

The Downey Patriot



Downey girl cast in 'Grease'
See Page 8



Gallatin students a bit more safe
See Page 3



11-year-old piano prodigy
See Page 7

Friday, September 19, 2008

Vol. 7 No. 22

8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240

Nursing chief keeps on top of things

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

Downey Regional Medical Center's state-of-the-art 64-slice Computerized Tomography (CT) scanner, acquired earlier this year and described as the "most advanced CT scanner currently available" as well as a piece of technology typically found at much larger hospitals, has definitely been a high moment in the hospital's more than 80 years of existence.



Heather Conwell

Costing more than \$1 million, the scanner possesses rapid multiple scanning capabilities on bone and organ structures, allowing doctors and other medical staff to view them on TV screens and make a quick and accurate diagnosis ("64-slice" refers to the capturing of multiple tomographic images of any area of the human body in as little as 10 seconds).

Its increased image quality enables radiologists to see internal injuries and disease in greater detail. An electronic hook-up allows doctors ordering CT exams to have immediate access to their patients' images from their offices.

Thus with the powerful and impressive instrument, a chest exam, for instance, which takes 20 to 30 minutes using a standard CT

See CONWELL, page 9

When the chief speaks, Rotarians listen

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

It's always a treat to hear Downey Police Chief Roy Campos give a talk. Tuesday he was the Downey Rotary Club's guest speaker and, as usual, the chief (Councilman Kirk Cartozian calls him, correctly, as *jefe*) was his engaging and organized self, articulate and unequivocal in his statements, and successful in putting fresh touches to otherwise familiar topics.

A family man through and through, Campos built his address around the concept of family ("the closest thing to my life") and interfacing with neighbors. He said he grew up in Norwalk, one of nine siblings, and through the example of his parents, imbibed neighborly values of respect, dignity and empathy.

Briefly recounting his police career, he said he early on held the Downey Police Department in high regard. As Downey's chief law enforcement officer, he said it's

See CHIEF, page 9



The Spinal Games at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center have gained in popularity since its launching three years ago. This year's Games were expanded to include VA patients from Long Beach. Photo courtesy Rancho Los Amigos

Patients find strength, courage at Spinal Games

■ Rancho hosts third annual Games for spinal injury patients.

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — In the midst of a flurry of moving wheelchairs, waving arms and shouting, Janet Wu prepares to make a shot into a basketball hoop. She is the only woman in the group playing and despite missing the shot, she smiles, rolls back, and a look of determination sweeps across her face as she studies the person beside her now aiming for the hoop.

Wu, 30, is a former MIT varsity ice hockey player who tested her athleticism for the first time since becoming paralyzed two years ago. Participating in the Spinal Games held Sept. 12 at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Wu embraced the sporting events with enthusiasm.

"I used to play basketball and softball in high school and today I learned how to play again," Wu said. "I can't wait for the tennis games to start."

The hospital staff and family members stood at the sidelines cheering on the participants — many of them amazed at what they were watching because all of the people playing suffered from spinal injuries.

"It's good to see the patients feel better out here," said Vanessa Sanchez, who is a student nurse at Rancho. "It was a shock to see how

much energy they have on the court."

The Rancho Spinal Games have become so popular in the last three years that Recreational Therapist Ann Kinnischtzke brought three outpatients with her from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Long Beach.

"This is my first time bringing VA patients," Kinnischtzke said. "But they wanted to bowl and play tennis with others. Once you start playing, you forget about everything — it's great for stress, exercise and mental health."

This is the third year that the Rancho Foundation has sponsored the Spinal Games.

"This gives them self-esteem and courage," said Foundation member Yolanda James. "It's fun and good for their families to see them interacting — it's encouraging to all of them."

David Osuna, 30, agrees. When he was 20 years old, Osuna went off a cliff while riding a dirt bike. The injuries from his broken skull and broken back left him paralyzed, yet he has played football from his wheelchair for eight years.

"I was playing college football when I got hurt so after my accident, I didn't know what I was going to do. After two years of depression, I joined the wheelchair football team and it basically changed my life," Osuna said.

"I was becoming self-destructive because I didn't know what way to go in life."

The Spinal Games give the

"I don't have to have a life just sitting in the chair."

—Jason Weinschenker, participant in Rancho's Spinal Games

spinal injured the opportunity to make new friends, challenge their physical capabilities — and to have fun.

Not all of the spinal injury outpatients were physically able to participate in the Spinal Games, but many showed up just to watch, offer support, and socialize.

Erik Soto was one of the outpatients unable to play, but he had a lot to offer visitors to the event. The former gang member sat at a booth talking to passersby about his experiences as a former gang member and how he became a quadriplegic after being struck by a bullet.

Not far from the booth where Soto sat, a first-time attendee watched the Spinal Games with anticipation.

Accompanied by his family, Jason Weinschenker, 23, said he was ready to play baseball.

"I practiced last night with my niece and nephew," Weinschenker said.

Paralyzed from a car accident last March, Weinschenker said the Spinal Games are giving him hope.

"This let's me know I can still do things and I don't have to have a life just sitting in the chair," he said. "I'm ready to play."

Kids invited to pen scary stories

DOWNEY — The Downey City Library is sponsoring a Scary Story Contest for young writers in grades K-12.

Kids can submit their original scary stories to the library by Oct. 10. There will be a first, second and third prize winner in each level: grades K-3 (maximum 200 words), grades 4-8 (maximum 500 words),

and grades 9-12 (maximum 1,000 words).

Entries should be word processed if possible and turned in to the Children's or Adult Information desk at the library.

Contest entries can also be submitted online at www.downeycitylibraryteens.blog.spot.com.

All winning stories will be published in *The Downey Patriot* during the month of October.

"This is a great way for kids to get into the Halloween spirit and share their creativity," said Julia Butler, young adult librarian at the library.

For more information, call the library at (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

Man convicted of practicing medicine without a license

■ Martin Yanez gets 180 days in county jail and probation.

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

NORWALK — A Norwalk Superior Court jury convicted a Chula Vista man on Sept. 4 for the unlicensed practice of medicine at two locations in Downey.

Martin Yanez, 46, was licensed in Mexico, but from April 2006 to November 2007, he solicited patients from California and conducted pre-operative consultations and post-operative care at two locations in Downey — one location was the back room of a hair salon.

Seeking out Spanish-speaking clientele, Yanez had his patients travel to Mexico where he performed major cosmetic surgeries at Tijuana at Hospital de la Mujer y el Niño. His surgeries included tummy tucks, liposuction, and breast augmentations.

Charges were filed against Yanez after a patient suffered severe complications from a liposuction procedure. The patient

sought help from a civil attorney who reported the incident to the Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs.

The Department set up a sting operation in which three undercover agents posed as prospective patients and a search warrant was executed by Medical Board investigators at the two Downey locations.

The case was then referred to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

"The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board in a statement issued Dec. 7, 2007 — the day after Yanez was arrested.

Norwalk Superior Court Judge John A. Torribio remanded Yanez into custody after sentencing him to 180 days in county jail and three years formal probation.

Yanez was ordered back to court again on Oct. 8 to face a restitution hearing.



West Middle School teacher Meribeth Paulino has been named a Teacher of the Year by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Paulino named a teacher of the year

■ Paulino popular with students for Civil War reenactments.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — The DUSD Board of Education Tuesday recognized West Middle School principal Craig Bertsch's presentation of social studies teacher Meribeth Paulino as one of 16 educators in Los Angeles County to receive the accolade of Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) "Teacher of the Year."

Framing his remarks with quotes from President Abraham Lincoln, whom both admired, Bertsch cited Paulino's high standards, personal responsibility, and personal integrity as traits she also expects from each of her students. Her use of dramatics in her instructional approach includes an

Abraham Lincoln impersonator and Civil War re-enactors, complete with a Civil War cannon replica, which come around every spring to West and "brings history alive for our kids."

This is Paulino's 39th year of teaching. She started as a reading teacher and reading specialist.

"I am so humbled and honored for being selected by the district from among so many deserving fellow teachers," Paulino said. "As I near the end of 40 years of teaching, I can only say they've been great years. My career here has been so uplifting. It has given me a great life here. Thank you. I'm just very blessed."

Together with the other LACOE honorees, Paulino has a chance to go a step further. On Sept. 29, LACOE will announce

See DUSD, page 2

DUSD: Board goes through long agenda.

Continued from page 1

who among the 16 gets tapped to represent it for the California State Teacher of the Year competition.

Budget talk

Anticipating an end to the long state budget impasse, Boardmember Donald LaPlante meanwhile once again lauded the DUSD Board and Administration for the foresight and "prudent" manner in which the 2008-09 district budget process was navigated, averting painful and irreversible pitfalls that other not-so-well-prepared districts now must cope with, such as teacher layoffs and class size reconfigurations.

In other action, the Board:

- Accepted with gratitude a donation in kind valued at \$13,000 of backpacks and school supplies, to be used by fifth grade students at Gauldin, Carpenter, and Old River Elementary Schools, from State Farm Insurance; and cash donations of \$20,000 and \$200, respectively, from Kaiser Permanente and Robin Martin, to be used in support of the TLC Family Resource Center;

- Authorized the payment of expenses for convention and conference attendance;

- Ratified the General Agreements between DUSD and the following several 'contractors' (schools/agencies) which will provide special education and/or related services to individuals with exceptional needs, the agreements taking effect from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009: Alton School; California Unified Service Provider, LLC; Center for Autism and Related Disorders; Barbara Dawson Educational Center; Five Acres School; Live Oak Canyon School; Logan River Academy; New Haven Youth and Family Services; Provo Canyon School; Pyramid Autism Center; Rossier Park Schools; The Sycamores; Vista Behavior Consulting; Zinsmeyer Academy; and Downey Family YMCA;

- Ratified the payments for special education placements;

- Approved the revisions to BP 4110.1 and BP 5210, the Affirmative Action Program; the revisions to AR 4113, on Certification; the revisions to AR 4116, on Separation; the deletion of BP 4138 and AR 4138, the Employees' Suggestion Plan; and the changes to MAR 4162 and AR 4162, on Personal Necessity Leave;

- Approved the amended monthly mileage allowances for 10-month, 11-month, and 12-month employees for 2008-09, at an estimated annual cost of \$61,510;

- Ratified purchase orders by the Purchasing Department;

- Ratified the issuance of payroll orders for hourly, overtime, Civic Center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services through August 2008;

- Ratified B warrants;

- Ratified the agreements between Downey Adult School Career and Education Center and Karol Bowns, MD, FACOG; Dr. Charles Maples; Manuel F. Mendoza, M.D., Inc.; Millennium Surgery Center; and Ejike Onyeador, M.D., F.A.A.P., for the latter agencies to furnish practical experience to students enrolled in the Medical Assistant program;

- Ratified the contract with Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE) for bilingual Teacher Training Program curriculum and instructional services, effective Aug. 6, 2008 through June 30, 2009;

- Ratified the contract with LACOE for DUSD to reimburse the administrative costs related to the California Medical Assistance Program for FY2007-08;

- Approved the addendum to existing professional services contracts with Western+White, Inc. of Tustin for continued architectural services (another five years) for new construction and/or modernization projects at all DUSD schools;

- Ratified a 2008-09 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) subrecipient grant agreement with the city of Downey, allocating \$31,000 to the 10-20 Club (for counseling and group support services to at-risk youths), and \$3,400 to True Lasting Connection Family Resource Center (to provide regularly scheduled health screening for district students from low-income families), effective Aug. 12, 2008 through June 30, 2009;

- Authorized the advertisement for bids for the purchase and installation of a new gasoline fuel vapor recovery system for the fuel pumps located at the bus and maintenance yard, to be charged to M.O.T. funds;

- Awarded an annual contract not to exceed \$200,000 to Painting &

Décor, Ltd., of Orange to provide trade painters for miscellaneous painting work as needed by the Maintenance Department, to be charged to General, Deferred, and/or Bond funds;

- Approved the change orders with various vendors for the Warren High School new library, classroom building and cafeteria modernization projects, as well as that for the construction of a new classroom building at Downey High School and the purchase of snack food products for the Food Services Department—all to be charged to Bond Funds;

- Accepted as complete electrical and fencing work performed by Spike Electric of Anaheim and McCullah Fence Co. of Bell Gardens;

- Approved routine Personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education;

- Ratified the abolishment of three vacant Senior Instructional Assistant positions at Alameda Elementary, Griffiths Middle, and Gauldin Elementary; the establishment of two new positions corresponding to the current classification of Senior Instructional Assistant-Severely/Multiply Handicapped, one replacing the scrapped one at Alameda, the other assigned to Price Elementary; while a new position corresponding to that of a Senior Instructional Assistant is established at Griffiths;

- Ratified the establishment of three new positions (classified as Food Service Assistant) and one new limited-term one classified as Lead Food Service Assistant (to serve from Sept. 2, 2008 through March 1, 2009);

- Ratified the establishment of new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Senior Instruction Assistant-Behaviorally Challenged, one assigned to Unsworth Elementary, and two going to Warren High School;

- Ratified the establishment of one new position with the same classification as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, assigned to Special Education;

- Ratified the establishment of two new positions corresponding to the classification of Senior Instructional Assistant, one assigned to East Middle, the other to Downey High;

- Ratified the establishment of two new limited-term positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Child Care Assistant, assigned to Downey Adult School;

- Approved the establishment of one new classification, a level above Food Service Assistant, for four to five hours per day, 10 months per year, effective Sept. 16, 2008;

- Approved the changes to the duties of Communications Center Assistant;

- After a public hearing adopted a resolution attesting to the determination that sufficient textbooks and instructional materials are available to all students in the district, including English learners, and consistent with the cycle and content of the curriculum frameworks;

- Adopted Resolution No. 200809-02 establishing the "District Appropriations Subject to Limitation" for 2008-09 of \$84,785,527, calculated in accordance with Article XIII B of the State Constitution and Division 9 of Title 1 of the Government Code, which puts a cap on the "Proceeds of Taxes" revenues for public agencies, including school districts, beginning with the 1980-81 fiscal year;

- Announced the intent of the Board of Education to appoint John Kennedy as Personnel Commissioner for the term ending Nov. 30, 2011;

- Approved the Downey Adult School Course of Study (presented at the last session) for the 2008-09 school year;

- Approved the Test Administration Calendar the 2008-09 year: this includes the schedules for CAHSEE, CMA, STAR, EAP, STS, CAPA, CAT/6, APT tests;

- Approved the Certification of Provision of standards-aligned textbooks/basic instructional materials in each of the following areas: history/social science, mathematics, reading/language arts, and science;

- Approved the unaudited actual Financial Report for fiscal year '07-08;

- Approved the revisions to AR 5241, Classified Management Salary Schedule, and AR 5241.1, Unit 1 Salary Schedule, effective Sept. 16, 2008; and

- Endorsed the actions taken by the superintendent on student cases.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 5 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



Ernest Garcia, a Downey resident and Democratic delegate, attended the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo. this year. While there, Garcia was invited to a welcoming reception hosted by Sen. Diane Feinstein; a reception for Sen. Barbara Boxer; a breakfast honoring Democratic mayors; a gala hosted by the California Democratic Party; and more. Garcia also met with Speaker Nancy Pelosi (above), Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.

Pie, ice cream at Messiah Lutheran

DOWNEY – The community is invited to enjoy pie and ice cream at Messiah Lutheran Church this Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

A plate of pie or ice cream is \$2.50, and a cone is 50 cents.

Messiah Lutheran Church is at 10711 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Blessing of the animals Oct. 4

DOWNEY – The Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment will conduct a "blessing of the animals" Oct. 4 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Dogs, cats, horses, goats, and other animals on leashes can all be blessed at the event. Photographs will also be accepted in lieu of the animal.

The church will also be blessing motorcycles, bicycles and musical instruments.

The event is free but offerings will be accepted. Bottled water, snacks and boutique items will be for sale.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call Yvonne at (562) 926-2445. The Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment is at 10000 Paramount Blvd., half a block north of Florence Avenue.

OLPH Guild needs local shoppers

DOWNEY – The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild is partnering with Citadel Outlets for their third annual "Shopping Extravaganza" on Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ticket holders will be entitled to steep discounts at the outlet center that day, with the ticket revenue benefiting the guild's scholarship funds.

Tickets are \$20 and include lunch at Ruby's Diner, a ticket for free wine tasting at Leona Valley Wines, and three raffle tickets.

For tickets or information, call Sally at (562) 861-8370.

Town hall meeting scheduled Oct. 2

DOWNEY – Mayor Pro Tem Mario Guerra has scheduled a town hall meeting for Oct. 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

The meeting will inform residents on "what is taking place in the city of Downey and what is on the horizon." Residents will also have a chance to speak and share their thoughts.

For more information, e-mail mguerra@downeyca.org or call (562) 904-7274.

Your Community Credit Union

earn more

7.00% APY*

7-Month Certificate
(maximum deposit of \$1,000)

Open a 7-Month Certificate and watch your money add up!

A 7-Month Certificate Special is a smart and easy way to start making the most of your hard earned money. Plus, you can open your account with as little as \$100 and earn the highest rate in town! This offer is good for a limited time only, so don't wait. Open your 7-Month Certificate Account today!

Southland CREDIT UNION

www.SouthlandCU.org
8545 Florence Ave., Downey

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. 7-Month Certificate Account rate special quoted effective 9-15-08. Offer is good through 12-31-08 and is subject to change without notice. Certificate is available to new members or existing members who refer a new member to Southland. Minimum deposit of \$100 is required to open and a maximum amount of \$1,000 to qualify for special rate. Accelerate and Add-On features are not available on this certificate special. Unless directed otherwise, upon maturity certificate will rollover into a standard 6-month Accelerate Certificate. Excessive withdrawal penalties may apply. Membership is subject to eligibility.

ADVENTURER
Adventure with the Bible

Travel with God

Ladies Bible Class Teacher Frank Mathis Men Welcome

Home Port: First Baptist Church of Downey
8348 E., Third St. Downey, CA 90241

Inter-Church • Inter-Faith • Inter Community

Captain's Qualifications: Compass and log on board - Approved Graduate of Moody Bible Institute Flying Program • Pilot with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru and Ecuador • 29 years teaching weekly bible studies Terminal Island Federal Prison

Destination: HEAVEN

Sarting: Tuesday September 16th, 9:30 AM and Tuesday morning there after.

For further information call Mary Miyamoto
562-928-8203

Try Massage!
Experience Chiropractic!

1 HR Massage \$30
Add an Adjustment
ONLY \$20 more.

12900 Paramount Blvd.
Downey, CA 90242

Hunt Chiropractic, Inc.
(562) 923-6330
www.DowneySpineCenter.com

You may qualify for a Free High-Efficiency Toilet! A \$250 Value!

How do I qualify?

- Only those customers who live within the Central Basin Municipal Water District boundaries may participate in this program (see list of cities to the right).
- You must bring a current water bill and photo ID.
- You must ONLY replace a toilet(s) with a flush volume of 3.5 gpf or greater (you will receive assistance to determine this).
- To complete your participation in this program, you must return your old toilet on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the same location.

Call (877) 732-2830 to verify your eligibility and reserve yours today!

Program Sponsored By:

September 27, 2008
9am - 12pm

At a location near you in the City of Artesia

In order to qualify for this program you must live within the cities or communities of:

Artesia	Lynwood
Bell	Maywood
Bellflower	Montebello
Bell Gardens	Monterey Park
Carson	Norwalk
Cerritos	Paramount
Commerce	Pico Rivera
Compton	Santa Fe Springs
Cudahy	Signal Hill
Downey	South Gate
East Los Angeles	South Whittier
Florence-Graham	Walnut Park
Hawaiian Gardens	West Whittier-Los Nietos
Huntington Park	Whittier
La Habra Heights	Willowbrook
Lakewood	Vernon
La Mirada	

*supplies are limited

USC professor talking politics

DOWNEY – USC professor Thomas Hollihan, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker at Monday's OASIS (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meeting at Downey Adult School.



Hollihan will explain "how the decreasing power of political parties, professionalizing campaign staffs, proliferation of public opinion polls, and the volume of money have changed the campaign process."

Hollihan is a professor and associate dean of academic affairs at the USC Annenberg School of Communication. He teaches many political and communication courses, including "How the Media Informs U.S. Voters."

Registration for the free program begins at 2:45 p.m. The program will begin at 3:45. An optional full-course dinner will be served following the presentation (dinner tickets should be purchased at registration).

For more information, call (562) 940-6200.

Candidate's forum scheduled Oct. 8

DOWNEY – The Downey Association of Realtors has scheduled a candidate's forum for Oct. 8 featuring candidates for the upcoming City Council election.

The forum will take place at the Rio Hondo Event Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost to attend is \$12, which includes a buffet lunch.

To reserve a seat, send \$12 to DAOR, 12073 Paramount Blvd., Downey, CA 90242.

The deadline for seat reservations is Oct. 1.

Fundraiser to benefit Warren library

DOWNEY – With Warren High School's new library and multimedia center scheduled to open in February, the school is now looking to raise money to fill the new building with books.

The Barnes & Noble bookstore in Long Beach will host a fundraiser this weekend where 20 percent of sales by Warren supporters will be donated to the school.

Warren will also have a list available of recommended titles for customers wanting to directly purchase and donate a book.

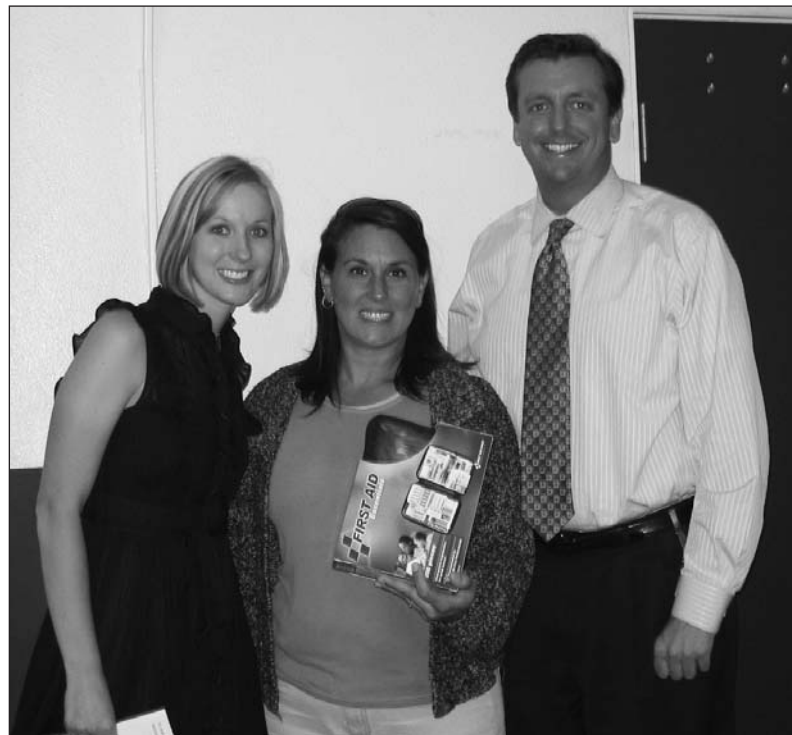
The fundraiser will be held Sept. 19-21, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., at the Barnes & Noble located inside the Long Beach Towne Center, 7651 Carson Blvd.

Silent auction part of Christian meeting

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet Oct. 8 at the Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

The speaker will be Nell Heard, who will speak on "From the Cotton Patch to the Board Room." The meeting will also include a silent auction and country music by Naomi Hall.

The community is invited to attend. Cost is \$12 for the buffet lunch and reservations are requested by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.



Downey Federal Credit Union recently donated 40 first aid kits to Gallatin Elementary School. From left: Kari Johnson, the credit union's business development representative; Stephanie Velarde, Gallatin PTA president; and Steven Means, Gallatin principal.

Credit union donates first aid kits

DOWNEY – This fall, classroom teachers at Gallatin Elementary School are prepared for students' first aid needs thanks to Downey Federal Credit Union, which donated 40 first aid kits to the schools PTA.

The kits were distributed to Gallatin teachers, which will help them deal with minor cuts and accidents.

"We are thrilled to have Downey Federal Credit Union as a partner in the school," said Stephanie Velarde, Gallatin PTA president. "We appreciate their support and caring regarding the needs of the students."

Barbara Lamberth, president and CEO of Downey Federal Credit Union, said they were glad to help.

"Partnering with Downey Unified School District for over 50 years goes beyond financial products and services," she said. "Being able to provide a classroom necessity just our way of giving something back to the schools."

Don't forget meeting this Wednesday

DOWNEY – Guest speaker Gloria Riese of the Medicine Education Program will give tips on ways to improve your memory at the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees Southeast Chapter meeting Wednesday at noon at Furman Park.

The public is invited and new members are welcome. Visitors should bring a snack; coffee, cake or cookies will be served.

Temple celebrates Selichot

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will host Selichot services tomorrow night. The event will begin with a dessert potluck at 7 p.m.

The Temple's spiritual leaders, Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, will conduct services in the Sanctuary. The community is welcome to attend.

For more information, call (562) 861-9276.

September tabbed as literacy month

■ Mayor urges residents to "learn more about the importance of literacy."

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Downey Mayor Dave Gafin last week proclaimed the month of September 2008 as Literacy Month.

The proclamation is premised, he said, on the following considerations: 1) More than 27 percent of adults in the Los Angeles area are capable of reading only simple words and sentences; 2) Literacy issues severely impact the lives of families in the area of work, school and their full participation in all the benefits of Downey residents; and 3) Volunteers in the Downey City Library Adult Literacy Program give of themselves to help students reach their goals by providing free help in the areas of basic reading and writing skills.

"I urge fellow citizens to learn more about the importance of literacy and to become involved with literacy in our community," he said.

In other action, the Council:

- After a lengthy public discussion, did not adopt an urgency ordinance relating to the regulation of wireless communication facilities. Instead it sent it back to staff for the addition of a grandfather clause for the two applications already in the system;

- Approved the agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for on-call (and as-needed) land surveying services for a term of two years, to facilitate the construction of various capital improvement projects;

- Approved an ordinance approving the city's membership in the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System and approving the execution of the related Joint Powers Agreement. This sets up a countywide communications system for public safety operations involving police and fire, deemed especially crucial in the event of a major disaster;

- Voted to appoint a subcommittee composed of Mayor Dave Gafin and Mayor Pro Tem Mario Guerra to further study a draft ordinance amending a section of the Downey Municipal Code regarding public nuisances, especially with respect to property maintenance standards;

- Introduced an ordinance establishing a new administrative citation program intended to save time and resources, implementation of which will be assigned to an outside agency which already has had contracts with other cities; and

- Honored the local Greek community's oldest surviving resident, 105-year-old Nick Hasir.

The next regular public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Treatment facility hosting open house

DOWNEY – The La Casita Transitional Housing Facility will host an open house and client graduation Oct. 3 at 1 p.m.

The open house will include food and tours of its facility at 10603 Downey Ave. La Casita is funded by the California Emergency Housing and Assistance Program.

For more information, call Maureen Lispi, director of the La Casita Treatment Program, at (562) 622-2268.



MARIA LARKIN, CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITYWIDE 5TH DISTRICT

Downey Resident 51 years

Occupation: 30 Years Estate Broker/Owner – Residential, Commercial, Development

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Downey Association of Realtors	President	3 times
Downey Chamber of Commerce	President	
Downtown Merchants Committee	Chairman	3 years
Emergency Preparedness Committee	Chairman	2 years
Holiday Land Parade Committee	Chairman	12 years
Catholic Women's Guild	President	2 years

MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Office Manager 55 Attorney Law Firm, supervising 80 non legal staff
Office Manager International CPA firm over 30 staff
Real Estate Broker/Owner – Three C-21 offices
Current: Advantage Real Estate

I pledge to:

Make NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION and PLANNED REVITALIZATION of our aging areas A TOP PRIORITY

SUPPORT AND RETAIN our Outstanding Fire and Police under local control

PROMOTE a Business Friendly City – increase our tax base – REDUCE TAXES – STAY ON BUDGET

Push for BEAUTIFICATION of the RUN DOWN COMMERCIAL STRIPS that are an eyesore in the community and in need of a facelift.

Use our Downey Theatre to its fullest potential and hopefully rename it as "The DOWNEY PERFORMING ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER. We can use this facility for so much more than we currently do. We can bring Seniors, Children, and Teenagers together by providing the proper venue to our community. In addition to what we already provide, how about Mystery Theatre Night with dining on the Piazza; art exhibitions; teenage talent night; old classic movie night; encourage our diversified ethnic groups to celebrate their special events such as Cinco de Mayo with music and dancing on stage; Cuban night, etc. This will bring all age and ethnic groups together. We could use our local dining establishments to provide the food on a rotation basis.

I am a UNITER, I am READY, I am WILLING and I am ABLE to begin on day one.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE IN DOWNEY YOU CAN VOTE FOR DISTRICT 5

**Please vote for MARIA LARKIN on November 4th
VISIT MY WEBSITE – www.electmarialarkin.com**

STATE ID# 1307795



Now Open for Dinner!

Tuesday - Sunday

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

-Closed Mondays-

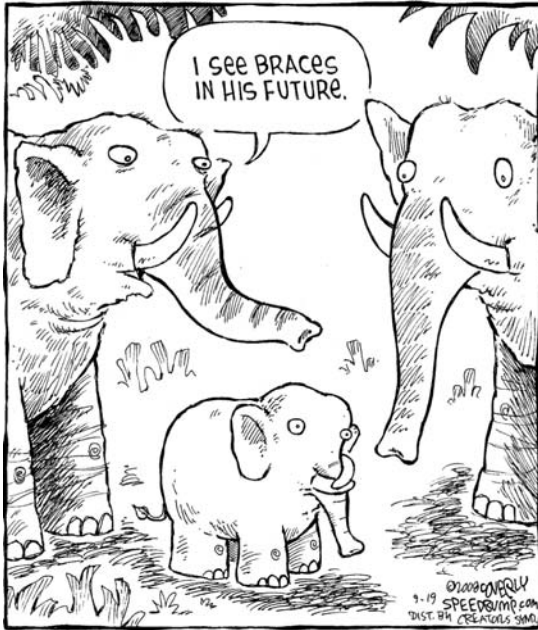
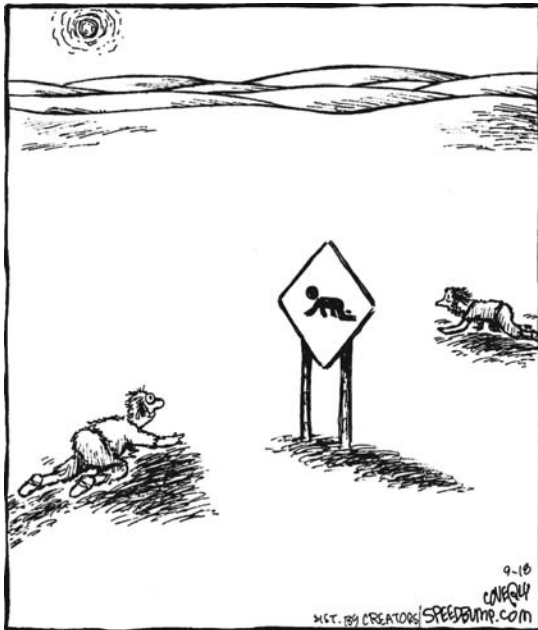
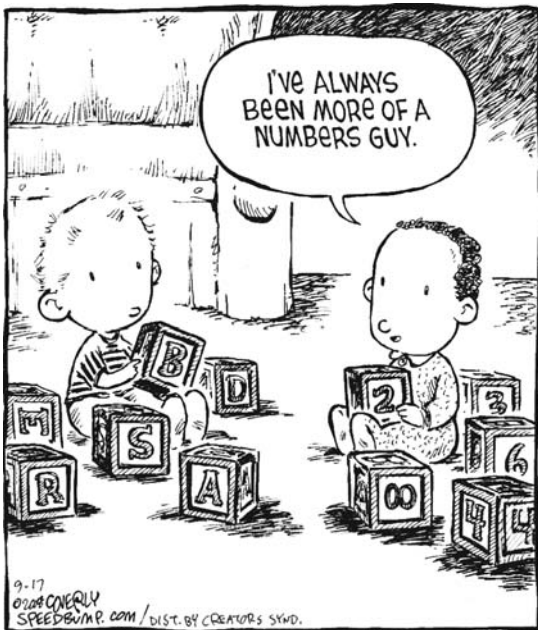
(562) 927-0096

7484 Florence Avenue Downey, California 90240

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

- Sat. Sept. 20: **Cheerleading clinic**, Downey High School, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. Sept. 20: **Free hearing screenings**, Barbara J. Riley Community Center, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Sept. 20: **"Introduction to PowerPoint"**, Downey City Library, 10:15 a.m.
- Sun. Sept. 21: **Ice cream and pie**, Messiah Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues. Sept. 23: **Rise 'N Shine networking**, Stox Restaurant, 7:30 a.m.

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 at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros 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 & 3rd 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 Cencer 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 862-7655.
- 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.

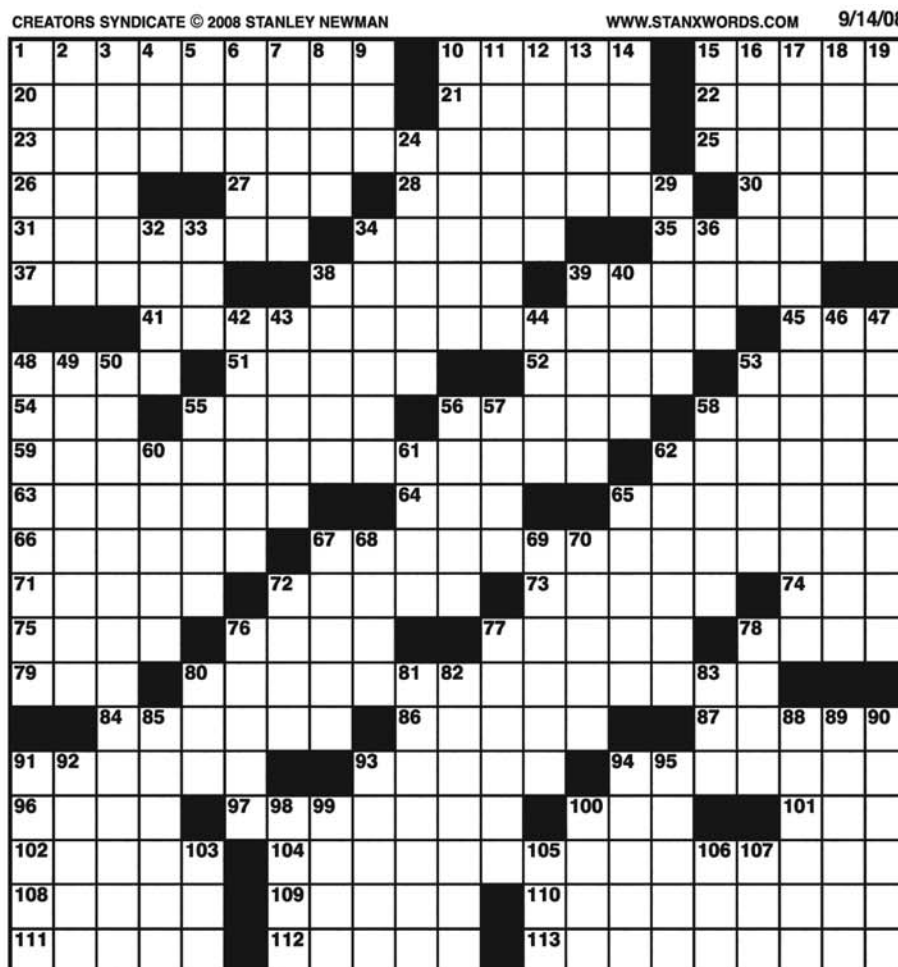
On This Day...

- Sept. 19, 1796: In President George Washington's farewell address, written as an open letter to the public and published in newspapers nationwide, the outgoing president advised, "Observe good faith and justice towards all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."
- 1881: President James A. Garfield dies of wounds inflicted during a July assassination attempt.
- 1928: Original "Batman" actor Adam West is born. Also born Sept. 19: Duke Snider (82), Joe Morgan (65), Jeremy Irons (60), Joan Lunden (58), Trisha Yearwood (44) and Jimmy Fallon (34).
- 1957: The U.S. conducts its first underground nuclear test in Nevada.
- 1995: Orville Redenbacher dies at home after suffering a heart attack in his Jacuzzi. He was 88.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
NEGATIVE ATTITUDE: Featuring prefixal wordplay
 by Merle Baker

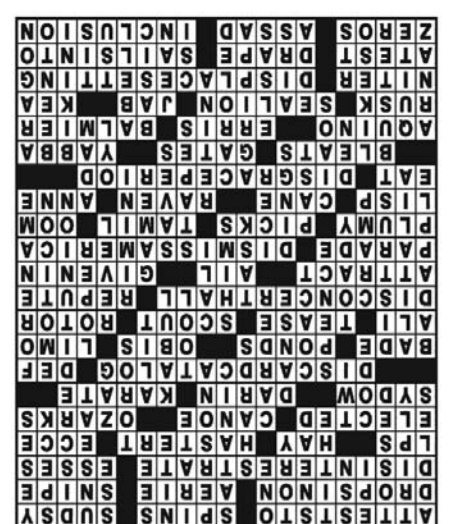
- ACROSS
- 1 Confirms
 - 10 Quick drives
 - 15 Like bathwater
 - 20 Visits
 - 21 Lofty nest
 - 22 Take potshots
 - 23 Measure of apathy?
 - 25 Double-curve shapes
 - 26 Platters, briefly
 - 27 Stuff in stacks
 - 28 Pelosi predecessor
 - 30 Behold: Lat.
 - 31 Voted in
 - 34 Lake craft
 - 35 Missouri range
 - 37 Actor Max von ___
 - 38 "Spilsh Splash" singer
 - 39 Dojo teaching
 - 41 Dump some junk mail?
 - 45 Dict. entry
 - 48 Called upon
 - 51 Fishing holes
 - 52 Kimono sashes
 - 53 VIP's wheels
 - 54 2001 Will Smith title role
 - 55 Say "Nyah, nyah!" to
 - 56 Reconnoiter
 - 58 Copter part
 - 59 Rattle the whole auditorium?
 - 62 Standing
 - 63 Draw in
 - 64 Feel poorly
 - 65 Yielded
 - 66 Thanksgiving Day event
 - 67 Refuse to consider the US?
 - 71 Adorned with feathers
 - 72 Miners' tools
 - 73 Sri Lanka language
 - 74 Pah precursor
 - 75 Speak like Sylvester
 - 76 Sugar source
 - 77 Poe bird
 - 78 Actress Bancroft
 - 79 Take in
 - 80 Era of ignominy?
 - 84 Sounds sheepish
 - 86 Recent Microsoft retiree
 - 87 Start of a Flintstone cheer
 - 91 Former Philippine president
 - 93 "To ___ human..."
 - 94 More pleasant
 - 96 Kennedy's Secretary of State
 - 97 Marine mammal
 - 100 Quick punch
 - 101 Mauna ___
 - 102 Gunpowder ingredient
 - 104 Move a story's locale?
 - 108 Alamogordo event
 - 109 Hang in folds
 - 110 Criticizes vigorously
 - 111 Round numbers
 - 112 Syrian leader
 - 113 Admittance
 - DOWN
 - 1 Confuses
 - 2 In more than two ways
 - 3 Threw
 - 4 Prefix for center
 - 5 Taxpayer's ID
 - 6 Kind of donation
 - 7 Golfer Sam
 - 8 British conservative
 - 9 Small bill
 - 10 Mephistophelian
 - 11 Public image
 - 12 Ticked off
 - 13 Evening, in ads
 - 14 Omen observer
 - 15 GPS reading
 - 16 Oust
 - 17 "Speak now" at a wedding?
 - 18 Very little bit
 - 19 Affirmative votes
 - 24 Ceramic fragments
 - 29 Matadors' opponent
 - 32 It may be broken
 - 33 Light precursor
 - 34 ID checker
 - 36 Veer suddenly
 - 38 ___ Macabre
 - 39 Capital of Afghanistan
 - 40 Came down
 - 42 What Hepburn called Tracy
 - 43 Do together
 - 44 Implement
 - 46 :-), for one
 - 47 Tom, Dick or Harry
 - 48 Barrel spoiler
 - 49 Carrier to Rome
 - 50 Have doubts about destructive one?
 - 53 Easy runner
 - 55 Insincere flatterer
 - 56 Leveling wedges
 - 57 Colombian city
 - 58 Make merry
 - 60 Hinder
 - 61 Piece of work
 - 62 Adriatic Riviera resort
 - 65 Xbox fan
 - 67 Mars, maybe
 - 68 Baker, at times
 - 69 Middle-ear bone
 - 70 Reliever's stats
 - 72 Gone by
 - 76 Parting words
 - 77 Eye part
 - 78 Economist Smith
 - 80 Family room
 - 81 Victor at Actium
 - 82 Sang yule tunes
 - 83 Popeye's sweetheart
 - 85 This way
 - 88 Small suit
 - 89 Visited
 - 90 Catherine of ___
 - 91 I Love Lucy star
 - 92 Completely
 - 93 "___ Dream" (Lohengrin aria)
 - 94 Fundamental
 - 95 ___ for Adano
 - 98 Norse saga
 - 99 Puts on
 - 100 French writer Cocteau
 - 103 ACLU concerns
 - 105 CBS series since 2000
 - 106 Nashville sch.
 - 107 Poetic contraction



- CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2008 STANLEY NEWMAN WWW.STANXWORDS.COM 9/14/08

You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

Demis HASTERT (28 Across) was succeeded as Speaker of the House by Nancy Pelosi in 2007. TAMM (73 Across) is one of the three official languages of Sri Lanka. Corazon AQUINO (91 Across) served as president of the Philippines from 1986 to 1992.





Eleven-year-old Jona Capino, a seventh grader at St. Mark's School in Downey, received her Certificate of Merit from the Music Teacher's Association of California and was recently awarded Branch Honors for her achievement in Piano Level 5 at Cal Poly Pomona. Jona recently passed the required state test and was declared as an International Winner, Intermediate Class of 2008 Section IC in the National Piano Auditions and was awarded a gold pin and certificate from the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of American College of Musicians, and membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, Student Division of American College of Musicians and Piano Hobbyist of the World for one year.

After-school tutoring at local church

DOWNEY – Beginning Monday, First Presbyterian Church of Downey will be offering after-school tutoring in reading and math Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

There will also be music classes, sports and games and activities for kids.

For more information, call Alfredo Delgado or George Leiva-Ardon at (562) 861-6752.

Bake sale to benefit women's shelter

DOWNEY – A benefit bake sale and "bake-off" will be held Oct. 4 at Downey Memorial Christian Church starting at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Su Casa family crisis center. A panel of judges will award cash prizes to the top three entries. All donations of cakes, cookies, muffins, etc. will be sold to raise money, whether they are judged or not.

The event will also include a pie eating contest for men.

Tables and booths are available for interested sponsors. For more information, call Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

DCLO tickets to benefit Rancho

DOWNEY – As part of a collaborative effort to raise money for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, the Amigos Fund will be selling tickets for an upcoming performance of "South Pacific" at the Downey Theatre.

The Downey Civic Light Opera and executive producer Marsha Moode have been longtime supporters of Rancho.

Tickets for the Oct. 12 matinee performance of "South Pacific" are \$30 (orchestra seating) and are available at the Rancho Foundation office at Rancho Los Amigos.

They can also be purchased by calling Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377 or Pat Smith at (562) 862-8868.

Counsel's Corner: Doctors, agents must follow your Advance Health Care Directive

BY STEVE LOPEZ, THE LAW OFFICES OF STEVE LOPEZ

It is often difficult for individuals to think about the care and treatment they want in the event they are incapable of making their own health care decisions. However, completing an Advance Health Care Directive is important for all individuals over 18 years of age as they may unexpectedly be in a position where they cannot speak for themselves, such as an accident or severe illness.

An Advanced Health Care Directive is the best way to make sure that your health care wishes are known and considered if for any reason you are unable to speak for yourself. By completing a form called an "Advance Health Care Directive" California law allows you to do either or both of two things:

First, you may appoint another person to be your health care "agent." This person (who may also be known as your "attorney-in-fact") will have legal authority to make decisions about your medical care if you become unable to make these decisions for yourself.

Second, you may write down your health care wishes in the Advance Health Care Directive form—for example, a desire not to receive treatment that only prolongs the dying process if you are terminally ill. Your doctor and your agent must follow your lawful instructions.

The Advance Health Care Directive is now the legally recognized format for a living will in California. It replaces the Natural Death Act Declaration. The Advance Health Care Directive allows you to do more than the traditional living will, which only states your desire not to receive life-sustaining treatment if you are terminally ill or permanently unconscious. An Advance Health Care Directive allows you to state your wishes about refusing or accepting life-sustaining treatment in any situation.

Unlike a living will, an Advance Health Care Directive also can be used to state your desires about your health care in any situation in which you are unable to make your own decisions, not just when you are in a coma or are terminally ill. In addition, an Advance Health Care Directive allows you to appoint someone you trust to speak for you when you are incapacitated. You do not need a separate living will if you have already stated your wishes about life-sustaining treatment in a Advance Health Care Directive.

The Advance Health Care Directive has replaced the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (or "DPAHC") as the legally recognized document for appointing a health care agent in California. The Advance Health Care Directive allows you to do more than a DPAHC. An Advance Health Care Directive permits you not only to appoint an agent, but to give instructions about your own health care. You can now do either or both of these things.

All valid Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care (DPAHC) and Natural Death Act Declarations remain valid. Thus, unless your existing DPAHC has expired, you do not have to complete a new Advance Health Care Directive. However, any A DPAHC executed before 1992 has expired and should be replaced.

Because the new Advance Health Care Directive gives you more flexibility to state your health care desires, you may wish to complete the new form even if you previously completed a DPAHC or Natural Death Act Declaration. At a minimum, you should review your existing DPAHC or



Natural Death Act Declaration to make sure it has not expired and that it still accurately reflects your wishes.

A written health care directive is legally sufficient if all of the following requirements are met:

1. the directive contains the date of its execution
2. the directive is signed either by the patient or by another adult in the patient's name, in the patient's presence and at the patient's direction
3. the directive is either acknowledged before a notary public, or signed by at least two witnesses who meet statutory requirements

If the directive is in electronic form, it is sufficient if a digital signature is used, but an acknowledgment before a notary public is required.

If the directive is signed by witnesses rather than notarized, the witnesses must be adults and each witness must witness either the signing of the advance directive by the patient or the patient's acknowledgment of the signature or the advance directive.

The following may not be witnesses: (1) health care providers and their employees; (2) community care facility operators and their employees; (3) operators of residential care facilities for the elderly and their employees; and (4) the patient's agent, where the directive is a power of attorney for health care. Each witness must make a declaration incorporating these prohibitions.

At least one of the two witnesses must be an individual who is neither related to the patient by blood, marriage, or adoption, nor entitled to any portion of the patient's estate on the patient's death under a will existing when the advance directive is executed or by operation of law then existing. The witness satisfying this requirement must also sign a declaration so stating.

If the patient is in a skilled nursing facility when signing the directive, the directive is not effective unless one of the two witnesses is a patient advocate or ombudsman.

Like with all important legal documents, you should always consult a lawyer to assure that the documents are properly executed and reflects your intentions.

The purpose of this column is to provide general information on the law, which is subject to change. It is not legal advice. Consult a lawyer if you have a specific legal problem.

Free hearing screenings Sept. 20

DOWNEY – Downey Sertoma Club will hold their annual free hearing screening tests on Sept. 20 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appointments are recommended by calling (562) 862-9629.

Church hosting its Harvest Festival

DOWNEY – Downey United Methodist Church will host their annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The free event will include a rummage sale, white elephant sale, and various food booths. There will also be a children's section with a jumper, sponge toss, face-painting, and more.

Downey United Methodist Church is at 10801 Downey Ave. For more information, call (562) 861-9777.

Website Advertising
now available

For more information call
(562) 904-3668

or email us at
downeypatriot@yahoo.com

www.thedowneypatriot.com

My Heart? Couldn't Be Better!

Get a Heart-Health Screening Exam with an EKG for **ONLY \$39***

Call Today to Schedule Toll-Free **1-800-813-4345**

Limited time offer

Famous Last Words

Fact: On average, an American Dies of Cardiovascular Disease every 35 seconds

**DOWNEY
FEDERAL
CREDIT
UNION**

Providing Financial Services to the Community

Since 1957

Count On us Through All Stages Of Life

Count on us for

- A Full Spectrum of Financial Services
- Competitive Investment and Lending Rates
- No Unnecessary Account Fees
- Safety, Soundness and Personalized Service
- Accounts Insured up to \$500,000

WE LOOK FOWARD TO SERVING YOU!

8237 Third St., Downey, CA • 562-862-8141 • www.downeyfcu.org

Lakewood Regional Medical Center

Appointments are necessary and space is limited. Walk-ins cannot be permitted due to staffing and equipment requirements. This special offer is not available to individuals who have seen a cardiologist or have had an EKG within the last six months.

* Cash, check or credit card only.
No insurance accepted or filed for this screening.

Lakewood Regional Medical Center is a participating hospital in the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines™ quality improvement program.

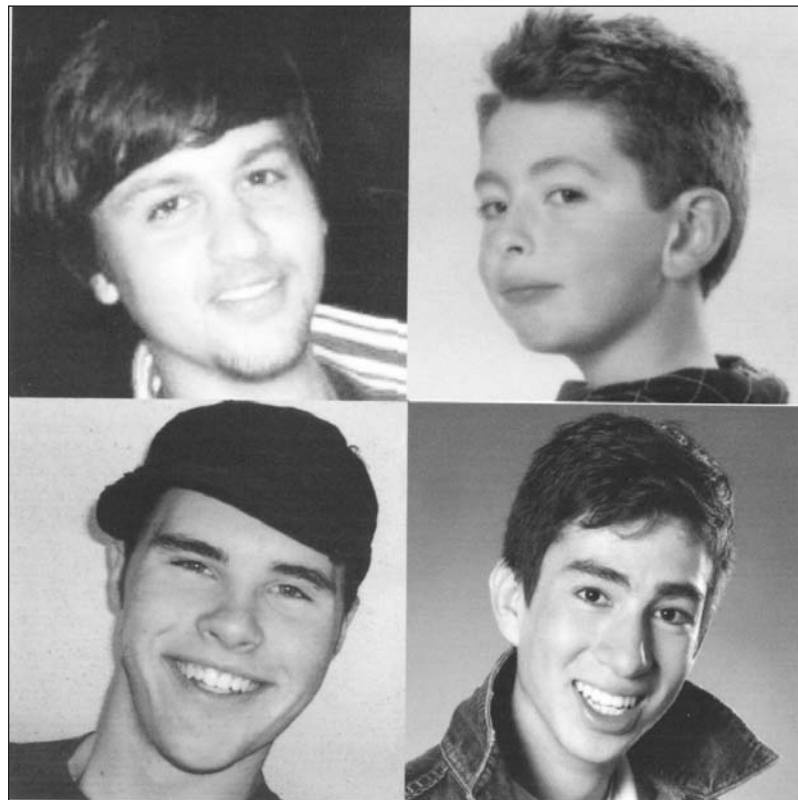
All statistics according to the 2006 Heart and Stroke Statistical Update, American Heart Association.

3700 E. South Street • Lakewood, CA 90712 • (562) 531-2550 • lakewoodregional.com

Is your heart really healthy? Find out the facts!

Screening Includes:

- Electrocardiogram (EKG) read by a cardiologist
- Lipid test, including HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglyceride levels
- Glucose level check
- Blood pressure check
- Body Mass Index (BMI) check
- Health risk assessment



Four Downey residents will appear in the Downey Civic Light Opera production of "South Pacific" from Oct. 2-19 at the Downey Theatre. All are veteran DCLO performers. They are (clockwise): Steven Chavarria as Seabee Richard West, Devin Cornair as Jerome, Michael Lopez as Seabee Thomas Hassinger, and Rob Fox as Seabee Tom O'Brian. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.

Boutique, fashion show planned

LAKEWOOD – The Bellflower Soroptimist Club will hold a "Fun with Fashion" fundraiser Nov. 15 at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood.

The event begins with a boutique sale at 11 a.m., followed by a fashion show and lunch at noon.

Cost is \$45 and reservations will be taken until Nov. 8 or at capacity. For reservations, e-mail patangeldog@aol.com.

The Centre at Sycamore Plaza is located at 5000 E. Clark Ave. in Lakewood.

Rare Latin American cinema presented

LONG BEACH – The Latin American Studies Film Series returns to Cal State Long Beach this Thursday with the theme "Love Stories: Diverse Visions."

The four-film series will show individual films on successive Thursdays with all screenings beginning at 7 p.m. in the campus' University Theater. Admission to each film is free and open to the public, and all of the films have English subtitles.

Guiding the selection of this year's films was a desire to show love stories that would explore the complexity of love in different cultural settings, explained series organizer Jose Sanchez-H., a professor of film and electronic arts at CSULB. "The final selection features two dramas and two comedies. The film series this year is a cinematic journey from the Andes to the Caribbean."

Downey actress cast in 'Grease'

LA HABRA – Downey native Tina Fiala has been cast in the lead role of Sandy in the La Habra Depot Theatre's production of "Grease," running from Sept. 26 – Oct. 19.

Fiala attended high school at the Keystone Academy (class of '07). She has appeared in numerous musicals including "West Side Story" and "Wizard of Oz" at Biola Young Theatre, "Godspell" at Cerritos College, and "Grease" and "Beauty and the Beast" at Santa Fe Community Playhouse.

During her previous "Grease" run, she played "teenager" and "drive-in movie voice."

Fiala told her mother before auditioning for "Grease" at the Depot that she was auditioning for an ensemble role. Her mom convinced her to try out for Sandy. She will be traveling from Pennsylvania to see Fiala in her first lead role.

"Playing the role of Sandy is a lifelong dream," said Fiala. "I'm going to savor every moment of the run."

Set at fictional Rydell High School, the exuberant Tony Award-winning musical celebrates a time when the word "teenager" was new, bobby socks were fashionable and beehive hairdos were cool. This history-making musical is under the direction of John Francis, who won a prestigious Roar of the Crowd award last season at the Depot.

The family favorite, which was the longest running production on Broadway, is about how rock and roll changed American culture. The score is a recreation of early, raw rock and roll, invoking artists like Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis. The show's many hit songs include "Summer Nights," "We Go Together," and "Greased Lightning."

"'Grease' is one of those plays that continues to entertain both the young and old, especially those who came from that wonderful 1950s era," said director Francis. "Plus, we have a great cast of young actors mixed in with some older veterans that makes the show move very quickly."

"Grease" runs from Sept. 26 – Oct. 19. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students/children/seniors.

Reservations are available at www.lahabradepottheatre.org or by calling (562) 905-9625. The La Habra Depot Theatre is located at 311 S. Euclid St. in La Habra.



Tina Fiala, of Downey, will star in "Grease," playing Sept. 26 - Oct. 19 at the La Habra Depot Theatre.

College announces fall music schedule

NORWALK – Students and faculty in the Cerritos College Music Department will showcase their talents in a variety of performances this fall.

The season will include performances by the Cerritos College jazz band, orchestra and chorus. All performances are open to the public, and many are free. One-day parking passes can be purchased in school parking lots for \$1.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Sept. 21, 3 p.m. – "Viva Espana: Works by Granados, Scarlatti, Debussy and Ravel," piano concert featuring guest artist Dr. Rob Watson, room BC-51, free admission.

Oct. 4, 7 p.m. – Piano concert featuring guest artist Paul Da Silva, solo and chamber recital assisted by Darryl Tanikawa (clarinet) and Melissa Henrickson (French horn) performing works by Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, room BC-51, free admission.

Oct. 19, 3 p.m. – "Expressively American: Two Multi-movement Works by Richard Cumming and Lowell Liebermann," lecture and concert, piano concert featuring guest artist Dr. Rob Watson, room BC-51, free admission.

Oct. 24, 7 p.m. – Orchestra Fall Concert, Cerritos College Student Center, free admission.

Oct. 28, 7 p.m. – Band Fall Concert, Cerritos College Student Center, free admission.

Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m. – Holiday Choral Concert, William Bristol Civic Auditorium, ticket info: (562) 804-1424.

Nov. 16, 2 p.m. – Faculty Gala, Cerritos College Burnright Theatre, \$10.

Nov. 19, 7 p.m. – Jazz Fall Concert, Cerritos College Student Center, free admission.

Dec. 14, 4 p.m. – Holiday Choral Concert, California Heights United Methodist Church in Long Beach, ticket info: (562) 595-1996.

Dec. 19, 7 p.m. – Instrumental Holiday Concert, Cerritos College Burnright Theatre, free admission.

Opening the series Thursday will be a screening of "Los Andes No Crean Dios" ("The Andes Don't Believe in God"), directed and written by Antonio Eguino.

Next, a comedy produced by Fox Studios in 1934 titled "Asegure a su Mujer" ("He Trusted His Wife") and directed by Lewis Seiler continues the series on Oct. 2. "Asegure a su Mujer" is a 35mm subtitled preservation print created in a collaborative effort between the Academy Film Archive, the Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival, and the CSULB Film and Electronic Arts Department.

"Asegure a su Mejer" is a screwball comedy produced by Fox Studios for the Latin American market in the 1930s when sound was a new technology affecting cinema around the globe," explained Sanchez-H. "Hollywood studios were interested in winning over Latin American audiences and hired the most popular Latino stars to be in their movies, which were distributed only throughout Latin America."

"The screening of 'Asegure a su Mejer' at CSULB will be the second time this film is shown publicly in the United States."

On Oct. 9, the series will screen the Cuban film "Madrigal," directed by Fernando Perez. The dramatic love story told in two time periods, 2005 and 2020, portrays a place where reality and fantasy seem to merge into one.

The series concludes Oct. 16 with a comedy from Puerto Rico directed by Carlos Ruiz and Marie Perez Rivera titled "Maldeamores" ("Lovesickness"). The film follows several characters in their quests for love.

"The Latin American Studies Film Series is an excellent way for us to reach both students and the community. Our goal is to provide an experience that will facilitate an openness to and understanding of Latin America cinema and culture," said Sanchez-H. "The university is an important part of the Long Beach community and reaching people through cultural events is essential for fostering education beyond the classrooms."

For more information on the series, visit www.csulb.edu or call Jose Sanchez-H at (562) 985-7661.

Cheap movie tickets for a good cause

DOWNEY – Warren High School's girls' volleyball team is selling discount movie tickets for Krikorian Theatres as part of a team fundraiser.

Tickets, priced at \$6.50 each, never expire and can be used at any Krikorian Theatre for any movie, at any time.

Tickets are available from any Warren volleyball player or by calling Barbara Hill at (562) 861-7610.

DINING-OUT DEALS IN DOWNEY

Gourmet Restaurant Cafe 8250 Firestone Blvd. (562) 923-2812

Buy One Dinner off Dinner Menu Receive 50 % off Second Dinner

Not Valid w/any other specials • 3 pm - closing Exp. 9-30-08

Peloon 10822 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY • 862-0223

Next to Stonewood Mall

Your choice of any item on the Dinner or Pasta section of our menu. valid only with purchase of two beverages 2 coupons per table • No take-out

BUY ONE DINNER AT REGULAR PRICE GET ONE DINNER FREE! of equal value or less (with coupon only)

Offer Good through 10-6-08 Not good with any other offer

Experience Downey's Premier Cuban Bakery & Café

Present this coupon and receive a free coffee and pastelito!

(Cuban espresso or american coffee and a guava pastry) One coupon per customer per week

Not valid with other offer Expires 9-25-08

CUBAN COFFEE HOUSE TROPICANA Bakery & Cuban Cafe

562.806.8343 10218 PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241

Cafe Corleone Italian Restaurant

"One of the best pizzas in LA" - Good Morning America

- SPECIAL OFFER 20% off w/any food purchase over \$35
- Dining room only, valid Mon. thru Thurs., lunch or dinner

Buy 2 extra large pizzas, 2 toppings each Get a FREE large cheese pizza

To Go or Delivery only • Expires 9-30-08

15337 Paramount Blvd., Paramount CA Phone: (562) 408-6100 • Fax: (562) 408-0011

Blingo

Thursday Afternoon Games start at Noon

~ many special programs ~

Woman's Club of Downey 9813 Paramount Boulevard

~ Proceeds benefit Rancho ~

Bianchi THEATRES

7770 Rosecrans Ave. @ Paramount Blvd.

Phone: (562) 630-SHOW (7469)

IGOR PG	(10:00 12:35 3:10) 5:45 8:20 10:55
LAKEVIEW TERRACE PG-13	(11:00 1:45 4:30) 7:15 10:00
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL R	(12:15 2:15) 5:25 8:00 10:35
RIGHTEOUS KILL R	(10:15 1:10 4:05) 7:00 9:55
RIGHTEOUS KILL R	(11:15 2:10) 5:05 8:00 10:55
THE FAMILY THAT PREYS PG-13	(10:55 1:40 4:25) 7:10 9:55
THE FAMILY THAT PREYS PG-13	(11:55 2:40) 5:25 8:10 10:55
BURN AFTER READING R	(10:40 1:05 3:30) 5:55 8:20 10:45
DEATH RACE R	(11:20 2:00 4:40) 7:20 10:00
BANGKOK DANGEROUS R	(1:00) 6:00 11:00
DISASTER MOVIE PG-13	(10:35 3:35) 8:35

POWWOW SALOON

NFL FOOTBALL PACKAGE All Games Shown, 9 TVs - Every Sunday

Pool Keno Karaoke

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Complementary hotdogs & chili every Sunday & Monday, also drink specials

Everyone Welcome

562-869-8970 9560 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA 90241

krikorian theatres

www.kptmovies.com

Downey Cinema 10

8200 3rd Street 562.622.3999 ALL STADIUM SEATING

ALL DIGITAL PRESENTATION

RENT FILMED LIVE ON BROADWAY Advance Tickets On Sale Now!

• RENT FILMED LIVE ON BROADWAY NR: Wed & Thur 7:00

GHOST TOWN PG-13 (11:15, 1:45, 4:30), 7:20, 10:00

IGOR PG (12:00, 2:25, 4:50), 7:10, 9:30

LAKEVIEW TERRACE PG-13 (11:05, 1:50, 4:35), 7:40, 10:20

MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL R (11:25, 2:05, 4:40), 7:25, 10:05

BURN AFTER READING R (11:40, 2:15, 4:40), 7:10, 9:50

RIGHTEOUS KILL R (11:00, 11:45, 1:35, 2:20, 4:10, 5:00), 6:45, 7:35, 9:20, 10:10

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS PG-13 (11:20, 2:00, 4:45), 7:30, 10:15

THE WOMEN PG-13 (11:10, 1:55, 4:45), 7:45, 10:20

THE HOUSE BUNNY PG-13 Fri to Tue: (11:30, 2:10, 4:45), 7:15, 9:45; Wed & Thur: (11:30, 2:10, 4:45), 7:20

Times for Friday-Thursday, September 19-25, 2008

Bargain Matinee () Advance ticket sales Special Engagement/No Passes * www.kptmovies.com

ENTERTAINMENT

NEWS DELIVERED EVERY FRIDAY BY:

The Downey Patriot

YOUR HOMETOWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

AHOY, ALL PIRATES!

Sail aboard a 130' tallship for an exciting, fun-filled Catalina Island weekend. Accommodations & meals aboard.

Buccaneer Days

Oct. 4-5, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$195/person

• RESERVATIONS LIMITED

American Pride Childrens Maritime Foundation, Long Beach, CA

www.americanpride.org • (714) 970-8800 • Reservations A Must

Conwell: DRMC career began in 1982.

Continued from page 1

scan model, can now be performed in just 19 seconds. An important feature also is the system's advanced cardiac package which can be used to analyze the heart and its associated vessels. With this capability, certain types of heart disease are more accurately detected, avoiding instances of, say, unwanted and (previously) really unnecessary surgical procedures.

Ailing philanthropist Art Morris, who sits on the DRMC board as secretary, donated a cool \$1 million towards the CT scanner's purchase. DRMC has named the whole Imaging Center (including MRI, etc.) department after him, in grateful acknowledgment of his many significant donations and contributions over the years.

As vice president of nursing and chief nursing officer, Heather Conwell is at once a proud witness to all this and a committed participant in all the progress and developments the 199-bed DRMC has undergone for the past 24 years. She has a diploma in nursing (1975) from the Los Angeles County School of Nursing, and took a bachelor's (1983) as well as a master's in nursing (1991) from Cal State Long Beach. Before all this, she had obtained a bachelor of fine arts in environmental design in 1971 at UCLA. She began her career at DRMC in October of 1982 as a staff nurse for the Emergency Department.

First appointed Chief Nursing Officer in 1989, Conwell has to this day had direct responsibility for the development, implementation and evaluation of nursing and clinical services in several of the hospital's operational and administrative areas, including: Emergency Care Center, Coronary and Intensive Care, Medical-Surgical and Pediatric units, Family Birth Center, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Infection Control, Environmental Services, Nurse Staffing, Employee Health, and Home Health Care.

She says the hospital offers a complete array of services (emergency care, endoscopy, laboratory and pathology services, rehab and respiratory services, even a wellness center, etc.), except for organ transplants. She is in charge of some 500 nurses, sets performance improvement levels, works on organizational quality management and otherwise pursues service excellence in the department.

Appointed vice president of nursing last year, she assumed additional responsibilities in the areas of surgical and gastrointestinal lab nursing services, on top of her chief nursing officer duties.

Conwell says the supply of highly qualified, well-trained nurses has become tighter more than ever especially with the freeze on the granting of visas to foreign nurses. She faces a double-edged sword: the average age of DRMC's current complement of highly-trained nurses is 50, while it takes time (usually six months) and it's expensive to train new hires "if you can get them." Although a nurse stays an average of 10 years at DRMC, turnover cannot be prevented: she says people move to other cities, etc. "Right now, we have 25 openings."

"Nursing is a great career," she continues. "The opportunities are boundless. The whole area of healthcare is expanding, and the schools are not keeping pace. Home health care, because of an aging population, is a high growth area. Hospital beds are being added every day. For that matter, there is now a great demand for more pharmacists, clinical lab scientists, physical therapists, radiology technologists, and so on."

Building on the mission of the hospital, which is "commitment to the care and well-being of the community," regardless even of one's ability to pay, Conwell sees the basic role of her nursing team as making sure all patients are given the same quality care. This goes beyond their normal functions of monitoring the patient's progress 24/7, dispensing the right medications, making assessments, informing the physicians of changes in care plans, etc.

"We try to do these things in a timely and effective manner, to make sure our care efforts have good outcomes."

Just to give an idea of 'business activity' at the hospital, Conwell says the hospital handles 1 million lab tests a year, some 4,000 ER visits as well as 500 operating room procedures and 150 Family Birth Center deliveries a month.

"Usually, depending on the immediate availability of staff, our critical care unit operates on a one-to-one nurse-to-patient ratio, our cardiac monitoring unit on a one-to-four ratio, and our medical surgery unit on a one-to-five ratio," she adds.

"For me, this is the best job there is," Conwell says. "I enjoy it because it's meaningful. It's fulfilling. It's simply a great job."

She could have added that it's a great place to work, too, as DRMC looks forward to performing its mission with a smoothly-functioning, highly-motivated, competent crew.

Chief: Force enjoys far-reaching support.

fine to have an "over-arching" philosophy of law enforcement, but ultimately it's the day-to-day attention to duty and to details that counts. Also, "we don't work in a vacuum," he said, grateful for the unprecedented level of support and cooperation the department enjoys from everybody: the City Council, staff, other departments, the county, the city of L.A. and others, and, yes, "these are our neighbors, including the ever-busy CHP complement in Pico Rivera, and the like."

He made special mention of his collaboration with DUSD officials such as Superintendent Wendy Doty. He said that, in view of the difficulty in recruiting highly-qualified police officer prospects, Downey High School is doing a signal service by inserting a class on law enforcement in its curriculum.

People who have come to know the police chief have come to appreciate his analytic/pragmatic approach to police work. What many Rotarians probably don't know is the fact that physically imposing and impressive-looking



Police Chief Roy Campos was the guest speaker at Tuesday's Downey Rotary Club meeting. Photo courtesy George Cade

Campos, who just turned 51, routinely does stretching and calisthenics as well as walks 3-1/2 miles four or five days a week.

Paralleling the department's emphasis on training is its commitment to supply the force with the right equipment. Thus a mounted camera "in every black-and-white police car" to record what occurs, the installation of a GPS system to help dispatchers track what's happening in the field, etc., are either already in place or in the pipeline, thanks to a "supportive and savvy City Council."

A measure lately of the regard

the city of Downey has been getting from neighboring police forces, says Campos, is one of them sending a narcotics undercover agent to train here.

To be sure, there will be (almost intractable) problems, he said, as when he fielded a question from Angelo Cardono about graffiti.

"Prosecuting offenders right now is difficult, and the vandals know this only too well," he said. "We have to keep at it, keep at it. When the offenders do get caught, even judges get frustrated because there's no teeth to the law. Much,

therefore, remains to be done."

There is a welcome variety (and succinctness) in Campos' sentences, and his choice of words matches supple thoughts—always a sign, if I may say so, of a good, effective speaker.

He was at his effective best last Tuesday, especially towards the end (not counting the sight of him touching his sidearm ("I'm the last police chief allowed to wear a sidearm") when he made the appeal: "We all have to work together."

Henry Veneracion is a member of Downey Rotary Club.

Grant earmarked for future teachers

■ 20K grant will benefit future special education teachers.

NORWALK — Cerritos College's award-winning Teacher Training Academy (Teacher TRAC) has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Boeing Foundation, benefiting its Special Education Intern Program which provides pathways and services to future educators to teach students with special needs.

The check was presented during the program's new student orientation on Sept. 4, which was attended by more than 40 new students.

The Special Education Intern Program is a partnership between Cerritos College and Cal State Long Beach that will train future special education teachers, allowing them to complete a baccalaureate degree, student teaching, multiple subject teaching credential and

educational specialist credential in four calendar years.

The Downey Unified School District is a partner in the grant and has a master, mentor teacher who will work with a group of the

Special Education Intern Program students.

"The Special Education Intern Program is in its third years with two successful years. Some students transferred to four-year uni-

versities and are on their way to becoming special education teachers," said Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC. "The funding will enable us to continue the program and student success."

Connections Networking
Join us Thursday at 7:30am
Hackers Bar & Grill
10627 Old River School Rd.,
Downey, CA 90241

All American HOME CENTER
(562) 927-8666
Like having an expert in the family!

SUBSCRIBE
The Downey Patriot is now offering subscriptions for \$20/yr to receive our publication every Friday*.



*Single family homes only. The Downey Patriot will continue its free distribution, this subscription guarantees a delivery. Our 25,000 distribution cannot reach every Downey home.

Elect The Most Qualified Candidate
MARIA LARKIN
www.electmarialarkin.com
Downey City Council Dist. 5
Paid for by the committee to elect Maria Larkin ID# 1307795



LEARN HOW INVISALIGN CAN WORK FOR YOU

Invisalign® Special Event

Tuesday, November 18th 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Dr. McAllister will be providing Invisalign treatment consultations to answer your questions about Invisalign treatment, the clear way to straighten teeth. If you have wondered if Invisalign is right for you, ask the scheduling coordinator to schedule you for an appointment for this special event.

For eligible* Invisalign Special Event patients:
Free \$350.00 whitening
Complimentary records (x-rays, photos, impressions, etc.) - a \$250 value
Down payment matching up to \$500
Space is limited to the first 8 appointments.

*Ask the scheduling coordinator about Invisalign Special Event patient eligibility.



10917 Paramount Bl Downey, CA 90241 (562) 869-0928



AÉROPOSTALE EXPRESS HOT TOPIC PACSUN VANS + MORE

I AM BOLD.
I AM TRENDY.
I AM YOUR GRAPHIC TEE,
AND TOGETHER,
WE CAN TURN ANY OUTFIT INTO A WORK OF ART.

THE LIFE OF STYLE.™

STONEWOOD CENTER®

JCPENNEY, MERVYN'S, MACY'S, SEARS, AND MORE THAN 170 SPECIALTY STORES AND RESTAURANTS. LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF FIRESTONE AND LAKEWOOD BOULEVARDS IN DOWNEY. 562.904.1832 | WWW.SHOPSTONEWOODCENTER.COM



Clergy members from nearly a dozen Downey congregations gathered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church last week for a Blue Mass honoring local fire and police departments. Photo by Mary Forney

Downey clergies come together to honor firefighters and police

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — On Sept. 11, before walking down the sidewalk toward the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, schoolchildren stopped by a mulberry tree and flag poles to say a few words.

Not all of the children had been born yet, and some were too young to remember 7 years ago when hundreds of firemen and policemen lost their lives trying to save others. Yet, reverently, the OLPH schoolchildren paid tribute to the men in blue who had died at the Twin Towers in New York City — even those who didn't quite understand that fateful day.

The mulberry tree was planted in 2001 because, "Our principal said it's a symbol of life," said Diane Davis, who is the director of development at OLPH School.

At the OLPH Church, local clergy, firemen, policemen and their families gathered for a community Blue Mass hosted by the schoolchildren. The visiting clergy included Rev. Nancy Hamm, Christ Lutheran Church; Rev. Lui Tran, Downey United Methodist Church; Rabbi Len Muroff, Temple Ner Tamid; Pastor Kevin Boyce, Light & Life Christian Fellowship; Rev. Dave Smith, Downey First Christian Church; Rev. John Higgins, Saint Raymond's Catholic Church; Rev. Audie Derryberry, Downey Bible Church Reformed; Rev. John Constantine, Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, and Rev. Candie Blankman, First Presbyterian Church.

"Men and women of blue serve in one of the greatest vocations and serve with great distinction and honor," said Blankman as she addressed the police and fire departments. "You do an act of PR — the 'P' stands for presence and your presence is like salt — you give flavor and influence to our community, and your acts of goodness are ways that preserve our community.

"The 'R' stands for response. When there's a crisis, tragedy or danger — we run away — but our firefighters and police officers run exactly into

the places we are trying to run out of. They put themselves in harms way every day," Blankman said.

Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter appreciated the sincerity of the schoolchildren and guest clergy.

"The Blue Mass is well received — it's a moving experience to have a church full of people thank you," Sauter said.

"I consider it one of the more moving things I do every year. It's an honor to be there and we are humble. We are rewarded internally when we deliver a baby or pull someone from a fire or a crumpled car — most people don't know what that feels like. To be shown sincere, genuine appreciation and wished good will and safety is pretty powerful," he said.

The Downey Police Department was equally touched by the Blue Mass ceremony which the OLPH School has hosted for the last three years.

"The Blue Mass represents the highest level of appreciation that a community may bestow upon our fire and police departments — a public, interfaith expression of gratitude and recognition," said Downey Police Chief Roy Campos.

"It will serve to reinforce to all of us within the Downey Police Department — the sincere support provided by our community and local religious leaders."

Students can go to Knott's Scary Farm

DOWNEY — The city of Downey Community Services department is accepting registration for a student trip to Knott's Scary Farm on Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The trip is only open to middle school students able to prove they live or attend school in Downey.

Cost is \$40 and includes transportation and admission. Check-in will be at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall flag pole.

No costumes will be permitted and students will be supervised and travel in secure groups. To register, call (562) 904-7238.

New travel baseball team hosts tryouts

■ Downey Rockets play, practice out of Furman Park.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — More travel teams are starting to pop up everywhere in Downey and the Rockets are just one of the newest kids on the block.

The Downey Rockets, a travel baseball team, is looking for new upcoming baseball talents to add to their roster.

The Rockets play baseball tournaments with kids who are age 12 and under. They recruit out of West Downey Little League and from other players in Downey who are currently traveling too far for their parents' taste to play travel baseball.

What brought on the creation of this team, according to general manager Mike Pagan, were the high levels of competition he and manager Willie Ramirez witnessed while watching a couple of travel ball teams compete.

"We were shocked to see the level of play in travel ball," Pagan said. "We thought our little leaguers were behind."

With that said, on came the creation of the Rockets. The goal is to get the players more exposure to the game and put them through more intense training.

So far the club has participated

in three tournaments and four scrimmages against other clubs. While their success thus far doesn't appear too pleasing, the coaches said they are impressed with the significant progression that has been made by the team.

Without surprise, most of the team is made up of multi-sport athletes and has a very jittery base for commitment. Ideally, the team would like to bring on 12 dedicated players to stay on the roster permanently, then fill holes as players depart.

The team currently holds open tryouts at Furman Park every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. They are especially looking for players who have had some travel ball experience.

Furman Park is the current home of the team, but as soon as Discovery Park opens in Downey, the team hopes to base all their tournaments and practices there.

Sponsorships are also welcome. The team runs off fundraisers they hold and any sponsorship money that may come their way. Sometimes parents are asked to split some of the costs of tournaments but the team tries their best to not charge the players.

For more information about the team or tryouts, contact either Pagan at (562) 291-8640 anytime or Ramirez at (562) 861-9593 after 5 p.m.

Maria Haas trained as nurse during WWII



DOWNEY — Downey resident Maria Haas, 81, died at her home Sept. 6. She was born May 30, 1927 in Bavaria, Germany and was the last surviving sibling of seven children. She was trained as a nurse in Germany during World War II.

She moved to Downey in the 1950s and worked as an office manager and physician's assistant until retiring in the 1970s.

Her only son died 28 years ago at age 24.

Funeral services are pending.

Holding helped form Downey Dolphins

DOWNEY — Arthur Holding, a founding member of the Downey Dolphins swim club, died peacefully at home on Sept. 8. He was 80.

Holding was born in England and moved to Manitoba, Canada when he was 5 years old. He lived in Downey for 52 years.

He worked as a CPA for May Company for 19 years, and for Randall Foods for 12 years. He was a 55-year member of the Canadian Chartered Accountants.

He helped found the Downey Dolphins swim club, and was also affiliated with the Downey YMCA and DJAA for several years.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Florence; son, Greg, and his wife, Lori; and grandchildren Jordan and Sarah.

Annual Olive Festival in La Mirada

LA MIRADA — The La Mirada Chamber of Commerce will hold their second annual Olive Festival at La Mirada Regional Park tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event is open to the public.

The Olive Festival is a community event featuring a car show, food fair, 5K run/walk, and an art exhibit.

At the food fair, visitors can purchase "sample books" for \$10 which allows them a taste of food from dozens of local restaurants. The car show will showcase residents' pre-1970 vehicles.

The theme of the Olive Festival is designed around the history of La Mirada, when it was predominantly olive grows and every property was required to have an olive tree on its premises.

Gary Allan Morse, Sr.
1938 - 2008

Gary Allan Morse, Sr. passed away unexpectedly Sunday, September 14, 2008.

He was a deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Bellflower. He was a past president and member for 41 years of the Bellflower Kiwanis. He was a Captain in the US Navy Reserves. He was a graduate of University of California, Berkeley and went on to become an owner/broker of Farmers Insurance; past director, Central Basin Water Board and past director, Metropolitan Water Department.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children Allan (Wendi) and Tracy; and his grandson Gary Allan Morse, III.

A funeral service will be held today at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Bellflower.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to:
Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County
12049 Woodruff Avenue
Downey, CA 90241
or
Celebrate Recovery of Calvary Baptist Bellflower
14722 Clark Avenue
Bellflower, CA 90706

IMMIGRATION

- CRIMINAL
- LIVING TRUSTS
- ACCIDENTS
- HABLAMOS ESPANOL

ATTORNEY AT LAW
ALEXIS SAAB

10810 Paramount Blvd Suite 201
(562) 904-2622

LAW OFFICES OF STEVE LOPEZ
El Abogado Habla Espanol

Your Attorney For:

- CIVIL LITIGATION
- FAMILY LAW
- ESTATE PLANNING

www.stevelopezlaw.com
8562 Florence Ave. • Downey, CA 90240 • 562-904-1193

FOR ACCOUNTABILITY ELECT

Gary De Remer
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5

"I believe in local control of our police and fire departments!"

garyderemer2008@yahoo.com State ID# 1308405

George's tree & landscaping service
the original

Trimming • Topping • Stump Grinding • Removing

Residential • Commercial • Apartments • Condominium
Free Estimates

Se Habla Español FULLY INSURED Same Owner Over 30 Years

(562) 923-8911 (800) 695-5237

\$50.00 OFF Any Tree Service
Min. \$200.00 Present coupon after quote Residential Only

FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!

- Free Pre-qualification and List of Properties (Save big \$\$\$ on foreclosures)
- If you would like a FREE NO OBLIGATION estimate of the value of your property, please give me a call.

A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE... A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

CALL ME TODAY!
EDGAR CORTEZ
(562) 928-6207

CPA #1 International Downey, CA

DOWNEY PLUMBING, HEATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING (562) 861-1234

- Air Conditioning
- Drains and Sewers Cleaned
- Copper Repiping
- Furnaces
- Hydrojetting
- Water Heaters
- Water Piping
- Leak Detections
- Water Softeners
- Disposals
- Bath Remodeling

State Contractor Lic. #731172

Senior Discounts
\$10 OFF ALL REPAIRS

APPLIANCES

BIG SALE ON
Pre owned appliances washers, dryers, warranty. Free local delivery.
Johnnies Maytag
12018 Paramount Blvd., Dwy.
(562) 927-7433

PIANO LESSONS

PIANO LESSONS
Euro. - Amer. MA Degree.
Call Elsa (562) 867-0203

SOLD IT FAST IN PATRIOT CLASSIFIEDS!
904-3668

Toni Stewart
Realtor (310) 717-4139

Thinking of retirement? Need a smaller home with less work? Does a retirement community suit you? Let me put my expertise to work for you.
SRES
Seniors Real Estate Specialist
tonistewart1@juno.com

HOMES FOR SALE

ENTERTAINER'S DREAM
Beautiful home in N.E. Downey. 4 bed, 4 bath, huge living room with 22 ft. ceilings. Large formal dining room. Large kitchen opens onto family room. Grand master bedroom with 22 ft. ceilings & bath with dual showers. Second master bedroom with full bath, granite, built-in desk & large walk-in closet. Hardwood floors, extensive molding, security cameras. Remodeled pool with fiber optics & spa. Built-in BBQ & outdoor tables w/palapa coverings. Lot size approx. 16,554 sq. ft., home approx. 3,744 sq. ft. **Address is 9726 Downey Ave., Downey. Open House 9/20 & 9/21, 1 PM to 5 PM.** Any questions please call Maggie Weston/ReMax Classic @ (714) 713-9549

GARAGE SALE

VINTAGE/ COLLECTABLES/ DOLLS
Dishes, jewelry & other items of interest.
Sat. only 7:30 am - 3 pm
7115 De Palma St., Dwy.

Downey Graffiti Hotline
562-923-4484
Report graffiti or persons performing the act to this number.

EMPLOYMENT

JOIN AVON
The Perfect Business #1 Direct Selling Beauty Co., (Ind. sls. rep.)
(562) 631-9357

DATA ENTRY POSITION/ENTRY LEVEL
Full or part time. Must be internet proficient, fast, accurate, dependable and have good references. Please submit resume by email or fax and indicate WPM/keystroke ability. gaby@citycareerfair.com or (562) 651-9183

PRODUCTION PLANNER
For furniture manufacturing company in Commerce, CA. MRP, EXCEL Proficient. Fax resume to (323) 887-2339 Attn: Ali Spanish speaking a plus

QUALITY CONTROL
For furniture manufacturing company in Commerce, CA. Art school education a plus. Fax resume to (323) 887-2339 Attn: Ali Spanish speaking a plus

FOR RENT

DWY. 2 BR 1 B APT.
ldry., prking., \$1,200 + dep.
(562) 881-5635

DOWNEY
1 bed \$995, A/C, pool, carport, laundry, close to all.
10640 Parrot St.
(562) 869-7717 or (213) 925-5848

SOUTH GATE
Large 1 bed, 1 ba, \$900/mo.
Call John (562) 397-8939

FRONT HOUSE
3 bed, 2 bath, big den, 2 car gar., nice kitchen with appliances, nice ldry. area, 50% utilities paid. Back house rented separately, pool & jacuzzi. Located in a nice area of Downey \$2,300 mo. with first months deposits. Call Mrs. Rico at (562) 754-4479

2 BED DUPLEX
Bellflower \$1,195, lrg. yd., ldry. hkps., new flrs.
(562) 867-4710
www.mgbservices.net

DOWNEY APT.
Very quiet bldg., 1 bed \$925, 2 bed, 2 bath \$1,200. Elec. stove, A/C, ceiling fans, no pets.
(562) 776-8494

2 BED HOUSE BELLFLOWER \$1,095
2 bed apt. - Bellflower \$995.
1 bed house - Bellflower \$895.
(562) 867-4710
www.mgbservices.net

FOR RENT

55 YEARS + VIEW CONDO
2 BR, 2 B, new paint & carpet, Ctl. A/C & heat, gas F/P, elect. stove, refrig., microwave/s, D/W, inside ldry., balcony, 2 gated prkg. spaces, pool, lounge, rec. rm. No pets, no smoking \$1,200 1st mo. + \$1,200 sec. dep.
(323) 493-9454

SERVICES

PAINTING & REMODEL
Residential, commercial, interior & exterior. Lic. 456722.
(562) 928-7680
(562) 441-6509

MIKE THE ELECTRICIAN
Recessed lighting, remodel home and office, service upgrade 120-600 volts. FREE NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE. Lic. #829705
(562) 861-4266

TAX PROBLEMS? Income Tax
Enrolled Agent admitted to Practice before the IRS. We Can Help!
www.TaxTime415.com
(562) 803-3569

ARMAS PATCHING & RESTUCCO
Exterior & interior plaster patching, matching all stucco textures. Very clean. 25 years exp. No patch too small. Free estimates. Ask for Ray Armas Lic# 882779
(562) 923-8227

SERVICES

MACHADO CONSTRUCTION CO.
Room additions, roofing, kitchen and bath remodeling, window replacement, paint. Senior discount. Lic#574972
(562) 803-8630
(323) 294-8745

DEBT TROUBLES?
www.Bankruptcyquick.com
Federally Designated Debt Relief Agency
Law Office of Michael Bourdaa.
(562) 622-0820

SUPERB PAINTING
Exterior, Interior, senior discounts, references, dependable & reliable. Free estimates. Lic. #634063. Wayne.
(562) 863-5478

FIX THOSE BROKEN BLINDS
Drapery Rods, Est No Charge
Dave (562) 505-0652

HONEST HANDYMAN
Painting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry.
Call Jim (562) 869-0741

FULL SERVICE PLUMBING
Licensed, bonded & insured, 24/7, senior discount
McKinnon & Sons
Plumbing of Downey
(562) 904-3616

CARPET 4 U
Nylon Carpet w/Pad installed: \$1.65 sq. ft. Vinyl Floor installed \$2.45 sq. ft.
(562) 866-2195
Showroom at 9303 Alondra Blvd. in Bellflower

MORTGAGE CONTRACT LOAN PROCESSOR
Lower your over head cost. Let me do the processing so you can focus on selling loans! Conv, FHA, Jumbo & Investment. Rosie Cortes
(562) 712-5000

www.excellentdowneyhome.com

CARRIE UVA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
(562) 382-1252

www.greatdowneypurchase.com

Marlene Rodriguez Broker/Notary

GREAT DEALS IN DOWNEY
* 3 BDRS, 2 BATHS, 1,404 SQ.FT. - \$325,000 * 3 BDRS, 2 BATHS, 1,774 SQ.FT. - \$328,000 * 4 BDRS, 2 BATHS, 1,250 SQ.FT. - \$350,000 * 4 BDRS, 2 BATHS, 1,544 SQ.FT. - \$359,000 UNITS 2 UNITS - \$429,000 2 UNITS - \$449,000 2 UNITS - \$465,000

CALL ME FOR A LIST OF OTHER GREAT DEALS IN YOUR AREA.
562 824-7333
www.marlenerodriguez.com

AVOID PROBATE!

- Living Trusts
- Wills
- Real Estate Law

CALL CARRIE TODAY!
(562) 382-1252
8635 Florence Ave. Suite 101
Downey, CA 90240

Blanca Pacheco
Attorney At Law
Need A Living Trust?
Avoid Probate!
Save Thousands of Dollars!!
(562) 843-8949
"Español es Mi primer Idioma"
6505 Rosemead Blvd. Suite 101 Pico Rivera, CA 90660
Real Estate Broker- Realtor

FOR DALE JERVIS, REAL ESTATE IS NOT SIMPLY A CAREER
It's a Family Tradition

As a third-generation Realtor, Dale Jervis will tell you his approach to business is largely influenced by his grandfather, the founder of one of the largest real estate companies in Downey. It's a simple approach really—always treat people right and strive to do things better. But for Dale, it's uncompromising. Indeed, it's a family tradition that he is proud and determined to build upon.

And the impact has been incredible. For more than two decades, Dale has built a reputation in the community as the professional to trust with all your real estate needs. From his vast experience to his lifelong knowledge of the local market, his use of cutting-edge technology to his unwavering focus on customer service, Dale works hard to uphold his family's legacy each and every day. So, if you're in the market to buy or sell, count on a tradition of success and call Dale Jervis today.

ATTENTION HOME SELLERS!
Ask Dale for his special report, "10 Mistakes You Can Make When Selling Your Home That Will Cost You Thousands (And How To Avoid Them)." This valuable information is offered to you free of charge. Just give Dale a call and he'll be glad to send you one today.

Dale Jervis
Doing Things Better

(562) 743-2121 • www.DaleJervis.com

PAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS
NOW AVAILABLE!

The Downey Patriot guarantees home delivery every Friday to single-family homes in Downey for \$20 per year.

Our current distribution of 25,000 cannot reach every home in Downey, this subscription ensures that you get a copy. Our normal distribution will continue free of charge.

8301 E. Florence Ave.
Suite 100
Downey, CA 90240
(562) 904-3668

Downey in Action:

Boy Scouts of America

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

The Boy Scouts of America have been around since 1910 and have continued to grow into one of the biggest youth organizations in the country. Since the group's early beginnings, it has been intertwining lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to help parents in building character, developing citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness in youth according to their website.

Downey's troops are no different in helping their youth develop these skills. Just like the Scout's mission statement says, the goal is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by making sure the values of the group's oath is imbedded in their personalities.

They do this through multiple means, whether it includes earning the famous merit badges, participating in a community project or working up the rankings of the Scouts.

The Scouts are a privately-run organization. Typically, kids as young as 6 years old can join the scouts. The organization's website recommends that children that young start their scouting endeavors with the Cub Scouts, a branch of the group. When they get a little older, they can join the Boy Scouts and continue their involvement.

With the Boy Scouts, you are most likely to learn new skills involving camping, outdoor activities and if dedicated enough, participate in an advancement program that helps create and develop self-reliance and leadership skills.

Going through these steps, kids are most likely to go through the rankings of the organization.

Starting out, you possess the ranking of Scout. As you continue through the hierarchy they will reach stages like Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and then finally Eagle.

The average timetable to work through each level can be anywhere between four to six years. There is no limit to how long you have to complete each stage.

Each ranking is accompanied by various skills you must learn in order to move on to the next step. In some ranks, you must obtain a certain amount of merit badges to move on.

The merit badges are awarded to those who master certain skills that pertain to the related badge. One badge you can earn is in rifle or shotgun shooting; another is the emergency preparedness badge where Scouts need to prove they are well versed in emergency techniques and safety skills such as bandaging a wound properly, CPR and other things.

In order to achieve Eagle status, a certain amount of badges must be earned and a final project must be presented to a scouting board. Normally, these projects involve helping another organization, group of people or an area of the community.

Some projects done in the city of Downey include laying mulch out at a variety of parks to help the vegetation grow and building dollies for businesses that need equipment to move things around. A radio system was even installed in a local church.

Achieving the status of Eagle Scout comes with its benefits. Not only

is it a great accomplishment but it shows what you are as a person. Achieving Eagle status shows your commitment and determination and it shows your skill set and preparedness for the real world.

After all, those traits are the main goals of the Scouts. If you achieve Eagle status, you truly reflect what the Scouts are about.

"You do feel like you're part of the community," said Downey Eagle Scout David Kim. "You are learning to be a functioning citizen. You are learning to be an engaged resident whether it's in the community or the country.

"Kids might not realize it, but they grow up in the Scouts, and learn to play a role in the community."

They aren't all about citizenship and providing skills. There are tons of fun activities that are included in the membership.

Meetings, where often new friends are made amongst the troop, include games and lots of physical activity. Other things that happen in meetings are the completion of fun little projects and the scheduling of outings.

Going outdoors, camping, fishing, and hunting are just a few things done during the excursions. Gear is provided to the campers including stoves, tents and a few other necessities.

"I would personally say it helps you develop an appreciation for the outdoors," Kim said. "You learn things that you don't learn anywhere else."

The Scouts not only help you learn outdoors skills but also helps you prepare for the present and the future.

Library expands hours to include Sundays

DOWNEY – With the start of the school year, the Downey City Library is now open on Sundays.

"Providing access to the library on Sunday is a real benefit to students and busy families," said City Librarian Nancy Messineo. "Getting a free library card for everyone in your family is a great way to begin the new school year."

The library will open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. This is in addition to their regular hours of Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library offers books, magazines, newspapers, audio books, DVDs, CDs, electronic databases and computers for public use. They also host special events throughout the year.

Library users can return books in library book-drops during closed hours, renew books by phone or online at www.downeylibrary.org.



Javier Lopez has joined Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate as a sales associate after completing the company's exclusive "Smart Start Success Course." To contact Lopez, call (562) 861-7257.

Genealogical group meets Sunday

LONG BEACH – The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach will have its next meeting this Sunday 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, call Liz Myers at (562) 598-3027.

FOR ACCOUNTABILITY ELECT

Gary De Remer
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5

"I have no special allegiance, except to you the voter!"

www.garyderemer2008.com State ID# 1308405

IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BUYING OR SELLING, WE'RE YOUR COMPANY!

AFFORDABLE DUPLEX IN BELL

Front unit has 2 bedrooms 1 bath Back unit has 1 bedroom 1 bath 2 storage rooms, onsite parking. Zoned C3.
Priced at \$445,000
Call for more info (562) 923-5507
4717-19 Gage

DOWNEY DUPLEX

1 - 2 Bedroom 2 Bath, 1 - 2 Bedroom 1 Bath 4 Space Carport. Both units are in excellent condition.
Offered at \$565,000
Call for details (562)923-5507
10541 Western

IMMACULATE DOWNEY HOME

4 Bedrooms 2 baths, Den. Central air. Many upgrades. Beautiful in-ground pool and spa. Covered patio.
Asking \$685,000.
Call for more info (562) 923-5507
10246 Julius

Century 21
HOME AND INVESTMENT
11600 PARAMOUNT BLVD.
DOWNEY SUITE A

CALL US TODAY...
(562) 923-5507

VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE: www.C21HI.com

My Real Estate

The GOLD Standard
FOR OVER 30 YEARS

(562) 927-2626
century21myrealestate.com

OUR CLIENTS

"Maria Cibrian did a fine job. I will be referring Maria to my friends and family." – Alicia Navarro

"Manuel Acuna did a good job. Manuel really helped us a lot." – Salud Garcia

"Maria Zuloaga did an excellent job. Maria is a very good Realtor and we remain friends to this day." – Federito Herrell

FEATURED PROPERTY

A Big Opportunity

Family style kitchen, delightful formal dining area, a splendid built in china cabinet, enclosed patio, 4 comfortable bedrooms, 2 clean bathrooms, and 2 car garage. A Great North Downey Location...

TOP PRODUCERS

TOP LISTING
Marlene Rodriguez

TOP PRODUCTION
Maria Cibrian

TOP SALES
Lilian Lopez
Lorena Amaya

SOLD

Close To Stonewood Mall
This home is located in a nice north Downey area. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, nice size lot, priced with today's market in mind. Probate Sale. Priced for a FAST SALE!

SOLD

Ready For You
Cleanly painted from the interior to the exterior, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is a turn key. Move in condition with new carpet, new windows and fixtures, central air and heat, fireplace in family room.

SOLD

Think Big
This Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 3 bath home in the desirable area of Los Angeles is a charmer. Studio room, library, formal dining area, sun deck, maid's quarters. \$1,200,000

PENDING

Stop and Look!
Beautiful 2 story, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, centrally located, bright kitchen, tile floors, large closets, nice front & back yard. Price for today's market.

REDUCED

Only The Best
Beautiful South Gate home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in a nice neighborhood, and owner wants a quick sale!

Motivated Owner
Beautiful Downey 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in a nice neighborhood, lovely gardens, copper plumbing, central heating, and owner wants a quick sale!

Your Place For \$75,000
Mobile home in a nice area, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. This unit is in very good condition and ready to move in. A very nice mobile park with a clubhouse.

NEW LISTING

What A Playground!
A cute, cozy and ready to move-in 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, fireplace, assoc. pool, spa and PLAYGROUND, central heat and A/C

QUALITY SERVICE AWARD 1998-2007

MY ESCROW COMMERCIAL GROUP | MY MORTGAGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT | MY RELOCATION NOTARY SERVICE

7834 E. Florence Avenue Downey, CA 90240 • 800 641-2111 • Century21myrealestate.com

My Real Estate School

DRE Approved | LIVE Classes

For More Info Call: (562) 927-2626 ext. 119 Darlene



Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate
Office: (562) 861.7257
Toll Free: (800) 521.4572
Fax: (562) 861.0285
www.Prudential24Hours.com



Carrie Uva
"Let's Talk Real Estate!"
562-382-1252
www.CarrieUva.com
ATTORNEY, REALTOR, NOTARY!



Marie Picarelli
"The Intelligent Choice!"
562-618-0033
www.MariePicarelli.com
BANK REPO'S AVAILABLE!



Mario Persico
"Mario Did it AGAIN!"
562-533-7433
www.MarioPersico.com
Mario Persico: Born in Downey * Educated in Downey * Lives in Downey * Worships in Downey * Sells Downey!!

NICE AREA, NICE PRICE!
2 BD, 2 BA in Downey, w/ 7,440 lot
Priced at: \$489,900
Call Carrie @ 562-382-1252

OWNER DESPERATE!
OWNER WILLHELP WITH FINANCING!
\$399,000 or BEST OFFER!

7814 Decosta St. ~ Downey
3 BD, 2 BA, Remodeled
Over 1,300 sq. ft. Priced to Sell!
Call Mario Today (562) 533-7433

MOVE RIGHT IN!!!
3 BD, 1.75 BA in Downey
NOW ONLY \$424,900
Call Carrie @ 562-382-1252
www.CarrieUva.com

DOWNEY ORANGE ESTATES!!!
3 BD, 1.75 BA, family room.
PRICED AT \$599,999
Call Marie at 562-618-0033
www.MariePicarelli.com

FIT FOR A KING!
4 BD, 3 BA, 3,018 sq. ft., nearly
11,000 sq. ft. lot. LIKE NEW!
Priced to Sell!
Call Mario Today (562) 533-7433

Thinking About A Career In Real Estate?
GET A REAL ESTATE LICENSE NOW!
✓ CLASSES NOW FORMING!
✓ COMPLETE IN ONLY 8 WEEKS!
✓ ONLY \$299
CALL (562) 861-7257

Russell Skersick
"24 Hour Power!"
562-619-8280
www.RussellSkersick.com

MARIO DID IT AGAIN!!!
IN ESCROW!!!
3 BD, 2 BA, over 1,500 sq. ft.,
8,000 sq. ft. lot in N. Downey.
Call Mario Today 562-533-7433
www.MarioPersico.com

Martin Andrade
"Your 24 Hour Solution!"
562-244-1870
Martina@Prudential24Hours.com

Frank Moreno
"I Get Results!"
562-949-8139
www.FrankMoreno.com

Mary Jane Lee
"Selling Homes...24 Hours A Day!"
562-618-0390
MaryJane@Prudential24Hours.com

HOUSE + 2 UNITS!!!
House: 3 BD, 1 BA
2 Units: 1 BD, 1 BA Each.
ALL FOR ONLY: \$480,000

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
3 BD, 2 BA, Cul-de-sac.
Priced at: \$399,900
Call Frank 562-949-8139

JUST LISTED!
3 BD, 2 BA, 8,800 Sq. Ft. Lot.
Priced to Sell!

Visit us at: www.Prudential24Hours.com (562) 861-7257

Spinal Games at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Photos courtesy Rancho Los Amigos



Last week's Spinal Games at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center allowed patients with spinal injuries to compete in different sporting events.



The Games, now in its third year, are sponsored by the Rancho Foundation.



Participants included many former athletes, among them former college football players and hockey players.



MICHAEL BERDELIS
"The 24 Hour Agent"
Proudly Presents
"New Construction/
Mini-Mansion Repos!"
(562) 818-6111
www.MichaelBerdelis.com

Gorgeous Home Located Near Rio Hondo Golf Course!
Mediterranean style home highly upgraded 5 BR, 6.5BA, new construction home that had previously sold and was upgraded by original buyer. This 5500 sq. ft. home is situated on a 7536 sq. ft. lot! Price: \$1,399,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

New Construction - Must Sell!
6BR, 6.5 BA, 5219 sq ft living space, on a 7,709 sq. ft. lot, including a large master suite with retreat, fireplace, walk-in closet, master BA, and an entertainer's backyard with pool/spa and slide.
Price: \$1,349,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

One of Cheapest Homes (Per Sq Ft) in Area!
6 BR, 6 BA, 5500 sq ft living space, 7,590 sq ft lot size, built-in BBQ, located in Northeast Downey near schools!
Price: \$1,199,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Custom Built One of a Kind!
5BD+ optional 6th BD, 4BA, 4200 sq ft, large master suite, beautiful kitchen w/ Viking appliances, and home theater system w/ surround sound throughout house.
Price: \$1,199,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Move Right In!
NE Downey pool home w/ 5 BD, 4 BA, 4700 sq ft living space, 7500 sq ft lot, gorgeous master suite w/ fireplace & balcony.
Price: \$1,199,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Let's Make a Deal!
5BD, 4BA, 2800sq ft., pool and spa, 3 car garage.
Price: \$1,029,950
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

A Real Steal!
5 BD + office, 4 BA, master suite w/ fireplace, 3,750 sq ft, 6,480 sq ft lot.
Price: \$999,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Paradise Found!
Wonderful 5BR, 4.5 BA home, including a master suite with too many amenities to list, family room w/ fireplace, a loft/family room, and more!
Price: \$949,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Corporate Owned Bargain!
New Construction 2007 - 5 BR, 4 BA, 3250 sqft living space, many fine upgrades and touches.
Price \$899,950
Virtual tour at www.MichaelBerdelis.com

New 2007 Construction!
4BR, 4BA, approx 3200 sq. ft., marble floors, granite countertops, large master bedroom.
Price: \$879,950
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Custom Built!
Northeast Downey home w 5BR, 4BA, plus an office (or optional 6th BR), 4500 sq ft living space, and 7600 sq ft lot.
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

Sold! Sold! Sold!
5BD plus office, 4.5 BA, pool and spa, in Orange Estates.
List Price: \$1,049,000
Call Michael Berdelis at (562) 818-6111

View these homes at: www.MichaelBerdelis.com