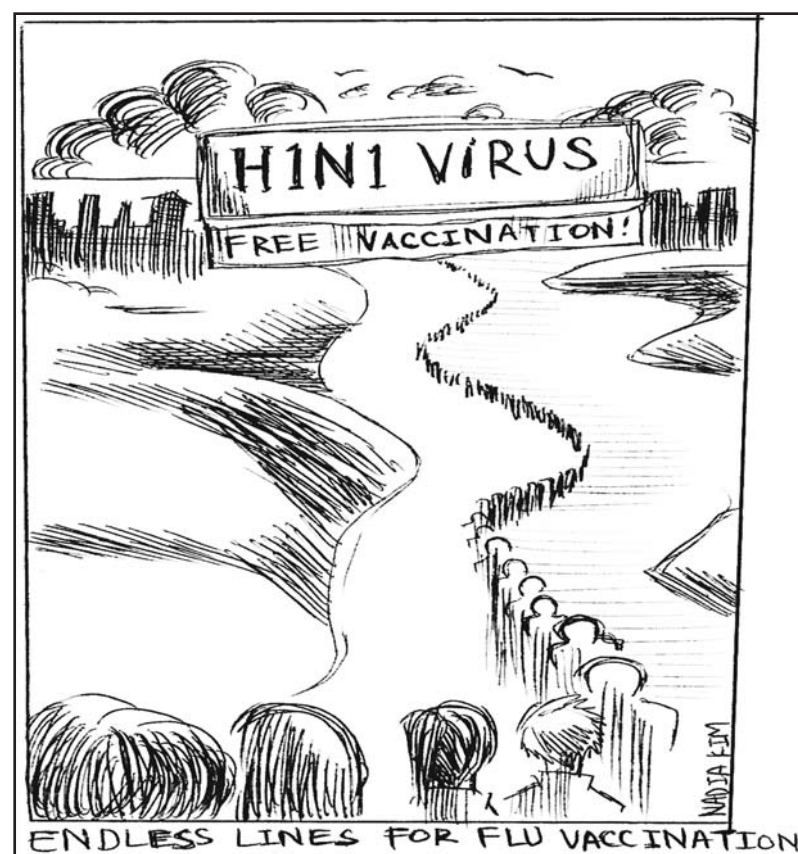
Then we keep hearing that we need to become energy independent, but this administration and the George Bush administration have done nothing to accomplish this - no drilling for our own oil, no new electrical grids and no nuclear energy, in spite of the fact that the U.S. is energy rich. Thanks to Al Gore and his phony global warming nonsense.

I also do not believe that money earned should be taken and given to someone who hasn't earned it. Of course, we need to care for those who cannot care for themselves, but to some this has become a way of life - "redistribution of wealth."

The cash for clunkers program only cost the taxpayers \$24,000 per car, but when I drive by car lots, I see new cars for much less than that. Of course, Japan benefited, since most cars sold were made by the Japanese.

I repeat, I do not hate President Obama, but I'm exceedingly opposed and fearful of not only his policies, but also fearful of a Congress that will, without even reading them, sign bills that have great impact on the future of the country I love.

— **Elsa Van Leuven,**
Downey



Defending the photo

Dear Editor:

How sad that Kathryn Bonner was "mortified" at Mr. Kalief Rollins' appearance and chose to pick him apart! (Letters to the Editor, 11/6/09)

It is too bad she did not notice how handsome he is, that he had a shirt to wear and hands to put in his pockets and is being a very productive young man.

— **Edy Grayson,**
Downey

Tragedy at Ft. Hood

Dear Editor:

What happened at Ft. Hood is just a sample of what goes on in Afghanistan and Iraq.

— **Mike Sandoval,**
Downey

Remembering the Aleutian Campaign

By **Dr. Paul Kengor**

Every Veterans Day presents an opportunity to commemorate those who served in some faraway place long ago, many of whom paid that ultimate sacrifice. World War II offers its share of remembrances: Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941; Normandy, June 6, 1944; the Battle of the Bulge, December 16, 1944; to name a few.

Sadly, however, one series of battles continues to be ignored.

On June 3, 1942, the Japanese bombed Dutch Harbor, located at the Aleutian Islands, west of the Alaskan peninsula. Three days later, they landed on the islands of Kiska and Attu, culminating in the only battles of the war fought in North America. Many of the men there went through hell.

Remarkably, the battle is barely known.

One person who has not forgotten is renowned World War II historian, Donald Goldstein. Goldstein, a retired University of Pittsburgh professor, authored one of the only books on the campaign, called the "Williwaw War," named for the freezing, high-velocity winds flowing from Siberia and the Bering Sea, which made service in the Aleutians a constant misery.

"It was strategically very important who controlled those islands," says Goldstein. The Americans stationed there "kept the Japanese from the West Coast and from invading the U.S. mainland.... From a strategic point of view, you can't underestimate the situation there. Look at a map! The Aleutians aren't very far from Seattle."

In the Aleutians, American troops battled not only the Japanese, but debilitating weather and boredom. To combat the fierce and unpredictable williwaws, soldiers leaned forward as they walked, before falling on their faces as the winds abruptly ended. They battled blinding, waste-deep snow, dense fog, sleet that felt like a sandblaster.

To escape the climate, troops spent hours inside. The boredom was so bad that some drank anything they could find. There were stories of casualties from "torpedo juice." Morale was awful.

"War is boredom mixed with moments of stark terror," says Goldstein. "You sit and wait. And then all at once it comes."

And when it came to the Aleutians, it came with ferocity. Shortly after bombing Dutch Harbor, the Japanese took Attu and Kiska. Thirteen months later, in August 1943, American forces sought to drive them out. Kiska was easy, since Japanese forces had bailed out two weeks earlier. Attu, however, was another story.

Attu was taken back only after a horrible fight. Japan fought to the last man. Facing defeat, 500 Japanese soldiers committed suicide with their own grenades. Whereas Dutch Harbor witnessed fewer than 100 casualties, U.S. burial patrols at Attu counted 2,351 Japanese bodies. Total U.S. casualties were 3,829—549 killed. Some believe it was the bloodiest battle of World War II.

And yet, few Americans have heard of the battle. Notes Goldstein: "Even [at the time] there was hardly any press coverage. If you ask most people today where Attu is they have no idea.... It's forgotten."

Do the veterans of this campaign feel neglected?

"Oh, yes," says Goldstein. "They're bitter. These guys never got the credit they deserve."

Many of the unrecognized survivors suffered premature deaths once they got home. One was Andrew Boggs Covert, a tall, lanky fellow who had worked at Pullman Standard in Butler, Pennsylvania prior to the war. Boggs found himself drafted into the Marines Corps as a 30-year-old with seven children. His surviving son, Jim, recalls riding to Pittsburgh to say goodbye to his father in 1942.

It was not a permanent goodbye, as Andrew survived the brutal combat. "He told me about some of the hand-to-hand stuff," says his son today. "It was traumatic. But he was matter of fact: 'Do it, take care of it, serve your country, get over it.'"

Still, getting over it was not that easy. Andrew died in October 1966 at age 54.

A survivor who outlived Andrew was Leonard Levandoski of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, a member of the 11th Fighter Squadron, who spent two grueling years at Attu.

A few years back, while writing for a newspaper, I tried to track down Leonard on a tip from the Department of Veterans Affairs: "This guy is perfect for you to interview," said the press person. "Every year he writes letters-to-the-editor trying to get people to remember what happened. He'll be thrilled to get your call."

When I called, Leonard's wife, Geraldine, answered. "Who is this?" she said slowly. When I gave my name and purpose, Geraldine began to cry. "Leonard just passed away," she told me. "He waited years for someone to call."

Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. His books include "The Judge: William P. Clark, Ronald Reagan's Top Hand" and "The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism."

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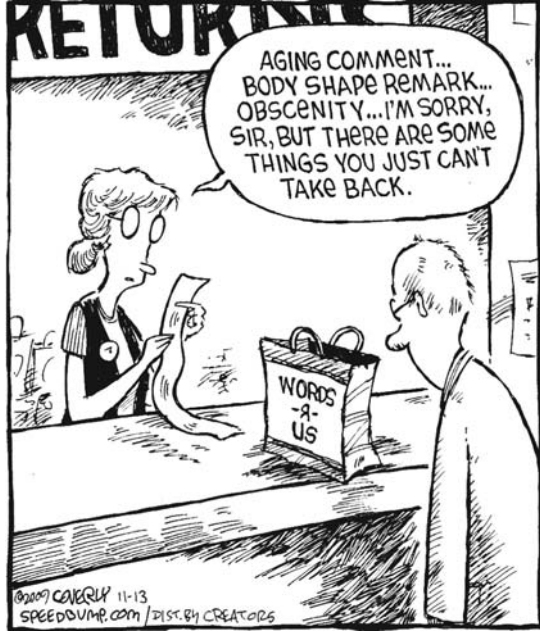
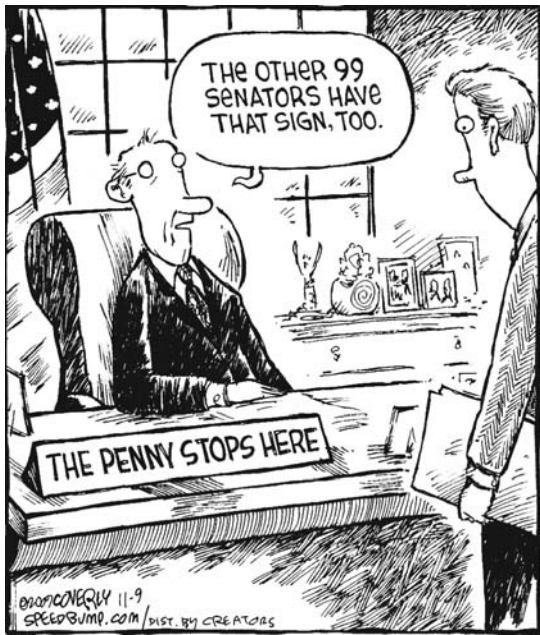
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

- Fri. Nov. 13: **Santa Claus arrives**, Stonewood Center, 6 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 14: **Pancake breakfast**, Downey Memorial Christian Church, 7 a.m.
- Sat. Nov. 14: **H1N1 flu clinic**, Downey Theatre, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Nov. 14: **Ponytail softball sign-ups**, Independence Park, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Nov. 14: **AAUW luncheon**, Downey Memorial Christian Church, 12:30 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 15: **Bingo luncheon**, St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 1 p.m.
- Tues. Nov. 17: **Residential electricity meeting**, Community & Senior Center, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. Nov. 18: **Earthquake preparedness meeting**, Community & Senior Center, 1 p.m.
- Wed. Nov. 18: **Lion's Club informational meeting**, Café 'N Stuff, 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 19: **Bus trip to Harrah's Casino**, Gourmet Café, 8 a.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 19: **Business Watch meeting**, City Hall, 2 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 19: **Thanksgiving dinner & bingo for seniors**, West Middle School, 4 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st 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 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.
- 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.: **Water Board**, at City Hall.
- 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1.

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.
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- 1997:** Disney's "The Lion King" opens on Broadway.
- 1998:** Bill Clinton agrees to pay \$850,000 to settle a sexual harassment claim by Paula Jones.
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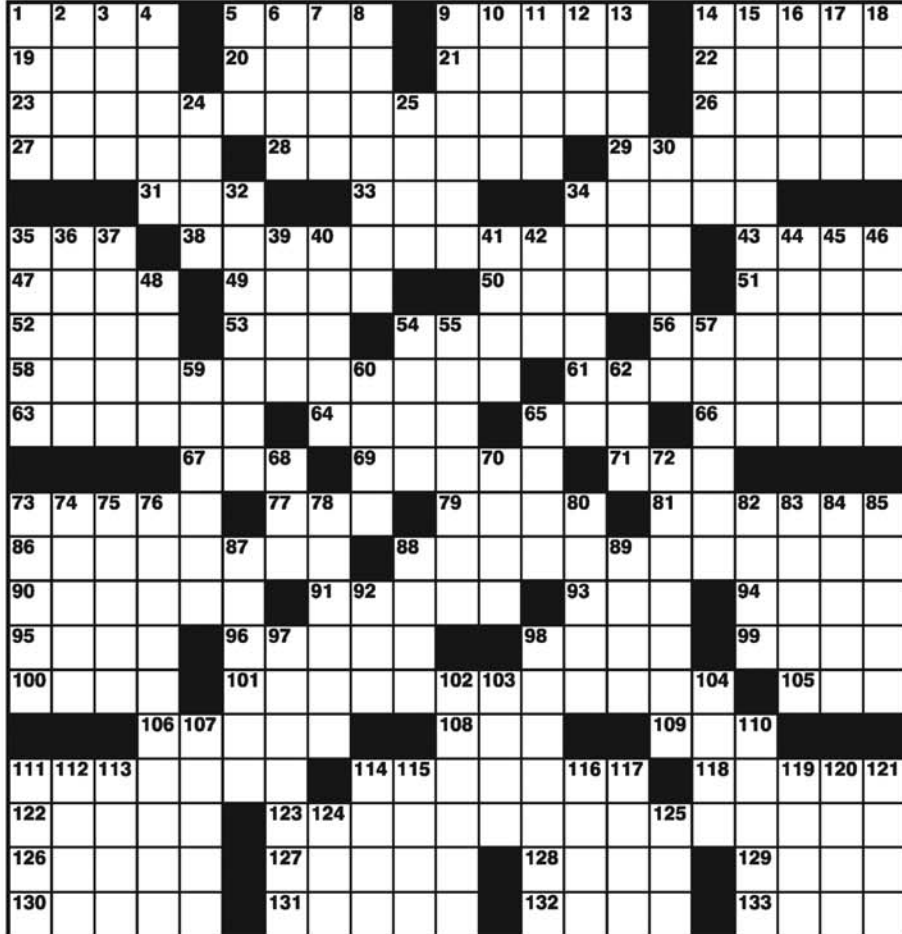
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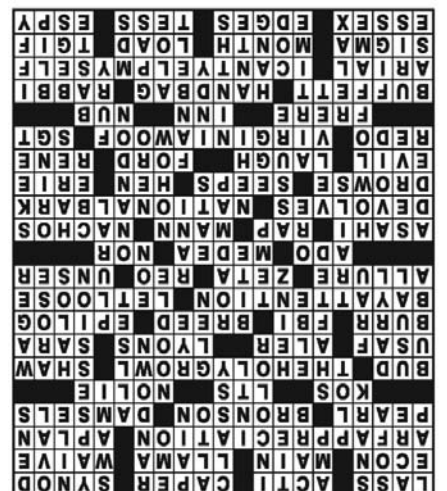
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Yoga uses postures, focused concentration on specific body parts, and special breathing techniques that are thought to integrate the body with the mind and spirit. The idea is that controlled breathing will control the energy flow in your body. The different postures help condition your body, and there are literally thousands of poses. Yoga focuses the mind by teaching how to concentrate on specific parts of the body. The focus is internal, and the idea is to not fight any thoughts you have, but to let them come and go freely while an instructor leads you through different positions. The practitioner drifts into a peaceful, calm, and relaxed state.

What one activity increases flexibility, strengthens the muscles, centers your thoughts, and is relaxing and calming? If you guessed yoga, then you are correct. Let's explore some of the history and philosophy of yoga, a few of the different types, and several benefits.

Yoga is an ancient physical and spiritual discipline, originating in India over 5,000 years ago. It literally means the joining or integrating of all aspects of the individual: body with mind, and mind with soul. Its goal is to achieve a happy, balanced and useful life. The ultimate goal is to reach kaivalya, which means "ultimate freedom."

Yoga began, of course, long before written language, so the first recorded mention is of Yogis already practicing it. It has been passed down through the millennia from teacher to student. Over time, many different schools of yoga developed. Patanjali, an Indian Yogic sage who lived between 2,000 and 2,500 years ago, wrote the earliest texts. He is credited with writing the Yoga Sutras, which are the principles, philosophy, and practices of different types of yoga to this day.

There are dozens of types of yoga, evolved as different yogis developed their own philosophies and approaches. Kundalini Yoga is perhaps the oldest discipline dating back over 5,000 years, and was introduced to the West in 1969 by Yogi Bhasan. Hatha Yoga is the most widely practiced type taught here in the United States, and is typically where beginners start. It originated in the 15th century, and is gentle with slow and smooth movements. The focus is on holding poses, chanting, and integrating breathing with movements. It is a great way to stretch, work the muscles, get in touch with your body, relax, and decrease stress.

Here in the United States, there are roughly 15 million practitioners

of yoga or other Eastern disciplines. It has become a very popular exercise for children, for whom lack of exercise has become a national crisis. It's a hugely sought-after class in my daughter's public high school, and yoga classes now appear in senior citizen centers and retirement facilities; it's not only beneficial for the mind but also helps to prevent falls and to improve balance and overall physical performance.

Although Western medicine has not fully studied the full range of benefits claimed by yoga, with consistent practice the following gains have certainly been supported: lowered blood pressure, lowered stress and tension, lessened fatigue, better balance and fewer falls, better focus and concentration, better posture and flexibility, improved lung capacity, decreased blood sugar levels, better strength

and flexibility, and fewer asthma symptoms. Certainly the list will grow with more studies.

Clearly yoga is not for everyone. Those with underlying health issues such as heart disease, uncontrolled hypertension and various orthopedic conditions should consult their doctor before undertaking any exercise program. Should you choose to pursue yoga, you may be very pleasantly surprised at how it helps you feel. The only way to be certain of all that yoga can do for you is to give it a try.

I wish you all safe, healthful and spiritual exercise!

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Bears clamp down on Downey offense

■ Despite loss, Downey makes postseason.

By JOSEPH APODACA,
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The Downey boys' water polo team played a tough game but lost 7-6 against their cross-town rivals, the Warren Bears, in last Thursday's game.

The Vikings are now 3-3 for their San Gabriel Valley League campaign and 7-8 for their overall season record. The boys only managed to score six goals on the Warren goalie, four of which were Derek Dodson's while Serro Park and Juan Rivas scored one each. The loss to Warren comes following a previous season slaughter, where Downey beat the Bears 15-5.

Playing Warren has always been somewhat of an obstacle for the Vikings. The challenge of playing at Warren's small pool has always been something the Downey boys have never quite overcome.

"We can't do counter attacks because the pool is too short. The goalie would come out and steal the ball," said Park.

Though the Bears may not house an Olympic-quality facility, the Vikings still managed to make a valiant effort to succeed in the game. Klotzer won three consecutive sprints, starting three out of four periods on offense. The Vikings kept their game consistent and stayed neck-and-neck with the Bears. The



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Warren celebrates after hanging on for a 7-6 victory over Downey last Thursday.

game tied up three times over its duration, twice in the first period and one more time in the final 51 seconds of the third quarter.

"Warren did improve a lot," said Park. "They depended on two guys last year, but this year they were really working the ball around."

One of the most exciting moments in Downey Warren water polo history was made in last Thursday's game. During the latter part of the fourth period, the game was close at 7-6 in favor of Warren. Derek Dodson drew a foul and managed to gain a five-meter penalty

shot, an equivalent to a three-pointer in basketball. With 19 seconds left in the period, Dodson took a shot at the goal. What looked like to everyone was a surefire goal, and a tied score of 7-7, was just wishful thinking, as the referees ruled the shot a miss. The ball was shot into the goal, but did not hit the back of the cage, resulting in a win for the Bears.

Losing to the Bears aside, the Vikings have definitely come a long way since the beginning of the season. As of their last game, a loss of 10-8 against Western High school last Friday, Dodson has brought his

overall season goal total to 123. Both coaches and teammates have also noticed a change in their newer members, many of who stepped up to the plate throughout the season and proved they could play with the big boys on varsity.

"The new players did really good," said Dodson. "They struggled in the beginning of the year but they really came through for us."

The Vikings' goal of making it to CIF round one became a reality. Their first match in playoffs is against Arroyo Grande High School.

Warren storms back to beat Downey

■ Bears gain momentum heading into playoffs.

By DEBORAH WON AND ALYSSA WYNNE,
SPORTS INTERNS

DOWNEY – In the second match of the season between Downey and Warren, the Warren girls' volleyball team completed an upset victory against the Vikings by winning three out of four sets on Thursday at Warren.

The Vikings won the first set 25-21, while the Bears won the last three sets at 25-22, 28-26, and 25-20 to earn them a gloating victory and a league title.

"All year we've been battling to find good team chemistry, and we worked hard to get it," said Warren head coach Brad Simons. "The girls really spent a lot of time and energy to come together as one cohesive unit, and we were able to come out and play with our full potential. I think that was really important for us to rebound from the last game and win. And we really found that team chemistry at this match against Downey. If we can maintain it, we have a very good chance of making it to the CIF finals."

Especially after the defeat against the Vikings in their previous match on Oct. 20, everyone was curious to see the outcome of this game. The first set was disappointing for Warren, but the Bears were able to rally their efforts and made a storming turnaround in the final three sets.

Although all four sets were fairly close, it was the third set that caused the greatest anticipation, as Warren and Downey both alternated with a one-point lead for some time as both teams fought to win the match. The Bears finally spiked their way to winning this intense middle set at 28-26.

The Bears seemed confident stepping into the fourth and final set, as the girls remained persistent with their eyes on the victory. The Vikings got close to surpassing the Bears and taking the lead, but Warren viciously prevented any Downey comebacks through kills, side outs, and spikes. In the final moments of the match, junior Franny Vaalu killed the last and winning point of the game and set

the Warren fans roaring with excitement.

Three Warren players did exceedingly well during the match to greatly contribute to the Warren victory.

Mallory Hill had a total of 14 kills that were crucial in deciding the fourth game.

Chelsea Cabrajac tallied a match-high 16 kills throughout the game, despite her flu-like symptoms that she shook off until finally collapsing after the game.

Lauren McCaughan rebounded from double-calf cramps, and was subbed out in game four for Amaris Medina, who was two-for-two on attacks while McCaughan was out. McCaughan, after having salt poured down her throat, was subbed back in and scored three of the five key Warren points in the match that led to the Bear's first league championship in over a decade.

On the flip side Downey head coach Andrea Sims thought her girls played really well after winning the first set, but thought that her team became too complacent after that.

"Of course, I want the girls to go in thinking they're going to win," said Sims. "They did really well in the first match....then they just sat back and watched it all happen."

The players however did not necessarily agree with their coach with some girls saying that some of them were giving their all and some weren't.

"We just kind of broke down as a team and we didn't have the unity that we had in the first game," said Downey's Megan Kirkpatrick. "We couldn't click. We would have bursts but we couldn't get into rhythm."

Downey's Haley Courtney said that the girls weren't communicating. One girl would attempt to fire the ball back, but they would be limited as to what they could do because of their position in the game, she said.

The Warren Bears, 9-1 in league, opened CIF playoffs Tuesday by defeating Templeton of San Luis Obispo in three sets.

Downey defeated Diamond Ranch the same day.

Playoffs continued Thursday but scores were unavailable at press time.

Tennis singles advance to CIF finals

By ALYSSA WYNNE,
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The girls' tennis teams of Downey, Gahr, Lynwood,

and Paramount, attended CIF prelims at Warren Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week.

On Tuesday, the singles matches were held. Warren's Nicole

Kosakowski led the ladies as No. 1 and did not have to compete because of a first round bye. Kosakowski then played against Downey's Irene Saavedra and beat her 6-0 and 6-0. Downey's Sandra

Lee played against Lynwood's Kimberly Lozano and beat her 6-0 and 6-0. She then played Paramount's Vicky Garcia and defeated her 6-1 and 6-0.

On Thursday Kosakowski moved on to Paramount's Jenny Ramirez and beat her 6-0 and 6-0. She then played Paramount's Jessica Ortiz and beat her 6-0 and 6-0. Kosakowski rightfully earned first place in singles.

"I feel really good. I hope to be playing next year too. I prepared by playing every day on a regular basis and kept my same routine every day and I just practiced hard every day. My family is really supportive."

Lee also played Ortiz and after a long fight lost 4-6, 6-2, and 2-6. She then moved on to play against Paramount's Jenny Ramirez for third place and got it.

On Wednesday, the doubles matches were held and Downey's Katie Medina and Janette Rico beat Gahr's Jennine Garcia and KC Eusebio, 6-1 and 6-0, then on to Gahr's Destiny Kim and Shannon Komoot whom they beat 6-4 and 6-4.

Then on Thursday, Medina and Rico continued with their streak and defeated Paramount's Cecilia Segovia and Vanessa Castro, 6-1 and 6-1. Up to that point, the ladies defeated each of their opponent's with ease until they came across Paramount's Elizabeth Vega and Thuy Ta when playing in the match for first. Downey's ladies were defeated but still earned second place, 6-3, 1-6, and 1-6.

"I'm really proud of both of us," said Medina. "They've been playing for like 2 years, and we're only 3 months."

Downey's Rico and Medina, and Warren's Kosakowski will be moving on to the CIF finals which will be held in late November. Downey's Lee will be used as an alternate in case one of Downey's ladies are unable to attend the match.

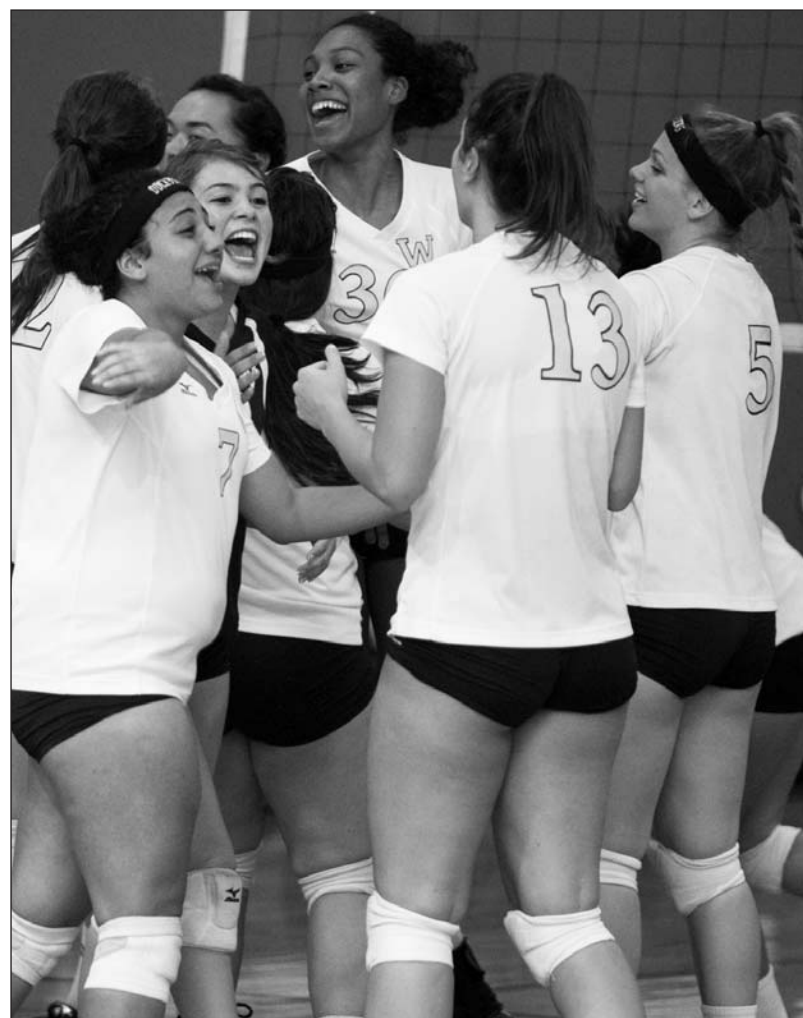


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Warren rallied to win the last three sets and defeat Downey High School last week. Both teams are now in the playoffs.

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Warren vs. Downey '09

With only one loss this season, there is no doubt Warren is enjoying a more successful season than Downey this year. But as we learned last year, when the Vikings thumped the Bears, anything can happen in a rivalry game.

Here's the breakdown on both teams, as compiled by Scott Cobos and Joseph Apodaca, who have been following both teams all season.

PREDICTION: Warren will be too much for Downey and will not come out flat this time around.

Warren 35, Downey 21

Downey High School

Downey has taken quite a hit compared to their previous season, but has nonetheless proven to be fighters through it all. They have consistently shown that they have the necessary skills to make a great team, however, following through with those skills has been difficult. Downey began their league campaign with two wins against Gahr and Paramount, but later lost big to both Lynwood and Dominguez.

In many games, the team has been able to make major comebacks. Head coach Will Capps said prior to the beginning of the season that his team would have a much stronger defense than before and an exciting offense, with goals of moving the ball down the field more fluidly. While his hopes were seen in action in many of Downey's games, not every hope came true, possibly putting to bed any further hopes of entering the playoffs this season.

Offense: Downey's top two running backs, Joseph Ortiz and Kyle Lewis, have given an outstanding effort this season. Ortiz leads the team with the most rushing yards with 703 total and Lewis following with 463 total yards.

Ortiz spent the majority of the season being quarterback Steven Cervantes' go-to guy, receiving passes from him and effectively pushing through defending players to move the ball down field.

When Cervantes was sidelined for three games due to a shoulder injury, it was sophomore Dallas Lopez who proved himself as a good replacement assuming he'll be the heir-apparent after Cervantes graduates later this year.

Despite injury, Cervantes nonetheless completed a great season under center, passing for 1,317 yards. The offensive line has done an impressive job over the season at making plays that shock even their coach, helping running backs run the ball down the field and scoring touchdowns. They have proven that they have what it takes to form a good offensive line, but they have had trouble pushing around other linemen recently.

Defense: While a promised strong defense made a valiant effort to prove themselves over the season, not every game saw the defensive line succeed. Some games, the defensive line would perform great in ensuring that no running backs made their way to the end zone while other games saw offenses rushing through the line to easy touchdowns.

Downey has given up major points to teams like Lynwood, whose offensive line was far less impressive but still managed to make good on their persistence on the field. Downey's defense has had some shining stars throughout the season. Junior Justin Haro has the most tackles of the season with 102 while Steven Williams has 77 tackles. It should come as no surprise to Downey what they need to do in order to succeed in defense against Warren: Stop Jesse Callier. Callier and the rest of the team will certainly be quiet a challenge for the Vikings.

The Good: The Vikings are sure to stop at nothing to win this game. Their tenacity and eagerness to win is evident in every game but will specifically shine tonight. Comebacks in the second half of games have been key to their success, taking control of games after halftime adjustments. Beating Warren would mean the most to the Vikings, who are traveling to Bear territory for this game. Not winning would mean their hopes of progressing into the playoffs would be sadly crushed.

A win though will push the Vikings past Gahr and give them a good enough record with tie-breakers in their favor that would possibly catapult them into the playoffs, even though their seed won't be high at all.

The Bad: A loss means the end of the line for Downey. It would also cap another frustrating season for the Vikings. The only thing that salvaged last season was the win over Warren. That win also pushed Downey into the playoffs in 2008.

The Vikings are in the same position as last year except they will have a more daunting task of stopping a Warren offense that is a year older and a year wiser. It's going to be tougher than last year without a doubt and Downey must win to keep any thoughts of another game alive.

—Joseph Apodaca, Sports Intern

Warren High School

How do you improve on a San Gabriel Valley League championship in 2008? Simple. You repeat as champions in a more convincing manner in 2009.

While tonight's game actually doesn't mean anything when it comes to the Bears' SGVL championship hopes as they clinched after beating Gahr last week coupled with Downey's loss to Lynwood, it means everything when it comes to playoff seeding, and most importantly, city pride.

Avenging a loss from last year against Downey would help Warren cap off their best overall regular season in decades. Amazingly enough it seems as if Warren is better overall this year than they were last year. There were many questions about this year's offensive line, but an 8-1 overall record going into the last game of the season silenced all critics off the field.

Even though they are already playoff bound, nothing seems more fitting for tonight than what Warren running back Jesse Callier said after last Friday night's game at Gahr.

"Gotta beat them Ducks, baby," he said. "Gotta beat them Ducks."

Offense: When it comes to Warren's offense, only one name needs to be uttered: Jesse Callier. Warren has been running the same offense for what seems like eternity now. Run the ball up the middle. Run the ball to the left. Run the ball to the right. So, if anything but a run play is ever called, it catches everyone off guard.

Callier will be the focal point of the offense for the Bears tonight like he has been every single game. He is an all-CIF back that can do everything well. He runs with power and speed, and he's athletic with soft enough hands to be a slot receiver threat.

There is a possibility of different things to come for tonight though, especially after Benadom said after the game last week that he doesn't know what he's going to do offensively against Downey.

After watching a few tapes on Downey, Benadom said that they are a well-rounded team defensively and offensively and specifically said that he thinks the game is going to come down to the defenses of both teams. But what does that mean? More than six pass attempts (the amount of attempts at Gahr on Friday) for quarterback Sam Bettencourt? More touches for Jamil Magee? More screens or deep passes for Bailey Cowins?

Whatever the case may be, Downey is still going to get a steady diet of Callier. When the game is in the balance, you want the ball in your best player's hands.

Defense: Warren's defense can be an enigma at times. There have been times where they have stopped the run completely and there are times where they have stopped the pass completely. It doesn't seem like they've been able to put together a game that has seen them stop both.

They do have the ability to make it happen, but it hasn't been apparent yet. In the game against Gahr, they were torched for over 300 yards passing but held the Gladiators to negative yards rushing. In an earlier game against Vista Murrieta, they stopped the passing game, but got trampled on the ground.

Benadom knows that Downey's offense is very dynamic. Downey can run the ball and pass the ball well. Downey doesn't have the run-and-gun capability of Gahr or the 20 running backs that Vista Murrieta owns, so while they will try to stop the run and the pass, Warren will have to shut one completely down at least.

The best way to do that is the same way that they forced Gahr's Casey Nielsen to throw two critical interceptions. Warren needs to penetrate Downey's offensive line. If they are able to pressure Downey quarterback Steven Cervantes in the backfield, not only will they force rushed throws by him, they will also break up any running plays.

The Good: At this point realistically, Warren is playing with house money. They already wrapped up league last week and the only two things they can gain from a win against Downey is a little more respect from the seeding committee come playoff time, and bragging rights in the city.

Statistically and record wise, Warren is the better team and they really don't need to prove anything at this point of the season. But nothing would taste better than a victory at home against the Vikings.

The Bad: Warren has nothing to lose and they know it. A disturbing trend of the Bears playing only half a game has materialized the last few games. At Gahr, they looked a lot better but knowing they have nothing to play for except a few small things could be hindering to the Bears.

—Scott Cobos, Staff Writer

CIF prelims await Warren runners

■ Dani Moreno looks to lead Warren at Mt. Sac.

By SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Warren girls' cross-country is to compete in the CIF Southern Section Prelims tomorrow at Mt. Sac looking to advance to the Finals that are to be held in the upcoming weeks.

Warren's coaches hold big expectations after the Bears have dominated the San Gabriel Valley League for the past nine years. In the time from 2000, Warren's girls haven't lost a meet in league, and were recently ranked as high as No. 3 in CIF polls.

On Saturday, Warren is expected to be led by Dani Moreno, who is hands down the leader and best performer on the team according to head coach Jay Waldron.

This year, Moreno broke school, district, and league records by posting a 17:55 race at the Mt. Sac Invitational and an 18:02 at league finals.

Close behind her was Danielle Rodriguez who posted an 18:21, which broke the previous league record as well.

Warren had completely dominated the league finals with Monique Diaz finishing third with an 18:30 race, and Melissa Quintero with an 18:36, both times just seconds away from the previous league record as well. Jaspreet Chauhan finished seventh at the league finals with a 19:29.

Four of seven girls from Warren this year received all-SGVL recognition, and their total team time of 1:32:58 was a new league course record, blowing away the previous record by more than four minutes set by Warren in 2008.

The next closest team in the league finals was Gahr who finished nine minutes slower than Warren's girls.

Before the season started, Warren wasn't ranked, but was quickly recognized by the CIF and state polls. Currently, the Bears are just behind two national powerhouse programs in Great Oak and Trabuco Hills in Division I.

Trabuco Hills is ranked 23rd and Great Oak is eighth in the nation. A few weeks ago, Warren made a brief appearance on ESPN's national ranking. Warren is ranked 38th in the country right now.

Warren clinches SGVL title

By SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – A San Gabriel Valley League championship repeat must have been refreshing for Warren after they beat Gahr on the road 35-31, Friday night.

Immediately after the game, Warren knew they had at least shared a part of the SGVL championship but moments later they received word that Downey fell at Lynwood, giving them the league title officially.

"It feels great, man," said running back Jesse Callier about clinching the league title. "Bringing back Warren history, man."

Callier was a huge part of Warren's success against Gahr, rushing 45 times for 303 yards and five touchdowns. In fact, four of his touchdowns came in the first four Warren possessions of the game.

Warren had a 28-14 lead going into halftime. The way things were looking, Callier could have had eight touchdowns on the night and possibly have blown right past 400 yards.

But alas, the night didn't play out as expected and Warren found itself in a dogfight again, keeping Gahr at just arm's length to pick up the victory.

Right out of the gates in the second half, Gahr quarterback Casey Nielsen dropped back in the pocket and connected with one of his receivers on the sideline for a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Warren immediately responded with Callier breaking out of the backfield for a 65-yard touchdown run that helped steal some of the momentum back from Gahr.

Warren chewed enough clock with the running game and was able to hold off Gahr for the win.

Students had 5 days to get excited

■ Rivalry Week preps students for tonight.

By DEBORAH WON,
INTERNS

DOWNEY – The spirit of rivalry has once again emerged between the two local high schools, Downey and Warren, evinced by the traditional spirit-building week of events and activities preceding the big rivalry football game.

Spirit week began on Monday and will end with the Downey vs. Warren game tonight at Warren High School's football stadium. As the avid student body populations of both schools were eager to quench their insatiable thirst for the victory at this annual rivalry game, spirit week furthermore advocated the competitive atmosphere while encouraging student participation.

"I always look forward to spirit week because every day that I dress up is a part of the countdown to the Downey-Warren game," said Stephanie Depaz. At Warren High School, students were seen dressing up in correspondence to each

day's theme, which had summarily been decided upon and announced by the student council.

On Monday, students showed up at school in their pajamas, glad to be in warm and comfortable clothes on a murky day. Tuesday was "Scrabble Day", as students congealed into groups and coordinated a word they would spell out, in their outfits. But above all, the spirit day that students enjoyed the most was "Downey Dork Day", where Warren students emulated their Downey rivals by dressing up in Downey High School colors and attire. Rubber ducks from the strings of many a Warren student this day, as a sort of talisman in hopes of conjuring up a victory for the big game.

At lunchtime on Thursday, an unwonted lunchtime activity was set up, called "Duck-Tape the Teacher", where four brave volunteer teachers on campus allowed themselves to be duct-taped to a wall. The teachers were also dissembled in "Viking gear", with a Viking hat and Downey outfits overtly contributing to the theme of "Downey Dork Day".

Then of course, there is Friday,

Spirit Day, where students show their bear pride by wearing blue and gold, and other school attire. In addition to dressing up, a pep rally was also held during school on Friday, in another attempt to rally up student spirit. During the pep assembly, students articulated their acquisitive yearnings for a victory over Downey High School. It seems that Warren is intransigent about a victory this year; a defeat is absolutely unacceptable.

Similarly, the spirit week at Downey consisted of dress-up days and activities to promote student participation and unifying spirit for the rivalry game. Monday was "Retro Day", where students dressed up in past styles, particularly as greasers and 80's fashion.

On Tuesday, students dressed up as their favorite celebrities during "Celeb Look-Alike Day". Thursday, another favorite, was "Warren Wimp Day" as Downey students cavorted around in Warren colors and attire, imitating their version of a feckless Warren rival. Finally, on Friday, the Vikings showed their school pride by wearing school colors and Downey gear.

Downey also held their traditional before-the-game pep rally to pump up students.

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Erika Kimura
Ex Boyfriends vs. Boyfriend Blazers

Who needs a boyfriend when you've got your own boyfriend blazer? This fall, boyfriend blazers will do anything but leave us heart-broken. First it was the boyfriend jeans, but now girls are raiding men's closets for this season's hot new trend. Boyfriend Dressing gives us ladies the opportunity to give an edgy, yet sophisticated look to any outfit. The versatility of the jacket is great because it can either be dressed up or down. Pair it with a loose fitting dress with high boots or skinny jeans with a dressy tank. It is always good to balance the masculine effect with something feminine, such as frills or pumps. I paired mine up with a great girly dress to add some softness to the jacket! You can get this hot ticket item from Nordstrom in the BP section for &49.50! Every good shopper likes to get their money's worth!

Francesca Baldi
Get A Leg Up

Now that fall is on the rise it's time to get a leg up, with leggings that is. They are the hot new find and even better for fall are liquid leggings. They have that rocker vibe that celebs like Rihanna and Mary-Kate Olsen are all over. These leggings are perfect when worn with a long, loose top and some fierce footwear. This pair can be found at Express for \$49.50 in the Stonewood Center. A cute blazer is the perfect touch to add to complete the look, which can also be found at Express.

New teen style experts revealed

DOWNEY – Three local teens were selected as the Teen Life of Style experts at Lakewood, Loss Cerritos and Stonewood Centers.

The three teens were selected from 20 semi-finalists at three back-to-school fashion shows in August.

The style experts include Brittney Miller, 16, of Long Beach; Erika Kimura, 18, of Cerritos; and Francesca Baldi, 17, of Long Beach.

Miller, a senior at Renaissance High School for the Performing Arts, says she has a passion for acting and has performed in many productions at her school and with local theater groups.

When describing her sense of style, she said, "My fashion sense is very spontaneous, but that doesn't mean I don't have a sense of style." She added that her fashion icon is Katy Perry.

Kimura is a senior at Valley Christian High School, where she plays on the varsity basketball team and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"Fashion has always played a significant role in my life," she said. "My dream is to become a famous fashion designer or stylist. She cites Heidi Klum as her fashion inspiration.

Baldi is a senior at St. Joseph's High School. To her, "Fashion is a way to show your individuality and have fun at the same time."

She is involved in various clubs and activities, including National Honors Society and the Italian Club, of which she serves as president. In terms of fashion, Baldi said she looks up to Rachel Bilson.

'Grinch' opens at the Pantages Theatre

HOLLYWOOD – Dr. Seuss' "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," the critically acclaimed Broadway production, opens this weekend at the Pantages Theatre with a limited holiday engagement through Jan. 3.

Five-time Emmy winner John Larroquette stars as Old Max and Nickelodeon's Stefan Karl plays the Grinch.

Tickets are available online at www.broadwayla.org or by calling (800) 982-ARTS.

The musical version of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" is based on the original book written by Dr. Seuss. It features the hit songs "You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas" from the original animated series.

Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small," decides to steal Christmas away from the holiday-loving Whos.

The musical opened on Broadway at the Hilton Theatre in 2006, and it returned to Broadway the next year at the St. James Theatre. In 2008, the show premiered in Boston and Baltimore, and this holiday season, Los Angeles will play host.

Katey Sagal shows her talents

COSTA MESA – Actress and singer Katey Sagal, who received national attention for her role as the outrageous Peggy Bundy in the long-running series "Married with Children," will perform in the Cabaret Series at the Orange County Performing Arts Center Dec. 10-13.

Sagal began her career as a backup singer for Bette Midler, Bob Dylan and KISS before gaining fame on television.

She earned three Golden Globe awards and two American Comedy Award nominations for her role in "Married with Children." More recently, she starred in the ABC series "8 Simple Rules" and as the voice of Leela, a beautiful one-eyed alien, in the animated series "Futurama."

Sagal released her album, "Room," in 2004. It was her first record since she released her 1994 debut, "Well."

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Eunice Strahle was hospital supporter

DOWNEY – Eunice Strahle, co-director of the March of Dimes at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which helped fight polio, passed away Oct. 30.

She was born June 15, 1918, and was a volunteer with the Red Cross Blood Bank. With her husband, the late Dr. Fred Strahle, she also supported Downey Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Gary Strahle of Downey, Dr. John Strahle of Walla Walla Wash., and Carol McKee of New Mexico.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Downey Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd.



Services planned for Bina Heberger

DOWNEY – Bina R. Heberger, a former resident of Downey, passed away Oct. 31 at St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino.

A resident of Highland, she is survived by her two sons, Ron and Rusty Heberger; daughter, Rene Nolin; brother, Bryant Parsons Jr.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Art Heberger.

A memorial service is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1900 N. D St., in San Bernardino. Internment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Heberger's name to the American Cancer Society, 11240 Palmyra Ave., Suite A, Riverside, CA 92507 or at www.cancer.org.



Joseph Baglietto funeral today

DOWNEY – Joseph M. Baglietto, a longtime resident of Downey, passed away Nov. 5. He was 80.

He was born May 13, 1929 in Long Beach and was raised in Bellflower. He retired as a precision engineer after 50 years of service in the aerospace industry.

He was married 55 years to his wife, Willa.

Baglietto is survived by Willa; daughter, Sherry; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased in death by his son, Michael, and a daughter, Diana.

A visitation and vigil was held yesterday. Funeral services are today at 11 a.m. at All Souls Mortuary in Long Beach, with interment to follow at All Souls Catholic Cemetery.

Lupe Garcia traveled with her husband

DOWNEY – Lupe Garcia, a former resident of Downey, passed away Nov. 3.

She was born Nov. 1, 1918 in Mexico, not far from her husband, Ignacio, but it was in the States where they met and remained married for 46 years.

They traveled together, including trips to the New England states, Martha's Vineyard, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell, Mexico and Hawaii for their 25th wedding anniversary.

She retired from Montgomery Ward as an assistant manager in the Ladies Dress and Coat Department.

She is survived by their only child, Mary Ann; grandson, Jeffrey; great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Coty and Kyla; and one great-great-grandchild, Savannah.

Her husband, Ignacio, predeceased her.

A visitation was held Monday. Funeral services were Tuesday at All Souls Mortuary in Long Beach, with interment, also at All Souls, following.



Downey dentist Dr. George Gholdoian purchased nearly 190 pounds of candy from local children who chose to sell their Halloween bounty to support troops overseas. Children decided to sell their candy after reading a story in the Patriot on Oct. 30, an office employee said. In addition to the candy, the dentist's office collected ChapStick and handi wipes as part of the national Operation Gratitude.

Job coach offers help

DOWNEY – Residents searching for a new job or career are invited to the Job Club at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, which meets every Monday from 8-9:30 a.m.

The group is facilitated by Carl Wellenstein, author of "12 Steps to a New Career."

The community is welcome and there is no cost to attend. First Presbyterian Church is at 10544 Downey Ave., at 7th Street.

Artist event in Paramount

PARAMOUNT – Dory Grade, a professional artist for more than 40 years, will give a free demonstration of her work Sunday at Progress Park Plaza, 15530 Downey Ave., in Paramount.

The demonstration is part of the regular joint meeting between Downey Art League and the Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount.

Grade has studied at Jepson Art Institute in Los Angeles, Cal State Fullerton, El Camino College, Otis Art Institute, UCLA and under master painters Josef Silhavy and Robert Wood.

She has worked as a graphic artist for Mosaic Tile Co. and as a nationally syndicated illustrator for Lois Wyse's poetry book "Day of Love."

She has also taught privately and at Los Angeles-area adult schools. Grade has published a line of prints and greeting cards, along with original art from her life experiences. She recently completed her 30th exhibition at Descanso Gardens in La Canada-Flintridge.

Grade's painting, "Balance of Nature," was a finalist in an international art competition in 1998. Grade's work is available online at www.gallerygrade.com.

The demonstration Sunday is free and open to the public. For more information, call Ryo Terasaki at (562) 803-5857.

Pancake breakfast at church

DOWNEY – Downey Memorial Christian Church will host its annual pancake breakfast tomorrow from 7 a.m. to noon.

Cost of the breakfast is \$4.50 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. There will also be a boutique, baked goods and holiday nuts for sale.

The community is invited. The church is located at 8441 Florence Ave.

E-waste collection Nov. 21

BELL GARDENS – Bell Gardens High School will collect unwanted waste from the community on Nov. 21.

Electronics can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the school parking lot at 6119 Agra St., north of Gage Avenue.

For more information, call (323) 826-5151.

High school club washing cars

DOWNEY – The newly-formed Relay For Life Club at Downey High School will be washing cars Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The club will wash any car for \$5.

Softball sign-ups underway

DOWNEY – Downey Ponytail fast-pitch softball will begin accepting early bird registration for the 2010 spring season tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Independence Park.

Girls ages 5-18 as of Jan. 1, 2010 are eligible to participate.

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Additional sign-up dates are Dec. 5 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 13 from noon to 4 p.m.

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Business Watch meeting

DOWNEY – Local business owners are invited to a Business Watch meeting Thursday inside city council chambers at City Hall.

The meeting's topic is "Safety Tips for the Holiday Season."

Business Watch is a crime prevention program that aims to reduce crime in local communities. It is jointly sponsored by the city of Downey and Downey Chamber of Commerce.

All Downey business owners are invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call the Chamber at (562) 923-2191 or city of Downey at (562) 904-1895.

Santa arrives at mall today

DOWNEY – Santa Claus will arrive at Stonewood Center today but the mall is asking shoppers' help to find him.

A scavenger hunt to find Santa will begin at 6 p.m. inside the JCPenney Court. Special maps and toy totes will aid shoppers in their quest to locate Old St. Nick.

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All Thanksgiving service featuring clergy members from various faiths in Downey will be hosted by Downey Memorial Christian Church on Nov. 23.

Thanksgiving service open to all faiths

DOWNEY – Downey Memorial Christian Church will host the fifth annual Downey Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, featuring clergy members from various beliefs and faiths in Downey, on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.

The service draws upon the religious traditions of both Christian and Jewish communions and “reflects the cultural richness of our community,” organizers said.

The Rev. Dave Smith of Downey First Christian Church will lead the service. Mayor Mario Guerra, a deacon at St. Raymond’s Catholic Church, will present a proclamation from the city.

In addition to traditional and contemporary music, Rabbi Efraim Wazshaw of Temple Ner Tamid will teach the audience to sing two Hebrew songs.

Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the PTA Helps program.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Downey Memorial Christian Church is at 8441 E. Florence Ave., just west of Brookshire Avenue.

Golf tournament raises \$20K for Arc

DOWNEY – Participated in by 115 paid golfers, Friday’s Rotary/Arc charity golf tournament held at the Rio Hondo Golf Club netted more than \$20,000.

Sponsors of 59 tee signs were responsible for \$9,000 more.

The money raised was to benefit Arc’s 14 different programs and services provided to hundreds of people with intellectual disabilities from 26 Southeast Los Angeles County cities.

Each of the foursome representing The Downey Patriot received a first place trophy for emerging with the low gross score. Other players received cash prizes (mostly in the \$100-dollar range) for winning the putting, closest-to-the-pin, etc. contests. A live auction and a raffle were also held at the dinner that followed, highlighted by the auction of a huge plasma TV set won by Rotarian and Stonewood Center property manager Charlie Hallums, as well as tickets to the Rose Bowl.

Tournament co-chairs were Rotarians Paul Mathys and Stan Carmichael. Arc’s chief representative was executive director Kevin MacDonald.

Gold sponsors this year were St. Raymond Catholic School and Stonewood Center. Angelo Cardono donated the traditional gold ball markers.

—Henry Veneracion, Staff Writer

Tree lighting event Nov. 30 at City Hall

DOWNEY – The city of Downey will host its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall on Nov. 30.

The free event runs from 6-8 p.m. The actual tree lighting will occur at 6:30 p.m.

Local schools will provide entertainment. There will also be arts and crafts for children, a snow play area, a raffle, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Food and refreshments will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association.

For more information, call (562) 904-1895.

Fifth graders honor nation’s veterans

■ Students make special trip to Downey Cemetery.

By KATHERINE ESQUIRE, CARPENTER ELEMENTARY

DOWNEY – Last Friday, Carpenter Elementary School’s fifth grade student council held a school-wide assembly in honor of those who have and are currently serving our country.

Fifth grade vice president, Yanni Ramirez, lead the assembly with the flag salute followed by a speech from Mrs. Katherine Esquire. That was followed by most of the student council members giving speeches about what Veterans Day is and what it meant to them.

Two veterans came and spoke in front of the whole school, Sgt. Coates from the United States Army and Sgt. Martinez from the United States Marines. Both men spoke about their time that they served our country and some of their experiences. The student body sat on the black top captivated by the remarks that were shared with them.

During this time the student council presented the veterans with white roses in honor of their service to our country.

The student body also was active in the Veterans Day service by writing letters and putting them in a basket which will be taken to the V.A. hospital and some will be sent overseas.

After the assembly, the student council members went on a walk-



ing field trip to Downey Cemetery. At the cemetery the students had their own wreath-laying ceremony where each child talked about how thankful they are for the people that gave their lives for our country.

The students also had single roses with a card attached that they laid down on the graves of those that had served our country in the armed forces.

This proved to be a great activity not only for the student body as a whole but also for the student council members who had the opportunity to honor those citizens of Downey in a personal way that I am sure they will take with them for years to come.



Razorbacks advance to second round

■ All Razorback teams win in opening round.

By MIKE BAUMANN, DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

DOWNEY – The Downey Razorbacks stormed into the Pacific Coast Conference playoff games with resounding results last Saturday. All five tackle teams were victorious and will advance to the second round tomorrow.

In **MityMite** action, Justin Cardenas scored on a 10-yard dash to start off the Downey scoring. Julian Velasquez’ toss to Cardenas for the extra point made the score 7-0. In the third quarter Michael Martinez scored a 5-yard TD and later sealed the game with another scoring run. This time Velasquez scored the PAT on a QB keeper.

The defense, led by Ariel Ramirez, Diego Garcia, Nathan Kentros, Jacob Morales, Hadi Saleh and Matthew Morales did an outstanding job limiting Wilmington to only two first downs the entire game. The Hogs will play either Lakewood or Twin

Cities in round two at George Bellis Park in Buena Park. Game time is 10 a.m.

Downey’s **Junior PeeWee** Razorbacks shutout the Gardena Mohicans by a score of 34-0. The Razorbacks opened the game with a five-play drive for a TD and never looked back. The touchdown reception was by Justin Linden (who would end up with 2 touchdowns).

Also scoring multiple touchdowns was Evan Vasquez. Michael Cabrera converted on 3 of 5 PAT attempts. The Hogs will meet No. 2 seeded Lakewood Spartans tomorrow at Lynwood Middle School at 6 p.m.

The **PeeWee Hogs** fell behind when Lynwood scored on their first drive of their playoff game, but the defense then stepped it up and allowed only two first downs the rest of the game. Downey scored on the last play of the first half when Manny Ramirez threw a 35-yard pass to DJ Morgan to tie the game. Keiffer Enslin pinched in the PAT for the 7-6 Downey lead.

Ekene Chukwumezie, and Enslin then began grinding out the yardage and using up the clock, but

fumbles gave Lynwood a chance for the win. Ian Sonico’s interception of a Lynwood pass sealed the victory for the Hogs. The victory sets up a rematch with No. 2 seed Gardena Saturday at Gardena High School at 1 p.m.

The undefeated Downey **Junior Midget** Razorbacks had a bye week by virtue of their No. 1 seed. They play Gardena tomorrow at Serra High School in Gardena under the lights. Game time is 5 p.m.

The **Midget** Razorbacks opened up the playoff race by scoring five touchdowns against the Montebello Extreme. The Extreme had no answer for the speedy Hog running back Chris Marrero as he scored on three runs of over 40 yards. Tristan Esparza’s 35-yard scramble made the score at half time 22-0.

The defense was firing on all cylinders with a couple of sacks by Anthony Alvarado, an interception by Brandon Hernandez, and another interception and runback for a touchdown by Jacob Kent. The final score was 35-6. The Midget Hogs will meet the No. 1 seed Tri Cities Falcons Saturday at 3 p.m. at

Montebello High School.

The flag tournament will conclude this weekend at Banning High School, with all four of Downey’s teams in the mix. Flag Red shifted from their tight formation to a new unbalanced spread and caught the stingy Lynwood defense off guard scoring a 50 yard TD. The Red defense got their fourth shutout of the year.

The PCC Cheerleading Competition and Championships will be held this Sunday at the California State University, Pyramid. Downey’s Flag and MityMite Cheer teams are scheduled to perform starting at 10 a.m. Junior PeeWee and PeeWee team will compete starting at 12:15 p.m. and Junior Midget and Midget teams will execute their programs at 2:30 p.m.

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Warren celebrated their win against Downey on Nov. 5 at Downey High School. After losing to Downey earlier in the season in their only league defeat, Warren made a huge statement in the Viking's home gymnasium. Warren beat Downey in the Gahr tournament pre-season, lost to the Vikings when they met at Warren in October, but ended the season in victory when they rocked their rivals' gym in just four sets. Both teams have a record of 9-1 for the 2009 season, but because they won the second match, CIF seeded Warren first in league. The JV Bears also beat Downey and ended their season undefeated.

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Price: \$975,000
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

The Perfect Palace!
6 BD, 7BA, 7,500 sq ft, 10,890 sq ft lot,
dual-staircase entry, Vegas-style master
suite, and resort-like backyard.
Price: \$1,399,000
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

Budget Beater
3 BD + den, 2 BA, approx 1600 sq ft,
near Los Amigos Golf Course in Downey.
Price: \$385,000
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

Great Estate Amongst Others!
5 BD plus an office, 6.5 BA North Downey
new home in an area surrounded by newer
homes. The home has 6,400 sq ft living
space, completely new with many upgrades,
and situated on a 9,387 sq ft lot. Purchase
this home once complete for \$1,349,000!
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

Small Business Opportunity!
2-unit building currently rented as a beauty salon
and insurance agency with total annual rents of
\$33,600. With plenty of parking adjacent to
building and the fact that the building is only 11
years old, this is an excellent deal.
Price \$349,950
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

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David Monreal Avila, mayor of Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico, visited and toured Downey earlier this week. Fresnillo became Downey's fifth Sister City two weeks ago. Avila, who was shadowed by Mexican press during his visit, is running for governor in his home state.