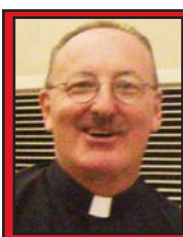


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Olympic boxer Shawn Estrada grew up in Downey and credits part of his success to the school district's 10-20 Club, which helped him steer clear of gangs. Photo courtesy Butch Leitz, www.butchleitzphotography.com

Police arrest suspect in bank robbery

DOWNEY – Police arrested Downey resident Juan Manuel Ascencio on Wednesday on suspicion of robbing a Wells Fargo bank in Downey.

Police say Ascencio, 42, walked into the Wells Fargo at 9332 Firestone Blvd. at about 5:40 p.m. Wednesday. He presented a note to the teller demanding money and lifted his shirt simulating a gun in his waistband, said Sgt. Jeff Calhoun with the Downey Police Department.

The teller, in fear of his life, gave Ascencio "a large amount of U.S. currency in separate envelopes," Calhoun said.

A Downey police officer saw Ascencio exit the bank and recognized him from an earlier attempted robbery of a hotel clerk at the Comfort Suites across the street, Calhoun said. As the officer approached him, Ascencio allegedly tossed the money into nearby bushes.

Ascencio was arrested without incident and the money was recovered, Calhoun said. He was charged with robbery and bail was set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to be arraigned today at Downey Superior Court.

Calhoun said the FBI will investigate whether or not Ascencio was involved in any other bank robberies. – *Eric Pierce, City Editor*

Theatre announces travelogue schedule

DOWNEY – The Downey Theatre has announced the schedule of its upcoming Armchair Adventure Travelogue Series.

The travel film series, now in its 30th year, features 10 full-color, feature-length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer.

All films are presented Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre.

Season subscriptions are \$55 for adults, and \$50 for seniors over 55 and students. Tickets for individual performances can be purchased on the day of performance only beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the theater box office. Individual tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students (cash or check only).

For more information on the programs, call the Downey Theatre box office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, between noon and 4 p.m.

Sept. 14	"Burma and Cambodia"
Sept. 28	"The Soul of India"
Nov. 2	"Alaska Adventure"
Nov. 16	"Rails Across Russia"
Jan. 11	"Four Corners USA"
Jan. 25	"Blazing Paddles"
Feb. 15	"Etched in Stone: Scotland to Provence"
March 15	"My Private Italy"
April 5	"Cruising the Nile"
April 19	"Sea to Sea in a Model T"

Charity basketball tournament at Warren

DOWNEY – Warren High School basketball coach Brent Willis and his staff will host the second annual "Dreams of Hope" Charity Basketball Tournament this weekend at Warren High School.

The event, organized by ELI (Empowering Lives through Interaction) is a fundraiser that generates funds for local cancer survivors and their families. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The division semifinals will be held at Warren while the finals will be hosted by the Staples Center.

The tournament, according to Willis, is part of his "new era" of Warren basketball, which involves increased volunteerism, giving back to the community, and getting the community involved at Warren High School.

Admission to the tournament is \$2, with proceeds benefiting the Cooper and Stewart families, who are dealing with loved ones battling cancer.

Weinfurter makes this look easy

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

Downey High School and Warren High School students must be used to the noise and dust swirling around them by now as construction goes on unabated at their campuses. Other inconveniences they faced when they trekked back from their summer hiatus this week included a continued shortage of parking sites, restrictions on certain portions of the campuses, and the periodic shut-offs of electricity and water to allow construction activities.

At DHS, an automated design lab is nearing completion and should be completed this month, while a classroom building should be ready for occupancy by December. At WHS, a technology lab as well as a graphic design building are expected to be ready by next month, while renovation of the school cafeteria is expected to be finished by the end of October. At the Downey Adult School, a culinary arts kitchen is expected to open by Thanksgiving. As well, WHS is getting a new classroom building in December.

Once these are done, work starts in January on the library and art

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A fighter Downey can be proud of



BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES – When former Downey resident Shawn Estrada entered the U.S. Olympic boxing ring in Beijing earlier this month, his father Juan was here – fighting for his life at St. Vincent Medical Center

"I fought for my father and it was an amazing honor to fight for my country," Shawn said.

Fighting has been at the core of the Estrada family – in and out of the ring. Juan was on the Mexican Olympic Team in 1968 and despite his grave condition, was determined to watch his son box as a middleweight member of the U.S. Olympic Team. Juan got his wish

and was able to watch Shawn's victorious first-round match when he defeated an Argentine.

But Juan's faltering heart and kidneys kept him from watching Shawn in his second-round match and on Aug. 17, the 64-year-old former garment cutter died.

"This is tough, but no one said it would be easy," Shawn said.

Shawn, 23, said he began boxing at age 12. The fourth eldest of 14 brothers and sisters, he grew up on the tough streets of East Los Angeles.

"My father didn't want me and my brothers to box when we were growing up – he wanted us to concentrate on getting an education," Shawn said. "But when he was training my uncle, my brothers and I would sneak in the back of the car and ride along to the gym. I saw the gym as a playground so my father changed his mind."

When Shawn entered high

school, the fight was on to keep him from gang life so his father sent him to live with his aunt in Downey. Attending Warren High School, Shawn credits the Downey Unified School District's 10-20 Club for turning him around.

"I learned a lot about how to respect myself and what hard work can accomplish," Shawn said. "I learned to never let go of hope and how to become a man."

The 10-20 Club was founded by Darryl Jackson, former baseball player for the Minnesota Twins and immediate past president of Gangs Out of Downey.

"Our objective is to provide support to teens that are at risk of dropping out of school," Jackson said. "We deal with severe anger issues, substance abuse, and staying away from gangs. Our goal is for the guys to become good citizens and good fathers."

Assistant Superintendent

Personnel Services Stan Hanstad remembers Shawn as a student.

"Shawn was one of those kids that needed help," Hanstad said. "His aunt came in here thanking us for helping Shawn because we have programs to help kids – we don't put them out on the street. Sometimes you never know what effect a teacher or mentor will have on their lives until later on in life."

Shawn is currently talking with promoters and negotiating contracts as he prepares to continue his boxing career.

"I didn't win the gold medal, but now I'm going to try to get the WBC (World Boxing Council) championship," he said.

"I am a first generation Mexican-American and I made it – I'm an Olympian and no one can take that away from me," Shawn said. "I am thankful to Downey and all who supported me."

Author sharing story of hope at the library

DOWNEY – Jonathan Mooney, author of "The Short Bus: a Journey Beyond Normal," will speak at the Downey City Library this Monday from 7 to 8 p.m.

As a child, Mooney was labeled "severely learning disabled" and dyslexic. He was assigned to special education classes because he couldn't follow directions, sit still or read well. Despite his fears that he was not a "regular kid," Mooney graduated with honors from Brown University.

Still, he almost lost hope, feeling that he was "less than normal." Mooney set out on his own cross-country journey in a bus to meet other learning disabled kids who found their own creative ways to overcome the obstacles that separated them from the so-called normal world.

"Come meet Jonathan Mooney and hear his inspiring and often humorous story," said Claudia Dailey, literacy coordinator for the Downey City Library.

The event is free and open to all ages. Copies of "The Short Bus" will be available for purchase and signing. For reservations, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.



Author Jonathan Mooney will speak this Monday at the Downey City Library. The free event starts at 7 p.m.



Buck Weinfurter

Buck: Colleagues have high praise for Weinfurter, DUSD administrator

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buildings at DHS. Five additional classroom buildings will also be built, next to Warren's front parking lot. Expected completion date for these projects will be next summer.

The man responsible for overseeing all this activity is Buck Weinfurter, the Downey Unified School District director of maintenance, operations and transportation services for the past 18 years. Born in Milwaukee, Wis., he says he attended six different California schools before graduating from Pius X. Seeking "an education but without money" (his parents struggled through the Depression), he gained admission to West Point, where everybody was "smart, athletic, ethical, and patriotic" and where "I lived one day at a time." He graduated in 1962.

He says he loved math and physics in high school and college ("Math is easy"), and at first harbored dreams of being a physicist. As things turned out, an engineering degree from West Point (embracing all the traditional engineering disciplines: mechanical, civil, electrical, structural, chemical) with artillery as a specialty wasn't such a bad deal.

He had also taken a special interest in electronics, which would be especially useful later when he taught electronic warfare at the Army's Artillery School in El Paso in 1967.

Sandwiching this teaching assignment was a tour in Vietnam as captain of the A-Team (with Special Forces credentials gained in Ft. Bragg earlier) and back-to-back stints as a tactical officer at both West Point and at the Air Force Academy. It was around this time that he would get a master's degree in psychological counseling at the Air Force Command and Staff School in Montgomery, Ala.

He would spend two years (1972-74) in Korea as a battalion executive officer of artillery, after which he would be attached to the Inspector General's Office in Washington, D.C. in '74-'75. Then it was on to Germany as a battalion commander of artillery, then to the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. as a student of international relations, then back to Washington, D.C. as a personnel officer at the Military Personnel Center. It was back to Germany as a brigade commander for the Patriot Missile Group, then it was on to Ft. Bragg yet again, this time as operations officer for the Special Operations Command.

He retired in 1989 with the rank of Colonel.

The many decorations and medals he picked up along the way include six Legions of Merit and a Bronze Star with "V" (for Valor). He had married his wife Judy before his very first official tour of duty at a Nike-Hercules missile site in 1963. The couple would have three daughters, who went to school "in different states or different countries." Oldest daughter Eglise works in Orange County. Middle daughter Laurelle is a traffic analyst in Virginia. Youngest daughter Cynthia Dykes has a master's degree and is a teacher here at DUSD.

Considering all his various assignments here and overseas, small wonder that he would gain proficiency in Swahili, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Thai ("I went to language school nine or 10 times"). To this day, he says he's fluent in Spanish and German.

With all this great background, he says matter-of-factly, and rightly so,

"I see my mission as putting a new face on the district. Every school is now more modern, functional, more efficient, better."

—Buck Weinfurter

that his DUSD job has been "a piece of cake." And, admittedly, it's been, up to now, "a lot of fun." After all, his department's functions are simply a part of 'logistics', which has always been a basic subject of the West Point curriculum.

The most relevant skills he says he brought to DUSD from the Army are in the areas of financial management, personnel management and engineering. In fact, when he finally retires, he says he's going to focus on helping seniors with financial management issues.

Buck's associates at the district are one in praising how hard he works.

"He works nights and even weekends," says Superintendent Wendy Doty. "He is one of our finest employees. He's extremely dedicated and on top of all areas of construction, maintenance, operations and transportation. He just simply works many, many hours making sure Downey schools are in the best shape possible. He's done so much for the school district."

Assistant superintendent Stan Hanstad says: "He's a hard worker. He's one of those workaholics. He wants to get the job done. And he does a super job." Ex-Navy officer Kevin Condon, who knows a thing or two about these things himself, as Buck's immediate 'boss', says: "He's been a tremendous asset and resource for the district. He has a fantastic work ethic. This, plus a lifetime of experience in the areas of maintenance and facilities, plus his general leadership qualities nurtured in the military, are just tremendous assets."

Buck says his parents tried to instill ethics, a healthy respect for money, and seeing the basic worth of people, values he in turn tried to pass on to his children.

"I enjoy this job for various reasons," he says. "One is, no two days are exactly the same. There is constant variety. There's always a goal on the horizon."

The department's needs are changing, he goes on to say. "And we have achieved efficiencies on several fronts. For example, we used to have 32 people in maintenance, now there are only 22. With better equipment, the job gets done faster, there's more efficiency, and you need less people to do the job."

"We have special needs, though. One of them is better training of personnel (staff and otherwise) because things are changing. You need to upgrade their knowledge and abilities so they can perform better."

On another level, he says: "I find that the coordination between the district and the city is very, very good. We make sure our functions blend. Thus we work closely with Fire, Police, Engineering and Planning — we conduct business on a 'first-name' basis."

"I see my mission as putting a new face on the district," Buck says. "Every school is now more modern, functional, more efficient, better."



Lorine Parks holds up \$800 check from Downey Rotary president Brian Saylor to benefit young Downey City Library readers for the year ahead. In lieu of getting plaques or similar tokens of appreciation, guest speakers at the club's regular Tuesday meetings are asked instead to sign a book which is then donated to the library in their name. The program, begun last year, has gained traction under Parks' chairmanship.

Water director scheduled to speak

DOWNEY — Ed Vasquez, director of the Central Basin Municipal Water District for District 1, will be the guest speaker at the Citizens for Downey meeting this Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event marks Vasquez's first speaking engagement in Downey. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. with an optional breakfast available beforehand for \$5. No reservations are required.

Rise 'N Shine moves to Stox

DOWNEY — Mia Vasquez of Saywell Florist and Emilio Rocha of Ultimate Records Organizing Systems will be the featured speakers at Tuesday's meeting of Rise 'N Shine Networking, which is now meeting at Stox Restaurant, 9518 Imperial Hwy.

The cost to attend to meeting, which starts at 7:30 a.m., is an order from the menu.

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

Gardening workshop at community center

DOWNEY — The Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center will host a free Advanced Gardening Workshop for Downey residents on Sept. 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The workshop will begin with a brief overview of "Backyard Composting, Worm Composting, Grass Recycling, Water-wise Gardening and Fire-wise Gardening," where residents will learn simple ways to support, rather than suppress, their garden's biodiversity and the health of their plants.

The workshop will also cover organic gardening with a discussion on ground-up gardening. This method shows why gardeners should focus on growing good soil as the path to growing good plants.

The workshop will conclude with a discussion on the concepts behind integrated pest management and how unrestricted use of chemicals can be counterproductive to developing and maintaining a healthy garden, damaging beneficial insects and ecosystems, and merely masking poor plant health. This portion of the workshop will explain how to create and sustain a beautiful garden — naturally.

Compost and worm bins will be available for purchase at the workshop (cash only). A compost bin will cost \$40, while a worm bin (including worms) is \$65.

For more information, call the city of Downey Public Works Recycling Office at (562) 904-7103 or Keep Downey Beautiful at (562) 904-7159.

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Women's Bible class starts up

DOWNEY – A women's Bible class led by teacher Frank Mathis will be offered at First Baptist Church of Downey beginning Sept. 16. Classes are every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Men are welcome to attend. For more information, call (562) 928-8203.

Calling all Miss Downey courts

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association is seeking former Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey and Mr. Downey courts for a reunion Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the float site. Anyone interested in attending should call association president Gary De Remer at (562) 260-8503 or e-mail info@downeyrose.org. Pictures of past court members are also being sought. They can be e-mailed or mailed to DRFA, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241 by Sept. 13.

Business expo at Stonewood Center

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will present their 2008 Business Expo on Oct. 16 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. inside the center court at Stonewood Center. Vendor booths are available for \$100 for Chamber members, or \$175 for non-members. Electricity is available for an additional \$25. To register, call (562) 923-2191.

Nutrition expert giving helpful tips

DOWNEY – Home economist and nutrition expert Winifred Morice will speak at Downey Adult School on Sept. 18 as part of the regular OASIS meeting. Morice is a nutrition graduate of Otago University in New Zealand. She is a frequent guest on radio and TV shows, writes for national newspapers and magazines, and recently completed a two-hour cooking show for PBS. She will present fun facts and pointers to help you eat with more awareness for better energy, health and sleep. The meeting starts at 3:45 p.m. An optional pork loin chop dinner will be available for \$3.50. For more information, call (562) 940-6200.

Rose Float Association gets new site

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association will celebrate the opening of their new location with a ribbon cutting and mixer Sept. 18 at 13030 Erickson Rd., south of Downey Superior Court. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 6:15. Door prizes will include two 2009 Rose Bowl tickets. Mambo Grill will cater the event. For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

'Patriot' publisher scheduled to speak

DOWNEY – Jennifer DeKay-Givens, publisher of *The Downey Patriot*, will be the guest speaker at Monday's OASIS (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meeting at the Downey Adult School. DeKay-Givens, a former Miss Downey princess, will speak on "The History of The Downey Patriot and Where it is Going." The program is hosted by Harriett Paine and begins at 3:45 p.m. An optional full-course dinner to be served after the program can be purchased for \$3.50 at 2:45 p.m. For more information, call (562) 940-6200.

OLPH marks 100 years next week

Downey's first Catholic church opened in 1909.

By MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY - Downey Catholics were living in an exciting era when 100 settlers sent a petition to the Bishop requesting mass be held here on a regular basis.

It was 1907 and California was changing. An Anglo-Hawaiian had just introduced surfing to Californians in Redondo Beach and the first motion picture was completely made in Los Angeles the following year.

On the local church front, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles purchased a lot from the Downey Land and Improvement Association and in 1909 - the same year Southern California Edison was founded - Downey's first Catholic Church named St. Anthony was built and blessed by Fr. McGrath.

The parish grew with the continued development of Southern California and by the late 1920s, an estimated 75 Catholic families in Downey called for a newer, larger church to be built.

In 1929, ground was broken to build Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church which exists today. The structure was described in *The Tidings* as "an outstanding church, the design of which was inspired by the famous Italian church of St. Francis of Assisi and has much of the same Italian Gothic feeling."

The 1940s saw the number of Downey Catholic families increase to 450, calling for a parochial school. Purchasing a site at 10445 Downey Ave., Our Lady of Perpetual Help School opened its doors in September 1948 with 124 students.

During the ensuing years the Hispanic population of the church



Centennial celebrations at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey will continue throughout the year and into 2009, but begin Sept. 13 with a 9:30 a.m. mass. From left: Rev. Mark Warnstedt and Rev. Vivian Ben Lima.

members increased, so wanting to serve this vastly expanding community within Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the church held its first mass in Spanish in August 1990.

Today, the small mission church that started out holding mass at Mannings Hall in the center of town, continues to progress with the times and needs of its 3,400 registered parishioners and the Downey community.

Sept. 14 will kick-off a year-long celebration of the church's 100-year anniversary in 2009 with a pageant-filled bilingual inaugural mass. The mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. and feature the OLPH English, Spanish, and teen choirs, as well as the Liturgical Dancers. A reception will immediately follow in front of the church plaza.

Centennial events during the remainder of 2008 include: 100 Volunteers to Keep Downey Beautiful, Sept. 20; 100 Volunteers for Children's Hospital of Orange County, Oct. 19; 100 Thanksgiving Baskets, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

Events during 2009 include: 100 Baskets for the Homeless Church, Jan. 4; 100 Acts of Kindness, Feb. 25-April 12; and 100 Hours for Habitat for Humanity, March 21 and July 18-19.

"We celebrate special occasions in our lives - like birthdays and wedding anniversaries - as a reminder of what we have been through," said Rev. Mark Warnstedt. "As a community, the 100 years reminds us God has been faithful in the past and powerful and effective in the future."

The theme of the centennial celebration is "Remember, Rejoice

and Renew". "We come from a culture of workaholics so we have to have balance for our families and with our spirits," Warnstedt said. "We picked this theme because it's important to remember we have been blessed in the past, to rejoice in the present, and to renew our spirits for the future."

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is located at 10727 Downey Ave. For more information about the centennial celebration, call (562) 862-7268.

Garden party fundraiser Sept. 14

DOWNEY – A lovely garden party to celebrate the opening of the Downey Symphony's 2008-09 concert season will take place Sept. 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. Walter Kelley.

The event includes delicious hors d'oeuvres, a table of tempting desserts, wine and champagne, entertainment by the USC Brass Quartet, a live auction, and the opportunity to meet Sharon Lavery, the orchestra's music director.

Reservations at \$75, in support of the Downey Symphony, are requested by this Monday. For reservations, contact Ruth Hillecke at (562) 861-7921. — *Submitted by the Downey Symphony*

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Downey in search of balanced offense

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey football head coach Will Capps is confident in his young team to improve from last year.

"We're a well disciplined team this year," he said. "There are very few returning players this year but we're going to give it 100 percent."

The Vikings are looking to rebound from a down year in 2007 where they finished 3-7 overall and 2-3 in league. Downey was very close to clinching a playoff spot but, in what proved to be the biggest game of the year in more ways than one, were unable to get past Warren, losing 27-7.

Capps expects this team to be different. Last year according to Capps, it seemed like there were too many pieces out of place. This year, he feels as if things are going to start to come together.

Offensive coordinator-turned-defensive coordinator Kevin Capps should help jump start a defense that was mediocre in 2007. On the flip side, last year's defensive coordinator turned offensive coordinator Jack Williams should help get the offense stabilized, according to Capps.

"We're trying to be a balanced offense," said Capps when asked about the possibility of going back to an aerial assault like last year.

While a new system is being implemented, the same coordinators were asked to stick around to help aide the changes.

Offensively, there will be a couple of returning players for the Vikings. Linemen George Gabriel and David Lujan are returning to help protect new starting quarterback Steven Cervantes.

Last year, Cervantes played quarterback for the junior varsity team and performed well enough to earn Capps' trust behind center. Cervantes will have some help though with one of the most key players on the team.

Jeremiah Higgins, injured at one of the most inopportune times last year during the first half of the Downey/Warren game, will be returning to the field for his senior year. Higgins, who unfortunately was not a factor in the decisive rival game, is 100 percent recovered from his broken ankle, according to Capps.

Capps expects him to lead the team to victories that narrowly escaped the grasps of last year's team. One thing Capps is very impressed with this year is the amount of talent he has on the offensive side of the ball.

"We have some really good skill guys this year," he said, no doubt including Higgins on that list.

But interestingly enough, Capps is convinced that it won't be the offense that carries this team this year, but the defense. While there are zero returning starters on defense, he's convinced that with the transfer players and a couple of offensive players playing both ways this year, the team will be a defensive unit to reckon with.

The questions from last year's ghosts still remain though. Downey will not be opening its season tonight, but will be playing in a three-way scrimmage with Jordan and Cal at Jordan High School.



The Downey Ball Hogs traveled to San Diego last week where they successfully defended their AAU Triple Threat Summer Slam title.

Ball Hogs defend San Diego title

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – In the past two tournaments, the Downey Ball Hogs traveling basketball team has started to flex its muscle going 7-0. The most recent Ball Hogs victory came this past weekend in San Diego when they won the AAU Triple Threat Summer Slam tournament.

This was not the first time they won the tournament, as they were actually the defending champions this year.

With a depleted team, the Ball Hogs went on to win every game by an average of 20 points, according to head coach Carl Johnson.

"Our performance was great," he said. "We pretty much killed every team and beat everyone by at least 20 points."

According to Johnson, there wasn't really much competition in the tournament until they hit the final team. Johnson described that team as a sneaky defensive team that his players had to stick with.

"We stayed out of foul trouble and played good defense which lead to our victories," Johnson said.

The Ball Hogs will be on a month break as school starts. The team looks to possibly host their own tournament very soon.

Razorbacks open season tomorrow

DOWNEY – Razorback football in Downey is set to kick off its 2008 season tomorrow at Downey High School.

The program will be hosting games at all levels of play and will be playing all day long.

The first game begins at 8 a.m. with every other game starting two hours later. The last game kicks off at 6 p.m.

A buffet of foods will be available all day for purchase and there will be chances to win prizes by buying raffle tickets.

Admission is free to all the games. If you have any questions or would like to advertise in the program, call Razorback president Louis Morales at (562) 928-6081. – *Scott Cobos, Staff Writer*

The Poet's Corner

Fire Flies

My eyes
Are mesmerized
I see Fire Flies
Synchronize
In song along side me
Mystifies me
Might I find and catch one?
Sneak a tiny peak inside my hand.
I am inclined to snatch the sun
And greet the Mighty Star of Man.
Water flows,
and Fire Flies
Flutter by
Entrancing all our eyes.
– **Jenerous,**
Downey

Back to School

Summer has already ended-
It's back to the daily grind
Of essays and papers, projects and staplers,
Moaning as you wait in line.

It's back to the mixed signals
Of elation, confusion, defeat.
Locked up all day in a classroom,
Long ways from the summer's glee and heat.

Back to the constant angst
Of the frequently tense class-
That answer, you fear:
Did I flunk or did I pass?

Back to pen, back to lead,
Summer has ended, my friend,
So get yourself off the bed
It's back to school again.
– **Shaina Marie C. Sta. Cruz,**
Downey

Grandmas are Special

Our grandma is someone special and true
one person you know who will always
come through.

When needed, she's even jumped on a plane
and with warm loving arms soothed away
all our pain.

Her love for us is strong and deep
Her saying is "babies don't keep"

She always takes time to lauge at our jokes
Listen to us and help out our folks.

Grandmas are special and ours is the best
We love you dear grandma and want you to know
We hope with this poem, you'll always know
We Love You!
– **Scott and Zach,**
Downey

Written in honor of Grandparents' Day this Sunday

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Top of my Head

By Eric Pierce

There was no formal press release marking the occasion, and certainly no pomp and circumstance, but residents should take note that Downey City Council meetings are now available for viewing online.

If you go to the city of Downey website (www.downeyca.org), you'll notice a link at the left side of the page, "City Council Video." Click it and your computer should do the rest.

Where the heck did the summer go?

It's already September, which means only three things to me: a new Lakers season is just around the corner, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and Christmas is just around the corner.

Halloween, in case you were wondering, isn't something I look forward to anymore. Somewhere along the way Snickers candy bars were replaced by sugar-free chocolates at my house, and it's just not the same.

The Downey Unified School District should be commended for not laying off a single full-time teacher, even in the midst of a multi-million dollar budget deficit.

My brother is a teacher in a neighboring school district and I know he's been sweating bullets at times.

Letters to the Editor:

Fan of the concerts

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the concerts at Furman Park. My friends and I have gone to every one of them this summer. All of the selections were wonderful. We do appreciate all of the work that is done by the volunteers.

It is so nice to sit out and eat your dinner and listen to the great music. The food was very good.

— **Rosemary Thies,**
South Gate

Big dips

Dear Editor:

I wish to thank the engineers who designed the street intersections with dips that are deep enough to collect standing water. Now we have a better chance of catching West Nile virus. How thoughtful of you.

What is the purpose of those dips to begin with?

— **Doris Hannon,**
Downey

Web of bad grammar

Dear Editor:

While all the Jon Wuebben suggestions in your piece on p. 13 are certainly good ("Winning Copy is Key Online," 8/29/08), I believe there should be several sub-topics under the first item ("The copy on your website should be conversational").

The most common problem I see on websites is the apparent ignorance of grammar, with seemingly random use of capitalization, apostrophes, commas, etc. Unfortunately, it appears as if many people who can speak and type believe those are the only abilities they need in order to write. In many cases, a simple grammar check and spellcheck would solve some of the problems, but the "writers" apparently don't see a need for that.

I have seen many, many websites whose otherwise professional appearance is negated by terrible writing.

— **Gary E. Myers,**
Downey

Common sense

Dear Editor:

Has anyone else noticed that there are six houses in different stages of completion on Gallatin Road between Brookshire Avenue and Tweedy Lane? What is apparent is that they are all abandoned. Many of them have been like this for many months.

Whoever the owners of these projects are, they have left unsightly and unsafe shells, some unfenced, waiting to be vandalized, or worse. Now what will the city do about these and those to follow?

I understand the city is eager for the taxes that these homes will bring at some point, but not if they will never be completed. Couldn't the city make the builder post a completion bond which would be returned when the structure is completed? It could speed up the construction.

Also, in their zeal to issue permits, they should take the time and visualize the completed structure. I would like to know who issued the permit for that abandoned hotel on the northeast corner of Downey Avenue and Gallatin Road. It is obvious that it is a 1930-style boarding house. Aren't hotels required to have garages or enough parking spaces?

So, a little zeal and a little more common sense. As Ben Franklin wrote, "sometimes common sense isn't so common."

— **Ed Romero,**
Downey

Letters to the Editor:

Bad parking

Dear Editor:

While attending the concert in the park on Aug. 27, I noticed Downey Mayor Pro Tem Mario Guerra's car illegally parked in a fire lane clearly marked "No Parking." Is this a perk for all council members or only for this elitist one?

Possibly there is a perfectly good reason to park illegally during a concert in the park, but if not, it's time to start following the rules like the rest of the citizens of Downey must.

— **Jim Richards,**
Downey

Debating 'Villa Lubec'

Dear Editor:

I appreciate very much the coverage that you gave to the Lubec mansion and the events surrounding this, for lack of better words, I'll use the word "mess." ("Mansion Gets OK from City," 8/29/08)

It is my thought that your article spoke very well to the recent events and described the several positions that were expressed in the City Council last Tuesday evening.

As best I can tell it is a series of errors and perhaps oversights and now when it comes time to cut up the baby there are no satisfactory answers. At the same time the true culprits go free and nearly unnoticed.

As background, some years back it became clear to residents as well as those in city government that there was a need to bring order to the building codes governing Downey's building. The City Council did not feel up to the task and they directed that an outside firm be hired to make needed recommendations. Some \$38,000 plus later a report was provided and somehow it seemed to die a quiet death in city hall as the large homes continued to multiply up and down our streets and our street parking became ever more troublesome.

In time there came the project on Lubec and the owner, the builder and the architect each followed exactly what the code required of them and the necessary permits were issued to commence building the structure.

At this point some citizens thought the whole project was an outrage and petitioned to have the permits revoked. City Council correctly said that the owner had followed what the city had asked for and therefore the building is to continue on. To have done otherwise could have brought legal issues enough for all time to the city.

Now so far not a peep out of those responsible for this fiasco. Isn't it time for the administration and the Council to make the needed changes?

It seems to me that there are rather few responsible parties and that this whole situation should be set right immediately. There is blame enough for all of those involved here.

I strongly believe that when our citizens get all of the facts things can change for the better rather quickly and Downey can return to being a very desirable place to reside.

Let's minimize the damage already done and get on with the future.

— **Richard B. Pridham,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

Having only seen the illustration of this home on your front page, I cannot agree that it is "gaudy." ("Out for Lunch," 8/29/08) Whether or not it is disproportionate, or out of place, I can't say; but, having watched large homes being built in North Downey for 50 years, I am reluctant to tell any property owner what he cannot do to upgrade his accommodations within the city's code.

You may vary well prefer to buy or build such a home at the beach; but it is not your place to tell someone else how to live their life as long as they are doing it lawfully, and not encroaching on another. And, since the owner is noted to be a resident of Perris, this is a move (for him, at least) towards the beach.

Also, to those in the neighborhood of Villa Lubec, I just ask: When your home was built, was it considered out-of-place, or incompatible with the neighborhood, by any of the "old-timers" that resided there at that point in time?

Things are constantly changing, and Man's ability to adapt to those changes is what has been the foundation of our success in an ever-changing, and sometimes quite cruel world.

And, just think, when this home is completed, every one of you with a comparable sized lot will see the value of your property increase in the eyes of someone who wishes to build such a home as Villa Lubec for themselves.

— **Drew Kelley,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

I was at the last City Council meeting where the Council denied an appeal to halt the construction of the so-called "Villa Lubec." Their reasoning was: the plans complied with the current code and the neighborhood is in transition. Both precepts are correct.

Two years ago, to placate an outraged citizenry, the City Council hired an outside agency to make recommendations about mansionization. They then put severe restrictions on them, limiting what their recommendations could be. They tricked the citizens into believing the problem of mansionization was solved long enough to enable their opportunist friends to build a plethora of these goofy mansions before the citizens became wise. Now, with the proliferation of goofy mansions, they justify by saying, "It's a neighborhood in transition." Transition to what?

The main beneficiaries of the goofy mansion proliferation, other than the largely illegal builders, is the bureaucracy who want the huge property tax increase to pay opulent wage and retirement benefits. Architectural legitimacy, coherence or density are not an issue with them, most of whom don't live in Downey.

The Planning Commission is now writing new building codes to again trick the community into believing the goofy mansion problem is solved. Don't be tricked again.

This whole issue could have been avoided and the same end achieved had the bureaucracy acted with a little more intelligence and a little less contempt for citizens. Or the City Council, as supreme arbiters, could have tried to meet the challenge to seek the welfare of the citizens as a whole rather than themselves as private individuals. They could have displayed less obsequence to the bureaucrats and their monied patrons and helped maintain the high standards that were prevalent when they were voted into office.

Instead, they used specious arguments and duplicity to confuse the issue and turn Downey into the next Huntington Park.

— **Russell Rankin,**
Downey

(Editor's note: *Russell Rankin is a candidate for City Council elections this November.*)



High cost of a burger

Dear Editor:

In regards to Johnie's Broiler, the restaurant failed! The food was bad and the service the same. The car dealer was right: it should have been torn down a long time ago. ("City Takes Control of Johnie's History," 8/15/08)

So the real question from me is who the heck is getting paid and why are tax dollars supplementing anything to do with a failed business? No one would come over and give anyone else a million dollars for failing. The owner has a lot of options. Just leave it alone.

Why the heck is the city even involved? If Bob's Big Boy wants to build, great. Do it. If Nissan wants to store cars on the back part of the lot, great. But why should the city of Downey kick out a million dollars?

I understand building commerce but what is this city's fixation with the past? Johnie's is gone, face it. I don't care much for what gets built, but why is the city so concerned that this corner should have a diner? There has not been food served there for a long time. It's been a film spot for a few movies, a used car lot, and a trash heap for the last year.

Oh, what the city would do for a burger.

— **Bill Stewart,**
Downey

(Editor's note: *The city of Downey will pay \$900,000 using state CDBG redevelopment funds to sublease "historical" portions of the Johnie's Broiler property.*)

DMOA's vision

Dear Editor:

In support of the Downey Museum of Art's (DMOA) 2008 raffle, Downey Ford, Bob Remy, and Stonewood Center staff coordinated the installation of the 2008 Ford Escape, one of the prizes in our early bird drawing, in front of Macy's.

Carmela Spencer, DMOA president, is pleased to announce that in response to the Downey community, the raffle drawing dates have been extended accordingly.

Carmela launched the DMOA raffle with the vision of restoring and renovating the current historic site of the DMOA and returning it to its roots as the heart of the Downey community.

Once the DMOA building is modernized and renovated, it will redefine its outreach to the Downey community as an educational learning center of art and culture. The focus is to create many unique artistic and educational programs, teaching seminars and classes that will engage and enrich its children and adults alike.

This vision of restoration will be done in corroboration with the city of Downey, by arriving at a mutual promise that in modernizing the historical DMOA landmark it will continue to grow as an important part of the Downey community.

Ideally, it would be interesting to explore the possibility of moving the art exhibition aspect of the DMOA to a new home so that it can become the art and cultural force that highlighted its historical past.

— **Anita McGarr**

Director of Business Affairs, Downey Museum of Art

Fraud by mail

Dear Editor:

I am sending this in hopes that you will print my experience.

I received an envelope delivered by FedEx. It contained a check for \$2,080. The check noted that it was issued by The International Associations of Lions Clubs in Chicago and was signed by Bode Thomas.

I researched and obtained the number to The International Associations of Lions Clubs in Chicago. Upon calling and being connected to their accounting department, I was informed that there was no Bode Thomas employed by them and that the check was fraudulent. They suggested I contact the local authorities.

I called our local police department and was told that an officer would come out to see me. I felt they have enough to deal with and said I would take it in. When I went in the young person at the desk said that unless I had cashed it there was no crime committed and that I should just shred the check. I left but felt that the public should be aware of this so I decided to write to you to help others beware.

I was suspect of the check as I could not think of any reason for the organization to send me a check and there was no title noted below the signature to show what position the person held with the organization. While I am a retired person and could use such a windfall I am glad I took the steps I did to save myself from what could have resulted in a nightmare.

By the way, the invoice had a number which I called and found it belonged to a person in Georgia that had also received a check for the same amount. I called her back and informed her of my findings. She was very grateful for the information. Her husband had already told her not to cash the check until he saw it.

— **San Juana Callahan,**
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

- Mon. Sept. 8: **Jennifer DeKay-Givens at OASIS**, Downey Adult School, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon. Sept. 8: **Author Jonathan Mooney discussion**, Downey City Library, 7 p.m.
- Wed. Sept. 10: **Citizens for Downey**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 7 a.m.
- Wed. Sept. 10: **Downey Sister Cities open house**, Maude Price Elementary, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 11: **Book Lovers Club meeting**, Downey City Library, noon

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner**, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
- 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
- 12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Compañeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
- 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.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
- 1st & 3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **After-Care Post Cancer Therapy Group**, for information call 923-4800.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
- 2nd Weds., 11:45 a.m. - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC, Call 927-8488.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:00 a.m. - **AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley CC, Call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
- 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
- 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.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

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

Sundays

- 3rd Sun. Odd # Months 1:30 p.m.: **Aerospace Legacy Foundation**, at First Baptist Church Room 120.

On This Day...

Sept. 5, 1698: Russia's Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards, his way of imposing Western customs and doing away with long-held Russian traditions.

1972: Eleven Israeli athletes and coaches, and a police officer, are killed by Palestinian terrorists at the Summer Olympics in Munich. Five terrorists are also killed.

1973: "Charmed" actress Rose McGowan is born. Also born Sept. 5: Bob Newhart (79), Bill Mazerowski (72), Raquel Welch (68) and Buddy Miles (62).

1975: President Gerald R. Ford escapes an assassination attempt in Sacramento.

1997: Mother Theresa dies in Calcutta, India. She was 87.

2005: President George W. Bush nominates John Roberts for chief justice.

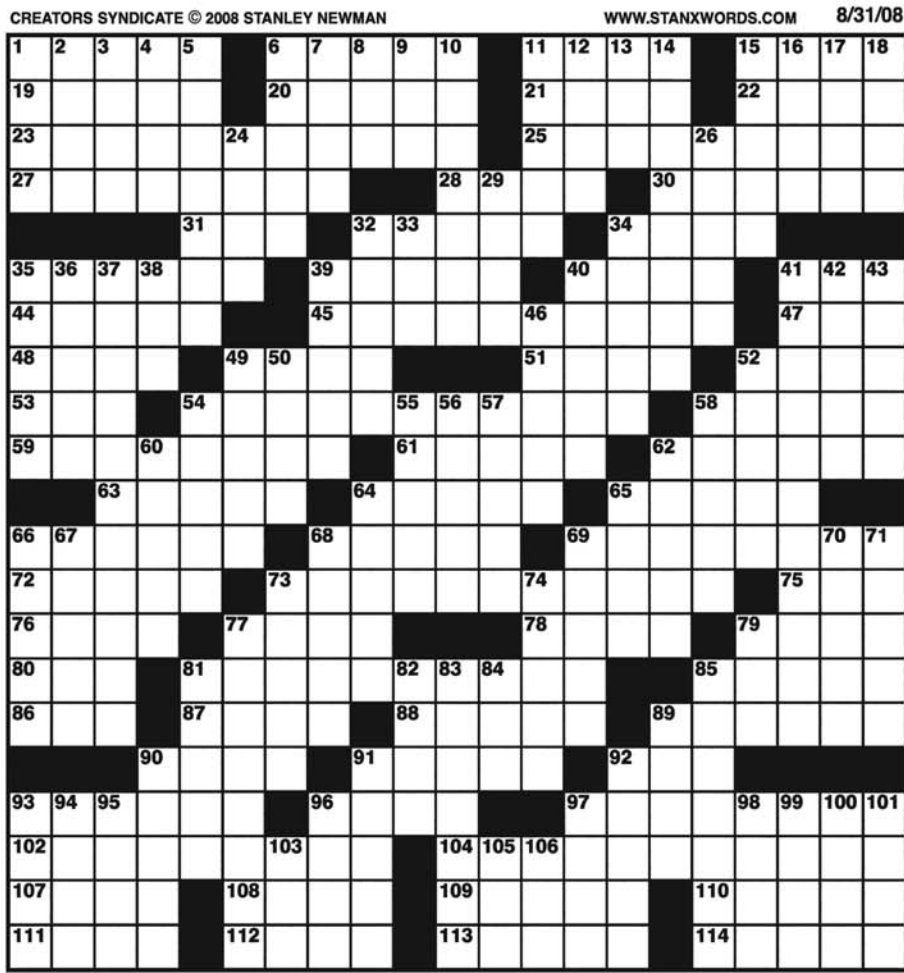
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- 81 *Paper Moon* Oscar winner
- 85 Got stage fright
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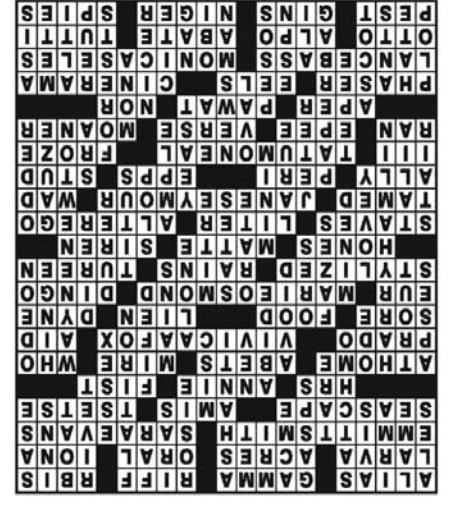
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The reference at 27 Across is to painter Winslow Homer, best known for his SEASCAPES can-vases. Louis ARMSTRONG (S Down) was a shortened form of "Satchel Mouth." A MINIM (64 Down) is equivalent to 1/480 of a fluid ounce, about one drop of a liquid.





Local Downey dentist Dr. John McAllister won the coveted Cuba Cup of Pacific Sailing recently. The Cup is a sailing race conducted every summer by Pacific Sailing of Long Beach. Pictured left to right: Felix Cramer, McAllister, Annie Herring and David Nunez.

Toastmasters win humor contests

DOWNEY – Downey resident Fionnuala Anderson took first place in Toastmaster International Club 587's annual Humorous Contest. Joe Ramirez won second place. The contest was held Aug. 26 at First Baptist Church of Downey. Winning first place in the Evaluation Contest was John McAllister. Christina Alosi won second place. All winners will now compete in the Area Contest that will be held Sept. 13 at the Santa Fe Springs City Hall Council Chambers at 8:30 a.m.

Chinese painting technique demonstrated

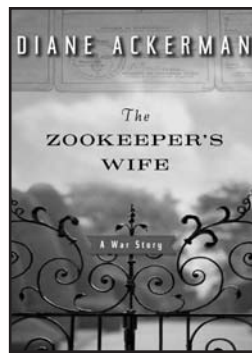
BELLFLOWER – Artist Ryo Terasaki will demonstrate a Chinese brush painting at the Bellflower Art Association's meeting this Tuesday at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd., in Bellflower. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. For more information, call Char Gradowski at (562) 866-3637.

Leg, foot screenings offered for free

DOWNEY – Free 10-minute screenings for PAD (peripheral arterial disease) will be offered Sept. 17 at the Vascular Access Center, 11411 Brookshire Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register for a screening, call (562) 862-4027.

Book offers rare look at Holocaust

DOWNEY – Local book lovers are invited to join a discussion of Diane Ackerman's "The Zookeeper's Wife: a War Story" at the Downey City Library on Sept. 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room.



The free program for adults offers a discussion of a different book each month.

Set in World War II Poland, this month's selection tells the story of Antonina and Jan Zabinski, keepers of the Warsaw zoo who sheltered Jews during the Holocaust.

"The book includes perspectives on animal and human behavior as well as rare insights on the Holocaust drawn from Antonina's diaries," said Jan Palen, senior librarian. "Even if you haven't completed the book, I encourage you to attend. Ours is a lively, thoughtful group and we hope everyone will come and share their ideas."

Light refreshments will be served. For reservations, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

Library calendars now available

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library are now selling 2009 Page-a-Day Book Lovers Calendars which feature 365 days of good authors, books and reading.

Calendars are available at the Friends Book Store inside the Downey City Library.

Library in need of literacy tutors

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library needs volunteers to teach an adult to read through its Adult Literacy program.

Training sessions for tutors will be given Sept. 15, 22 and 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library's Cormack Room. Tutors may also attend ongoing literacy support meetings.

"By volunteering two or more hours per week, you can give an adult the skills they need to become a successful worker, parent or citizen," said Claudia Dailey, literacy coordinator for the library. "Both tutors and students find this program rewarding: it changes lives."

To register, call the Literacy and Training Office at (562) 904-7360, ext. 123 or e-mail cdailey@downeyca.org.

New Titles at the Downey City Library

Fiction

- "Chasing Harry Winston" by Laura Weisberger. Three best friends in Manhattan make a pact to change their lives in one year.
- "Death with Interruptions" by Jose Saramago. On the first day of the New Year, no one dies -- which causes consternation among politicians, religious leaders, morticians and doctors. But among the general public, there is great celebration at the chance to achieve eternal life. A philosophical page-turner from the Nobel Prize-winning author.
- "How Far is the Ocean from Here?" by Amy Shearn. In the days just before her delivery date, a young unmarried surrogate mother panics and flees her Chicago home.
- "The Right Mistake: the Further Philosophical Investigations of Socrates Forlow" by Walter Mosley. After serving 27 years in prison, 60-year-old Socrates Forlow calls together a group of people from all races to discuss the unanswerable questions of life.
- "Just Too Good to be True" by E. Lynn Harris. College football star and Heisman Trophy candidate Brady Bledsoe has a seemingly perfect life. Only his mother knows why it's just too good to be true.

Non-Fiction

- "Always By My Side: a Father's Grace and a Sports Journey Like No Other" by Jim Nantz. The broadcaster relives some of the most dramatic moments in American sports while paying tribute to his beloved father.
- "Before You Do: Making Great Decisions That You Won't Regret" by T.D. Jakes. Pastor Jakes presents 25 things that both single and married people need to know to make great decisions in any relationship.
- "The Executor's Guide: Settling a Loved One's Estate or Trust" by Mary Randolph. In this new guide from Nolo Press, family members will learn how to handle details of an estate during a confusing and difficult time.
- "Next Day Job Interview: Prepare Tonight and Get the Job Tomorrow" by Michael Farr. A teacher and job search expert gives practical advice for turning an opportunity into a job offer.
- "Sephora: The Ultimate Guide to Makeup, Skin, and Hair from the Beauty Authority" by Melissa Schweiger. The latest beauty secrets and a peek backstage in the fashion world are revealed in this book from one of the biggest names in retail cosmetics.

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Gary De Remer, president of the Downey Rose Float Association, throws his support behind the Downey Museum of Art by purchasing a fundraiser raffle ticket. De Remer is shown with Anita McGarr, director of business affairs for the museum, at Stonewood Center, which is housing the grand prize of a 2008 Ford Escape. The deadline to purchase raffle tickets has been extended to Sept. 13.

Waste roundup in Downey tomorrow

DOWNEY – Residents will have an opportunity to safely discard household hazardous waste at an e-waste roundup in Downey tomorrow. Hazardous household waste includes antifreeze, unused pharmaceuticals, car batteries, used motor oil, paint, pesticides, TVs and monitors, computers, VCRs, stereos, cell phones, and more. The County of Los Angeles is sponsoring the roundup, which will be held at the Los Angeles County Office of Education, 9300 Imperial Hwy., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (888) CLEAN-LA.

Chinese language class forming

DOWNEY – The Fa-Kwang Temple in Downey is offering free Chinese language classes beginning Sept. 13. Students will learn to speak, read and write Chinese. Classes will be held Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the temple, located at 12110 Pomeroy Rd. The course runs from Sept. 13 to June 13. To register, call (562) 927-3945.

Lip-reading classes for seniors

LAKESWOOD – Lip-reading classes are now being offered at the Weingart Senior Center in Lakeswood. Beginner classes meet Monday at 10 a.m., while an intermediate class meets Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The Weingart Senior Center is located at 5220 Oliva Ave.

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Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) thanked Downey resident Maria Larkin, left, for welcoming her and nearly two dozen of her friends and neighbors to an informal gathering at her home. The casual meeting provided Roybal-Allard an opportunity to meet residents and update them on federal legislation pending before Congress. The congresswoman also discussed how she is able to secure federal funding for important Downey initiatives.

Local student eyes doctoral program

LONG BEACH – Carlos Salas, of Downey, is among seven students at Cal State Long Beach who have been selected as Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars for the 2008-09 academic year. The honor includes a monetary reward that each scholar will use for specific activities that will help them become strong candidates for doctoral programs. Designed to increase the number of potential college faculty, the California Pre-Doctoral program supports the doctoral aspirations of Cal State students who have experienced "economic and educational disadvantages." Students chosen for the award are designated Sally Casanova Scholars as a tribute to Casanova, a Cal State administrator who died in 1994. "We are very proud of these scholars and their achievements. They deserve to be part of this unique opportunity and receive the guidance and financial help that many students need in preparing for and applying to doctoral programs," said Cecile Lindsay, vice provost for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies. "Our hope is that when they complete their degrees that they return to 'The Beach' to teach or another California State University program."

Genealogical group meets Sept. 21

LONG BEACH – The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach will have its next meeting Sept. 21 at 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1900 E. Carson St. The topic will be "One-name Studies" as presented by Hal Horrocks. Prior to the presentation, David Werts will discuss "Publishing Your Family Genealogy Hardcopy" and Regent Carol Bachand will talk about the Daughters of the American Revolution. For more information on the meeting, call Liz Myers at (562) 598-3027.

Embroidery group meets Sept. 26

LONG BEACH – The Long Beach chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet Sept. 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St., in Long Beach. Vicki Young will present "Hearts and Flowers," an original design from Point to Point American Needlepoint Guild. Proceeds from any sales will go to breast cancer research. The chapter meets the fourth Friday of every month. Guests are welcome and requested to pay \$2. For more information, call Joyce Lifshin at (562) 598-2509.

Hospice volunteers can make a difference

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Companion Hospice Care is now recruiting volunteers for their upcoming training program to be held on Saturdays from Oct. 25 to Nov. 15 in Santa Fe Springs. Volunteers become friends with people during the last stages of their lives. They may also fill in for tired caregivers for short periods of time or help with errands and shopping. Volunteers receive 16 hours of training before going to work. For more information, call Deanna Miles at (562) 944-2711.

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The Downey Police Officers' Association has donated \$500 to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Downey. The Police Department and Downey Police Explorers provided day care at the relay event held in June, which raised over \$100,000 for cancer research. Pictured above is Mike Pope, president of the Downey Police Officers' Association, and Roger Brossmer, co-chairperson of the Downey Relay for Life.

Of the seven scholars, four will receive a \$3,000 reward: Salas, a junior studying psychology; H M. Dang, a senior studying mathematics; Katsumi Minakata, a master's student studying psychology; and Yadira Tover, a senior studying political science and Chicano Latino studies. As part of the application process, the students have already worked closely with a faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan that they will follow starting this fall to increase their acceptance chances into a doctoral program. The plan is tailored to the applicant's specific goals and educational objectives. Activities the scholars will do in the program, which are specified in the plan and undertaken during the award year, include the preparation of graduate school applications and visits, and attendance at professional conferences. Other activities include summer research internship programs at doctoral-granting institutions, travel to national symposia or professional meetings in their chosen field, as well as membership in professional organizations. The program places a special emphasis on increasing the number of Cal State students who enter doctoral program at University of California campuses.

Residents may qualify for free toilets

DOWNEY – Downey residents with an old toilet in their home may qualify for a free high-efficiency toilet through a program by the Central Basin Municipal Water District. The giveaway will take place in Downey on Sept. 13. For details and eligibility restrictions, call (877) 732-2830.

Warren planning 40-year reunion

DOWNEY – Warren High School class of 1968 will host a reunion Sept. 13 at Doheny State Beach from 9 a.m. to midnight. For information, call Michael Murray at (562) 862-7197 or Tom Mumford at (760) 789-7873.

Woman's Club going to Pechanga

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey is sponsoring a bus trip to the Pechanga Resort & Casino on Sept. 8. Funds raised by the trip will go to the club's scholarship fund. The bus will leave the Woman's Club at 8 a.m. and return between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 for Woman's Club members, \$11 for non-members, and includes a \$5 voucher for casino play. Bingo is played on the bus and guests must be at least 21 years old. For reservations, call Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

Temple to celebrate High Holy Days

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform congregation, will celebrate the High Holy Day Season with a series of services conducted by Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill. The High Holy Day Services schedule is as follows:

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 29	7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Sept. 30	10 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Oct. 1	10 a.m.
Kol Nidre	Oct. 8	7:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	Oct. 9	10 a.m.

All services will take place in the Temple's sanctuary at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. Services will include a professional choir led by Edward Bruner, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ playing traditional liturgical music. Anybody interested in obtaining High Holy Day tickets and/or Temple membership, should call (562) 861-9276.

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What's your water preference?

By MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

My Grandma Margaret used to say, "It's hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk."

August in Downey reminded me of this saying as I sought out air conditioning and glasses of water. There are days when it seems I can't drink enough water and I don't care whether it comes from the tap or is bottled, filtered, or from the end of a water hose.

My aunt is afraid of our tap water and lines the floor of her kitchen with jugs of water. I bought her a special filter for her sink to save her money, but she is still skeptical of the filter and continues to buy her jugs of water.

A couple of weeks ago I visited the office of Mayor Pro Tem Mario Guerra and he asked me if I wanted something to drink. I said a bottle of water would be great.

"How about Downey tap water?" he asked and chuckling, he handed me a bottle of Dasani.

I didn't know Dasani was made from Downey tap water and bottled right here in town at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. I have no problem drinking our tap water since it is well water that doesn't contain antibiotics, steroids or other things people don't want to digest. I am not a picky water drinker because I have yet to notice a difference in my health whether I am drinking our tap water or purified water or that which has risen above soil and clay, otherwise known as spring water.

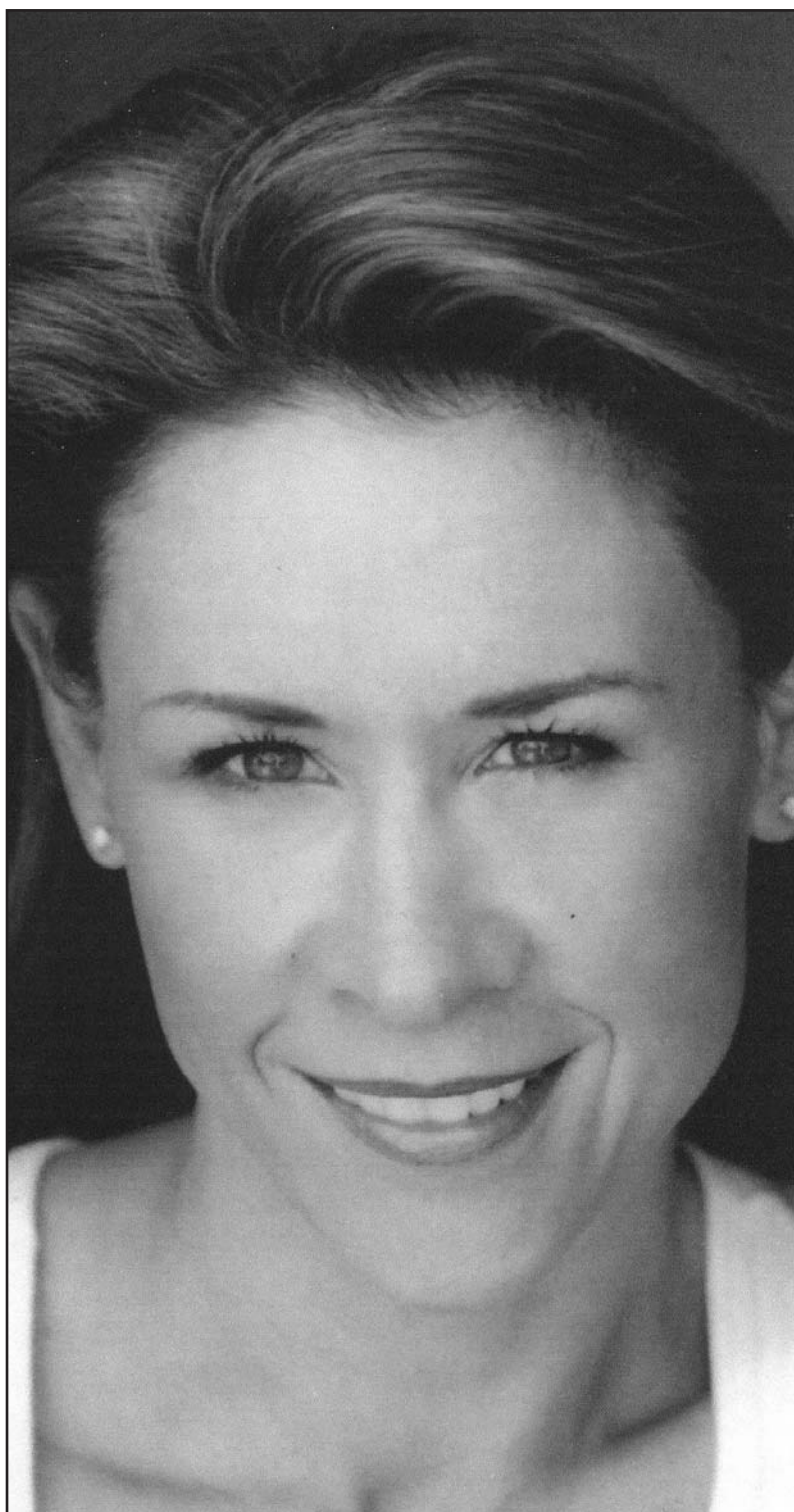
I think I like the idea of drinking Downey tap water that has been bottled. It is filtered more and tastes good, but if you are a mother mixing in Kool-Aid, what difference does the taste of the water make? It is going to be overpowered by the sweetness of sugar and tart fruit flavors anyways. My mother has always kept tap water in a container in the refrigerator because she said it tastes better. She may not know why refrigerated water tastes better, but she is right according to the "Top 6 Myths About Bottled Water" by Anndee Hochman. "The 'off' taste of tap water is the chlorine; if you refrigerate it in a container with a loose-fitting lid, the chlorine taste will be gone overnight," Hochman said.

No matter your personal choice in drinking water, the odds are that it has been tested by the Environmental Protection Agency which oversees our municipal water supply or the Federal Drug Administration which keeps an eye on the bottled water.

The concept of toting around water in a bottle is convenient - especially when I am driving around town in the heat of the day. I have a couple of water containers I could use, but I either forget them at home or in my car. Instead, I run into a store and grab whatever bottled water is on sale so I have a coolant on hand when running around.

The drinking water choices today are astounding and it is confusing understanding the pros and cons of bottled, filtered or straight-from-the-tap water. All that concerns me is that I quench my thirst, stay hydrated, and that the water I am drinking is clean and tastes good.

I guess I am making the right choices because I don't remember my Grandma Margaret ever saying that when it is hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, we need to drink water imported from the island of Fiji.



Carolanne Marano will portray Nellie Forbush in the Downey Civic Light Opera production of "South Pacific" opening Oct. 2 at the Downey Theatre. Marano starred as Gypsy, was Nimue in "Camelot" and Nickie "Sweet Charity" and also choreographed "The Music Man." She performed recently with Reba McEntire at the Hollywood Bowl and was in the McCoy Rigby production of "Evita" which toured in Taiwan. For tickets and information for "South Pacific," call (562) 923-1714.

Wiseguys tapped for oldies concert

DOWNEY - The Wiseguys Big Band will headline this year's "Oldies but Goodies" benefit concert at the Downey Theatre.

The concert, now in its fifth year, is a fundraiser for the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Part of the proceeds are also donated to Easter Seals.

The Wiseguys play the sounds of Bobby Darin, Peggy Lee and Frank Sinatra, along with big band favorites from Glenn Miller, Buddy Rich and Perez Prado.

Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$1,000. A bronze sponsor (\$250) receives two free concert tickets and a quarter-page ad in the concert program; a silver sponsor (\$500) receives four tickets and a half-page ad; and a gold sponsor (\$1,000) receives six tickets, a full-page ad, and a 6-ft. table in the theater lobby to promote your business.

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

Carnival Day for pediatric patients

DOWNEY - Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center will host their annual Carnival Day on Sept. 6 in the north patio area from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The carnival, which features games, booths, food and prizes, is for Rancho pediatric patients and their families.

For more information, call Pediatric Recreation Therapy at (562) 401-6745.

Cheerleading clinic at Downey High

DOWNEY - Downey High School cheerleaders will offer their annual cheerleading clinic on Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to noon inside the school gymnasium.

Girls between the ages of 5-13 will learn game-action cheers, and perform during halftime of the Vikings' home varsity football game on Sept. 26.

Cost of the clinic is \$25, which includes a T-shirt and two admission tickets for the Sept. 26 game.

For information and registration, call Kim Buss at (562) 822-4265.

Quake conducting open tryouts

DOWNEY - The California Quake women's tackle football team will conduct open tryouts in Downey beginning in November.

Tentative dates are Nov. 15, Dec. 20, and Jan. 17, 2009.

For more information, visit www.californiaquakefootball.com.

SBA official to speak locally

DOWNEY - Patrick Rodriguez of the Small Business Administration will address Rise 'N Shine Networking on Sept. 23 at Stox Restaurant.

Rodriguez's topic will be "Access to Capital."

The meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. and the cost is an order from the menu. To RSVP, call (562) 923-2191.

Bingo luncheon set Sept. 14

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DOWNEY - The Downey Bocce Club invites the community to join their group throughout the week at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

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For more information, call Pat Rooney at (562) 923-5352.

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DOWNEY - The Ezra Center for Mature Adults will meet Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. The program will be "Jewish, Christian and Muslim Holidays and Observances - and What We Know About Them."

A catered kosher lunch will be served after the program. Cost is \$6 for Ezra members or \$7 for non-members.

For more information, call Miriam Brookfield at (562) 943-3170.

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DOWNEY - Debbie Moore of AAA Travel will present the special feature at the Sept. 10 meeting of Downey Christian Women's Club at Los Amigos Country Club.

Jeanie Wheaton will be the guest speaker and will speak on "How To Lead a Re-Designed Life." The Ukulele Ladies will provide music.

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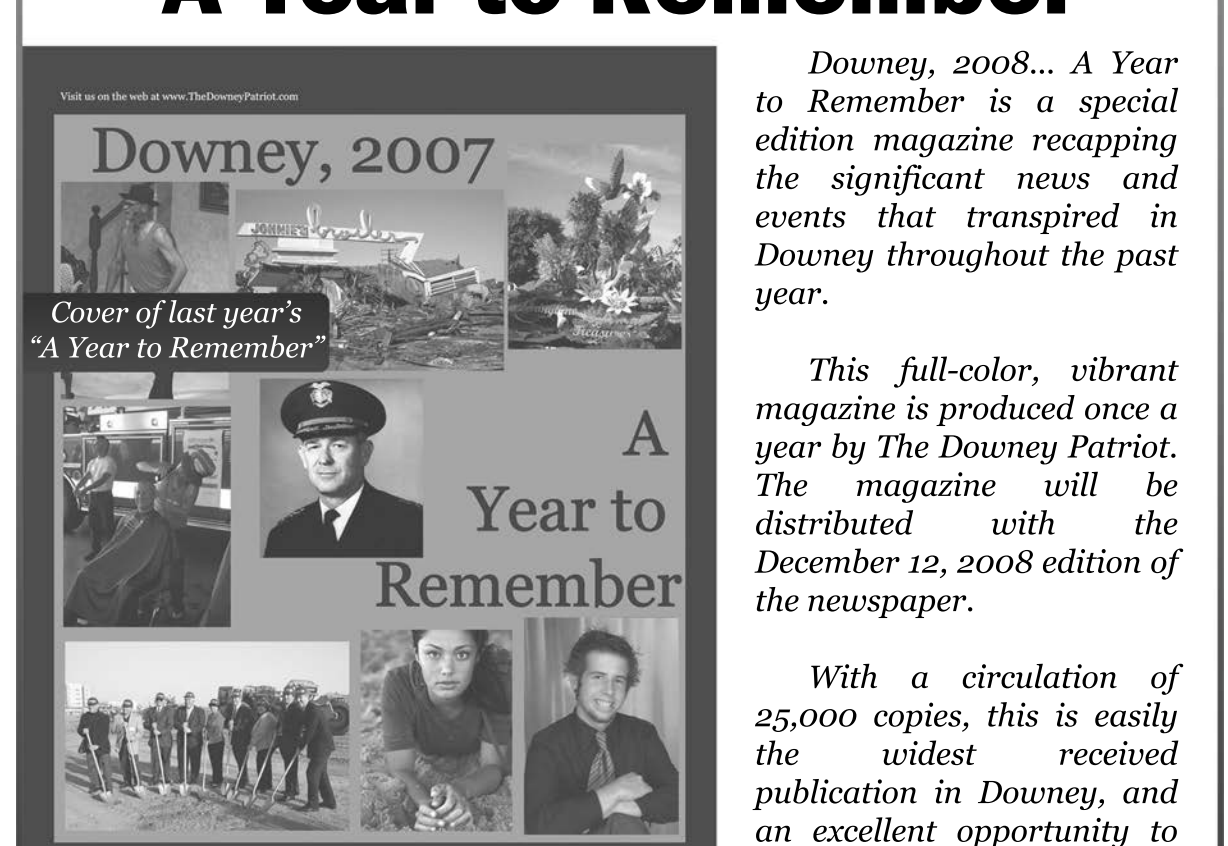
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Downey in Action: 10-20 Club

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

If there were only more clubs like this, the world would definitely be a happier place. Incorporated in 1995, the 10-20 Club has been helping at-risk youth in the city of Downey go far beyond the expectations of the public.

The main goal of the 10-20 Club is to help troubled kids graduate from high school and get them into colleges whether it be a trade school or a community college.

Immediate past president and founder of the organization Darryl Jackson has made it clear that the mission of the club will continue to thrive as long as kids that need help exist.

Kids that come through the club normally range from the ages of 10 to 20 years old, hence the name of the club. These kids can come from anywhere in the greater Los Angeles area but are more than likely to come from the Downey area.

Years ago, the 10-20 Club, an entity created from the success of Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD), was exclusively a service that was available to those in the Downey community.

Kids would be referred or required to attend educational or support groups because of their behavior or actions. 10-20 Club Inc. would be a place for those kids to go, as they rendered services such as anger management classes, drug and alcohol diversion sessions, and family support groups.

The club would also help those who needed to perform community service hours in order to appease any court requirements.

As time went on, the focus of those at-risk youngsters grew from just those in the Downey area to include others within Los Angeles County.

Originally, those who were sent in the direction of the group were primarily referred by the Downey Unified School District's attendance board, psychologists and counselors, but then became those who were also referred by Los Angeles county courts and other agencies.

Referrals to the club included juveniles that were cited for underage drinking and possession of alcohol and/or drugs, who were involved in school fights, gang activities and so on.

The 10-20 Club was developed as almost a half-way house to help keep kids off the streets, out of trouble and put on the right path. In fact, unlike traditional counseling groups, the club makes sure to differentiate what they actually do, which is provide support groups, to what some people may think they are, which is a counseling service.

Counseling groups require a licensed counselor to be in attendance who will provide more of a therapeutic approach toward problems.

Jackson compares the support groups they offer to other organizations such as Alcoholics Anonymous, cancer survivor support groups and bereavement groups. The idea is that those who attend the meetings will get a sense that they are not alone with the problems they have and that it will help them understand and eliminate the issues that are causing them hardships.

When the organization first started out, they were meeting only one time a week. But now that the group has had time to expand to bigger

areas, the 10-20 Club helps those who need services several times a week.

At their 3rd Street location in Downey, which is open Tuesday through Saturday every week, two employees are always waiting to help those seeking it. Program director Ernest Caldwell and secretary Melissa Molina staff the building making sure help is available.

"They are both committed and dedicated to helping youth build on their past experiences," Jackson said.

Caldwell is a court approved anger management counselor who takes pride in helping youth that need it.

Molina is a previous member of the 10-20 Club who has successfully gone on to college and continues to be a proven product of the organization.

Jobs at the organization are normally given to those who previously were enrolled in any of the programs offered.

According to Jackson, at one time there were as many as seven employees, all products of the club working at the office.

Due to the organizations income though, they are back down to two. But Jackson is eager to hire more in the future to continue to help those who want to succeed.

The 10-20 Club is a fee-based organization for services they render even though under certain circumstances those fees can be waived. Currently, for anger management groups the price is \$60, and for drug and alcohol help the fee is \$110. There is also a fee for those who need help completing community service hours.

Kids enrolled in any of the courses the club provides are eligible for college scholarships worth up to \$800.

"Our ability to reach and provide the kids with love and support they might not get at home is our biggest tool," Jackson said. "Most importantly we want to provide hope for those who cross our paths."

Support groups and community services aside, the group has helped those kids with miscellaneous things, like school dance tuxedos for boys, tickets to dances, and phone calls to parole officers.

The 10-20 Club is one of those scarce clubs that truly want kids labeled as "at-risk" to become respectable and successful persons.

For more information on the 10-20 Club, call (562) 622-1020 or visit their offices at 8221 3rd St. in Downey.

Fabio visiting Downey hair salon

DOWNEY – Celebrity fashion model Fabio will headline a charity fundraiser Sept. 28 at Urban Roots Salon, 8312 Firestone Blvd., where organizers hope to raise \$10,000 for The Myositis Association (TMA).

The event will include an indoor "cut-a-thon" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., when 50 percent of all haircuts and 10 percent of all product sales will be donated to TMA.

Fabio will conduct a meet-and-greet at 1 p.m. One person will also be selected to win a dinner date with the Italian fashion model.

For more information on the event, or sponsorship opportunities, call (562) 904-8004.

Fall boutique at Methodist Church

DOWNEY – Downey United Methodist Church will host their annual fall boutique Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The boutique will include a granny's attic and baked goods. All boutique items will be homemade by the church's women and Busy Bees.

Residents are invited to the church's café for lunch and dessert following the sale.

AARP helping eligible seniors

DOWNEY – AARP volunteers are providing free homeowners and renters assistance at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center to eligible seniors.

To be eligible, seniors must be at least 62 years old and be blind or disabled, and must have owned and occupied a home on Dec. 31 of last year, or paid at least \$50 rent each month. The total household income must also be less than \$44,096.

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Church car show planned in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Los Altos United Methodist Church in Long Beach will host its second annual Vintage Car Show on Oct. 5.

Viewing time begins at 9:30 a.m. following worship service and continues to 3 p.m. in the church parking lot at Woodruff Avenue and Willow Street. Admission is free.


"Church members with antique cars expressed an interest in displaying their cars and trading their car stories with others," said Dr. Jerry L. Larsen, senior minister at the church. "This vintage car show is the result, and we hope the public enjoys it as well as our church members."

Vintage car owners can their cars, motorcycles, and bicycles for \$20 before Sept. 2. The fee jumps to \$25 after that date.

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