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Varsity athlete, now symphony conductor

BY CAROL KEARNS,
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

University of Southern California professor and Resident Conductor Sharon Lavery remembers the thrill of her first Rose Bowl game in 1988. It was a classic contest between Trojans and Spartans. Lavery was a freshman saxophonist with the marching band, and her team won! Only her team was Michigan State, and it was the Michigan State Spartans who beat USC that year, 20-17. In one of those amusing coincidences that frequently occur in life, Lavery is now a faculty member at the Thornton School of Music, and she roots for USC as a bona fide Trojan.

Lavery is also the Music Director of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, having been selected in 2007 from a field of more than 80 applicants to replace conductor Tom Osborne, who led the ensemble for twenty-two years. While it is clearly unusual to see a young woman in such a traditional male role, Lavery is well-trained, well-connected with the music community, and passionate about sharing her art. Larry Lewis, President of the symphony Board of Directors asserts, "We are just delighted with her."

As part of her duties for the Downey orchestra, Lavery provides artistic direction for the Music in the Schools program, and she executes this educational effort with considerable relish. Under her direction, the symphony is anything but stuffy.

For one school concert with a Halloween theme at the Downey Theater, Lavery dressed as a witch while conducting "Night on Bald Mountain." And when the orchestra performed the music for Pirates of the Caribbean, Lavery wore a hook on one hand, and conducted with a sword instead of a baton.

During the symphony's summer concerts in the park, Lavery offers all children in the audience the unique opportunity to stand in her place for a few special moments. No matter how long the line, Lavery patiently guides each

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Vasquez leads in fundraising

■ Fernando Vasquez has raised more money than Alex Saab and Lee Ann Sears in their race to replace Mayor Anne Bayer on the City Council.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – A second round of campaign financial reports submitted to the city clerk's office on Tuesday reveal that Fernando Vasquez continues to lead his District 4 opponents in campaign contributions while Councilman Mario Guerra, who is running unopposed in District 2, received thousands of dollars from local businesses and residents during the same three-month period.

According to the reports, Vasquez, who is contending with local attorney Alex Saab and community leader Lee Ann Sears for Mayor Anne Bayer's District 4 seat, collected nearly \$28,350 in campaign donations between July 1 and Sept. 30.

Though Vasquez received several donations from family members, the majority of the contributions came from offices, organizations and business people outside the city of Downey.

Some notable contributions include: Andale Management Group (\$1,500); Allgire General Contractors (\$1,000); Van Nuys-based Bluewater Plumbing & Fire (\$1,000); Circle City Roofing of Norco (\$1,000); the Law Offices of Cordero-Sacks in Encino (\$1,000); Fire-N-Ice Heating & Air of Corona (\$1,000); El Pescador restaurant (\$1,000); attorney Donna Noushkam of Rancho Palos Verdes (\$1,000); Nigra Inspections Inc. (\$1,000); Prime Healthcare Anaheim LLC (\$1,000); Reznick Group (\$1,000); Highland Crest Farms in Banning (\$500); Laurman Construction in Riverside (\$500); and AppleCare Medical Group of Buena Park (\$500).

However, Robert Jacobs, local



Fernando Vasquez

attorney and president of Downey Kiwanis, made the largest contribution to Vasquez's campaign, a \$2,000 donation made on July 8.

According to the reports, Vasquez still owes himself \$4,151 for a personal loan he made to his campaign earlier this year.

After reporting no campaign donations from Jan. 1 – June 30, Saab's contributions now total nearly \$20,600 while Sears reported \$5,490 in cash, loans and donated services.

According to the paperwork, Saab received monetary support from numerous colleagues, with most contributions falling between \$50 and \$200. His largest contribution, however, came from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee, which gave Saab's campaign \$8,000.

Other significant contributions came from Leonard Mata, owner of Mata Properties (\$1,000); Dr. Eli Ayoub (\$1,000); the Associated General Contractors Political Action Committee (\$500); Ron Kolar, owner of L'Abri property management (\$500); Vincent Young, owner of Champion Termites (\$500); and Ebi Ghanian, owner of Café N Stuff restaurant (\$250).

The bulk of Sears' money came from local residents, current and former council members, and her husband, James Sears, who gave \$500.

Jerry Andrews, owner of Andrews Rancho and former pub-



Alex Saab

lisher of the *Downey Eagle*, contributed \$300 to Sears' campaign. Other notable donations came from Mambo Grill (\$200); Mayor Anne Bayer (\$100); and former mayor Diane Boggs (\$100).

Councilman David Gafin donated \$100 to both Sears and Saab.

Meanwhile, Councilman Mario Guerra has received generous financial support from residents and businesses alike as he prepares for a second term on the City Council.

The financial statements show that Guerra received \$24,700 in contributions between July 1 and Oct. 3, all of which will be used to pay back a \$31,100 loan Guerra made to his campaign that remains outstanding.

Guerra's largest supporters were AppleCare Medical Group, Champion Dodge and Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk. Each donated \$2,500 to Guerra's campaign.

Other companies that made sizable donations to Guerra: Lunday Thagard Co., a producer of petroleum and asphalt materials located on Garfield Avenue in South Gate (\$2,000); West Anaheim Medical Center (\$1,000); SIMC LLC management office (\$1,000); RMI International security firm (\$1,000); and Kelterite Corp., an asphalt storage company (\$1,000).

The financial statements also show \$500 contributions from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee; Ecotech, listed



Lee Ann Sears

as a commercial recycling and disposal company; Coca-Cola Enterprises and Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; Bob's Big Boy in Downey; Downey Nissan; George's Restaurant and Bar in Downey; George Krikorian, owner of Krikorian Theatres; BNSF Railway Company; Goldstar enterprises; AppleCare Medical Group (second contribution); CalMet; Elite Concrete Restoration; Nationwide Environmental Services, a Norwalk-based street sweeping company; and Metroplex Theatres.

Guerra said he was "proud" that most of his contributions have come from local businesses and residents.

"I am proud that people feel comfortable contributing to me," he said on Tuesday. "It shows that people are validating what I'm doing on the Council."

Guerra said after he is reimbursed for the \$31,000 loan, the remaining campaign contributions will be donated to Downey charities.

Guerra also officially endorsed Alex Saab in the District 4 race on Tuesday.

"I think the ethics in our city are above everybody else," Guerra said. "I think Lee Ann Sears is a nice lady, but I think Alex brings more to the table."

The final set of campaign financial statements must be submitted to the city clerk's office by Oct. 21.

Downey one of 3 cities suing WRD

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Citing not only gross violations of its constitutional and regulatory mandates, especially its replenishment assessment (RA) practices, but also its fundamentally "unfair and inequitable" handling of these and other issues, the cities of Downey, Cerritos and Signal Hill have filed a suit against the Water Replenishment District, the agency created by law to manage the water used by the residents and business establishments in these cities and others that share the same water table.

In Downey's case, according to deputy city manager and acknowledged water expert Desi Alvarez, WRD overstepped the line when it raised its RA unit charge to \$205 per acre-foot for FY2010-11 from \$181.85/af the year before.

The suit alleges that RAs have risen every year, from \$138/af in FY2006-07, to \$143/af in 2008-09, and to \$183 in 2009-10. The RAs are, of course, passed on to the consumer.

"Over these last few years we have noted these increases with alarm and taken issue with WRD, but our complaints were always ignored," said Alvarez. "Its latest RA increase was the straw that broke the camel's back, especially because of today's bleak economic climate. Our water bill is one of the city's biggest expenses."

Briefly, water is pumped from underground water found in the Central (which Downey overlays) and West Coast Basins which account for the LA County area. It is WRD's responsibility to replenish and (this function was later added) to clean up this underground water from contaminants. The two basins have a natural geophysical barrier in the so-called Newport-Inglewood Uplift that effectively separates the two basins.

To raise money to perform its essential functions, WRD can employ various means, including, as its name implies, charging a replenishment assessment, or tax, for replenishing the water by local purchase or "importation" from the Colorado River or up north.

Luckily, however, WRD hasn't had to resort to bringing in the more expensive 'imported' water. Its water levels have been stable.

In the suit, the three cities contend that WRD: 1) has been taxing the cities illegally; 2) the increasing RAs are caused mainly by WRD's manipulation of rates to subsidize the West Coast Basin; 3) the reserve fund of some \$50 million maintained by WRD is way above the \$10 million fund limit set by WRD's own charter; increasing chances of misuse of funds; and that 4) WRD spends its funds for purposes other than those originally and properly intended.

The suit was filed in L.A. Superior Court on behalf of the three cities by the legal firm of McCormick, Kidman & Behrens, LLP, and a response is anticipated from WRD within the next two months. The trial date will be set on Dec. 3, after further deliberations by both sides.

Man charged in alleged mortgage scam

■ Juan Rangel allegedly operated a Ponzi scheme and mortgage scam.

DOWNEY – Downey resident Juan Rangel was formally charged last week with operating a Ponzi scheme and related mortgage scam that allegedly bilked victims in excess of \$20 million.

Rangel was convicted last year of bribing a Bank of America bank manager to cover up his financial transactions as part of the fraud. He faces 95 years in prison on the charge.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment against Rangel, alleging that his company, Financial Plus Investments, promised investors annual returns up to 100%.

Rangel allegedly used the money to pay off earlier investors. He also used investor money to make payments on his \$3 million home on the 9600 block of Haledon Ave., purchase cocaine and buy a limousine and Lamborghini sports car, prosecu-

tors said.

As part of the mortgage fraud, Rangel allegedly targeted Latino homeowners who were at risk of losing their homes, advertising in Spanish-language TV, radio and newspaper ads.

Prosecutors allege that Rangel took the titles to the homes and pocketed the equity by falsifying loan documents and selling the properties to straw buyers.

Downey resident Pablo Araque, who owns A One Tax Pros in Downey, was also arrested last week as part of the alleged mortgage fraud. Javier Juanchi, vice president of Financial Plus, is facing charges as well.

Rangel was arrested in 2008 and has been in custody since. At the time of his arrest, FBI officials said Rangel had wired \$1 million to Pachuca, Mexico, where he planned to flee with his family.

If convicted on the charges related to the alleged Ponzi scheme and mortgage scam, Rangel could face 232 years in prison.



Juan Rangel allegedly used a Ponzi scheme and mortgage scam to purchase exotic vehicles and a \$3 million home in northeast Downey. He faces more than 230 years in prison.

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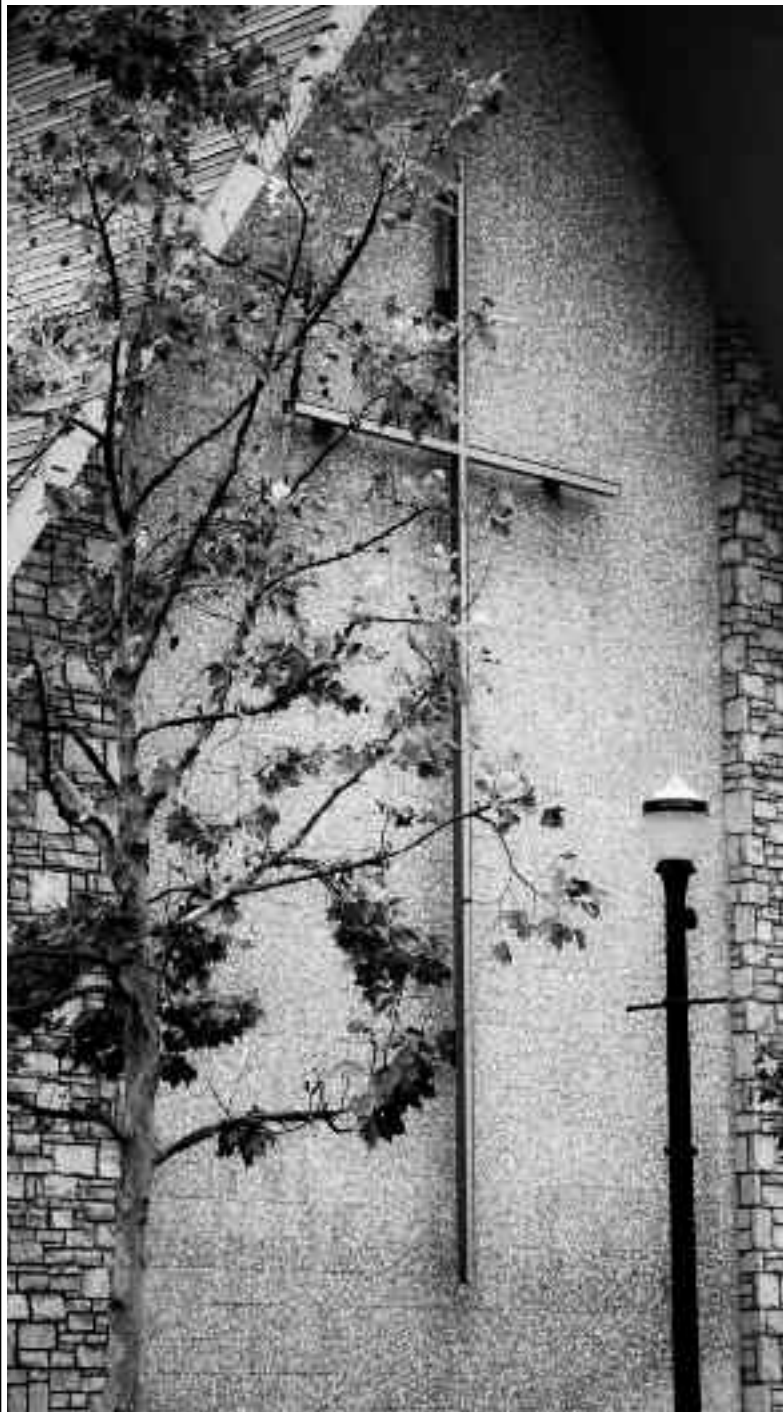


Photo by Joan Anderson

Finally, after temperatures in excess of 115 just last week, the heat wave has ended. It's like when you have a fever and it finally breaks. And, it rained today so the air is nicely crisp and just feels like summer is finally over.

The leaves on (and off) the trees are such a beautiful reminder of our transition to fall.

The Downey Patriot will periodically feature photos and commentary from photographers Pam Lane, Joan Anderson and Allison Mansell, creators of DowneyDailyPhotos.com.

Vons denies rumors it will close

DOWNEY – Amidst talk of a pending closure, Vons Market representatives say the aging store at 10001 Paramount Blvd. will not shut its doors.

For months, city officials and community leaders have reported that the grocery store, which opened in the 1960s, would soon close and be replaced with a Mexican market, but on Wednesday, a store manager denounced the claims.

Similar reports have arisen in the past concerning the profitability and sustainability of the Vons Market, but corporate spokesman Carlos Illingworth, Vons' manager for public affairs and government relations, has frequently denied such claims.

The Patriot reached out to Illingworth and the Vons Market division office in Arcadia for comment, but received no response regarding these new reports.

—Christian Brown, Staff Writer

Wills, living trusts discussed

DOWNEY – An informational meeting to discuss wills and living trusts will be held Oct. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Steve Lopez, principal attorney for the Law Offices of Steve Lopez, will lead the seminar. Visitors who attend will receive a certificate for a free simple will.

After the meeting, CareMore officials will be on hand to provide free blood pressure screenings until 12 p.m.

The seminar is free to attend. For more information, call (562) 904-7223.

Sue Ethridge finds teaching too much fun to retire

By Henry Veneracion, Staff Writer

Oklahoma native Sue Ethridge, whose full name is Suzanne Cunningham Ethridge, comes from a family of teachers and points to her grandmother, who taught 4th grade till she was 72, as her main inspiration for a teaching career that so far has spanned 46 years, and counting.

Her grandmother, according to Sue, whose ancestry includes traces of Cherokee and Choctaw blood, was known for making learning fun for her 4th graders in her hometown of Comanche, OK where Sue grew up. Sue to this day regrets that she couldn't for some reason be in her grandmother's class in 4th grade, and says, "This was my only unhappy year in school. In any case, I wanted to be a fun teacher like her."

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's in elementary education in 1962, Sue, who two months previously had married Navy hospital corpsman Bob, taught for a few months in New Orleans, followed by a relatively protracted interlude from June of 1963 to August of 1968 in Burbank where she taught at Thomas Jefferson School, interrupted by her two pregnancies with her male offspring, Robert and Stephen. Otherwise she concentrated on raising the two sons at home. Then that same August the couple again packed their bags and headed back to Oklahoma where Sue taught grades 5 and 6 until June the following year.

Meanwhile, she had earned a master's in teaching in 1967 from Cal State LA.

The frequent travel condition finally ended when Sue began teaching K-5 at Rio Hondo Elementary School in the fall of 1969.

Sue said they wanted a place where there was a "sense of community and a good school system for our sons' education." They chose Downey. "We still live in the first house we bought here," she says.

Sue would retire from her regular teaching job in 2004 but "because I love to teach" (Sue) and "because she's a good teacher" (Theresa Ford, her principal), she decided to unretire and promptly resumed her career at Rio Hondo without missing a beat, returning every year as a part-time Title I teacher, to work with K-2 at-risk kids.



Sue Ethridge, a teacher at Rio Hondo Elementary since 1969, tried retirement in 2004 but returned "because I love to teach."

In between these periods, Sue worked on, among other things, several teacher committees for the district in the areas of language, arts, math, and music (she plays the piano), was a recipient one year of the Downey PTA Honorary Service & Continual Service award, and was named 1979-80 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Throughout most of these years, Sue says she had the good fortune of having a best friend in first grade and team teacher, Judy Kemp, who shared "the same values, love for children, and joy in teaching." Kemp, whom Sue considered her adopted sister, died in 2009.

She calls the Downey United Methodist Church congregation as her church family. She says she has been closely involved with its nursery school for about 39 years, especially "since my sons were there."

If indeed the main task of any teacher, according to more than one expert, is to make a subject interesting, Sue passes this measure with flying colors. In her kindergarten class, for example, dealing as she does with a veritable 'tabula rasa', she plays music tapes, uses lots of visuals, has poems or songs hung on classroom walls ("I make them see words")—all to arouse the children's interest and to make them comfortable. "I give out prizes, motivate them with rewards."

Then she would, in time, gradually interweave in her interactions little bits of phonics. Sue says this is really her strength. All this is done within a group effort, i.e., communication/collaboration with

their regular teachers in indicated remediation areas.

"Repetition is very important especially with kids, so I constantly repeat words, bring back connections, put them in context. I talk, emphasize, exaggerate. They need good modeling, so I point out good models. But I don't press them. I try to sense when they need a zone of silence, when they're ready to say (or do) something. A good day is when you know the kids feel good, when they're playful and happy." (In this connection, Ford says: "We try to keep a good and positive environment for the kids.")

"Before long, or at least before the year ends," Sue says, "the kids' learning curve is where it should be."

"I'm [still] here because I want to be here. I like the challenge," Sue says. "Besides I like to work with high quality, excellent teachers, which the district has in abundance. I go home exhausted, but the beauty of teaching kids is you never get bored. They make me laugh. They brighten my day."

"And I don't give up," she adds, even as she added her opinion on the current merit pay discussion: "This is a pet peeve of mine. I find the idea of measuring a teacher's worth on the basis of student performance invalid. It's hard enough to [harmonize] the students' efforts with all the diversity in their cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. To say their performance should influence teachers' assessments is just unacceptable."

Students raise \$400 for charity

DOWNEY – Students and staff of the Rio San Gabriel School YMCA program hosted a bake sale Sept. 29 and raised \$400 for Kristie's Foundation, which supports critically-ill children and their families.

The students drew up posters, created thank-you notes for cus-

tomers and donated the baked goods.

"The purpose of this bake sale was not only to raise money for a worthy cause, but to teach the students philanthropy and I could not be any more proud of my students than I am now," said site director Katie Piazza.

Students in the YMCA program practice the Character Counts program each day and "know the important of being good citizens in their community," Piazza added.

The bake sale was sponsored by Rio San Gabriel principal Paula Barnes and other teachers.

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Thad Phillips, left, community services director for the city of Downey, has taken over as president of Gangs Out of Downey. He is pictured above with immediate past president Robert Jagielski.

Business mixer at Embassy

DOWNEY – The Embassy Suites in Downey will host a business mixer Oct. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The networking event will include door prizes, entertainment, refreshments and more.

RSVP by contacting Lorena Cortez at (562) 299-1622 or lorena.cortez@hilton.com.

Bad checks part of the holidays

DOWNEY – Teresa Boole, an employee with the L.A. County District Attorney's office, will discuss the office's bad check restitution program when she speaks at Bob's Big Boy on Oct. 26 as part of Rise 'N Shine networking.

Boole's topic will be "Are You Ready for the Holidays?"

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. Admission is free but visitors are asked to place an order from the menu.

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

Secret Service agent to talk crime

DOWNEY – James Morley, an agent with the United States Secret Service, will discuss holiday crime and local crime trends at the Oct. 19 business watch meeting at City Hall.

The meeting is open to all Downey business owners who wish to learn how to deter and detect crime.

The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. inside city council chambers. For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191 or the city at (562) 904-1895.

Networking meeting Tuesday

DOWNEY – Catherine Vivo of the California Quake all-female football team will be one of two featured speakers at Rise 'N Shine networking Tuesday at Bob's Big Boy.

The other speaker will be Robert Zavala, of Freedom Vacations travel agency.

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

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

Girl Scout recruitment at library

DOWNEY – Residents interested in becoming involved with the Girl Scouts are invited to an informational meeting Tuesday at the Downey City Library.

A Girl Scouts representative and unit leader will be on hand from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to answer questions and provide information to potential Girl Scout members.

For more information, call Linda Haverman at (949) 292-4575.

Oldies concert Nov. 6

DOWNEY – Tickets are still available for the seventh annual Oldies but Goodies concert featuring the Wiseguys Big Band Machine, taking place Nov. 6 at the Downey Theatre.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Easter Seals.

Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

Rancho to host Spinal Injury Games

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center will host its annual Spinal Injury Games on Friday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Jacquelin Perry Institute north parking lot at 7601 E. Imperial Hwy.

The Spinal Injury Games are designed to provide patients the opportunity to experience a variety of wheelchair sports such as football, basketball, bowling, hockey, baseball, golf, power soccer and tennis.

The championship Rancho Wheelchair Sports team will provide a basketball demonstration and the day will end with a fun and often competitive wheelchair race/sprint/obstacle course.

The Spinal Injury Games are free to all participants. Registration is required for all participants and a t-shirt designed by one of Rancho's artists will be given to each registered person. There will be a special guest appearance by the Los Angeles Laker Girls with autograph pictures and photos with participants.

"It is always encouraging to see individuals who have sustained a spinal cord injury, participate in a variety of sports and be competitive with others, something that many did not think they would ever be able to do. Thanks to the Rancho medical and therapy staff, the Spinal Injury Games allows them to believe that a bright and active future is possible," said Jorge Orozco, chief executive officer at Rancho.

Patients and family members can experience a fun-filled and relaxing day with music, entertainment, information from various health care vendors and a chance to participate in wheelchair sports in a safe and supervised environment.

For a registration form and information, go online to www.rancho.org.

Business Expo next Thursday

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Business Expo will take place Oct. 14 inside Stonewood Center.

More than 30 businesses and organizations will have booths inside the mall's center court as they display their products and services, tell their company story and network with potential customers.

The expo is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited. There is no cost to attend.

Boxer to speak at prayer breakfast

DOWNEY – Born-again Christian and professional boxer Ebo Elder will be the guest speaker at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Oct. 21 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Elder won a silver medal at the 1998 Goodwill Games and turned pro in 2000. His record currently stands at 22-3, with 14 wins coming by knock out.

Elder and his wife, Amy, were married three weeks after high school graduation but they divorced two years later. During their divorce, Elder fell into a pattern of drug and alcohol abuse that took him near suicide.

Elder, however, became a born-again Christian and overcame his addictions. He and Amy have been remarried for eight years and have four daughters.

The prayer breakfast, now in its 25th year, begins at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available by writing to Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 279, Downey, CA 90241. Checks should be made out to "Mayor's Prayer Breakfast."

For more information, call James Van Lengen at (562) 310-1335.

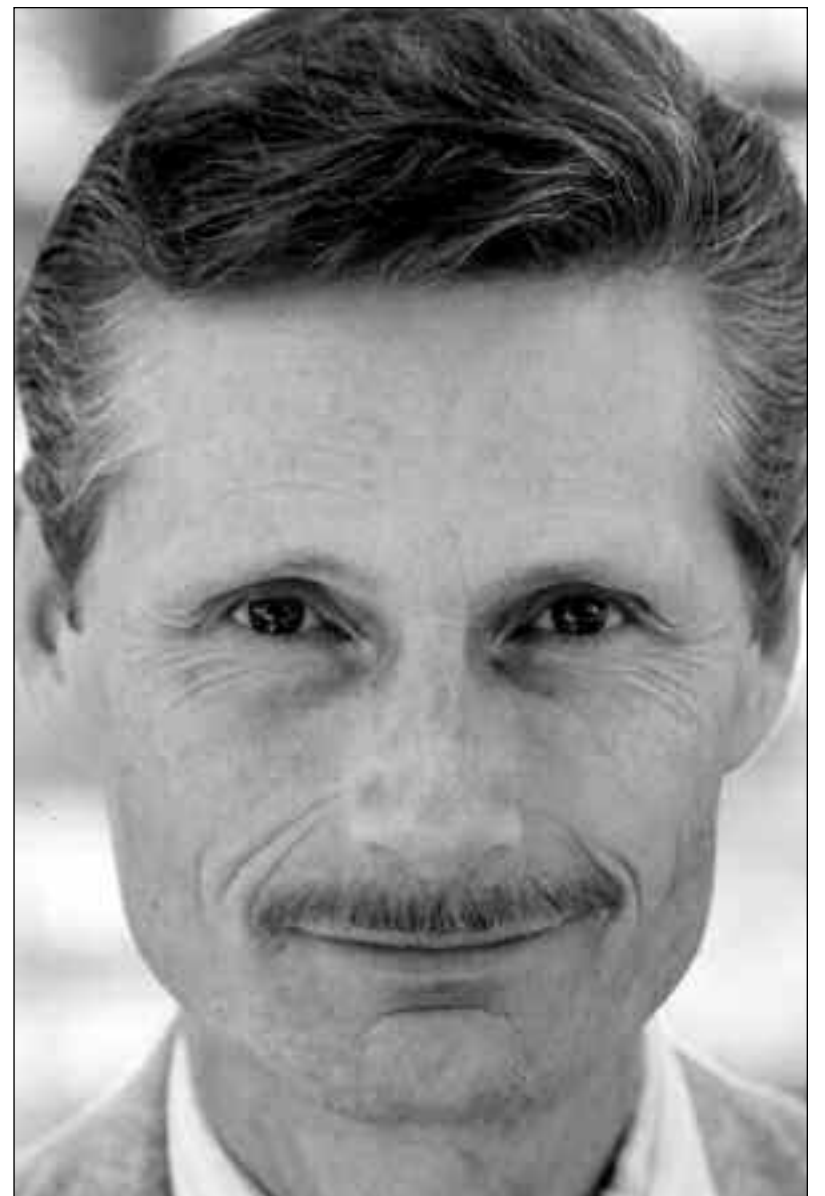
Silent film screened at church

DOWNEY – "Teddy at the Throttle," a vintage silent film made in 1917, will be shown at Messiah Lutheran Church on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

Pipe organist Kevin Black will play a newly-envisioned score to accompany the film.

Tickets are \$7 and include refreshments and a chance to win a door prize.

For more information, call the church at (562) 923-1215.



William Lewis, a veteran with the Downey Civic Light Opera, portrays Jimmy Smith in the current production of "No, No Nanette," playing the next two weekends at the Downey Theatre. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.

Adult school has new class in concrete

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School is now offering a new class in masonry and concrete.

Students will be trained in masonry and concrete, and receive safety training according to OSHA standards.

The class begins Oct. 12 and meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. for 15 weeks. Cost is \$295.

Students must understand English at the intermediate-level to enroll in the class.

Interested students must register in person at the adult school. A \$75 deposit is required to reserve a space in the class.

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I am running simply as a concerned citizen who wants to put Downey back on the right track, and not as a career politician using our city to boast a resume.

Sincerely,

Alex Saab



Alex Saab's Priorities for Downey

- ✓ Public safety will always be my top concern. We must stop crime early and send a message to criminals immediately that Downey will not tolerate this.
- ✓ Create more jobs for Downey residents through better business policies, and improve the business culture in city hall.
- ✓ Fight to protect the values of Downey families, children and senior citizens.
- ✓ Restore integrity and trust in local government. I will never forget my role as a father and husband in making decisions.



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Tickets on sale for symphony concert

By JOYCE SHERWIN,
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – Brahms, Delius, Stravinsky. Whether these composers' names are familiar to you or not, you can be sure that when the three appear together on a concert program, that's a winner – an event that will enrich and inspire anyone in the audience.

And that audience can include you so easily. The concert by the Downey Symphony, a community treasure, will be given in this city's

civic theater on Saturday evening, Oct. 23.

Reserved seat tickets are modestly priced at \$30 and \$25, \$10 for students, and you don't have to travel a pesky freeway and shell out big bucks for parking. Parking hugs the theater and is free.

Music Director Sharon Lavery will conduct Johannes Brahms' Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, featuring the beautiful Michelle Tseng, as well as Frederick Delius's Walk to the Paradise Garden, and the jaw-dropping

Firebird Suite of Igor Stravinsky.

Following a pre-concert discussion of the evening's music, the program begins at 8 p.m. The Downey Theatre is at 8435 Firestone Blvd., dress is whatever you feel comfortable in, tickets may be reserved by calling (562) 403-2944, or by visiting the theater box office on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20, and before curtain time.

So now you have the details. Why not put Oct. 23 on your calendar?

LAVERY: Pursuit of artistic dreams.

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waiting child to the podium to take a turn at leading the orchestra as the musicians play a medley of stirring Sousa marches. And the orchestra plays on until there are no more children in line.

Lavery's commitment to presenting orchestral music in an accessible manner may stem from her own school experience. Her hometown of Ossining, New York (home of the legendary Sing Sing Prison), offered a very comprehensive music program, beginning in kindergarten.

Lavery recalls how smitten she was in the fourth grade when the music teacher demonstrated a scale on the clarinet, with the notes swirling quickly from low to high. "I just knew I wanted to do that," she said.

Lavery was so talented on the instrument, that by fifth grade, she was invited to be part of the Westchester County Honor Band of 100 students. Her first concert began with "Strike Up the Band," and Lavery reveled in the experience. At the urging of teachers and mentors, she began private lessons, moving into jazz, and learning the alto saxophone.

By high school, Lavery was participating in every musical format offered: the concert band, the jazz band, the Dixie band, the marching band. She says she caught the conducting bug when she was Drum Major her senior year.

But Lavery's high school activities were not just limited to music. She was athletic as well as musical, playing varsity softball, basketball, and field hockey. With her mother as "chauffeur," Lavery remembers leaving a softball game, then changing clothes to perform in a jazz concert. But music was always her top priority. "I never would have missed a concert for a sport," Lavery states.

Concert performances may have come first for the teenager, but Lavery's personal listening choices were typical for a teenager of her generation. She was a fan of Madonna, U2, and Huey Lewis and the News.

Lavery attended Michigan State with plans to become a music teacher, but at the end of four years, she felt there was still more she needed to learn about performing. She auditioned for the New England Conservatory in Boston and earned a Masters degree in music.

Lavery describes her time at the NEC as one of the best in her life. The year was devoted to practicing, performing, and developing as an artist, with typical part time jobs at the audio library and a popular sports bar. Her performances included playing principal clar-



Sharon Lavery, music director for the Downey Symphony, has been enamored with music since she was a young girl growing up in New York.

Physics education open house at CSULB

LONG BEACH – Because of the high caliber of its physics and science education programs, Cal State Long Beach recently was selected as one of five additional U.S. universities to receive funding from the National Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC) to increase the number of graduates earning degrees and teaching credentials in physics or physical sciences.

The CSULB PhysTEC project will host a free open house for middle and high school physics teachers from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, in CSULB's Department of Physics and Astronomy, Peterson Hall 1, Room 141.

Teachers are invited to bring two students to hear guest speakers and participate in learning activities.

Biology and chemistry continue to be the most popular science subjects taught in U.S. schools, but physics and physical sciences lag behind, leaving a

gap in the number of future scientists and teachers in these areas. Moreover, some school physics teachers didn't major or minor in the subject.

That's why the PhysTEC was created nine years ago as a collaborative program of the American Physical Society (APS) and the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) with support from the American Institute of Physics (AIP). PhysTEC funding comes from a five-year, \$6.5 million National Science Foundation grant and the APS 21st Century Campaign.

The CSULB PhysTEC project is aimed at area high schools and community college students who are interested in teaching physics, along with current school science teachers who want to improve their physics teaching capabilities, said Professor Chuhee Kwon of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. She is of three co-

principal investigators along with Physics Professor Galen Pickett and Science Education Department Chair Laura Henriques, a former high school physics teacher.

CSULB expects to receive more than \$287,000 over three years that will support a variety of activities, Kwon said. Student participants will be known as PhysTEC Scholars, and two new classes are being added. A junior-level physics class is designed for students to explore physics teaching in a supportive environment through tutoring other students, serving as CSULB physics lab assistants, and observing local high school physics classes.

A senior-level course will focus on students who have committed to become physics teachers as well as help current science teachers become more proficient in physics. This class will have a different topic each semester and can be taken multiple times.

PhysTEC also supports a teacher-in-residence (TIR), selected each year to co-instruct both classes and meet with physics student groups. CSULB's first TIR is Rod Ziolkowski, Science Department chair at Whitney High School in Cerritos.

The CSULB PhysTEC project aims to build a physics teaching community that partners CSULB physics and science education faculties, high school teachers and physics students.

To register for the open house or learn more about CSULB's PhysTEC program, visit www.physicsatthebeach.com, or call Chuhee Kwon at 562/985-4855.

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Metro Briefs

GATEWAY CITIES

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Metro To Decide On Two Important Rail Projects
The future direction of both the Westside Subway Extension and the Regional Connector rail projects will be decided at the Metro Board of Directors meeting October 28. Five alternative routes for extending the Metro Red or Purple lines are proposed, while three are considered for the downtown LA transit link between the Metro Gold, Blue and Expo lines. Visit metro.net for meeting details.

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October Meetings Held On I-710 Project
Several meetings are planned this month to study alternatives for the I-710 Corridor. The project is considering several possible improvements for 18 miles of the I-710 from the ports of Long Beach and LA to the north to the Pomona Freeway. For times and locations, visit metro.net/710.

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inetist at Carnegie Hall.

After NEC, Lavery did teach music for five years at a high school south of Boston. But she also freelanced as a clarinetist, doing scoring sessions and substituting for musicians at the Boston Philharmonic. Her interest in conducting grew as she participated in workshops and summer seminars.

In 1998 she took the plunge, and left teaching to join the USC program for orchestral conducting. Under the guidance of Larry J. Livingston, Lavery ultimately joined USC in 2004 as Resident Conductor of the Thornton Orchestras and Wind Ensemble.

In addition to her work with the USC ensembles and the Downey orchestra, Lavery has conducted with other orchestras across the United States, and internationally. One of her most unusual cross-cultural experiences was working with musicians from Sophia, Bulgaria. People from that part of Europe move their heads from side to side when they want to indicate, "Yes." To indicate, "No," they move their heads up and down. This is the complete opposite from the United States. Lavery says, "I thought they were disagreeing with everything I said."

Lavery's family background would not have lead one to suspect that she would develop such a pas-

sion for classical music and conducting. Her father was a lawyer who played trumpet in high school, and her mother was a nurse who played the accordion. Her siblings also do not share a musical profession. Her brother works for the San Francisco Bar Association, and her sister is a nurse practitioner in Washington, D.C. Still, Lavery says they are probably her biggest supporters, and they seldom miss one of her concerts.

Larry Lewis feels that one of the major assets that Lavery brings to her position of conductor is her connection with so many exceptional soloists. To further encourage young artists, Lavery has organized a competition in southern California, and winners are invited to perform with the Downey orchestra.

The pursuit of her artistic dreams has taken Lavery across the continent. Instead of cold winters near the Hudson River, Lavery now enjoys west coast sunshine at her home in the historic area of Hancock Park.

Little did she know when she first marched on to the Rose Bowl field as a freshman with the Michigan State Marching Band that her dreams would lead her to a life centered around USC and music in southern California.

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Letters to the Editor:

Dangerous trees

Dear Editor,

I am writing in rebuttal to "Trees and their History" written by Larry Latimer of Downey and printed in the Patriot on Sept. 16.

First I would like to say that I personally read Larry's book "Images of America, Downey." And I enjoyed it very much.

In response to Larry's remark, "Should we rip out all of the beautiful and historic trees in Downey?" I am not asking for all the trees to be removed. Only the ones that are pulling up the sidewalks, causing problems with their roots, destroying pipes, and if they cause injury to people, cars, and housing, then yes!

The city of Downey spends a great deal of budget money each year caring for the trees of Downey. They also spend a great deal of money repairing sidewalks, and such. If a particular tree is a hazard, then it should be removed.

This is a true statement; "There can be no future without a past." And on the other hand, if you save anything long enough, eventually it's historic or pre-historic.

Did you know that insurance companies charge more for property insurance when very large trees are located on the property? Trees that exceed the building heights by two or three times are a hazard and premiums are charged accordingly to home-owners. Also, were you aware that Public Works was notified by the party who broke her foot and twisted her ankle? She wrote them a letter. And were you aware that I am the president of our Town-home Association and the homeowners asked me to please have these trees removed? The lady who broke her foot and twisted her ankle has to walk on the sidewalk where these palm trees shed their berries and branches every day to get to her mailbox, there is no way around it. And the homeowners are scared to death that someday the wind will bring one of these gigantic palm trees down on top of their home and who will suffer? Not Larry Latimer who lives in North Downey, at least may be not, unless he is walking down Downey Avenue and crossing Lexington Road at the time it happens.

And we do have a weekly gardening service and they charge us a fortune to have this done every week! Yet, sometimes it still is not enough during the palm-tree seasonal dropping time. Maybe you would like to donate your time to come and sweep our side-walks everyday? Like one of our original residents does. Daily she will sweep the side-walk everyday during this season because she is trying to prevent any more accidents or harm to her property.

I understand the history of Downey is important to keep alive, but so are the citizens. Don't they deserve to feel safe in their own homes?

About Mr. Hogan Willeford and J.I. Boheim, who opened the Orange Manor Tract in 1921; they had to remove trees in order to build, so why is this fact being over-looked? The fact of the matter is, trees were removed in order to grow Downey to the size it is today. Innocent trees were killed and chopped down because housing and businesses were being built.

I truly don't think we should try to imagine a Downey without trees either. Trees provide shade, oxygen, and beauty to our city; so I doubt they will ever all be removed. However, trees that have caused damage and will continue to cause more damage should by all means either be trimmed up or removed. And I don't think it's selfish of me to want to protect my life, my home, my property investment, my cars, and the same for my neighbors from a hazardous tree.

You can disagree with my opinion; however I am still only stating the facts.

-- Stacey Rodgers,
Downey

Changes at Downey Tennis Club

Dear Editor:

It is the opener for tennis season 2010-11 and, as we all know, "Life Happens!" Mike Murray, who has served as our club president the past eight years, is stepping down this season.

His commitment to sportsmanship and tennis has definitely fostered the growth of our club. While we all hate to admit it, many of our club members are aging and dealing with physical injuries, recovering and simply "life changes" – such as retirement and pursuing new interests.

Mike has been a tremendous president by ensuring the Downey Tennis Club has a "voice" within the city. Under his leadership, the club has a face in the community – for one, participating in the Downey Street Faire; speaking at City Council meetings; and interface with the city Parks and Recreation Department on matters that affect us.

Mike is now president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and serves as part of the city's Planning Commission. While he will no longer serve as the Downey Tennis Club's president, he definitely plans to continue playing tennis and helping out with the club's needs.

Jan Wright-Minz, who has been our treasurer the past few years, is also leaving us – moving to her new home in Reno, Nev. Jan will be retiring and joining her husband, Doug, in a new life of leisure – playing tennis and enjoying seasonal weather changes! Other members that have moved away from Downey are Carl and Barbara Loza to Trabucco Canyon to be closer to their family. We wish them all our sincere best wishes in their new homes, and pay our thanks for being part of our lives – on and off the courts – for so many years.

As mentioned earlier, it is time for change. The board will continue planning, scheduling and coordinating our club's events. We will continue to perform the same activities throughout the year that we find profitable and fun.

We always welcome new members to join us at our monthly meetings, and to help out whenever/wherever you can. And don't forget to visit our website at www.downeytennisclub.com. Thank you!

-- Downey Tennis Club

Trivia question

Dear Editor:

For those of you who are loyal *Downey Patriot* readers, we ask you to find our identity.

We are a group of people from Downey, Calif., both men and women, all races and creeds, and we number 525 in a very exclusive membership. We are doctors, lawyers, scientists, teachers, authors, cops, business owners and homemakers. All of us have melded into society without you noticing us, but at one time, "We owned Downey".

Since our formation, 46 of our group have passed on, some in their service to our country.

Although we are not a secret society, our membership is closed and very exclusive.

We had no cell phones, no lap tops, no texting, and no "sexting". In fact our phones had dials, and zip codes were unheard of.

We were there when Stonewood was built, when Harvey's Broiler went up and when Wonder Bowl was constructed. We ate the millions of McDonald's burgers that they proudly advertise on their sign, before there ever was a Big Mac. We watched as they cleared ground on Paramount Boulevard for some school to be named for a Supreme Court Chief Justice.

We were surrounded by orange groves and Brookshire went as far north as 6th St. We listened to Elvis, Johnny Mathis, The Platters and Dick Dale and the Dell Tones. Beetles were something you stomped on and music was music.

No gangs, no drugs, just car clubs, Y-clubs, sports and more sports. Cars and more cars. "Political correctness" was to us truth, integrity, and honesty. We respected our parents, our teachers and all elders for their life experiences. We have formed friendships that lasted 50 years and still get together whenever we can.

We also "owned" life guard station No. 3 at Huntington Beach and we surfed on Balsa Wood boards. We paid 21 cents a gallon for gas at the Mohawk gas station, on the corner of Bellflower and Lakewood. We dressed to the nines and definitely we didn't wear our pants down around our knees.

Have you guessed yet? Here are some more hints. We believe in American values. We proudly salute the American Flag, and we pray, each in our own way. We honor our military men and women, and we thank them for their service to our country.

Who are we? We are the Vikings, the "Mighty Mighty Vikings". Downey Senior High School Class of 1960. In October of this year we will celebrate our 50th anniversary since graduation.

"Wow" some of you are saying. Why should we care, and who are these geezers and old codgers anyway? What did they ever do for this modern age?

Well, our generation invented the cell phone, the computer, phone answering machines, push buttons this and that, and most of the comforts you enjoy today. We enclosed Stonewood Mall making it comfortable for you. We invented seat belts, air bags, ABS brakes and GPS. We went to the moon, built a space station and fought wars for our country.

Specifically one of our class found the Titanic; that's right Dr. Bob Ballard was DSHS 60! Another member of the class furthered "Federal Law" all the way to the Supreme Court of this nation. DSHS 60 has a king, a senator, a famous storyteller, several renown authors, world travelers, and through it all we have remained close friends over these 50 years.

During a three-day period, October 14-16 of this year, we are coming home to Downey. We will have a festive party, a golf tournament, and a gala formal reunion gathering, the likes of which have never been seen in this town!

Once the festivities are over we will go back to being parents, grandparents, and resume being the patriots we have always been. But for those three days we will once again "own Downey."

For further information please contact danviks@gmail.com or go online to www.dusd.net

-- The Downey Senior High School Class of 1960 Reunion Committee

Mutilating the Anthem

Dear Editor:

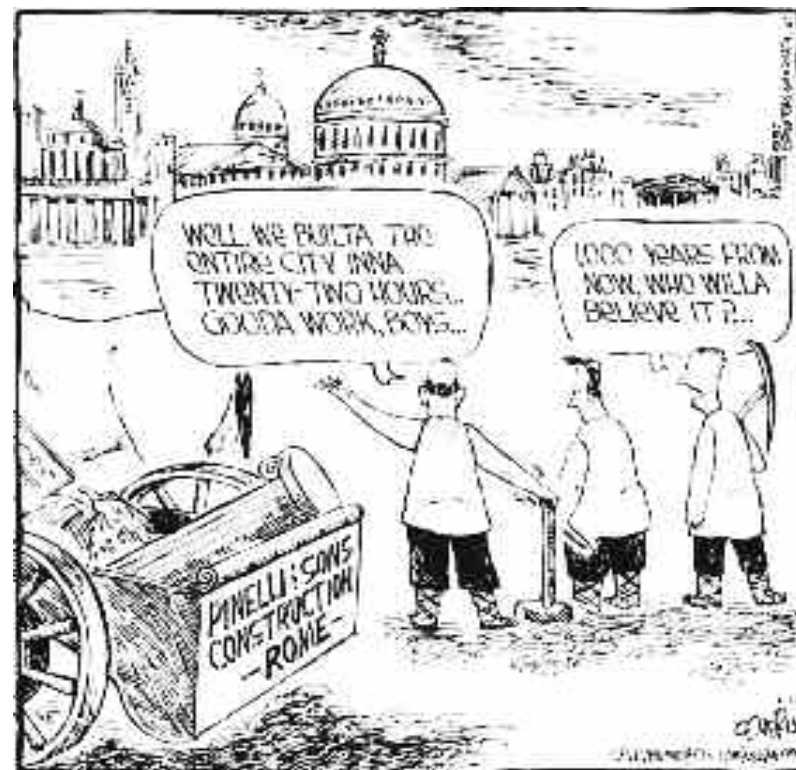
We often read, and hear, of people complaining about the desecration or mutilation of our flag; and rightly so. We should all protest long and loud at any disrespect shown toward our flag. However, I rarely, if ever, hear of any complaints about the mutilation of our National Anthem, which happens far too often especially before most major sporting events.

A good example was before Sunday night's football game between the New York Giants and the Chicago Bears. A young woman, who is probably considered to be an "artist" among her peers – and the word "artist" is being stretched to include a great deal of non-talent lately – really mutilated our National Anthem. The NFL and NBC should be ashamed to show such a spectacle. Perhaps that is why the game itself was such a circus.

Several years ago, Kathy Lee Gifford sang the National Anthem before the Super Bowl, and no one has ever done it more beautifully. I thought then, and continue to think that her performance should have been recorded and made mandatory that it be played before every major sporting event.

Allow these other people to mutilate their own music, if that is what they want to call it.

-- Jim Lucas,
Downey



Financial literacy

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Wil Stanton's financial literacy activities and new book "Finance for Youth: the Book" appearing in the Sep. 2, 2010 issue of *The Downey Patriot*.

His new book details financial information for teens who want to buy a new car or look for a new job. Wil claims that the government regulates facets of personal finance, such as interest rates and loan eligibility, but does not teach future generations. He states, "...they get some cheerleader from the local bank. And that is why all of their answers start with people having to go into the branch for more information."

First, the basic principle of credit unions is that they exist for the well being of the members and potential members they serve. One activity that credit unions do very well is to educate members about financial matters to help them become more financially literate.

Serving Downey for over 50 years, Downey Federal Credit Union is no exception to the distribution of financial information. In addition to providing free financial workshops on a variety of topics such as identity theft, credit scores, and budgeting, DFCU has created a position at the credit union dedicated to educating school-aged children in the Downey schools, and community members at large. This is NOT a "cheerleader" position. The person who teaches the classes is our Community Education and Development Representative, Kari Johnson, an employee who is knowledgeable and who provides financial education on a practical level. She has made well over 100 presentations to classes and community groups over the last two years.

Elementary school children learn about saving, spending, and sharing their money. Middle school children learn about the true cost of spending habits and basic budgeting skills. From interactive assemblies and films, the students learn realistic money habits. For teens, Ms. Johnson has taught many classes at Downey and Warren High Schools, going over basic financial facts such as the difference between a debit and a credit card, how to obtain credit, how to write a check, and how to reconcile a checkbook. Students have learned basic financial literacy in these interactive workshops.

Downey Federal Credit Union also sponsors a program entitled: "Making the Right Money Moves" for teachers. The teaching materials, the instructor's guide, and the student workbook are all provided by DFCU. Teachers can use the guided curriculum in their classrooms to teach high school students how to manage their money, whether they are working or not. This knowledge will enable any teen to manage their finances once they finish school, go on to college or enter the workforce. As an added bonus, the character traits of Responsibility and Citizenship from the "Character Counts!" program can be incorporated into financial literacy education.

At Downey Federal Credit Union, we encourage people to come into the branch to find out more about our products and services. Our tag line, "Count On Us Through All Stages Of Life," promotes the openness we have towards community members of all ages to grow with the credit union. We want people to become more financially literate whether they are an elementary school, middle school, or teen student; an adult, or a senior citizen. And, credit unions, such as DFCU, do indeed teach future generations.

Furthermore, teaching future generations is an ongoing process, with people starting at a young age, and moving towards senior citizens. At DFCU, we take pride in providing financial education of all types to improve financial literacy. Although we provide financial education to students and community members at large, we realize that people learn at their own pace over time. One book may not have the ability to provide a competent level of financial literacy in our environment today.

In summary, DFCU is doing its part in Downey to provide the much-needed financial education teens and all age groups need to be financially educated. Financial education is one of our initiatives, and we will continue to carry it forward.

-- Marianne Noss,
Marketing Manager
Downey Federal Credit Union

MTA receives \$47M federal grant

"I am thrilled that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is the recipient of \$47.75 million from the Federal Department of Transportation for the State of Good Repair Bus Initiative," Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard said on Tuesday.

"Metro operates the second largest bus fleet in the nation, and this project will enable Metro to build a critical state-of-the-art facility to maintain its growing fleet of clean air buses. This new facility will replace two aging properties and will bring important new jobs in construction and bus operations to our community," added Roybal-Allard.

"From my position on the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to work hard to ensure our Los Angeles communities receive the necessary funding to keep the buses rolling. A good working fleet keeps people moving efficiently, affordably and comfortably to work, to school, to the doctor and to shop," Roybal-Allard said.

Metro plans to use the funding to construct a new three-story bus operations and maintenance facility in Downtown Los Angeles to meet

the agency's demand for bus service. The new Division 13 facility is located adjacent to Metro headquarters near Union Station and is planned to accommodate and provide service for up to 200 compressed natural gas (CNG) buses and will include up to a 16,300 square-foot bus operations administration building and up to a 500,000 square-foot bus maintenance building. Total cost of the project is \$95 million.

The facility has been designed to achieve Gold certification in accordance with the USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines and will provide a platform to perform modernization and upgrades to other aging bus maintenance facilities across Los Angeles County.

Design and entitlement work for the project have already been completed and the project is expected to go out to bid for contractors in January 2011. Construction could start as soon as June 2011 and the project will be completed in spring 2013.

Contributed by the office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard.

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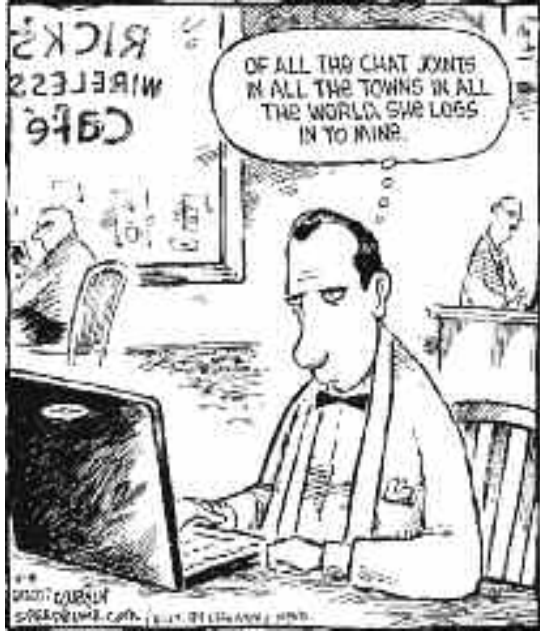
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For October

Tues. Oct. 12: **Rise N Shine networking**, Bob's Big Boy, 7:30 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 12: **Girl Scouts recruitment night**, Downey City Library, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 14: **Business Expo**, Stonewood Center, 4:30 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 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
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.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post#270**, at Los Amigos C. C., for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.
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.
1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
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.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister City Assoc.**, at Maude Price School, for information call 884-9657.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at The Palms, for information call 803-4048.
3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
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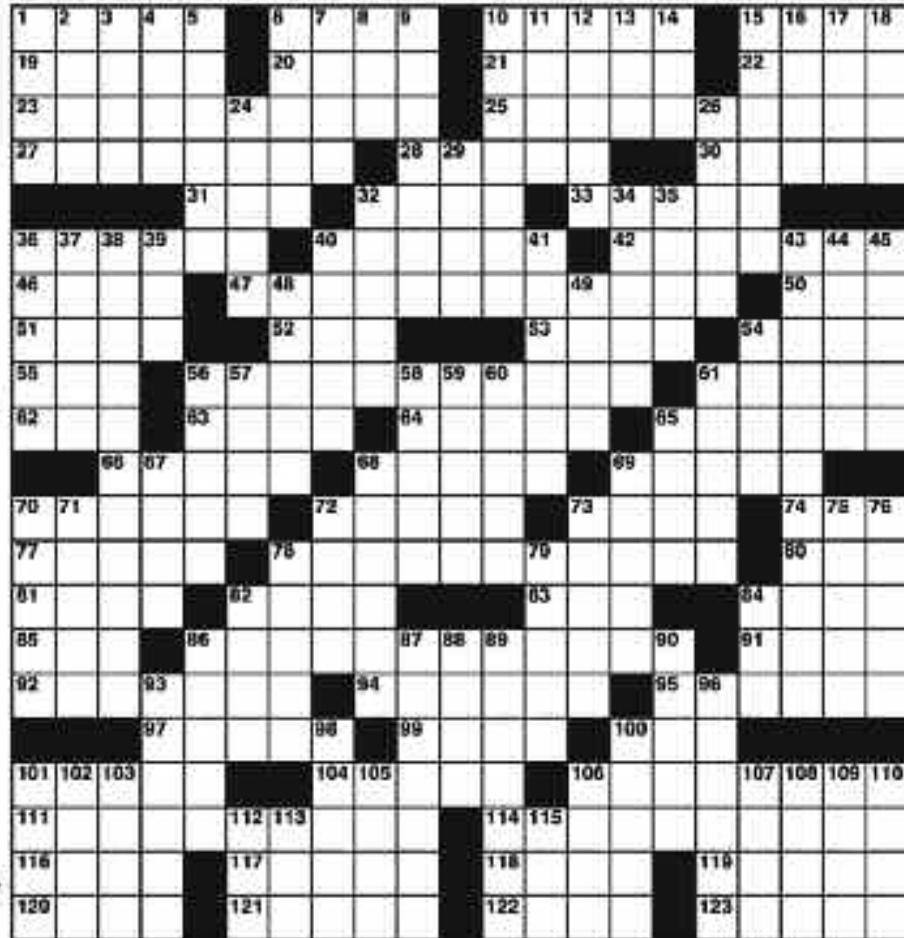
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1968: The Motion Picture Association of America adopted a film-rating system.
1996: Fox News Channel made its premiere.
2001: The United States and Britain began air strikes against Taliban training camps in Afghanistan.
2001: Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants hit his 73rd home run of the season, a major league record.
2003: California voters recalled Gov. Gray Davis and elected Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him.
Birthdays: TV host Joy Behar (68), rock singer John Mellencamp (59), cellist Yo-Yo Ma (55), TV producer Simon Cowell (51), R&B singer Toni Braxton (43), "American Idol" singer Taylor Hicks (34) and baseball player - and Downey resident - Evan Longoria (25).

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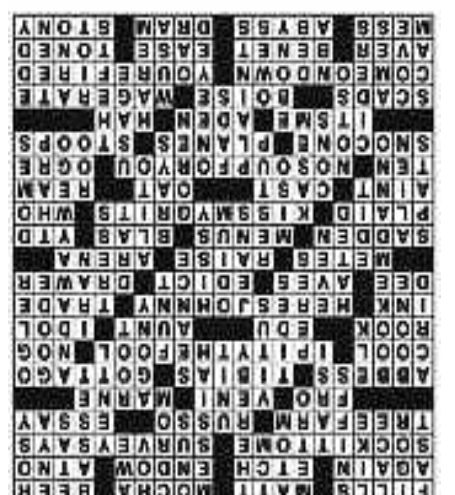
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Things to do this weekend:



Maroon 5
When: Oct. 8
Where: Greek Theatre
How much: Starting at \$37.50

•Lead by lead singer Adam Levine, Maroon 5 is back with a new album, "Hands All Over."



Haunted Hayride
When: Oct. 8-10
Where: Griffith Park
How much: \$25 - \$60

•The Haunted Hayride begins its month-long residency at the Griffith Park Old Zoo beginning this week. Go to losangeleshauntedhayride.com to get more details on this creepy adventure.



Old Town Haunt
When: Oct. 8-10
Where: Pasadena
How much: \$14

•Old Town Haunt is Pasadena's oldest haunted house, located in the basement of Union Savings Bank Building. Look it up on YouTube to see what it's about.



Keith Sweat
When: Oct. 9
Where: Grove of Anaheim
How much: Starting at \$12

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Experiencing the caffeinated life

BY DEBORAH WON, INTERNS

DOWNEY -- People traffic fills the store, as coffee-deprived customers are being held up by the girl attempting to order at the counter. She mutters, "Umm... I'll have a... no, wait. Hold on," as the giant line behind her turns into antsy customers glaring down at the girl who cannot make up her mind on her coffee selection.

That girl was me. Quite an embarrassing ordeal, all the business people, students, moms, and coffee lovers anxiously waited, while staring me down with angry looks and annoyed feet tapping. To make things worse, I had to fumble through my disorganized purse and find my wallet to pay the cashier. Feeling guilty for the holdup, I promised myself that I would become familiar with my coffee taste, along with the perfect coffee shop, so that next time, the angry line would not be my fault.

My expedition in search of my coffee preference was hardly a challenge. With all-nighters for homework, study sessions and personal statement essays, caffeine was greatly welcomed.

With that said, I started my search at the most popular coffee franchise in California: Starbucks. With laptop in hand, along with a mess of wires, papers, and books, I drove down Firestone Boulevard to cozy up in the café and finish my work.

To my disappointment, every table, chair, and nook was occupied by a crowd of people, and shockingly it was only Wednesday night. Making matters worse, I stood in a line, and had to squint at the menu and figure out whether I wanted a tall, grande, or a venti, whatever that meant. To top it off, I finally found a tiny corner to sit at, before I realized that the Starbucks did not offer free Wi-Fi. It was not a pleasant experience. I ended up going to the Coffee Bean down the street, and although I admit their cold blended drinks are much too creamy and caramelized for my taste, at least they had free internet service.

Friday night, after a movie at the Krikorian theatres, I made my way across the street to the darling of Downey, 3rd Street Coffee. This coffee shop has everything to offer

that a homely café ought to have, and their coffee selection is decent as well. With a wider variety of foods and snacks to offer than say the scone from Starbucks, 3rd Street Coffee is an ideal stop for a coffee and quick lunch or snack. 3rd Street Coffee is also known as a popular meeting location for groups and businesses. The location also helps business for this popular café, although I would avoid Friday nights when the middle school crowd swarms the entire street.

Looking around for more coffee places to test out, I drove to the Tropicana on Paramount Boulevard. Although their coffee was a bit strong, a few of their amazing pasteles de Guayaba were the perfect complementary desserts and well worth the long wait.

For a quick coffee fix, McDonalds may not have the highest quality burgers, but their inexpensive iced coffees and new frappe's are worth the visit. Especially because they are always open, while other coffee places generally close at 11 p.m., McDonalds is a convenient place to drop by for a quick caffeine dose. Numerous times, I have whizzed through the McDonalds drive-thru, and ordered a late night caramel iced coffee.

One of my absolute cold-blended coffee favorites is in, surprisingly, the Stonewood Center. Right next to the food court, Kelly's Coffee and Fudge is home to the unique Kelly's Cappuccino, the only cappuccino that I've tried that is able to pull off honey and nutmeg along with coffee. Kelly's also has the Raspberry Truffle with espresso, and is definitely the place to try an interesting combo off of their Specialty Coffees menu. Trying to do work with my laptop at such a place probably isn't the best idea, but after a day of shopping at the mall a stop by Kelly's is my favorite.

Happy about my progress in the caffeine world, I now know the difference between a macchiato and a cappuccino, and I also learned my preferences from each coffee shop. I can venture to try other things than just the typical caramel. Word to the wise, however, when venturing out on your own coffee discovery, daily visits to café's are not advised, or else the coffee rush will leave you addicted, like me.

Non-profit gets involved with Downey students

BY JOANNA QUINTANA, INTERNS

DOWNEY -- MAPS 4 College has already put its foot in the door of Downey's educational system, but contains far greater plans for all college-bound students, hoping to create a partnership with the City of Downey so as to better offer its services.

MAPS (Motivate to strive for excellence; Achieve to help the community-at-large; Personal commitment to transcend perceived limits, Speak the truth—change the world) is a non-profit organization that holds the mission to assist students in gaining entrance into the college of their choice as well as the workforce.

This non-profit is focused on helping students reach their goals, offering a variety of programs and services that have proven to be beneficial for college-bound students in the past, holding many achievements including involved students gaining acceptance into the college of their choice after receiving assistance from MAPS. Such programs consist of college

counseling courses, internship opportunities, financial organization strategies, a summer college camp, college tours and academic-success seminars. Those who believe they may be aided by these programs are not only invited, but encouraged to come to take advantage of the available opportunities. "We provide quality, comprehensive services to students, families, and communities," said CEO and MAPS 4 College Founder, Sarai Koo. "MAPS 4 College works with middle school, high school, and adult students. We partnered with the City of Baldwin Park and we're working with all their school district. We're working with high school students but in the City of Downey, we started collaborating with the adult students."

Already involved with other cities and many other students, MAPS has turned its attention to the City of Downey, hoping to create a partnership so as to involve more college-bound students with their programs. Having already made its mark on the Downey Adult School by providing a work-

Downey seniors use musical talents to promote school spirit

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERNS

DOWNEY -- Members of a homegrown hip-hop group called Royal Dynasty, Downey High seniors Jamiyah Lindsey, Gabe Estrada and Robert Molina spun their musical talents into gold by turning their songs into spirit songs and pre-game anthems.

A vocalist and rapper, Lindsey—who also goes by his stage name of Syre—says he wrote the lyrics to a 2-minute song entitled "Downey Vikes" last year before the homecoming game and recorded the song around that time by working closely with Molina, who produced songs for Lindsey and Estrada by using a computer program called Logic Pro.

"We wanted to pump up school spirit through these songs," said Lindsey. "Then we recorded them on a CD and took it to [principal] Mr. Houts's office. He liked it and called up most of the football coaches into his office and they listened to it."

"We wrote these songs to hype up the football team and give them energy," said Molina. "Right now we're creating a mix tape and we're really excited and surprised that we're doing this."

Lindsey said the coaches sat and listened to the song and he allowed Houts and the coaches to

use the song according to their discretion. Eventually, "Downey Vikes" was played at football games, the spring blood drive and at rallies held in the school's gym.

A new, updated version of "Downey Vikes" was recorded and produced this year called D's House. Lindsey says this version includes the names of schools in the San Gabriel Valley League, which Downey sports teams are a part of.

Estrada, a vocalist and rapper for Royal Dynasty who also goes by his stage name of Young Prince, says he gets his inspiration from rappers.

"I get most of my inspiration from [the rapper] Drake," he said. Estrada sang the first verse of D's House, while Lindsey sang the chorus and second verse of the song.

Molina, dubbed Maestro for his role as the group's producer, says they never had any experience with recording or producing prior to last year.

"We never had any lessons," he said. "We're all self-taught and we just love music so we put it together and formed Royal Dynasty."

Molina produced both Downey Vikes and D's House by composing the songs' beats using his bedroom-turned-studio.

The group is no stranger to the

adage "practice makes perfect." According to Lindsey, Royal Dynasty "breaks into sessions of writing, rehearsing and recording at least once a week."

"We're teaching ourselves what to do and what not to do in the first stages as a band," he said.

Houts says he discovered Lindsey while evaluating a new instructor last year and asked Lindsey to make a song to promote school spirit.

"The kid's got a lot of talent," said Houts. "I asked him to make a pre-game song and the coaches liked it. While I was evaluating the Music Appreciation teacher, I asked Jamiyah to write a fight song for the pre-game."

Downey football coaches such as varsity coach Dexter Davis say they enjoy it and that they worked with the guys who wrote the songs and collaborated with them for the pre-game song.

Molina says he hopes Royal Dynasty can someday create an album and turn it into an actual business, but for now the group chooses to remain loyal to their school in supporting it through their music.

"At the fourth football game of the season, we're performing live," he says. "We're building our fan base and starting out in our hometown."

So long, freshman 15

BY JOSEPH APODACA, INTERNS

DOWNEY -- As if being near the beach and close to home wasn't a good enough of an incentive to attend Cal State Long Beach, the brand new Student Recreation and Wellness Center is sure to be another enticing factor into attending the Beach.

Completely state-of-the-art equipment, body-scan technologies, and a trendy health-foods bar are just a few of the many services and perks CSULB's Student Recreation and Wellness Center has available to its students. As long as you are an enrolled student at the Beach, fitness junkies need not worry about monthly payments and confusing contracts to sign. With the stress of making consistent payments diminished, it is no

wonder the new super-gym already has students singing its praises.

"The center will provide a huge improvement to any student's exercise regime over any of the local gyms. I'm enjoying the Wellness center 2-4 times a week myself," said Amaryllis Velasco.

For many users of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, fitting in their fitness routine can be difficult to accomplish while juggling 12 units, a part time job and hours of homework. Making a trip to the gym is an added chore many students simply do not have the time for after school. Luckily for a majority of 49ers, being at school often comes with a break between classes and students are quickly dropping their weekly Panda Express lunch for an express workout.

"Having such a busy schedule with work and school, I appreciate the two hour break I have in between my classes because it gives me the opportunity to go to the gym that is just a walking distance from my classes," said Aileen Manjarrez. "I do believe it is important that all campuses incorporate a fitness center because it gives every busy student the oppor-

tunity to fit at least 30 minutes of their time to workout during a break or before and after class."

While the Student Recreation and Wellness Center is equipped with the latest in fitness machines and has amenities only resorts can offer, nothing is more refreshing to the students than the price tag. Factored into the price of tuition and no monthly user fee makes the experience at the gym a lot less stressful without a bill hanging over your head. In addition, students have the chance to check out equipment to use on the many full service playing courts, access to digital lockers, and the opportunity to meet with a personal trainer for free. With perks like these, Downey residents that attend CSULB have a hard time heading back to their home gyms.

"The best feature of the gym at CSULB is that it's located on campus. No long drives after class to a gym 20 minutes away. Just leave class and go," said David Mullins. "It encourages students to work out and it's free so students on a fixed income can enjoy working out and being fit without having to worry about spending money on an over priced gym membership."

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Restaurant Spotlight:

Veracruz Restaurant

Veracruz Restaurant opened its doors in Downey on January 10, 1981. Ever since then it has been providing the community with "great food at the best price." This family tradition was started when Roberto and Blanca Leon realized their American dream by opening their first restaurant in 1972 on Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena.

After several successful years the Leons, for personal reasons, decided to sell the business. But a few years later they were ready to return to doing what they loved to do, so they opened as Veracruz Restaurant in Downey in 1981. The Downey location flourished with help from the neighborhood and Rockwell International, later Boeing, located right across the street. The family philosophy of "great food at the best price" had paid off.

Son, Roberto Leon Jr. (Bobby) joined the family business soon after. Daughter Zenia joined the business when a second Veracruz opened in Santa Fe Springs in 1984. In 1989 The Leons purchased The Brass Dolphin, a landmark in Downey, and ran it successfully until 1996. Zenia and Bobby then shared duties between the steak house and Veracruz. The

third Veracruz opened in Whittier in 1992. Veracruz Restaurant has also been blessed with employee loyalty. Many of its employees are also part of Veracruz's second generation, keeping the "family traditions" in tact.

The Leons proudly bring almost 40 years of experience and dedication to their customers. Veracruz Restaurant strives to provide their customers with the best quality ingredients, while keeping prices affordable (no easy task in these difficult times). Veracruz Santa Fe Springs and Whittier locations have full bars and are famous for their Margaritas-Roberto Sr.'s personal secret recipe. Downey Veracruz uses an Agave based wine, complying with its wine and beer license, that mirror Santa Fe Springs and Whittier Maragritas.

Veracruz and the Leons look forward to serving you. Blanca at 70 years old is still a bundle of energy working at the Santa Fe Springs location with help now from grandson Rick. Bobby and Zenia move from location to location both still on the floor and easily accessible. In Downey, look for the red, white and green awning on Imperial Highway and Columbia Way.



Make sure you check out our great offer in the "Dining Out" Section, of today's paper.

Veracruz Restaurants are located at: Downey, 9085 Imperial Hwy.

(562) 923-1013; Santa Fe Springs, 9931 Orr and Day Rd. (562) 868-9188; Whittier, 14748 Whittier Blvd. (562) 693-3274.

Advertising Supplement

'West Side Story' extended 2 weeks

HOLLYWOOD - "West Side Story," which opens at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood on Nov. 30, has extended its engagement by two weeks, producers of the national tour announced this week.

Added performances Dec. 21 through Jan. 2 will go on sale Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

The new Broadway production began previews at the Palace Theatre on Feb. 23, 2009, and opened to critical acclaim on March 19, 2009, breaking box office records and going on to recoup its \$14 million investment after running only 30 weeks.

Based on Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," "Westside Story" is set in 1950s New York City. It follows the doomed love story of two star-crossed lovers from rival gangs - the Jets (a working-class white gang) and the Sharks (first-generation Puerto Ricans).

Tony, a member of the Jets, falls in love with Maria, a sister of Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks.

"West Side Story" has often been credited with changing the course of American musical theater. Originally directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins, "West Side Story" opened at the Winter Garden Theatre on Sept. 26, 1957 and garnered passionate reactions from critics and audiences alike.

Applauding the creators' innovation in dance and musical style, Time magazine exclaimed "[Jerome] Robbins' energetic cho-

reography and Bernstein's grand score accentuate the satiric, hard-edged lyrics of Sondheim and Laurents' capture of the angry voice of urban youth."

New York Times critic Brooks Atkinson described the show as "profoundly moving; an incandescent piece of work where theatre people, engrossed in an original project, are all in top form."

The original Broadway production won six 1958 Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Choreography. The show ran 732 performances, closing on June 27, 1959.

The motion picture version, directed by Jerome Robbins and Robert Wise, was released in 1961 and starred Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer as Maria and Tony, and featured Rita Moreno, recreating the role of Anita, which she had originated in the Broadway production.

The film was widely praised by critics, and it won 10 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, out of its 11 nominated categories. The film's soundtrack grossed more than any other album before it.

The cast of the current tour of "West Side Story" feature Kyle Harris as Tony, Ali Ewoldt as Maria and Michelle Aravena as Anita.

Tickets to see "West Side Story" range between \$25 and \$90. They are available at www.broadwayla.org or by calling (800) 982-2787.

Well-traveled artist at Furman

DOWNEY - Sandi Candiotti, an award-winning artist who has studied painting around the world, will give a demonstration of her work Oct. 26 at Furman Park.

The demonstration will be part of the Downey Art League's general meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. in Building 1.

Candiotti grew up in Cleveland

and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA. Inspired by the French impressionists, her paintings "capture the beauty and light in nature using brilliant color in timeless settings," according to a flyer from the Downey Art League.

Although her favorite medium is oil, she also paints in acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, and charcoal.

Candiotti has studied plein air painting in France, Italy and Belgium, in addition to the New England states and the California coast. Last year, she traveled to Russia to study the Russian impressionist and artist Nicolai Fechin with Jove Wang.

The community is invited to view Candiotti's demonstration. Admission is free.

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 The Tudors: The Final Season

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CSULB awarded grant to study disease testing

LONG BEACH – The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded a four-year, \$1.7 million research grant to Cal State Long Beach's Center for Behavioral Research and Services (CBRS) for a project that will study the accuracy and acceptability of experimental rapid tests for infectious diseases.

Titled "Behavioral Science Aspects of Rapid Test Acceptance," the project will be CSULB's first registered clinical trial, and the research will contribute to the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) approval for the experimental tests as well as a better understanding of who selects rapid tests and why. The project start date is Sept. 30.

"Traditional testing for infectious diseases, such as HIV, hepatitis and syphilis, requires clients to return for their test results one or two weeks after providing a sample. But, there are many people who don't return to get their results," noted Dennis Fisher, CBRS director and professor of psychology at CSULB. "When people fail to return for their test results, they do not learn of their disease status, and for those who are infected, not knowing their disease status may delay or prevent accessing available treatments and may lead to others becoming infected."

"Rapid testing for infectious diseases, where clients have the opportunity to receive their results on the same day as they provide their specimen, has the potential to increase the proportion of people who receive their test results," he added. "Increasing the proportion of people who receive screening test results is important not only to prevent new infections, but also to

facilitate those who are infected to access treatment services."

Currently there are no rapid tests available in the United States for syphilis or combined tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and hepatitis C (HCV). While there are rapid tests for HIV available in this country, new HIV rapid tests have been developed that are more sensitive and can detect HIV earlier, but these have not been FDA-approved.

Fisher's newly funded project will examine the accuracy and acceptability of six experimental rapid tests for HIV, syphilis, and/or HCV. The study will estimate sensitivity and specificity of these tests and will look at the acceptability of these tests among different behavioral risk groups – men who have sex with men (MSM), men who have sex with men and women (MSMW), injection drug users (IDUs), women at sexual risk (WASRs) and transgenders (TGs).

"Given the potential value of rapid tests to public health efforts, and the current lack of availability of these tests for conditions such as hepatitis and syphilis, this project will significantly advance our understanding of these tests," Fisher pointed out. "Through this study, we will be able to evaluate both the accuracy of the tests in settings of intended use and the acceptability of these tests by potential clients in real-world situations."

Fisher is especially hopeful of finding an accurate and acceptable combined test for HIV and HCV, which could have important implications for high-risk groups, such as IDUs, where HCV and HIV infections often co-occur. Past research indicates that bundling HIV testing with testing for other infectious diseases, including

HCV, could increase the number of people who choose to be tested for HIV. A combined test for HCV and HIV could provide a useful tool that would encourage HIV testing among populations who would not otherwise test for the disease.

"We're extremely grateful to the National Institute on Drug Abuse for selecting our study for this grant," Fisher said. "We believe this project can have a significant impact on the future of screening for infectious diseases in the United States."

"The relevance of this research to public health is to make it possible to receive test results immediately instead of requiring people to wait for at least a week to get their test results," he added. "Additionally, this research will make rapid tests for HIV available that can detect HIV infection earlier and more accurately than current tests available in the United States."

The CBRS is a multi-function unit of CSULB dedicated to psychosocial research and services related to community health and social problems. The center conducts social and behavioral research on health and substance-use related issues, and the focus of these studies has been on HIV risk, stress and sexually transmitted diseases.

Claims adjusters allegedly scammed county out of \$1.5M

LOS ANGELES – Three former employees of Tristar, a third-party administrator of workers' compensation claims for Los Angeles County, and their wives are expected to be in court next week to face fraud charges for allegedly bilking more than \$1.5 million from the county.

Christian Ramirez, 24, and Hugo Ramirez, 26, are each charged with nine felony counts. The two men are brothers.

The charges against them include false and fraudulent claims, claims adjuster fraud, grand theft of personal property, grand theft by embezzlement, public officer embezzling for personal use, false personation and failure to file income tax return.

Their father, Javier Ramirez, 51, also a former Tristar employee,

is charged with five felony counts. His wife, Maria Ochoa, 47, is charged with six felony counts. The couple resides in Santa Ana.

The wives of the two brothers – Sandra Orozco, 24, and Dominique Boudreaux, 25 – are each charged with six counts. Boudreaux appeared in court last Friday and pleaded not guilty to the charges. Her bail was set at \$187,000.

The other defendants were arraigned Monday. Fraud investigators from the California Department of Insurance arrested the six defendants on Sept. 29.

Tristar Insurance Group is the county's third-party administrator for workers' compensation claims. The Ramirez brothers were employed as claim adjusters and were responsible for administering workers' compensation claims of

Los Angeles County employees injured on the job.

An investigation conducted by the California Department of Insurance revealed that the brothers allegedly referred transportation and investigative business to four company – Transco Transportation, Universal Transportation Services, Paramount Transportation and Oncall Investigation Services – owned by various family members. The companies would then subcontract the services to other vendors and allegedly pocket the difference.

Javier Ramirez allegedly processed the fraudulent bills.

If convicted as charged, the defendants face up to nine years in state prison.

Woman pleads no contest in hit-and-run

HUNTINGTON PARK – A Huntington Park woman charged with the hit-and-run death of a teenage girl pleaded no contest last week, the District Attorney's office has announced.

Carol Eleana Vega, 29, pleaded no contest to one count each of leaving the scene of an accident – a felony – and vehicular manslaughter, a misdemeanor.

Vega is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 2. She faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

On Sept. 25, 2009, Guadalupe Colemenares, 19, and two others were crossing the street in a marked crosswalk on Sixth and

Lorena streets in Los Angeles when Vega struck the three pedestrians and fled, prosecutors said.

Colemenares died from her injuries.

A second victim suffered serious injuries and a third victim sustained only minor injuries.



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Vikings edge Los Altos in OT

■ **WATER POLO:** Downey beats Los Altos, 14-13, but fails to Sunny Hills.

BY JOSEPH APODACA, INTERN

DOWNEY – Scorching temperatures last week did nothing but make the games all the more sweet for the Downey water polo team who defeated Los Altos but lost to Sunny Hills by just 3 points.

The Vikings managed to edge out the Los Altos Conquerors by 1 point, winning 14-13 in overtime while their game against the Sunny Hills Lancers fell short of a win, losing by 3 points. Going into overtime against the Conquerors proved to be beneficial for the team, who came out on top in the additional round while simple mistakes prevented them from winning against the Lancers. The Vikings have won eight games and lost three so far this season.

Goalie James Morrison made good on his blocking against Sunny Hills, despite their loss, preventing several shots from entering the goal throughout the game. Keith Rodriguez kept his opponents on watch during both games, scoring several goals throughout the game and keeping the score close.

Now halfway through their season, Downey has become more comfortable as a team in the water. More accurate execution of plays and swimming techniques continue to improve, especially for new team members. With the Downey aquatics program made up of many newcomers, improvement is music to veteran's ears.

"All the new guys on varsity are really starting to understand the offense and starting to become more comfortable and shooting more so we have more threats," said captain Derek Dodson.

Downey is fortunate enough to have one of the best pools in the San Gabriel Valley League and they are the first to praise its greatness. The Olympic-sized pool houses the goal cages perfectly and gives the entire aquatics program room to practice with ease. While the Vikings prefer using their pool, half of their games are away but the size of the pool has no bearing on how well they play the game.

"It's usually not a big deal if we're playing in a decent size pool but when we have our games in a small pool, it's hard to run our offense and it takes away our counters so its tough. But ultimately, we have to focus on ourselves and we'll be alright," said Dodson.



Enriquez leads Bears in Stauffer Invitational

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Warren runner Chris Enriquez helped lead the Bears to a winning time of 1:17:09 this past Saturday against 27 other schools at the Warren/Stauffer Invitational.

Redondo finished in second place behind Warren at 1:17:15 third with a 1:32:d in and St. John Bosco finished in third with a team time of 1:17:24. On the girls side of the Invitational, Warren finished in third place with a 1:32:55 time behind second place Bonita (1:32:10) and first place Redondo (1:27:31).

Enriquez had the best Warren individual 3-mile time with a 14:55 pace. He said after the race that he dedicated his race to Dr. Mary Stauffer and to his brother Michael who is in the military as well as all servicemen on duty for our country.

Enriquez has been having a standout season, running sub-15:00 times in his first five races of the season. At the Bosco Tech Invitational on Sept. 11, he ran a 14:36, a week later he ran a 14:46 at the Woodbridge Invitational finishing ninth.

On Sept. 23, he finished first in his first league cluster race and was also a champion at the Warren/Stauffer Invitational. Both boys and girls Warren cross country teams appear to be well on their way to defend their league championship.



Rico, Medina make quick work of Lynwood

■ **TENNIS:** Downey improves record to 6-1.

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

DOWNEY — The Downey High School girls' varsity tennis team is now 6-1 in their season after a 13-5 win over Lynwood last Friday.

The doubles teams led outstanding performances by bringing in a total eight points for Downey. No. 1 doubles players Janette Rico and Katie Medina crushed all three seeded Lynwood doubles teams with three consecutive scores of 6-0. No.

2 doubles players Claudia Guzman and Rosanna Calderon also won their three sets, with scores of 6-2, 6-0 and 6-1.

No. 3 doubles players Sharon Kim and Caroline Tran have shown that they have gotten used to each other's strengths and played upon them against Lynwood, winning both games against their No. 1 and No. 3 doubles teams before Kim and Tran were substituted for the final set against Lynwood's No. 2 doubles team.

No. 1 singles player Sandra Lee played strong for all three sets, despite a 4-6 loss against the No. 1-seeded singles player at Lynwood. "I could have easily beaten her, but I didn't play my best that day," Lee said.

Lee won her next two games against the No. 2- and No. 3-seeded singles players with consecutive scores of 6-0.

No. 2 singles player Irene Saavedra also lost to Lynwood's No. 1 singles player but won against their No. 2 and No. 3 singles players with scores of 7-6 and 6-4.

Downey limits mistakes in win over Bell

■ **FOOTBALL:** Dallas Lopez throws for 253 yards as Vikings defeat Bell, 17-9.

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

DOWNEY — The Vikings put the past behind them by correcting their mistakes from the loss at La Habra and stepped up their defense last Friday against Bell, which was evident in their 17-9 win.

The team played with confidence by running the ball well and having a significant number of tackles from the Viking defense, not letting the Eagles pass by them.

The defense carried the team well, stopping the opponents in their tracks and the Vikings defending the ball as much as possible.

Quarterback Dallas Lopez was the star of the night, completing 15 of 25 pass attempts for 253 yards and eight carries for 112 yards rushing.

Other key plays were made by running back Ralph Regalado, who had 18 carries for 101 yards.

A strong defense was led by linebacker Justin Haro, Vincent Reynolds and Daniel Oveal, who carried the Vikings throughout the game.

Wide receiver Jabari Ruffin had five catches with 101 yards and nine tackles and wide receiver Robert Moss had 6 catches for 106 yards.

Haro had nine tackles and defensive end Vincent Reynolds had eight tackles. Oveal had seven tackles with two sacks.

The Vikings were tied 7-7 towards the end of the second quarter, until Moss ran for a 30-yard touchdown mere minutes before halftime. Alex Salinas made a 23-yard field goal in the middle of the fourth quarter to secure the Vikings with the final points of the game.

The team prepared hard during practice the week leading up to Friday night's game to concentrate on what went wrong against La Habra and what could be improved in future games. The Vikings are still in preseason, with official league play beginning next week against Gahr.

Mental strength and pinpointing mistakes were the focus of the team last Friday against Bell. Head coach Jack Williams said rather than focusing their attention on Bell and how they carried out their offense and defense, the Vikings focused on themselves and how their own team was playing instead.

"We focused more on our mistakes, as opposed to Bell's," said Williams. "Our defense ran well."

Despite Kyle Lewis sitting out for the night's game for health reasons, the Vikings were well-adapted and carried through to victory, proving the team is ready and prepared even when facing unforeseen circumstances.

The Vikings play Friday night against Santa Fe at Pioneer High School, their last nonleague game until the homecoming game versus Gahr at Downey on Oct. 15. The game begins at 7 p.m.

Warren humbled by La Serna, 44-7

■ **FOOTBALL:** Loss drops Warren to 1-4 this year.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – What was so mind boggling about the final game of the non-conference schedule for Warren was the offense.

Quarterback Sam Bettencourt came back from injury to complete 13 of 18 passes for 136 yards and a touchdown, running back Jamil Magee rushed for 98 yards on 24 carries and the Bears lost on the road 44-7.

The Bears had one of their better offensive outputs putting up 384 yards of total offense but for whatever reason weren't able to punch it in to the end zone.

On the other hand, La Serna picked apart the Bears, mainly through the air, with receiver

Andrew Rosales having a field day against Warren's secondary catching seven passes for 146 yards and a touchdown.

La Serna's biggest blow against Warren came midway through the third quarter when quarterback Andrew Buenrostro picked up a botched snapped, dropped back and found Rosales for a 52-yard touchdown pass.

Warren's only touchdown of the game came on a pass from Bettencourt to receiver Ryan McFadden.

The Bears fall to 1-4 on the season with Dominguez on the docket for their San Gabriel Valley League opening game on Oct. 8 at home at 7 p.m.

Last year, Warren beat Dominguez 31-21 in their most crucial game in defense of their championship.

Dominguez went on to the semifinals of the CIF playoffs last year while the Bears exited in the second round again.

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Downey students rank high

DOWNEY - The Downey High School students have been named "Commended Students" in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program, principal Tom Houts has announced.

Joshua Kim, Kyeong Kong and Jacqueline Nunez are among 34,000 Commended Students across the nation that placed in the top 5% of students who took the Preliminary SAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country," said a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Program. "We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

Silent auction, bake sale

DOWNEY - The Downey Christian Women's Club will hold a silent auction and bake sale at its Oct. 13 meeting at Los Amigos Country Club.

The event will also feature a talk from guest speaker Nell Heard, whose topic is "What It Really Means to be a Star."

Admission to the meeting is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch. The event begins at 11:45 a.m.

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Author event in Long Beach

LONG BEACH - A panel of mystery writers will headline a lunch fundraiser Oct. 23 in Long Beach to benefit the American Association of University Women.

Authors Wendy Hornsby, Pamela Samuels Young and Naomi Hirahara will be among the event's panelists as the AAUW raises money for fellowships, research and project grants.

Admission to the event is \$60 and includes lunch, program, silent auction and book signing.

Reservations are due by Oct. 15 by calling (562) 493-4749.

Crime Report

Thursday, Sept. 23

A burglary occurred at a house under construction in the 10000 block of Mattock Ave. Suspect(s) stole a cement mixer, power tools and copper pipe stored in a locked container on the property.

Saturday, Sept. 25

At 2:10 a.m., officers responded to the underpass near 10000 Imperial Highway regarding a vehicle on fire. The Downey Fire Department arrived and extinguished the fire. Investigating officers learned the vehicle had been reported stolen in Ontario on Sept. 23.

Sunday, Sept. 26

At 11:00 a.m., a burglary was discovered at the GameStop store located in the Downey Landing retail center. Suspect(s) had tunneled through the roof leading to the store where they stole merchandise including game consoles.

At about 11:15 p.m., an attempted armed robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Stater Brothers store at 7814 Firestone. Two store employees had just left work and entered their car when a male in his 30s approached them while brandishing a handgun. The driver put his car in reverse and drove away as the suspect discharged his handgun into the pavement before fleeing on foot.

Information provided by Downey Police Department. Report crimes in progress by calling 911.

Funeral for Obdulia Zepeda on Monday

DOWNEY - Obdulia Zepeda, a wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully Oct. 5 in her Downey home.

She was born Sept. 5, 1956 in Ameca, Jalisco. She was the daughter of Apolinar Zepeda and Tomasa Solorzano.

It was in Ameca where she spent the first 29 years of her life, marrying Jorge Zepeda in 1978. They immigrated to the United States and settled in Downey in 1986.

Obdulia worked as a CNA for more than 18 years, most recently working at Downey Regional Medical Center.

She attended Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Church in Downey and St. Dominic Savio in Bellflower.

She is survived by her husband, Jorge Zepeda; children, Mayra Guillen, Octavio Zepeda and Yadira Pena; grandchildren, Adrian Guillen, Alicia Guillen, Isabella Guillen and Joaquin Pena; and siblings, Jesus, Rosa, Apolinar, Martha and Juan Jose.

A wake will be held Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. A funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday at 10:30 a.m., also at OLPH.

A funeral procession immediately after the service will head to Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Grace Stout mourned by family

DOWNEY - Downey resident Grace Stout passed away peacefully on Sept. 21.

She was born April 21, 1921, near Bradford, Tenn. That is where she met and married Evarett in 1940.

In May of 1952 they moved to California with their only child, Randall, eventually making Downey their home. The family became devout and active members of First Baptist Church of Downey.

Grace Stout worked for Geiger Plastics for 18 years before retiring.

She is survived by her son, Randall; grandson, Anthony, and his wife, Elena; granddaughter, Jo Dina Mays, and her husband, Wesley; great-grandchildren, Alexa, Matthew, Amanda and Kellen; brother, Junior, and his wife, Nola; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Evarett, in 2001.

Planning for an emergency - week 18

By MARK SAUTER, CITY OF DOWNEY

We hosted some Neighborhood Watch Block Captain training the last two weeks at Fire Station No. 1. 'We' are members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and Community Emergency Response Team. The objective of the training was to encourage the Block Captains to expand their emergency preparedness efforts beyond their own property lines. It was the first time we have hosted events like this. We had a small turnout the first evening but last night we had a very nice size group.

The training included a Power Point presentation. Specific neighborhood maps were distributed to the Captains for their emergency preparedness use. We also included other emergency preparedness information.

The captains were encouraged to be pro-active and to go into their neighborhoods and visit with their neighbors. They were advised they should be looking for people who can help with a neighborhood problem and to know more about those who could use some assistance if some type of disaster were to occur. They were also encouraged to consider what the problems of their neighborhoods could be if an emergency occurred and to take some action to prepare for those problems.

For example, with a little bit of work, neighbors could easily locate the utility shut-offs for each house on their block. It's true, shutting down the utilities isn't always necessary after an emergency. However, when they do need to be shut down it seems like the valves and switches are always a little harder to locate!

One of the captains shared a heart-warming story about her experience on September 27. It seems like a long time ago now, especially with the rain we have had earlier this week. But that Monday was one of the hottest days on record. The good block Captain decided to check-in with several of the seniors living on her block. Thankfully, they were all fine. We gave the Captain a round of applause. She had been a great example of a concerned Block Captain. She went on to say the seniors on her street were 'so happy' to see her and know that she was looking out for them.

The Block Captain story, and the training we provided, started me

thinking. What if we all did a little volunteer work for emergency preparedness? We can all have a role in it. Whether we are Block Captains or not doesn't matter. We can help support the neighborhood organizational work by working with our Block Captain as a list of potential team members, supplies and communication lists are developed. We can learn CPR and attend a first-aid training session. We can attend a CERT training course presented by the Downey Fire Department. We could even help some of our seniors or others who could use a hand in preparing their home for an earthquake. It doesn't take much effort but it sure improves the confidence and readiness of a neighborhood.

It could be that our property and supplies are of great value to the neighborhood. Do we have a big front lawn where our neighbors could meet? Maybe we have a pool that could be used as an emergency source of water for sanitation purposes or even fire fighting.

One of the Block Captain training attendees wasn't a Block Captain. In fact, she wasn't even involved with a neighborhood

watch group. She said she had read the training article in the Patriot and decided to get involved. Before she left, she had the number for Juddy Cenicerros at City Hall (904-1895) and vowed to ask Juddy for assistance in setting up her own neighborhood watch group.

I am hoping her new group makes a request for an emergency preparedness presentation! Members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and CERT have been accompanying city staff members to presentations like these. It's a great example of volunteering and neighbors helping neighbors.

So this weekend let's consider how we can improve the emergency preparedness for our neighborhood. Be a volunteer, talk to your neighbors, follow-up on the previous emergency preparedness lists from this series of articles, and seek out some training for yourself and/or your family. You may find your efforts to be very rewarding. Your families and neighborhood will benefit as well.

If you have comments or questions about this column, please send them to ready@downeyca.org.

Betty Kelly

March 14, 1926 - September 28, 2010



Heaven saved a special place for Betty Kelly, our dearest mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She departed peacefully for her journey there September 28, 2010. Born in Newton, Iowa March 24, 1926 Betty moved, at the age of 5, to California by train with her parents and older sister. They settled in Huntington Park across the street from the junior high school complete with

tennis courts, where Betty spent many happy hours learning to play the game from her dad. She attended Huntington Park High School where she played saxophone in the school band. With groups of musician friends, the USO was a venue Betty had the opportunity to play during the war. Her dedicated work ethic was evident from a very young age. At 16 she would take the street car from Huntington Park to downtown LA to work part time at The Broadway in gift wrap. After graduation she found a job at Owens Illinois Glass Co and was trained as a comptometer operator. She met and married a fellow employee, Phil Peacock. Together they had two daughters, Carol and Nancy. She continued her career at Crown Zellerbach Paper Co until her retirement at age 55. After spending a few months helping care for her grand daughters, she found a second career as the office manager of Norwalk Village Mobile Home Park where she lived for 35 years. She continued to work there until nearly 82 years of age. Family was her greatest joy. She liked nothing better than to share a meal and visit, never tiring of stories of what her 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren were doing. She enjoyed occasional visits with her daughters to Las Vegas and other casinos to try her luck. Betty will be greatly missed by her daughters Nancy (Jeff) Webb and Carol (Dan) Livingston as well as her grandchildren and great grandchildren. A private memorial is planned to celebrate her life and all the good times shared.

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Cuba later was stationed at Camp Pendleton. He married Dorothy L. Olson on September 16, 1944. Dorothy passed away on December 20, 2008. He lived in Downey for 68 years. John was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church for 43 years. Prior to that he attended Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Gate and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Downey. At Messiah he served as an elder, president, teacher, choir member and other leadership positions. He was active in the Lutheran Layman's League for many years working on a variety of programs including the Lutheran Hour Float for the Rose Parade.

Early in his career he ran a 76 Union Oil gas station. Then he sold life insurance for Family Life and later Aid Association for Lutherans. John was a strong, hard working father of seven children: Robert Thompson, Eileen Tucker, Joan Martin, Richard Thompson, Becky Romano, John Thompson and David Thompson. He was grandfather to Steven, Brett, Tiffany, Christine, Scott, Sara, Jill, Amy, Jennifer, Paul, Rob, Matthew, Stephanie, and Rocket. He was great-grandfather to Lily, Anthony, Sean, Benjamin, and Jeremy.

John passed away on October 3, 2010. A private family interment will be held at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier on Friday, October 15, 2010, followed by a public memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the John Thompson Memorial Fund at Messiah Lutheran Church, 10711 Paramount Blvd., Downey, CA 90241.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015005954 Title Order No. : 100363591 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/15/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/28/2005 as Instrument No. 05 0698311 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: SOKHOM NGOV AND MALLY NGOV, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 10/27/2010 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10288 BELCHER ST., DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6280-006-020 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$422,027.15. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 10/07/2010 N.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3760502 10/07/2010, 10/14/2010, 10/21/2010

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-369233-VF Order # 100382561-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): GUSTAVO GARCIA, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 12/3/2007 as Instrument No. 20072644125 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 10/21/2010 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$394,703.05 The purported property address is: 11708 POTTER ST NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessors Parcel No. 8074-021-019 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Bank of America 475 Crosspoint Parkway Getzville NY 14068 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 9/27/2010 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3756623 10/07/2010, 10/14/2010, 10/21/2010

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015005954 Title Order No. : 100363591 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/12/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 02/20/2008 as Instrument No. 20080295565 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: CYNDI K LEDOUX, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 10/27/2010 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15439 STUDEBAKER RD NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8078-016-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$386,469.83. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 09/30/2010 NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3757196 10/07/2010, 10/14/2010, 10/21/2010

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-09-264908-CL Order # 105057 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/25/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or

federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RUPERTO MUNOZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 6/1/2007 as Instrument No. 20071326484 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 10/28/2010 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$500,046.15 The purported property address is: 13240 CARFAX AVE DOWNEY, CA 90242 Assessors Parcel No. 6280-005-002 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Aurora Loan Services LLC 10350 Park Meadows Dr. Littleton CO 80124. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does apply to this notice of sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 9/29/2010 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3756623 10/07/2010, 10/14/2010, 10/21/2010

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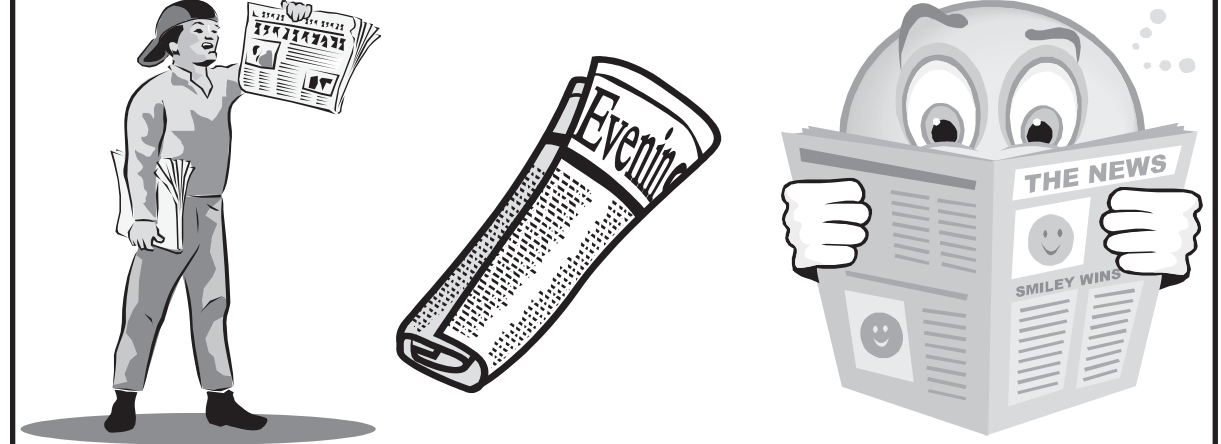
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This year, make holiday gifts personal

BY ARA CONTENT

Finding that perfect gift for someone can be exhausting, and sometimes seem impossible. On the other hand, you could skip the crowded malls and excruciating online searches, and go for something your recipient will recognize right away as something that comes straight from the heart. How? Make the gift yourself.

As Americans are starting to realize that holiday spending doesn't always equal holiday joy, more people are choosing handmade gifts as a way to show their appreciation for the recipient. Whether you are an expert knitter, a talented painter or even a novice crafter, handmade gifts show that you spent the time to make something special for someone.

Here are five tips to help you if you choose to go the handmade route this season:

* Consider your recipient's interests. If your aunt is a chef, consider knitting her a pair of oven mitts or hot pads. Or maybe you

would like to make a blanket for your nephew featuring the colors of his favorite sports team. If you thought making your own gifts added a personal touch, incorporating something your recipient likes will put your gift over the top.

* Know your talents. While the rest of the year is a great time to experiment with different artistic mediums, do what you know best at the holiday season, whether it be painting or sewing. However, even if you don't consider yourself an expert, you should still give making handmade gifts a shot, as it can also be good motivation to hone your skills.

* Keep your ambitions in line with reality. If you haven't done it before, it might not be the best time to try knitting 30 tea cozies for all the PTA members. Making modest gift goals will help make your experience enjoyable, as opposed to stressful.

* Consider comfort. Another way to make sure your crafting sessions remain enjoyable is to make sure you're comfortable when

doing it. Products like crafting gloves, elbow rests and wrist support wraps, which are all offered at craft stores by Creative Comfort, can help take the aches and pains out of crafting sessions.

* Safety first. Creative Comfort sewing and quilting tools can also help alleviate pain and reduce the risk of injury, but you should also be sure follow basic safety protocol. Keep sharp or harmful objects out of reach from children and follow instructions when operating or cleaning sewing machines or other crafting devices.

Another great thing about handcrafted items is that useful items like blankets or towels last a long time, which will remind your recipient of the gift for years to come. If you haven't given thought to making your own gifts, perhaps this should be the year you try.

Festival highlights Chinese film, culture

LONG BEACH – Cal State Long Beach will host the 2010 Chinese Film and Culture Festival Oct. 14-21, a weeklong series of events that will feature Chinese dignitaries, screenings of recent Chinese films, and a cultural heritage and craft exhibit.

The festival will also serve as the kickoff to the Chinese and American College Student Animation Competition.

The goal of the festival is to improve communication and understanding between China and the United States through cultural and artistic exchange. The event is open to the public.

The opening ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 14, will be held in the William Link Theatre (formerly the University Theatre) from 10-11 a.m. and will include remarks from CSULB President F. King Alexander, Chinese Vice Minister of Culture Wenzhang Wang, Chinese Consul General Yun Zhang, California Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado and CSULB Provost Donald Para.

Wang is scheduled to announce the beginning of the Chinese and American College Student Animation Competition, which is open to current animation and art design majors and will conclude with an awards ceremony in July 2011. He will also present the university with a gift of Chinese books

and films.

Ten films exploring how Chinese media producers envision their society for domestic and international audiences will screen in the Beach Auditorium-University Student Union, Room 115, during the festival. A panel discussion with film producers, directors and actors will follow each film, and there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

A special event screening of "New Kangding Love Song," will be part of the festival but won't be held until Tuesday, Oct. 26, beginning at 6 p.m. in the William Link Theatre. This screening, too, will feature a panel discussion with director Jiang Ping and China Film Group's vice president.

From Oct. 14-18, a cultural heritage and craft exhibit will be held in the University Student Union Ballroom. Artists demonstrating

traditional Chinese handicrafts, including fabric and paper cutting art, leaf vein painting, calligraphy and more. The exhibit will also include detailed models of Hakka Tulou (earth buildings) from the Yongding, Fujian Province, will be on display.

The festival is being presented in collaboration with CSULB's College of Continuing & Professional Education, the Ministry of the People's Republic of China; Beauty Media, Inc., a Chinese private media company; and ICN TV Network, a U.S.-based Asian television company.

For more information regarding the 2010 Chinese Film and Cultural Festival at CSULB, go to the website at www.ccpe.csulb.edu/ChineseFCF or call Heidi Zhang at 800/963-2250, ext. 54060.

Guerra holding town hall meeting

DOWNEY – Councilman Mario Guerra will hold a town hall meeting Oct. 20 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Guerra will discuss issues currently facing the city. There will also be a designated time for the public to ask questions and voice their opinions.

"I have always welcomed a discussion about the plans and goals for our city and I look forward to hearing what our residents have to say," said Guerra.

For more information on the meeting, call the City Council office at (562) 904-7274 or e-mail mguerra@downeyca.org.

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