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Warren High School graduate survives 'Survivor'

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Paloma Soto-Castillo, 24, is sleeping better these days – now that she has a pillow.

Despite missing the opportunity to win \$1 million when she appeared on this season's "Survivor: Gabon" television show, the 2002 Warren High School graduate did discover how much she values the comforts of home.

"What was most challenging was not drinking, sleeping on the floor, and not having a toothbrush," Soto-Castillo said. "We didn't have toilet paper, beds or any of the commodities."

Filed in Africa, she was voted off the show after three episodes.

"I wasn't surprised. I was one of the smallest and weakest members of the tribe," said Soto-Castillo, who is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 103 pounds. "I also didn't get along with one of the tribal members, so it put a target on my back."

Being on "Survivor: Gabon" was not the first time Soto-Castillo has lived without modern conveniences.

Born in Chile, Soto-Castillo is the daughter of missionaries who traveled extensively before settling in Downey nearly 15 years ago. While obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in communication from California State University, Soto-Castillo took a few months off from school to make her first brave move on her own – to Kenya.

It was living among the wild animals and witnessing the suffering of the natives that prompted Soto-Castillo's desire to make a lot of money on "Survivor". Her dream was to take the \$1 million winnings back to Kenya to open an orphanage or an elementary school.

Soto-Castillo hopes to return to Kenya one day, but in the meantime, she has returned to her job as



Paloma Soto-Castillo, a Downey resident and Warren High School graduate, lasted three weeks before being voted off the CBS reality show 'Survivor.' She's shown with the show's host, Jeff Probst. Photos courtesy CBS

a waitress at Smooth's in Long Beach and to working on her teaching credentials.

"I would like to find a job as a substitute teacher – maybe even back at Warren High School," she said. "I am glad to be home. Part of me is sad because I was the third person voted off, but part of me was relieved to leave because I could finally shower and sleep on a pillow."

Her father was also happy to see her return.

"My dad was probably the most apprehensive because it's a reality show and a survival show," she said. "He is actually relieved I got kicked off – he said I looked too skinny and like I was about to pass out."

"I feel everything in my life helped prepare me to be on the show. I just didn't really train to be



in physical shape – which was probably one of my downfalls. But I think I am a stronger person for being on the show and I met a lot of



cool people. I am thankful for the experience and the opportunity to visit Africa – this is something I can tell my grandchildren about."

Pianist boasts a dream résumé

■ Tickets on sale for Oct. 25 symphony concert.

BY JOYCE SHERWIN,
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – If you were writing a dream résumé, listing accomplishments, honors, wide-ranging interests, and contributions to mankind, that résumé would probably pale beside the actual biographical material that documents the life of a young woman named Pauline Yang.

She is one of "Glamour" magazine's "2008 Top 10 College Women of the Year." She is an ambassador for a non-profit organization affiliated with the United Nations that "reaches children in the Middle East who would otherwise be deprived of music, due to war and poverty." She helped coach the USC varsity swim team. She is a current member of the L.A. Board of Directors for the National Women's Political Caucus. She carries a double major at SC in political science and piano performance. She's been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is 21.

In addition to the above, Pauline Yang is an exceptional piano soloist who will perform with the Downey Symphony next week in the orchestra's first concert of the season. Mark your calendar: Saturday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m., the



Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Under music director Sharon Lavery, the evening's program offers Variations on America by Charles Ives, Dvorak's Symphony No. 8, and a famous knuckle-buster by Sergei Rachmaninoff, his First Piano Concerto, played by you-know-whom. A preview discussion is given at 7:15 p.m. just before concert time.

Tickets priced at \$20 and \$25, \$10 for students, may be purchased at the theater box office on Wednesday, Oct. 22, between noon and 4 p.m., and on the night of performance, or by calling (562) 403-2944.

So plan to come to this Downey Symphony concert, under the direction of our exciting new conductor and featuring a remarkable young artist. You'll be glad you did.

City briefly considers ban on plastic bags

■ Skeptical City Council refers issue to 'green task force.'

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Citing burgeoning environmental problems and litter in the streets and rivers, city officials this week briefly considered imposing a ban on plastic shopping bags before forwarding the issue to a future "green task force."

The consideration came at the request of Councilman Kirk Cartozian, who said he would ultimately support banning both plastic and paper in favor of reusable shopping bags.

A report prepared by City Attorney Ed Lee said "plastic bags negatively impact the local and regional environment due to both the prevalence of their use and their unique physical characteristics."

The report also noted the legal challenges plastic bag ordinances have faced throughout the country. The cost to implement a ban would cost \$5,000 in preliminary paperwork.

"If the initial study indicates that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment, an environmental impact report will need to be prepared which costs substantially more," Lee wrote. "In the event that a lawsuit

is filed challenging the ordinance, legal fees could run anywhere from \$40,000 to \$200,000."

The preliminary report suggests the ban on plastic apply to grocery stores, restaurants, food vendors, pharmacies, retail stores, city facilities, and non-profit vendors.

Exempt from the rule would be places that could prove "undue hardship" or where the law "would deprive a person of a legally protected right."

City Council members, however, were apprehensive to move the ordinance forward.

"I don't want staff to spend time or money (on the issue)," said Mayor Pro Tem Mario Guerra.

Councilman Rick Trejo said he was in favor of "entertaining the idea" but worried of the effect on small businesses, like his, which would have to absorb the costs in a conversion to reusable bags.

"I wouldn't be able to afford it," Trejo said.

Mayor David Gafin said he would rather promote a recycling program than a "prohibitive program" but agreed to have the issue referred to a yet-to-be-established environmental committee.

Current state law requires most large grocery stores to provide in-store opportunities to recycle plastic bags and to offer reusable shopping bags. The six-year pilot program took effect last year.

Volunteers star at pancake breakfast

■ Rotary/YMCA breakfast now in its 60th year.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — The final tally isn't in yet, but project chairman Stan Hanstad estimates Saturday's annual Rotary/YMCA Pancake Breakfast at Downey High School should take in somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

The amount would represent a slight improvement over last year's. The money raised benefits the Y's youth programs.

"Every dollar goes to the Y," Hanstad said.

Now in its 60th year, the event is known for its "Mickey Mouse" pancakes, and continues to be popular with a cross section of the local and neighboring communities. Indeed, there was hardly any break in Saturday morning's long lines that started enjoying their breakfast at 7:30 a.m., until it ended at 11.

The \$5 breakfast consisted of pancakes and fat-free sausages, with orange juice or as much coffee as you could drink. Whole families, visitors, associates, and friends could relax inside the old gym or

they could watch the cool bright morning unfold outside where tables and benches were plentiful, making for a picnic-like atmosphere.

Meanwhile they were treated to performances by members of the YMCA dance studio under the watchful eyes of director Maria Matson. The young ballet students, who ranged in age from 5 to 15 and wearing their white tutus, danced to the music of Mozart and Vivaldi.

The idea for the pancake clam-bake and of the Walt Disney character was Angelo Cardono's, and he has been the event's unofficial host and figurehead through the years. Cardono is of course known for his flying exploits, for his unmitigated success as a fine jewelry maker, and for a head-turning array of distinguished deeds, and he may yet surprise us with a few more, but his fame as Mickey Mouse pancakes progenitor may in the end outshine them all.

A hardy bunch of Rotarian volunteers, who worked in shifts, manned the grills. Among those donning aprons and swinging spatulas were: Nick Adams (whose Philly's Best donated most of the food and drink; Rockview Products



Members of the YMCA's dance studio moved gracefully to the sounds of Mozart and Vivaldi. Photo by Stan Hanstad

was also an important donor), Kevin MacDonald, John Swift, John Lacey, Lorine Parks, Harold Tseklenis, Kirk Cartozian, Richard Kurrasch, Larry Garces, Luis Marquez, Stan Carmichael, Bill Kirkwood, Manny Castro, Ray Brown, Roger Brossmer, George Cade, Dan Fox, Raul Lopez, Larry McGrew and, of course, Cardono (front and center), and, whenever he could get away from minding the innumerable details such a job entails, Hanstad himself.

"The organization of this thing is beyond belief," said Hanstad. He said one volunteer arrived at the

site as early as 4 a.m. to prep. A total of 40 InterAct Club kids were seen scurrying about, making sure syrup flowed, litter was picked up, Six Pillars of Character banners were hung, and so on.

DUSD boardmember Nancy Swenson joked that the kids, all representing Warren High, were operating "in enemy territory." DUSD board president Tod Corrin, who was also in attendance, later commended them for "doing a wonderful job and setting an example of unselfish work and teamwork."

"It's a great cause for our youth," Hanstad summed up.

Library events reinforce character

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will offer three storytimes in partnership with the Downey Unified School District to celebrate “Character Counts Week” Oct. 19-25.

The free library storytimes for preschool children and their families will focus on the program’s six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Picture books to be featured include:
Preschool storytime, Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.: “Cookies: Bite Size Life Lessons” by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, “Corduroy” by Don Freeman, and “The Little Engine That Could” by Watty Piper.

Bilingual Storytime, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.: “Being Respectful” by Mary Small, “Soy Respectuoso/ I Am Respectful” by Sarah L. Schuette, and “Time to Say Please!” by Mo Willems.

Family Storytime, Thursday, 7 p.m.: “Katy and the Big Snow” by Virginia Lee Burton, “Chowder” by Peter Brown, and “Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie” by Laura Rankin.

Character Counts is a community-based program that provides children with a framework for ethical living and helps them make better choices in life. Last year, more than 5 million children in 51 countries celebrated the six pillars of character.

The Downey City Library offers a Character Counts book display and reading list of books for preschool through eighth grade.

“Character Counts also changes the lives of adults who teach children and enriches the entire community,” said Gina Orelli, children’s librarian.

For information on children’s programs at the library, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.

Registration opens for tennis classes

DOWNEY – The city of Downey Community Service Department is offering their next session of tennis classes for children and adults beginning Nov. 19 at Independence Park.

Instruction will be led by tennis professional Fabian Grassini and his staff.

Adult classes will be held Wednesday night from 6-7 and 7-8 p.m. Each class will focus on continued skill development for beginning and advanced players. The fee for the eight-week class is \$95.

Classes for children ages 4-7 and 8-14 will be held Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. (Level 1) and from 5-6 p.m. (Level 2). Fee is \$95 for eight weeks. For more information or to register, call (562) 904-7238.



Cesar Mendez, 4, and his sister Kiana, 3, pose with Downey firefighters Steve Lund and Jorje Villanueva at a library storytime Tuesday for National Fire Prevention Week. Preschool children learned about fire safety and got the chance to see a real fire engine at two library storytimes that attracted more than 100 kids and parents.

Good Shepherd hosting fall boutique

DOWNEY – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is hosting a fall boutique tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring hand-crafted items and quilts, plus goods personally baked by church members.

Good Shepherd is at 13200 Clark Ave., south of Imperial Highway.

Expert talks about health fraud

DOWNEY – Gloria Riese of the Medicine Education Program will speak on “Health Fraud Awareness” at Wednesday’s meeting of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees at Furman Park.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. The public is invited and new members are welcome. Coffee, cake or cookies will be served.

Business Watch meeting Oct. 29

DOWNEY – Downey business owners are invited to learn about crime prevention by attending a Business Watch meeting Oct. 29 at noon inside council chambers at City Hall.

The Business Watch program, sponsored by the city of Downey and the Downey Chamber of Commerce, gives local business owners training in business security, effective crime reporting, burglary, theft and shoplifting prevention, and more.

Meetings are held quarterly and last about one hour. For more information, call (562) 923-2191 or (562) 904-1895.

Foundation chooses its honoree

DOWNEY – The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation will honor Joan Feltham with the fourth annual Margene Glenn Award at a recognition ceremony Nov. 8 at Granata’s Italian Villa.

The Margene Glenn Award is the foundation’s annual recognition of volunteer service to the community.

According to the foundation, “Feltham generously gave her time and resources to many civic projects, most notably the Downey Children’s Theatre. Serving for many years in executive positions with the Downey Children’s Theatre, Joan was a guiding force that helped make Downey the community it was to become.”

E-mail friggie@roadrunner.com for more information on the ceremony or call (562) 869-0422.

Hair salon raising money Sunday

DOWNEY – The Avant Garde Salon is raising money for the Young Survival Coalition – a breast cancer awareness organization – by hosting a “cut-a-thon” event Sunday.

The salon is also raffling prizes and will donate 20 percent of all S-Factor sales to the Young Survival Coalition.

The Avant Garde Salon is at 10818 Downey Ave., Suite A. For more information, call (562) 869-4044 or visit www.avant-gardesalon.com.

Calvary accepting gifts for needy kids

DOWNEY – Calvary Chapel of Downey is accepting donations for Operation Christmas Child, a gift-giving crusade benefiting needy boys and girls around the world.


As part of Operation Christmas Child, residents are invited to pack a shoe box with toys and gifts. The shoe boxes will be collected by Calvary Chapel of Downey during Nov. 17-23 for shipment to disadvantaged children around the world.

Gift ideas include toys: small cars, balls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump ropes, etc.; school supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, solar calculators, and picture books; hygiene items: toothbrush and toothpaste, mild bar soap, comb, and washcloth.

Boxes should not contain war-related items, including toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.

Donors are also encouraged to include a personal note for the child. For more information, call (800) 643-4667.

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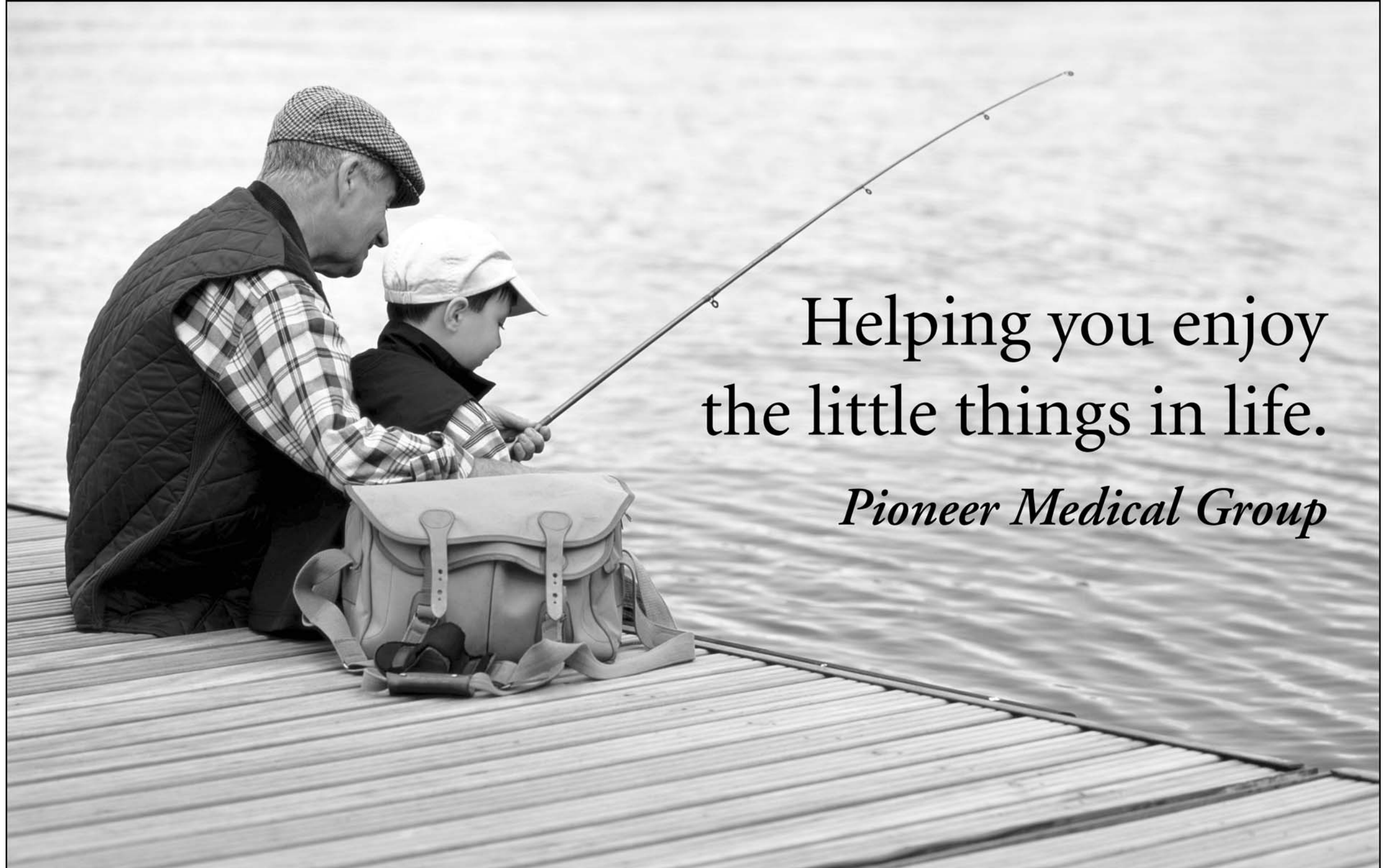
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Local Chinese spy sentenced

■ Downey resident
Rebecca Chiu sentenced to prison and deportation.

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER
DOWNEY – Rebecca Laiwah Chiu, 64, has spent nearly the last three years under house arrest in Downey. Now, she will spend the next three years in federal prison before being deported to China.

Chiu, a naturalized citizen who made Downey her home more than 20 years ago, was placed under house arrest in 2005 for acting as a foreign agent without registering with the U.S. government. Since her arrest, she has been barred from leaving her small house – 800 square feet – with the exception of court appearances.

Her husband Chi Mak, 65, was an electrical engineer who worked on more than 200 U.S. defense and military contracts. While working as lead engineer on a sensitive research project involving propulsion systems for Navy warships, Chi Mak admittedly took computer disks from Anaheim defense contractor Power Paragon and e-mailed photos and reports about the Quiet Electric Drive power system to his home computer.

Operating under instructions from the People's Republic of China since the 1980s, Chi Mak was told to participate in seminars and collect technical information about the Navy's current and future warship technologies.

Chiu was a trained electrical engineer like her husband, but she was unemployed and just a housewife when she helped her husband copy the secret information onto compact discs and then delivered the CD-ROM's to her brother-in-law Tai Mak of Alhambra.

A broadcast and engineering director for the Phoenix North American Chinese television channel, Tai Mak, 58, gave the disks to his son Yui "Billy" Mak, 28, who was a student at the University of California, Los Angeles.

His son encrypted the defense data onto a CD-ROM which Tai Mak attempted to deliver to the PRC, but he and his wife Fuk Heung Li, 50, were stopped and arrested at Los Angeles

International Airport prior to boarding.

In an interview with the *Washington Post* after Chi Mak's arrest, Joel Brenner, head of counterintelligence for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said, "Chi Mak acknowledged that he had been placed in the United States more than 20 years earlier, in order to burrow into the defense-industrial establishment to steal secrets. It speaks of deep patience."

Chi Mak is now serving a 24-year federal prison sentence with no parole, and his brother Tai Mak received a 10-year sentence. Tai Mak's wife Li was charged with aiding and abetting the violation of export control laws and given three years probation, and their son Yui Mak spent 11 months in jail.

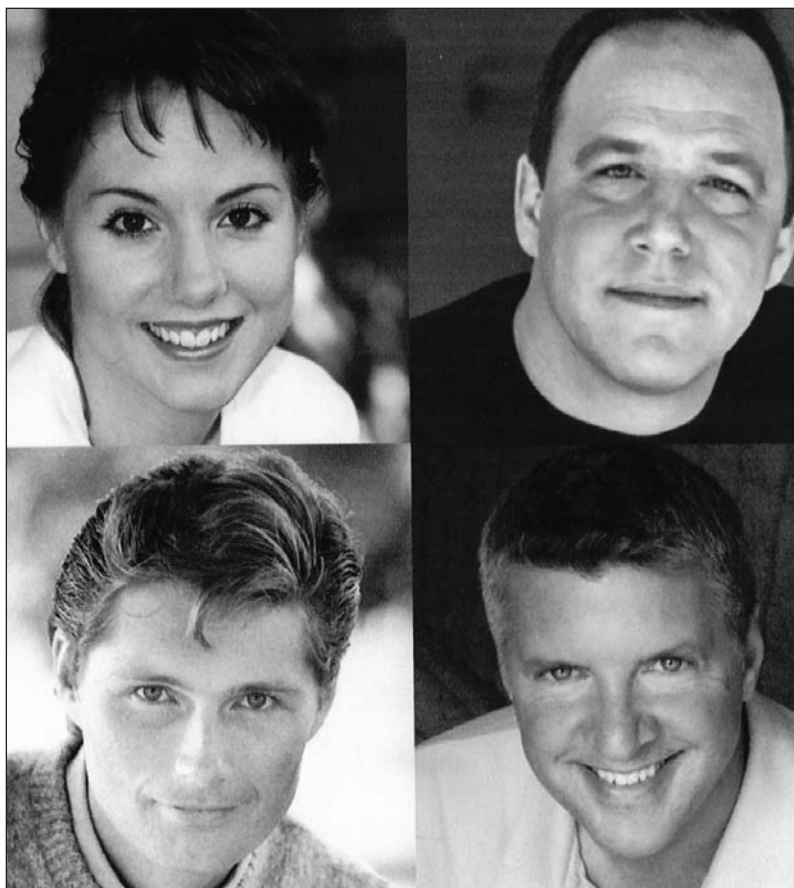
In March, both Li and Yui Mak were given consideration for time served to allow the deportation process to begin.

Attorney Stanley Greenberg asked U.S. District Court Judge Cormac Carney to reduce Chiu's sentence on the grounds she had already spent the last three years under house arrest.

"Normally, people are confined to their homes for a few months – this was three years," Greenberg said. "It's nicer than being in a cell, but it's still confining."

Greenberg's request was denied, so now Chiu, who was the last family member to be sentenced, is ordered to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on Nov. 27. She will spend 36 months in prison after which she will relinquish her citizenship and be deported. According to the Department of Justice, in the "Statement of Reasons" filed by Judge Carney, he wrote, "A high-end...sentence will provide a strong deterrent to the PRC not to send its agents here to steal American military secrets."

The FBI and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service jointly conducted the investigation with assistance from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" is playing for the final time this weekend at the Downey Theatre. The production features a cast of 35 and a full orchestra. Veteran Downey Civic Light Opera performers are (clockwise): Christina Putrello as Ensign Dinah Murphy, Karl Schott as Luther Billis, Glenn Edward as Commander William Harbison, and Bill Lewis as Captain George Brackett. Seats are still available for all performances, including Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. For tickets or information, call (562) 923-1714.

School renaming cafeteria after Paine

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School will rename its renovated cafeteria the "Harriett Paine Event Center" at a dedication ceremony Monday.

Paine has been an adult school educator for more than 50 years and has taught the OASIS (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) program, which meets inside the cafeteria, the past 26 years.

The dedication and ribbon cutting will take place at 4 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, call (562) 940-6211.

Frisco's carhop hosting fundraiser

DOWNEY – Frisco's carhop restaurant will host a fundraising event Oct. 24 to benefit the Exchange Club Family Support Center.

Diners who eat at the restaurant between noon and 9 p.m. on Oct. 24 and present a special flier upon ordering will have a portion of their bill donated to the Exchange Club.

The Exchange Club works in child abuse prevention and parent education.

Frisco's is located at 12050 Woodruff Ave. For a flier, call (562) 904-9590.

Café n' Stuff reopens after arsonist sets fire

■ Other businesses also put out by blaze.

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER
DOWNEY – Café n' Stuff, located at 9306 Firestone Blvd. in Downey, has reopened after sustaining damage from a fire which erupted next door to the restaurant at Plaza Cleaners on April 27.

The fire was the result of arson which spread to Café n' Stuff, burning down its canopy and causing intensive smoke damage.

California Affordable Insurance, owned and operated by Gina Cabrera and her family, was also affected by smoke damage and loss of office equipment.

"The Fire Department caused most of our damage because they had to break our door, and poke holes in the walls and ceiling to put the fire out," said Giovanni Cabrera. "It was necessary but messy."

Expecting to be closed for only a couple of weeks, the neighboring businesses to Plaza Cleaners found themselves conducting business from remote locations for months because asbestos was then found in their ceilings after the fire.

"We used a Santa Fe Springs location and the Whittier Masonic Lodge kitchens for catering," said Café n' Stuff owner Ebie Ghaneian. "It was a lot of inconvenience."

The Cabrera family set up a computer in their kitchen and operated their business from home.

"This was like a bad, bad dream," said Robert Cabrera.

The businesses underwent asbestos abatement and remodeling, costing Café n' Stuff about \$120,000 in damages. California Affordable Insurance sustained a loss of \$65,000 to \$75,000.

"We had to repair our ceiling, redo the floors, paint and get new furniture," said Ghaneian. "Now we want to get our customers back," he said.

Plaza Cleaners remains charred and closed and the police have not released the names of any suspects.

The owner of Plaza Cleaners was unavailable for comment.

Café n' Stuff has reopened with new hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The evening hours are reserved for banquets and club meetings.

'Parade of Winners' Sunday

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association will present "Parade of Winners" Sunday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Seating begins at noon and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. A raffle drawing for \$10,000 begins at 2.

For tickets, call Mike Prokop at (562) 760-5250.

Candidates meet for final forum

DOWNEY – Residents are invited to meet the City Council candidates at a public forum Thursday at The Gas Company's Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd., across from Stonewood Center.

Candidates will discuss their goals and positions on several issues. The event is free and sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and the Southern California Gas Company.

The forum begins at 6 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. For more information or reservations, call (562) 923-2191.

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Time: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Registration
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Presentation, Q&A
Location: Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale
100 West Glenoaks Blvd.
Glendale, CA 91202

SEMINAR 2

GUEST SPEAKER: Robert Watkins, Jr. IV, M.D.
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2008
Time: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Registration
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Presentation, Q&A
Location: Embassy Suites Hotel LA-Downey
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City declares October as Fire Prevention Month

■ Firefighters will visit schools to educate students in fire safety.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — Mayor David Gafin declared the month of October as National Fire Prevention Month, to call attention to the damage and loss of life due to fire throughout the U.S.

The observance is in response to the promulgation made by the National Fire Protection Association (N.F.P.A.) and International Association of Fire Chiefs (I.A.F.C.), who made special reference to the fact that most home structure fires can be prevented by taking simple precautions. This year's slogan is "It's Fire Prevention Week — Prevent Home Fires."

Gafin noted Downey Fire Department's dedication to the "protection of its citizens, businesses, and schools through its fire prevention and public education, while taking great pride in its ability to provide excellent fire suppression and rescue service."

The mayor urged all citizens to join with all communities throughout the nation "in observance of this special month to continue to educate themselves in fire safety, emergency preparedness and injury prevention." He said members of the Downey Fire Department will also visit elementary schools to educate the children in fire safety.

In other action, the Council:

- Rescheduled council meetings during November and December due to the holidays;

- Adopted the Memorandum of Understanding between the city of Downey and the Downey Police Management Association;

- Adopted a resolution granting salary adjustments (increases) to the salary range for the position of Chief of Police;

- Adopted a resolution amending the city's Conflict of Interest Code (adding positions and changing position titles) which incorporates by reference the Fair Political Practices Commission's standard model Conflict of Interest Code;

- Adopted a resolution establishing a two-hour parking restriction from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, on both sides of Priscilla Street, between Lakewood Boulevard and Hanwell Avenue, to relieve traffic and parking problems in the area;

- Adopted a resolution approving the final subdivision map of Parcel Map No. 69945 (8103 Fourth St.), approving an agreement with the subdivider and accepting a cash deposit as surety;

- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Firestone Boulevard.

- Introduced an ordinance with the following modifications: it approved the parking configurations for single family dwellings based on habitable space rather than the number of bedrooms; it agreed in principle, but not conclusively, to the proposed F.A.R. of 0.55; and postponed the proposed digitizing of F.A.R.s because of the expense involved;

- Introduced an ordinance deleting 9144.08 (outdated property maintenance ordinances) and adding Chapter 9 (establishing new public nuisance standards and procedures) to Article V of the Downey Municipal Code;

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 at City Hall.

Rangel trial date to be reset

DOWNEY — The trial of Juan Rangel, owner of Financial Plus Investments Inc., that was scheduled for Oct. 14 has been vacated.

According to FBI spokesperson Thom Mrozek, a status conference will be held Nov. 24 to determine when a trial date can be reset.

"We are continuing to investigate circumstances surrounding Rangel and Financial Plus," Mrozek said.

Rangel was arrested Aug. 8 for allegedly running a Ponzi scheme that used the money from 600-800 investors to pay other investors. The estimated loss to the investors is \$30 million.



Fire Chief Mark Sauter, left, accepts a proclamation from Mayor David Gafin proclaiming October as National Fire Prevention Month. A team of Downey firefighters recently returned from battling last week's Southern California blazes, Sauter said. Photo by Eric Pierce

The Poet's Corner

Train Time

There's blue sparks on her wheels, souls shooting starry flame.
A morning train is whistling, calling someone's name.

A hundred railway cars, march, march like matadors.
Been waiting all your life, you run to see if she's yours.

The engineer booms down, "Who said this train's for you?
We're sending souls to heaven, and you got more to do."

"You didn't carve an earth, or even wet a sea.
Spread random acts of kindness and you can ride with me."

He left you on those rails, and sped on out of sight.
You heard a caboose crackle and vacuum in tonight.

You did not catch that train, but many run the line.
God makes the reservations. Wait. You will be just in time.

—Ben Platt,
Downey

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Alleged 1986 con man to stand trial

■ Gerald McAfee caught in Thailand.

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES — After a Federal Bureau of Investigation manhunt spanning more than two decades, Gerald McAfee was discovered in Thailand and extradited to the United States.

On Oct. 6, McAfee, 65, finally faced a judge in U.S. District Court and was indicted for stealing \$1.6 million from the corporate offices of College Hospital in Downey.

Prosecutors allege that McAfee planned to induce money from College Hospital before he was hired by the hospital. In September 1985, while working for Hospital Home Care, McAfee stole the identity of David Nathan Ward of Van Nuys to submit on an application to College Hospital. Claiming to have a background in accounting and the health care industry, McAfee was hired in May 1986 as the corporate comptroller for the hospital.

While using Ward's identity to obtain a Colorado driver's license and a passport, McAfee talked the

hospital into moving \$1.6 million in funds from low interest bearing certificates of deposit to a higher yielding bond fund.

Instead of reinvesting College Hospital's money, McAfee set up two accounts with Paine Webber in the name of Complete Health Care Services (C.H.C.S.) with the bonds payable to the person holding the bonds.

In September 1986, McAfee left for Switzerland and after receiving the cash proceeds from the sale of the bearer bonds in October, McAfee disappeared. Checking the hospital's investment account, officials discovered it contained only \$11.

McAfee was indicted in absentia and despite the FBI periodically seeking the public's help in finding him, the case went cold.

An unidentified tip led FBI agents to Thailand where McAfee had been living for years under the name David K. Smyth. Within days, he was on a plane back to the U.S.

"McAfee was denied bail and is being held at the Metropolitan

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Gerald Chester McAfee
Aliases: David Nathan Ward, Dennis Kennedy, Thomas Guthrie, Jerry Griffith, Thomas Guntzie

DOB: March 17, 1943
Sex: Male
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 170 pounds
Place of Birth: St. Louis, Missouri

Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Race: White

Gerald McAfee's FBI wanted poster. Image courtesy FBI

Detention Center in L.A.," said FBI spokesperson Laura Eimiller.

He faces up to 65 years in prison for Bank Fraud, Mail Fraud, Interstate Transportation of Securities Taken by Fraud, Wire Fraud, and Causing an Act to be

Done.

"They say we always get our man," said FBI agent Scott Schofield who accompanied McAfee back to the U.S.

During the time McAfee worked as comptroller, College Hospital's corporate office was located at 8141 Second St. in Downey. Now known as College Health Enterprises, the corporate office has moved to Santa Fe Springs.

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Dr. Shahira A-Malek

Councilwoman District 5

Dear Downey Neighbors and Friends,

I share your pride and concern for our great city, Downey. My Christian family and I have been living in Downey for 25 years, during which I have been serving the community as a pediatrician. My children attended Downey public and private schools.

Some of my Qualifications

My long list of experiences includes serving on a number of humanitarian institutions and other committees, including planning, financing, and bylaw committees, as well as governing boards. I have held the position of Chief of Medical Staff at two hospitals simultaneously, and I am willing to apply all of my skills and experience to serve our community.

Some of my Goals

1. After-school programs to help prevent violence, crime, and teenage pregnancy. This can be coordinated with schools, churches, parents, and volunteers, including utilizing the great abilities of our honorable seniors.
2. Support for our police, fire, and other civic services to help keep Downey safe and free of gangs and drugs.
3. Attract decent businesses to Downey, such as an amusement park.
4. Review the building codes and colors, to preserve our city's beauty, class, and integrity.

With your involvement and support, we can keep Downey prosperous, safe, and classy.

Please allow me to work on your behalf by voting for
Dr. Shahira A-Malek on November 4th.

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Commitment

Experience

Devotion

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Letters to the Editor:

Lowenthal by proxy

Dear Editor:

Well, it finally arrived in my mail this afternoon: a slick political mailer from candidate for Downey City Council, Luis Marquez.

This is probably just the first of several pieces of expensive direct mail voters throughout the city will receive from the Marquez campaign, all paid for by the Democratic Party machine in southeast Los Angeles County, led by Sen. Alan Lowenthal of Long Beach, who is Marquez' boss.

That's right. The mailer doesn't mention it, but Marquez is senior deputy to Sen. Lowenthal, the patriarch of the Long Beach political dynasty which includes his ex-wife Bonnie Lowenthal, who is running for State Assembly while on the Long Beach City Council; his son, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Daniel Lowenthal; and his daughter-in-law, Suja Lowenthal, who is also on the Long Beach City Council.

Do we really need the liberal, left-wing, Long Beach Lowenthals on our city council by proxy in the form of Luis Marquez?

— **Brian Heyman,**
Downey

Council endorsement

Dear Editor:

In your reporting on the candidate's forum held last week, your headline was "City Council candidates mostly agree on key issues." Based on the questions asked, coupled with the brief amount of time allotted for the candidates' response, you could draw that conclusion.

Time has come to separate the candidates. So let us address the issues: to continue to allow oversized, architecturally bland homes to be built in Downey is wrong. To look the other way and allow homes that do not complement other homes on the block is wrong. I understand that a property owner should have the right to build a home of choice on his property, but where do his rights end and mine begin? The purpose of having any building code is to ensure the new construction meets certain standards.

Downey's current code falls short of protecting the integrity of Downey's neighborhoods and must be changed. Gary De Remer, candidate for District 5, agrees with me!

I led the campaign to keep term limits for members of our City Council. Gary De Remer and 12,596 Downey voters agreed with me and voted to defeat Measure G.

During his campaign to modify term limits, Mario Guerra, while speaking before a large group who live on the Island, said "If we lose I'll bring it back!" Candidate Luis Marquez is backed by the members of the council who agree with Councilman Guerra.

I am not willing to see another \$85,000 wasted on personal agendas. Gary De Remer agrees with me.

I want a person to represent me in the city-wide District 5 seat who will listen to the voting public, a councilman who will be accountable. Gary De Remer agrees!

I don't want a politician on council who will be beholding to his backer. Gary De Remer agrees!

I don't want a realtor on council who supports mansionization. Gary De Remer agrees!

I do want a councilman in District 5 who will be beholding to the voters who have elected him. Gary De Remer agrees!

So that's why I'm voting for Gary De Remer. I hope you will agree and vote for Gary, too.

— **Mike Prokop,**
President, Citizens for Downey

Disneyland on the cheap

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Mayor Gafin and the City Council members for saving me and my wife some serious money.

We enjoyed going to Disneyland and taking in some of the rides. We no longer have to spend our money for gasoline, parking and admission to take the roller coaster ride.

We are getting the same bouncing driving around Downey at a much lower cost. Downey and Brookshire Avenues, along with Paramount and Lakewood Boulevards, are our favored thrill drives.

On a more serious note, I am amazed that none of the council members, police officers, street sweepers, maintenance crews, and code enforcement officers notice the poor road conditions in Downey and report them.

My favored corner is the one on the northwest corner of Lubeck Street and Paramount Boulevard. These two holes could cause serious injuries if not death to an elderly pedestrian or motorcycle rider. The following lawsuit would cost the city a nice sum of money. I reported the same pothole location a couple of years ago.

In my opinion, the present maintenance crew is not qualified to repair the streets with proper materials and technique. Much of the blacktop repairs are short-lived and crumble at the curbs.

Downey used to be called Little Beverly Hills. Now it could be called Just a Little Bit North of the Border.

— **Dieter Oltersdorf,**
Downey

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President's bad publicity

Dear Editor:

Mike Sandoval makes a good point about the unrestrained spending of tax dollars at our personal and national expense ("Depressing Debt," 10/10/08).

The underlying problem is that we keep electing politicians instead of patriots as our representatives. However, I would like to correct him in that the President is not responsible for any taxing or spending, but he seems to get all the bad publicity. It is the sole responsibility of Congress to tax and spend. The President only suggests a budget and signs what he is given by Congress.

Or, of course, he may veto it where it will go through Congress again. Of course, the President is a politician like most of the rest of them. He will sign even a bad law if it includes what he wants.

— **Larry Drake,**
Downey

Unwarranted honor

Dear Editor:

In your edition of Oct. 10, Henry Veneracion did me the honor of referring to me as a "military man." ("Candidates Use Realtors Forum to Reiterate Platforms") This was probably due to my own incoherent explanation of my background.

This accolade is reserved to the people who spent their lives serving this country and is in no way deserved by me. I only spent one enlistment in the service, was honorably discharged with a recommendation for reenlistment, which I declined. I wish I could claim this great honor, but it would be disgraceful and disrespectful to those who earned it.

I just wanted to set the record straight and not be credited with an unwarranted honor.

— **Russell Rankin,**
Downey

Plans and policies

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the concise introductions to City Council candidates Russell Rankin and Dr. Shahira A-Malek. Aside from a few Letters to the Editor written by Rankin that I researched on your website, I knew nothing substantive about him until last week. Dr. A-Malek I also never heard of until recently.

Your articles on last week's debates leads me to believe Rankin is your "every man," a regular 9 to 5 Joe just like me. I believe our current City Council lacks that at the moment. But I've yet to hear any definitive plans and policies set forth by Rankin, and that worries me.

I have no comment regarding Dr. A-Malek's proposal for a theme park.

— **M. Rodgers,**
Downey

New Downey website

Dear Editor:

Referring to the Letter to the Editor from Janice Onken in the Oct. 3 issue ("Web of Errors"), there is a new website devoted to the city of Downey which should be of help to those interested in activities in and around Downey.

It is called www.AllAboutDowney.com. It's about seniors, schools, churches, kids, sports, and more. There is a community calendar showing events in our city, and even a recipe exchange. The News tab will launch you to many newspapers across the country. There is a travel page and an entertainment section giving information on movies, television programming and events in Southern California, such as the Hollywood Bowl, Staples Center, the L.A. Zoo, and the Griffith Observatory.

The local restaurants, shops and services sections are currently being developed. The Downey Chamber of Commerce, both service and social clubs, and private citizen events are included in the calendar. The city of Downey meeting times and locations have also been posted to the calendar and any other information from the city would most certainly be welcomed.

AllAboutDowney.com is informative and entertaining. After all, it is all about Downey.

— **Bev Baumann,**
Downey



CORRECTIONS

Letter to the Editor: A Letter to the Editor from Maria Larkin last week incorrectly claimed 16 home invasion robberies on the 10600 block of Chaney Avenue in Northeast Downey. According to the Downey Police Department, that specific block has been the victim of only three reported crimes since Jan. 1, 2008: two burglaries (car and house) and one vandalism (eggs were thrown at a home).

No on 8

Dear Editor:

I want to say something about the "Yes on 8" ads (The one that says gay marriage will have to be taught in schools.)

1.) Prop. 8 is about singling out a group of people to be treated differently and the proponents of Prop. 8 are telling more and more lies in an attempt to confuse voters, and redirect attention away from the real issue.

2.) There is not a single word about education in Prop. 8; in fact, a Sacramento judge found these arguments to be false and misleading.

3.) Nothing in our state education code requires children to be taught anything about marriage.

4.) Local school districts set policy about health and family curriculum, and all parents have the absolute right to opt out of any classes that they oppose on religious or moral grounds.

Regardless of how you feel about this issue, we should guarantee the same fundamental rights to every Californian. I encourage the people of Downey to vote no on Prop. 8.

— **Marie Augimeri,**
Downey

Leaky fountain

Dear Editor:

First, thank you *Downey Patriot* for providing this invaluable public forum. You truly are a "community newspaper!"

I wanted to write about the fountain outside the doorsteps of the Rio Hondo Country Club. What is it? It looks like a leaky faucet. Is it a leaky faucet?

If so, I know a good plumber who can take care of that.

— **Judy Rivers,**
Downey

10 Commandments of Citizenship

CONTRIBUTED BY LEE HAMILTON

This presidential election, if you believe the polls and the rhetoric, is about change in Washington. Both candidates promise it, while voters clamor for it. It is the cause of the moment.

Yet I have news for you: Change in Washington won't happen, and certainly can't be sustained, without change in the country at large. For the point is not to overthrow the system, it's to make it function properly. Government does not fix itself. Only a citizenry that is engaged in our democracy to an extent far greater than in recent decades can help to heal our system. To get change in Washington, in other words, it has to begin with you.

Since being a responsible citizen takes commitment, here are some precepts to follow if you want to be effective – what I call the "Ten Commandments of Citizenship":

1.) Vote. This is the most basic step democracy asks of us. Don't buy the argument that it doesn't matter. Every election offers real choices about the direction we want our towns, states and country to take. By voting, you not only select the officials who will run the government, you suggest the direction government policy should take and reaffirm your support for a representative democracy.

2.) Be informed. To be a knowledgeable voter, you need to know what candidates actually stand for, not just what their ads or their opponents' ads say. Read about the issues that confront your community and our nation as a whole. Our government simply does not work well if its citizens are ill-informed.

3.) Communicate with your representatives. Representative democracy is a dialogue between elected officials and citizens – that dialogue lies at the heart of our system. Legislators and executives can't do their job well if they don't understand their constituents' concerns, and we can't understand them if we don't know their views and why they hold them.

4.) Participate in groups that share your views and can advance your interests. This one's simple: In a democracy, people tend to be more effective when they work together rather than acting as individuals. You can be sure that almost every issue you care about has one or more organizations devoted to it. By joining and working with the ones you think best reflect your views, you amplify your beliefs and strengthen the dialogue of democracy.

5.) Get involved locally to improve your community. You know

more about your community's strengths and weaknesses than anyone living outside it. Identify its problems and work to correct them. Involvement is the best antidote I know to cynicism.

6.) Educate your family, and make sure that local schools are educating students, about their responsibilities as citizens. As a society, we're not as good as we should be at encouraging young people to get involved in political life. Too many young people – and even many adults – do not understand how our government and political system work and why it is important for them to be contributing citizens.

7.) Understand that we must work to build consensus in a huge, diverse country. In pretty much every way you can think of, ours is an astoundingly mixed nation of people, with wildly divergent views on most issues and a constantly growing population. This means we have to work through our differences not by hammering on the other side, but by bringing people together through the arts of dialogue, accommodation, compromise, and consensus-building.

8.) Understand that our representative democracy works slowly. There's a reason for this: it is so that all sides can be heard, and so that we avoid the costly mistakes produced by haste. Our Founders understood this 220 years ago, and it's even more vital now, when issues are vastly more complex and the entire world is closely connected.

9.) Understand that our system is not perfect, but has served the nation well. Democracy is a process designed to give people a voice in how they are governed. It's not perfect – far too many people feel voiceless, and polls in recent years suggest that unsettling numbers believe the system is broken. And our system offers no guarantee that you'll get what you want. Yet is also true that it provides every individual an opportunity to be heard and to work to achieve his or her objectives, and it has served our nation well for over two centuries.

10.) Understand that our system is not self-perpetuating; it demands our involvement to survive. Just because it has worked in the past does not mean we will have a free and successful country in the future. Lincoln's challenge is still urgent: whether this nation so conceived can long endure. Being a good citizen isn't something one does just for the heck of it; it's critical to the success of our nation.

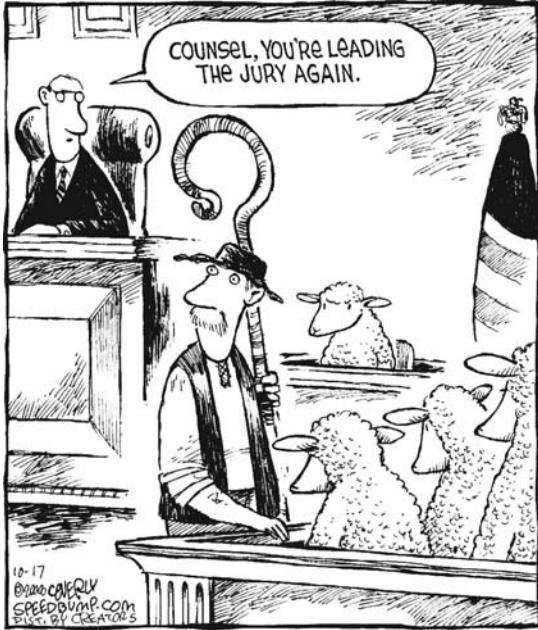
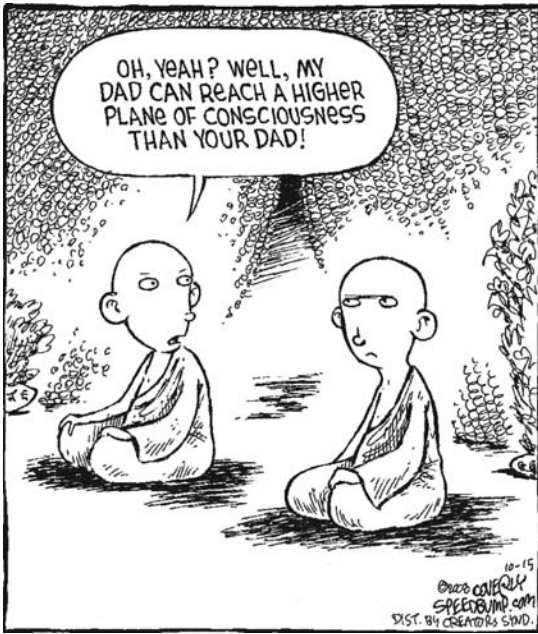
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For October

- Sat. Oct. 18: **Downey Symphony Guild fall luncheon**, community center, 11:30 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 18: **Bus trip to UCLA-Stanford game**, Apollo Park, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 18-20: **OLPH carnival**, times vary
- Mon. Oct. 20: **Harriett Paine Event Center dedication**, Downey Adult School, 4 p.m.
- Thurs. Oct. 23: **Candidate's forum**, Gas Co. Energy Resource Center, 6:30 p.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**, 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 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**, 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 Sambis, 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...

- Oct. 17, 1777: American troops force the surrender of British forces in the Battle of Saratoga, a turning point in the Revolutionary War.
- 1931: Mobster Al Capone is sentenced to 11 years in prison after a conviction on tax evasion.
- 1933: Albert Einstein arrives in the U.S. as a refugee from Nazi Germany.
- 1979: Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 1989: A 7.1 earthquake rocks Northern California, killing 67 people and causing \$7 billion worth of damage. The quake also caused the postponement of Game 3 of the World Series.

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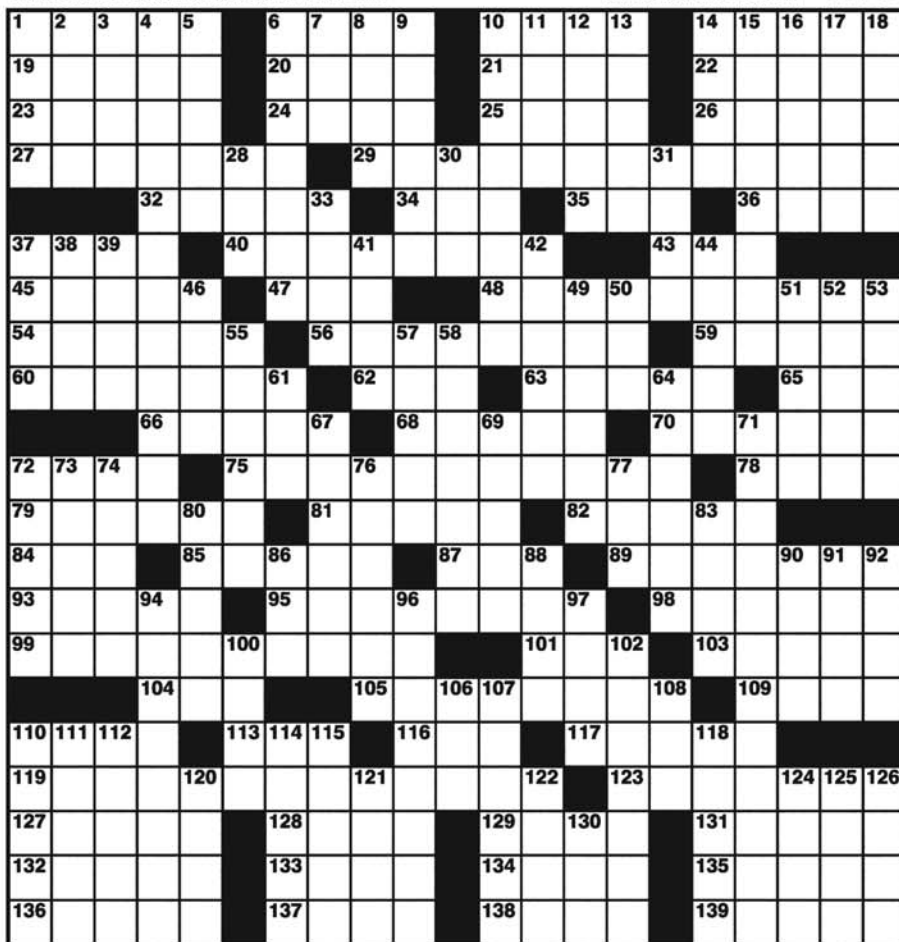
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ON THE MOVE: Staying put isn't an option

by Shirley Soloway

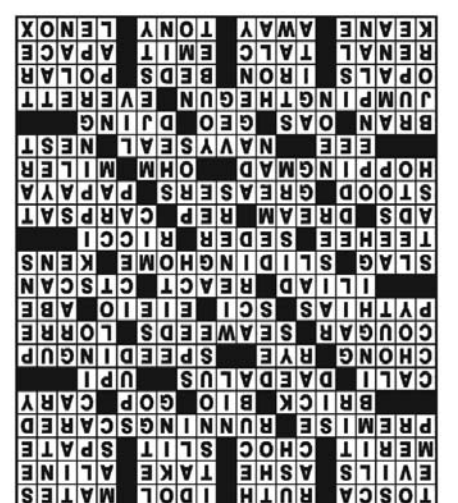
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 - 45 Cheech Marin's partner
 - 47 Seeded bread
 - 48 Expediting
 - 54 Mountain lion
 - 56 Marine plants
 - 59 *Casablanca* villain
 - 60 Damon's best friend
 - 62 -fi
 - 63 "Farm" follower
 - 65 White House nickname
 - 66 Ancient Greek epic
 - 68 Undergo chemical change
 - 70 MD's order
 - 72 Smeltery by-product
 - 75 Baserunner's maneuver
 - 78 Kesey et al.
 - 79 Polite little laugh
 - 81 Passover rite
 - 82 Actress Christina
 - 84 Mag revenue source
 - 85 Dorothy's Oz trip, e.g.
 - 87 Good name, for short
 - 89 Harangues
 - 93 Put up with
 - 95 Young toughs
 - 98 Melonlike fruit
 - 99 Fit to be tied
 - 101 Resistance unit
 - 103 Long-distance specialist
 - 104 Letters on a shoe box
 - 105 Green Beret's counterpart
 - 109 Fit one within another
 - 110 Fiber source
 - 113 W. Hemisphere grp.
 - 116 Earth-science prefix
 - 117 Spinning platters
 - 119 A bit too early
 - 123 City near Seattle
 - 127 Milky-white minerals
 - 128 Remove creases
 - 129 Futons, usually
 - 131 With 64 Down, Antarctic feature
 - 132 Of the kidneys
 - 133 Soft mineral
 - 134 Give off
 - 135 Swiftly
 - 136 *Family Circus* cartoonist
 - 137 Not at home
 - 138 Swank
 - 139 Mikasa competitor
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- 1 Short-term hire
 - 2 Done with
 - 3 Pedigree info
 - 4 On the rise
 - 5 Moving about
 - 6 Two-way vehicle?
 - 7 Lead up the aisle
 - 8 Norse god
 - 9 King Priam's wife
 - 10 "I give up!"
 - 11 Spanish surrealist
 - 12 Giving a thumbs-up to
 - 13 Unhand
 - 14 Like peacocks: Abbr.
 - 15 *The Godfather* actor
 - 16 Jeweled headpiece
 - 17 Stage direction
 - 18 Squalid
 - 28 Comedian Caesar
 - 30 Absolutely nothing
 - 31 Tater
 - 33 Answer sheets
 - 37 Letters on Sputnik
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 - 42 Soliloquy, for example
 - 44 Steer
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In Greek mythology, DAEDALUS (40 Across) created the Labyrinth of Crete in which the Minotaur was kept. EVERETT, Washington (123 Across), is the home of Boeing's assembly plant for its passenger jets. RACE CAR (6 Down) is a palindrome, reading the same in both directions.



STUDENT LIFE



Introducing Student Life...

By Scott Cobos, Staff Writer

When's the last time you picked up a newspaper that wasn't the Downey Patriot? I know it's been maybe a day or so for me. Knowing how most people work, it probably hasn't been too much longer for them.

Now while I point out the newspaper specifically, my point actually relates to any type of news exposure. Television news, radio news, online blogs, chat rooms, and news websites can also be included in this mass media list.

Excluding the illegitimate news sources like your next door neighbors' online journal, most of the news sources tend to have one thing in common: it's ruled by an adult world.

What's the mayor of New York up to? What man saved a woman screaming from a burning building? Which sports hero hit the game-winning home run or helped drive his football team down the field for a last second field goal?

Well, you can answer all those questions easily. Let me ask you this though: where is the voice of

the youth?

It almost seems like the younger generation has been drowned out completely.

"It is very important for us kids to have a newspaper," said Warren High School student Alejandro Quintana. "We are being mistreated and having our newspaper is a great way to get our word out and around the community."

And while it's almost easy to dismiss what these younger citizens have to say, they're actually very well informed of the importance to news sources, specifically a newspaper.

"It is very important to have a newspaper because it is one of the factors that keep a community connected and interact with each other," said another high school student, Irene Sinsombutcharcen. "Without a newspaper, residents wouldn't know when something massive occurs in their own living space. A newspaper keeps people informed and voices opinions of many others."

But while news sources are deemed important, this youth also understands that it's not only about news but also about perspectives

and opinions.

"Stories on the newspaper show how society can either conceal their beliefs and others are very transparent about their beliefs," said high school student Jair Mayorga. "I personally enjoy newspapers when the point of interest is not concealed. Without newspapers people would become even more ignorant than they already are."

With all that said, let me be the first to introduce to you the Student Life section of the Downey Patriot newspaper.

Our goal with this section is to make sure that the youth is heard. As you'll see in upcoming issues, there will be a little bit of everything. There will be some opinion, some art work, some hard news and anything you really can think of.

There is a young voice that needs to be heard. This is the forum to do so. The paper encourages all youth in the city to get involved with the section.

Are you a student that has a question about either Downey or Warren high schools? Send it in to the paper.

Do you have pictures or poems that you think would be a great

addition to the page, or you just think it's something you're proud of and would like more recognition for? Send it on in.

Is there a story idea that you would like to cover, or would like us to cover that you haven't seen in the regular section of the paper? Please, don't hesitate to contact us.

This is a place where voices can be heard. For example, if ASB elections are happening in any of the schools in the city and any of the candidates would like to write a letter speaking their ideas, we would be more than happy to publish it.

Kids, teenagers, young adults, those who just don't think they're old enough to grow up yet, this message goes out to you. This is your section. Use it.

Fashion, music, lifestyles, hard news, art and anything else you can possibly think of can go on this page. This is an opportunity that most other communities will censor. Don't let it pass.

Everything that was just mentioned can be sent to my email at scott@thedowneypatriot.com. Send all material there or even if you just feel like dropping a line, do that too. Enjoy!



Stephanie Dagnino, Cristy Carrera, Leslie Urias, Emily Helsley hang around after a cross-country meet at Warren High School. Photo by Jair Mayorga

We All Count

Why is the world mean to another.
We aren't different from each other.
We have different color but it doesn't matter.
We come from different place.

But live in different race.
But who made us is greater than our power
So don't be mean & be a good person & think and say I love you brother.

Adrianna Mendoza
Grade 11, Warren High School

UGH Boots, the truth about Uggs

By Vlad Ionescu,
11th Grade, Warren High School

Mary had a little lamb; fleece was white as snow. Everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go." Then one day Mary went to high school and saw the coolest boots in the world, and she thought, "Well, I have a little lamb, I can make cute little boots out of it!"

I'm Vlad, and I foster animals that have been neglected or badly treated. I care about animals, and I want to reveal the little known truth about this footwear that all the 'trendy' and 'unique' people spend their money on. Let's take a look at the history of these "gotta have it" boots.

Uggs were originally popular with aviators during World War I and II, because it would keep their feet comfortable and cozy while flying at high altitudes. Fast forward a few years and they would be seen on surfers and swimmers, even on Pamela

Anderson.

Have you ever wondered what they were made of? I have, and I took time from my busy schedule to find out. At first I checked

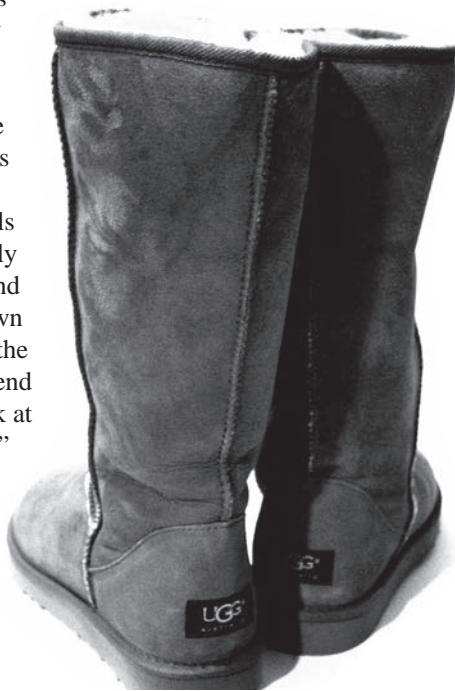


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out the manufacturer's website, UggAustralia.com. I looked through the Men's footwear section as well as other categories and was shocked: All of their products are made of sheepskin and wool, absolutely no 'faux fur.' Then I wondered how they turned sheep into shoes, if it was at the very least humane. I checked the Frequently Asked Questions section, fruitlessly.

Eventually I stumbled upon SavetheSheep.com, which satisfied my thirst for knowledge. From what I read, the process through which the fur is extracted from the sheep is called "mulesing". Look that up by yourself if you really want to know how that works. After the sheep's hide is extracted, the wool is chemically treated to remove any stains and make it fluffy and white, while the sheepskin itself is either tanned or soaked in color dye. Pamela Anderson soon realized that these ever so comfortable boots were made of sheep skin.

"I thought they were shaved kindly," she exclaimed in "People"

magazine. An Ugg spokesperson told "People" that "Sheepskin is a natural byproduct of the food industry. There is no animal abuse in our production."

I still feel uneasy, however, because the company that sells the footwear, Deckers Outdoor Corporation, is based in California—while the actual product is made in China. I doubt that they directly monitor where the materials came from.

I am outraged at the process through which sheep are turned into boots for people to wear. Many others don't ever consider the poor animals involved in the making of Uggs. If you truly care about animals, take another look at what you wear on a daily basis to make sure you aren't just "talking the talk".

What is popular is not always right. Besides, why even wear what everyone else is wearing? Be creative!

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An Imperial Elementary student shows the Box Tops the school is collecting in hopes of raising \$500 for its computer labs.

Imperial Elementary sets Box Tops goal

DOWNEY – Imperial Elementary School has launched their 2008 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year, the school has set a goal of earning \$500 to purchase resources for its computer labs that are available to all students.

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise over \$200 million to buy the things they need but can't always afford, including library books, school supplies and playground equipment.

To participate in the fundraiser, collect Box Tops from hundreds of familiar participating products and send them to Imperial Elementary, Attention Wendi Fleer – Box Tops Coordinator, 8133 Imperial Hwy., Downey 90242.

Submissions are also accepted online at boxtops4education.com. Designate Imperial Elementary as the school you wish to support.

Dentist Offers Money for Halloween Candy

Dr. John Mc Allister and staff this Halloween are hoping kids will pick out a few pieces of their favorite candy and then turn the rest in. Why? Because he knows how damaging candy can be to children's teeth. Dr. Mc Allister sees the effects of Snickers bars and

M&Ms in the mouths of his young patients. The candy will then be shipped to our troops overseas. Children who participate in this event will receive a toothbrush, along with one dollar per pound of candy.

Here is how to participate:

On Monday, November 3, 2008, bring your children and the candy they want to donate to the troops overseas to 10917 Paramount Blvd. between 3 pm to 6:30 pm.

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If you're not sure of where our office is located, or have any questions, feel free to call us: (562) 869-0928.



Golf tournament for St. Dominic Savio

DOWNEY – St. Dominic Savio will host a golf tournament Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Golf Club to help raise funds for improvements to its youth center.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the shotgun tournament starts at noon. Entry fee is \$125 per player, which includes green fees, use of a golf cart, lunch, dinner, and more. Golfers who hit a hole-in-one will win a 2008 Lexus.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the St. Dominic Savio Youth Center, including improvements to the sound system, purchase of computers, safety improvements to doors, upgraded lighting, and roof repairs.

To register or for more information, call Manuel Merino at (562) 863-8213 or Ellie Eck at (562) 869-9737.

Health screenings offered Nov. 19

DOWNEY – Stroke and osteoporosis screenings will be offered to Downey residents Nov. 19 at the Downey United Masonic Lodge #220, 8244 3rd St. Appointments begin at 9 a.m.

Life Line Screenings will administer the screenings, which take about 60-90 minutes to complete.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287.

Chamber mixer at Embassy Suites

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will present a networking mixer Oct. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Embassy Suites.

The mixer is free and includes refreshments, live entertainment and raffle prizes.

Chamber ambassadors will greet guests as they arrive. For more information, call (562) 923-2191.

Christmas brunch fundraiser Nov. 23

DOWNEY – The Assistance League of Downey's annual Christmas Tree Brunch, "Celebrate the Season," will be held Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Long Beach Hilton.

Festivities include door prizes, drawings, hand-crafted items, collectibles, homemade treats and a "spirit basket." There will also be a silent auction and clothing/jewelry vendors.

The Citrus College Singers will provide the evening's entertainment, and guests will have an opportunity to win decorated Christmas trees.

Tickets are \$65 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 15.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund Assistance League of Downey projects, including H.O.M.E., Operation School Bell, Kids on the Block, Books on Wheels, Hug-A-Bear, and more.

For information, call the Second Tyme Around Shoppe at (562) 869-0232.



Four St. Matthias High School students participated in the 17th Annual Cal State Fullerton Fall Choral Festival earlier this month, where they performed with the university's Honor Choir.

Choir students invited to sing at festival

DOWNEY – Four talented singers from St. Matthias High School in Downey were invited to participate in the 17th Annual Cal State Fullerton Fall Choral Festival on Oct. 4.

The girls performed with the Honor Choir at CSUF's Meng Concert Hall Performing Arts Center. St. Matthias was the only Catholic high school invited to the event.

Jessical Loaiza, Magdalen Mendoza, Xochil Perez and Viviana Trujillo joined the top four pupils from high school choirs throughout Southern California in the daylong rehearsal that culminated in the 7:30 p.m. concert conducted by Robert M. Istad, director of choral studies at CSUF.

Istad himself invited the young women from St. Matthias, an all-girls' schools in Downey that has a long tradition in the fine arts. Under the direction of Sandy Martinez, St. Matthias boasts three choral groups as well as two handbell choirs.

In addition to the Honor Choir, the Choral Festival concert featured performances by two guest high school choirs, selected soloists, and the CSUF University Singers and Chamber Singers. The event gives high school choral artists the opportunity to learn a variety of music, form a diverse choir different from their own school chorus groups, and perform the newly learned pieces together.

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Review:

Downey Brewing Co. is brewing something new & tasty

CONTRIBUTED BY KATHY PEREZ, DOWNEY RESIDENT

I had the good fortune and great pleasure of eating and drinking at the Downey Brewing Company last night. I had noticed their banner draped over the Nordic Fox sign last week.

I was happy to see that this Downey landmark which had closed on Aug. 31 was reopening so quickly. That signaled to me that the owners didn't have time to do too much interior damage to the structure. From what I could see, the outside had not been touched.

My sons and I pulled into the parking lot and were happy to see the old Foxy's logo still etched on the front window between the wooden doors. I was a bit hesitant, however, not sure if it would be a family-friendly environment for my boys. Would it be like BJ's (a brewery that mixes sports bar with family fare) or a dark dive lurking with drunken Downey degenerates?

We were welcomed by the owner and escorted to a booth. We gazed around the well-lit room and happily noted that, yes, our old Foxy's was still intact. There have been additions to the décor, but very few changes. The additions include several flat-screen TVs, numerous lighted beer signs and the long row of draught beers from which to choose.

The Dodger playoff game was on all of the TVs, two couples were sitting at the bar (the same old counter) and there was a large group of people in the back room. I didn't notice any unsavory characters, so I decided it was safe to give the place a chance.

We were quickly greeted by our waitress, Annette, and I felt it my duty to try one of their beers. The Irish in me was leaning towards a Guinness (yes, they have it on tap!) but decided on a lighter domestic that I had never heard of, but one that Annette recommended. We perused the menu, a variety of sandwiches, burgers, and appetizers. My younger son, a vegetarian, decided on the four-cheese individual pizza. The older one, a car-

nivore, went for the Angus burger and I decided to try the BLT sandwich.

Our drinks were delivered by the bartender, Walter, the owner's son. He told me how his dad had wanted to tear down the restaurant and build an office building, but had been persuaded to give the sports bar concept a try. I commented on how happy I was to see that they had preserved the unique architecture of Foxy's, including the front window. He said he had met with local historians and preservationists and agreed to incorporate the past with his vision for the business.

I told him how appreciative I was and that I would help spread the news about the new place in town. What I didn't tell him, however, was the news wouldn't be so good if we didn't like the food.

Walter came back to explain that the pizza was being baked in the same oven that had baked many a pie back in the day. My son had ordered the first pizza and because of the delay, he let us know it was on the house. While we enjoyed our food (the steak fries are excellent!), Annette brought a platter of freshly-made potato chips for the vegetarian to munch on. When his pizza arrived, he dove right in and enjoyed every bite. I tried it myself and it was delicious. My son felt very honored to know he had ordered and eaten the very first pizza in the restaurant.

As we finished our dinner and paid the bill, I told Walter that we would be returning the following day with my daughter and her fiancé. I told him and his dad that we had enjoyed the atmosphere, the food, and the beer. He said that they will be expanding their menu to include breakfast on the weekends in the near future.

The Downey Brewing Company is definitely brewing up something that is new and needed in our town. Just think, you don't have to drive to Cerritos, we've got our own version of BJ's right here! I applaud the owners for believing in us and our history. Now it's up to us to show them our gratitude by stopping by and enjoying what they have to offer.

'Zucchini Alert': an original story

BY ROSALIE SCIORTINO, WRITERS' WORKSHOP WEST

Call it folly. Call it fate. *Something* caused me to wander from the electrical department at the All-American store to the garden shop where I was attracted to the rack of colorful seed packets. Somehow at that moment I felt I had graduated from mere flower-gardening to the noble art of life-sustaining vegetables. I did not heed the sound of the wheels of chance and circumstance which had already begun to roll. I bought zucchini seed and planted them.

The plants emerged with alarming speed. At first I marveled at the delicate yellow blossoms and the tiny, shiny baby zucchini – each day checking their progress with pride. Soon, with the energy and vigor of kudzu, the plants covered half of my backyard. Much later I found that hiding deep beneath the lush foliage, baby zucchini, if not discovered, grow to gigantic proportions.

Now the quantity of the glowing young vegetable was at its peak and needed harvesting daily. It was then that I proceeded to take basketsful of them to friends and neighbors. Each household on my block received them with gratitude. Two of the most delighted neighbors even asked me in to tea.

The vegetable now multiplied even beyond my wildest expectations – a bounty begging to be shared by one and all. Thus, even if neighbors were not home, they found a bagful at their door on their return. The milkman and mailman got some, the cleaner got his when I went into his establishment. Everyone at first seemed genuinely happy to get this fresh produce.

It was sometime later that I began to feel people were too polite to

refuse my bounty and seemed to receive my gift almost grudgingly. "Oh," some would remark, "do you *still* have more zucchini?"

Sometime later even my family became hostile. I prepared the vegetable in every tasty combination I could dream up, but by the end of the season I was defeated and could sense a mutiny brewing.

Now the neighbors, once friendly and loving, were going out of their way to avoid me. Invitations to teas ceased. The mailman was seen to race up the steps, throw my mail into the slot [many times missing], and sprint across the lawn as though the hounds of hell were at his heels. The cleaner sent his helper to deal with me while he hid, trembling, behind the rack of clothes in the back of his shop. My crown identifying me as The Zucchini Queen was listing alarmingly and growing tarnished by the minute.

I knew what I had to do. I had to dispose of the whole mess. One day the entire crop was pulled up. I never felt so liberated!

Little by little, tentatively at first, my neighbors and friends began not to be afraid to approach me. The mailman and cleaner chatted with me as before. The family was enjoying dinner as in the old days. And, except for the six loaves of zucchini bread in the freezer, the year of The Invasion of The Zucchini became just a faint memory.

"Zucchini Alert" was written by Rosalie Sciortino, a member of Writers' Workshop West, a group of new and established writers that gathers to share and critique their work. Writers' Workshop West meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. inside the Downey High School library. For information, call (562) 862-3106.

Women offer Broadway-type show

DOWNEY – As part of Make a Difference Day, a national day of helping others created by "USA Today" magazine, a group of four professional women from Downey are offering to perform a Broadway review-type song and dance show for local senior, assisted living, and convalescent homes.

The show is approximately 30 minutes long and consists of jazz, tap, song and comedy. The group calls itself "The Dames of Downey." To schedule a performance, call Nadine Salee at (562) 923-8145.

Italian group holding bingo luncheon

BELLFLOWER – Members of the Italian Catholic Federation of St. Dominic Savio will hold their bingo luncheon Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The price is \$10 and includes an Italian meal and one bingo card. For more information, call Joseph Polselli at (562) 261-7936.

Warren athletes still have movie tickets

DOWNEY – Warren High School's girls' volleyball team is still 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.

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- **"The Quilter's Kitchen"** by Jennifer Chiaverini. Anna's twin passions for food and quilting converge when she lands a job as head chef at a popular quilting retreat.
- **"The Rose Labyrinth"** by Titania Hardie. A centuries-old secret is uncovered in this mystical romance that takes readers from Elizabethan England to modern-day London.
- **"So Brave, Young and Handsome"** by Leif Enger. In 1915 Minnesota, Monte Becker has lost his sense of purpose until he befriends outlaw Glendon Hale. This is the latest literary work from the author of "Peace Like a River."

Non-Fiction

- **"The Book of IQ Tests: 25 Self-Scoring Quizzes to Sharpen Your Mind"** by Philip Carter. Test yourself with these wordplays, diagrams and numerical challenges.
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- **"Quick, Before the Music Stops: How Ballroom Dancing Saved My Life"** by Janet Carlson. When she receives a Valentine's Day gift of dance lessons, a former competitive dancer rediscovers the joy and passion that had been missing from her life.
- **"What in the World Is Going?: Ten Prophetic Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore"** by Dr. David Jeremiah. Although many theories exist concerning the end of times, the author combines those he feels are the 10 most important Bible prophecies.

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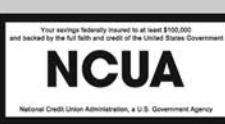
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The Downey Gigantes baseball team won the USTBA Oktoberfest Tournament for children ages 11 and under in Huntington Beach last week. The Gigantes beat out 10 teams and are currently competing to represent Downey in a tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. next year.

OLPH carnival set for this weekend

DOWNEY – The annual carnival at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will take place this weekend on the school campus. In addition to rides, live entertainment, food and games, this year's carnival will include a raffle for a Honda Civic hybrid courtesy Honda World Downey or \$20,000 in cash. Raffle tickets are \$200 and only 300 tickets will be sold. The carnival will be open tonight from 5 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 10:30 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. For more information, call (562) 869-9969.

Christian group is giving thanks

DOWNEY – Gloria Feralio will be the guest speaker when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets Nov. 12 at Los Amigos Country Club. Feralio's topic will be "How Your Life Can Have a Happy Ending." Also at the meeting, Maryilyn Orlando will speak on beaded craft items and Connie Duggins will provide music. The meeting's theme is "Giving Thanks." The cost is \$12 and includes a buffet lunch. The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. and both men and women are invited. Reservations are requested by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.

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Non-profits invited to workshop

BELL GARDENS – Local non-profit groups are invited to an Oct. 24 workshop where they gain insights on grant programs, guidelines, application components, and other key elements in a successful funding proposal. The workshop is organized by the office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and will be presented at Bell Gardens Veteran's Park, 6662 Loveland St., in Bell Gardens. The workshop will focus on children and youth services funding. RSVP is required by calling Juan-Carlos Aviles at (213) 628-9230 by Oct. 20.



The Downey Rockets, a travel baseball team for 11-year-olds, is still accepting players. Tryouts are held Wednesdays and Fridays at Furman Park from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The team practices two to three times per week, working on basic skill development and conditioning training. The Rockets participate in the CABA WEST league and USSA, playing at Field of Dreams big league parks (replica stadiums of the major leagues). For more information, call Mike Pagan at (562) 291-8640 or Willie Ramirez at (562) 841-3969.

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Four Razorbacks return to the bench after their team scored on an intercepted pass. From left: Aaron Castillo, Rafael Rodriguez, Jacob Callier, and Joshua Medina. Photo courtesy Mike Baumann

Razorbacks handed rare loss

■ Despite strong defense, Downey comes up short.

BY MIKE BAUMANN,
 DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL
DOWNEY — Downey's MityMite White allowed a rare touchdown in their game against the Lakewood Knights. In their five previous games, they had not allowed any team to score.

The Razorback defense only allowed Lakewood one first down the entire game, but a 75-yard run after a missed tackle was all it took to dash the Hogs' hopes of an undefeated season and, believe it or not, despite that excellent defensive effort, the MityMite Hogs lost to Lakewood 8-0.

The offense moved the ball effectively until they reached the red zone where the Knights shut them down.

The undefeated Razorback PeeWee's continued their winning ways by employing a swarming defense and a slick offense in defeating the Lakewood Lions 32-0 at Mayfair High School. The Hogs, the PCC Conference's lone undefeated PeeWee team (9, 10, 11-year olds) began their offensive barrage with a 55-yard run by quarterback Rafael Rodriguez to the Lions' 2 yard line.

Francisco Arrellano followed with a 2-yard plunge for the first

Downey score. In the second quarter, Joshua Medina sprinted 30 yards for the Hogs' second TD, and Medina followed with the PAT.

In the third quarter, strong defense led by Anthony San Angelo, Austin Espinosa and Moses Alanis stymied the Lion offense. Menendez scored the touchdown and PAT on identical 2-yard running plays after a long and deliberate drive increased the lead to 20-0.

In the final quarter, Downey exhibited a strong running game with Miguel Esquin, Moses Alanis, and Rodriguez gaining large chunks of real estate on every play and Justin Huff scoring from 25 yards out to put the game out of reach.

Rodriguez, who also doubles as linebacker, intercepted a Lion pass and returned it for a 35-yard score to cap the Razorbacks' fifth consecutive victory. The win establishes the Razorbacks as the No. 1 seed in the conference playoffs. The PeeWee Razorbacks travel to Palos Verde Saturday.

The Jr. Midget Razorback team won 32-6 over the Lakewood Jaguars on a well-balanced attack engineered by Offensive Coordinator Victor Reyes. The first score of the game was carried by Tristan Esparza on a 5-yard run. The second score was a blast up the

middle by fullback George Zavalla and the third score was on a screen pass and long run by Carlos Martinez.

A 25-yard pass play from Gabriel Llanes to Justin Preciado capped the scoring for Downey. All four two point conversions were kicked by Justin Sainz. The Hog defense remained stingy by allowing only 6 points.

The win moves the team's record to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in league play. The win also places the Razorback Jr. Midgets in line for the No. 1 seed in their division. Only a win over Long Beach in two weeks stands in the way of that seeding.

Downey's Midget Razorbacks defeated the Lakewood Panthers 22-6. Albert Ruiz led the scoring with a fumble recovery in the end zone. Quarterback Michael San Angelo tossed a 30-yards touchdown pass to Kevin DeLeon.

The Hogs defense played an outstanding game as defensive ends Andrew Gaona and Kyle Hudspeth sacked the Panther quarterback several times, and Patrick Blevins blocked a field goal attempt in the effort.

The win improved the Razorbacks record to 5-1. They will meet the Lakewood Titans tomorrow.

Warren hangs on for upset

■ Bears withstand fourth quarter rally to win.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER
DOWNEY — In their last non-league game, the Warren Bears managed to come back from an early deficit and hang on for a 23-21 win last Friday against then undefeated Torrance High School.

The Bears were down 7-0 after one half, not being able to break through until the third quarter when the Bears scored two touchdowns.

A quarter later, the Bears scrapped to keep the charging Torrance Tartars from staying unbeaten. Torrance scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to come close, but Warren was able to respond with nine points of their own to steal the game.

Warren running back Jesse Callier shined with 237 yards rushing on 26 carries with two touchdowns.

Quarterback Sam Bettencourt was efficient enough to keep the Bears in the game, completing nine

of 15 pass attempts for 148 yards with an interception and a touchdown.

Of the 15 attempts, five were completed to Bailey Cowins for 77 yards, one being a 30-yard completion.

The upset gives Warren momentum going into league competition. They will visit the Lynwood Knights at Lynwood Middle School tonight for their first regular season challenge. Game time is 7 p.m.

Vikings come up short, 21-16

■ Downey opens league play tonight.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER
DOWNEY — A surging Downey Vikings team came up short against Santa Fe at Pioneer High School last Friday, losing 21-16.

Santa Fe managed to keep the Vikings down enough to preserve a win in the Vikings' final non-league game before league play starts.

The Vikings constantly pestered the Chiefs all night long with their offensive and completely shut down Santa Fe defensively in the second half.

Santa Fe's Aaron Hill, in the final minutes of the fourth quarter, sacked quarterback Steven Cervantes to squash any comeback the Vikings may have been brewing.

Santa Fe running back Aaron Turner rushed for 169 yards and three touchdowns in the Chiefs'

win. Downey running back Joe Hill was kept quiet on the night with only 35 yards on 12 attempts.

Cervantes managed to manufacture most of Downey's offense through the air with 179 yards through the air, completing 13 of 24 passes with a touchdown.

The Vikings open league play tonight at Paramount High School. Game time is 7 p.m.

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