

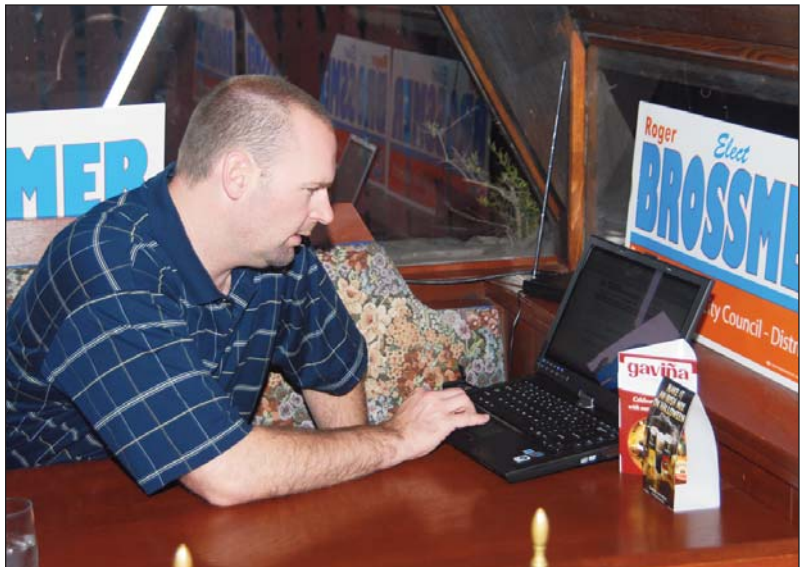
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Roger Brossmer anxiously awaited election results at a campaign event Tuesday at Downey Brewing Company. Photo by Art Montoya

## Brossmer wins in a landslide

■ Voters choose Roger Brossmer to replace Rick Trejo on City Council.

**BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR**  
**DOWNEY** – As expected, Downey Adult School principal Roger Brossmer was not seriously challenged in his bid for the City Council's District 3 seat, soundly defeating retired resident Russell Rankin with 75 percent of the vote.



Brossmer, who will replace termed out Councilman Rick Trejo, collected 4,362 votes to Rankin's 1,491. District 3 encompasses Northwest Downey.

"I'm very honored to receive as many votes as I did," said Brossmer, who awaited election results with supporters at the new Downey Brewing Company restaurant. "Now it's important I get up to speed and get to work. A lot of things are going on, and now we can put this election stuff behind us, roll up our sleeves, and get to work."

When he takes his seat on the council, he will be joined by Luis Marquez, who was victorious in District 5.

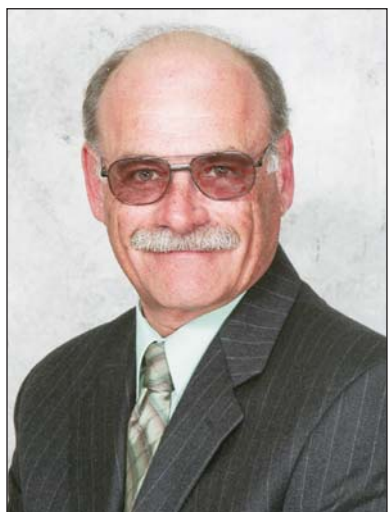
"I'm excited about Luis winning," Brossmer said. "I think we'll work well together."

Brossmer also had nice words for his opponent.

"Russ ran a real nice, clean campaign, but he didn't raise a lot of money or have a big campaign behind him," Brossmer said. "I'm just flattered that voters trust me with this position. I felt I worked hard on my campaign, and now I'm ready to get to work."

## Gafin looks forward to four more years

**BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR**  
**DOWNEY** – Mayor David Gafin plans to spend his next four years in office much the same way he spent the first four: concentrating on increased public safety and helping shield the city from state and national economic downturns.



"We need to make sure in down-run economic times to buckle down, toe the line, and make sure we don't get hit too hard," said Gafin, a certified CPA by trade.

Gafin was reelected to his second and final term in office Tuesday. He ran unopposed in District 1 (South Downey).

Gafin said he would also focus on lesser profile projects, including improving the city's sewer and drainage systems, broken roads, and overall infrastructure.

"I'm grateful to the residents for trusting me," he said. "I want to

live up to their expectation."

Of his two new colleagues on City Council, Gafin said he was confident both would do well in their new roles.

"I think they're going to do an excellent job," Gafin said.

## Marquez wins District 5 seat

■ Luis Marquez cruises to easier than expected victory to win Council seat.

**BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR**  
**DOWNEY** – The hotly contested race for the District 5 seat on Downey City Council turned out to be a runaway victory for Luis Marquez, who captured 53 percent of the vote in Tuesday's election.

Marquez will represent District 5 on the City Council, a seat encompassing the entire city and about 110,000 residents. He will be sworn into office Dec. 2.

With all precincts reporting, Marquez collected 14,195 votes, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

Gary De Remer, president of the Downey Rose Float Association, came in a distant second with 5,535 votes. Rounding out the contest was physician Shahira A-Malek (3,873 votes) and realtor Maria Larkin (2,934 votes).

Marquez, who turns 36 on Nov. 20, is the senior district representative to Sen. Alan Lowenthal (D-27). His campaign touted a long list of hefty endorsements (Lowenthal, Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, and Mayor David Gafin among them), and outspent opponents by a 2-1 margin.

About 40-50 volunteers comprised of family, friends and high school students fueled Marquez's campaign, which raised more than \$16,000 since the beginning of the year.

"I'm really honored and humbled to be elected by the voters," said Marquez, who will replace Kirk Cartozian on the council. "They trusted me, and now it's my job to deliver."

Marquez said he would use the four weeks before his swearing-in



Mayor David Gafin and planning commissioner Mike Murray helped Luis Marquez celebrate his election to City Council Tuesday. Marquez beat out three opponents for the opportunity to represent Downey citizens in the District 5 city-wide seat. Photo by Art Montoya

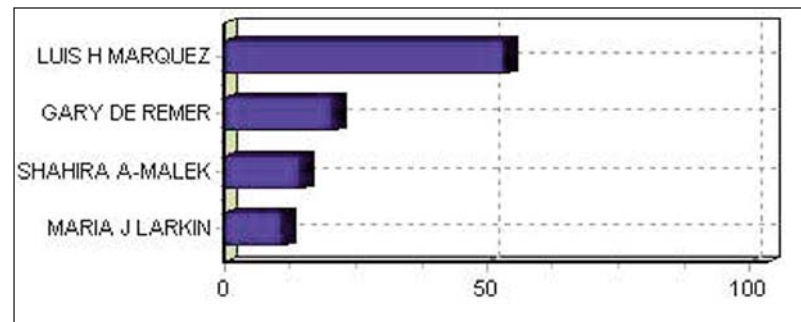
to meet with city officials and current council members to ensure a smooth transition. He said he would also use the time to look at potential appointments for various city commissions.

Marquez said he had not made a decision on whether to appoint someone new to represent him on the city's planning commission, but acknowledged he would interview potential candidates.

Marquez currently sits on the city's Parking Place Commission, having been appointed by Gafin early last year. Marquez was also appointed to the Cable TV Citizens Advisory Committee in 2006.

Marquez previously pledged to donate his monthly City Council stipend to establish scholarships for Downey students.

"Like any community, we have



to invest in our youth and students," Marquez told the *Patriot* earlier this year. "I still have to figure out the amount of the scholarships, but hopefully there'll be several of them."

He holds degrees in history and film production from Cal State Northridge, and is a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church.

Through his position with Lowenthal, Marquez serves as a

liaison to the Gateway Council of Governments, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metro, and the California League of Cities.

"I'm going to do my best to represent Downey, the entire city," Marquez said. "We may not always agree on things, but communication is key. We need to do what's best for Downey."

## Election is over, but losing candidates pledge to stick around

■ Candidates say election loss won't keep them from staying involved in the community.

**BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER**  
**DOWNEY** – Dr. Shahira A-Malek may be out of the race, but she isn't out of the game.

A-Malek, who vied for the District 5 seat on Downey's City Council, isn't planning to let her defeat keep her from being involved in the community.

"I ran not to get a political position but to get things done for the city and the community – especially the after-school programs," A-Malek said.

"It's much easier to implement ideas when you have a political title or a seat."

Despite being defeated by Luis Marquez on Tuesday, A-Malek wants to continue working towards her dream of having churches host after school programs.

"If the churches open their doors and we utilize people with good character, these three hours can make the difference between a child's future and their success. I'm a pediatrician so I believe in prevention," she said.

Self-employed Gary De Remer and real estate broker Maria Larkin were also defeated candidates for the District 5 seat.

DeRemer was unavailable for comment, but Larkin said she wants to continue being a presence in the city and would like to help have a performing arts and cultural center built in Downey.

"I'm sorry I didn't win because I feel I am needed on the city council," Larkin said. "I had a lot of plans I wanted to put in place, and we have to catch up with the surrounding communities. We need something that's productive, bringing in money – not just a building sitting there, but being used to entertain all age groups."

Retired Russell Rankin, a former military man who ran against Roger Brossmer for the District 3 seat, thinks he didn't give his full efforts towards canvassing the neighborhoods and introducing himself.

"I say 'thank you' to the people who voted for me, but I feel I did them a disservice by not campaign-

ing as diligently as I should have," Rankin said.

"I am hoping someone will start a referendum against mansionization, but it won't be me."

A-Malek and Larkin agreed the campaign for the District 5 seat was difficult and that the sign-stealing was frustrating.

"Every day, driving around and seeing I had to replace my signs was really disappointing," Larkin

said. A-Malek is reflecting on the sign-stealing issue with a little more humor.

"I would like to congratulate Marquez – he did a great campaign," A-Malek said. "His committee can help continuing to pull my signs off the street now that I don't need them."

## Church honoring nation's veterans at Saturday ceremony

**DOWNEY** – A special ceremony honoring our nation's veterans will be held tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Downey.

All branches will be represented and the commanding general of the National Guard will be the featured speaker.

A memorabilia display will be open for viewing following the presentations. Anyone wanting to display items should bring them to the church at 10 a.m. Items will be guarded.

The community is invited to attend the festivities. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is at 12425 Orizaba Ave., north of Imperial Elementary School. For more information, call Lois Buchanan at (562) 927-9790.

### Credit union sponsoring book drive

**DOWNEY** – Downey Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a book drive for elementary school-aged children in Downey.

Bins have been placed in the credit union's main branch and in the Express Service Office at Downey Regional Medical Center for donations of new books for children ages 5 to 10 years old. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 5.

Residents who donate books can fill out an entry form for each book donated and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.

"Downey Federal Credit Union supports the residents of Downey and wants to extend a helping hand to families in need," said Barbara Lamberth, president and CEO. "At the holiday season, it is important that all children receive some type of gift. A new book is an everlasting gift, and truly makes a difference in the life of a child."

### Downey native lands promotion

**FRESNO** – Downey native Scott Carter has been named senior vice president of marketing for the Fresno Grizzlies, baseball's minor league affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

A product of UC-Santa Barbara, Carter joined the Grizzlies in 2006 after positions with the Anaheim Ducks and Rancho Cucamonga Quakes. Under his leadership, the Grizzlies were recently honored for the "Best Marketing Campaign" of 2008 by a leading industry publication.

The Grizzlies open the 2009 season on April 9 when they welcome the Portland Beavers.

### Book club to discuss 'Glass Castle'

**DOWNEY** – Book enthusiasts are invited to join a discussion of "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls at the Downey City Library Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

Walls' memoir describes her childhood experiences growing up in a family of four children with two highly unconventional parents. Rex, her brilliant but alcoholic father, and Rose Mary, her artistic, permissive mother, believed that children learned best from their own mistakes. Moving from place to place and often left on their own, the Walls children faced physical and psychological dangers but developed practical life skills, a love for each other and maturity beyond that of their parents.

The free program for adults offers a discussion of a different book each month. Light refreshments will be served.

For reservations, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

### 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.



Downey resident Shelby Pemberton was recently recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization at UCLA. The organization promotes and rewards academic achievement and provides members with opportunities for community service, personal development and "lifelong professional fulfillment." Pemberton is a 2007 graduate of Warren High School.

### Church to distribute food baskets

**DOWNEY** – The Breath of God Christian Fellowship will host their 17th annual Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner Nov. 21 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The church will also distribute food baskets through Downey middle schools and high schools on Nov. 24.

To volunteer at the dinner or food distribution, or to donate food, call the church at (310) 767-9620. Monetary donations can be mailed to Breath of God, P.O. Box 39903, Downey, 90239.

### Church in search of volunteer tutors

**DOWNEY** – First Presbyterian Church of Downey is searching for volunteers to help tutor kids in math, science, English and music.

Tutors can work as little as two hours per week and will work with students in grades 2nd to 6th.

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

### Chamber mixer at George's

**DOWNEY** – George's Restaurant & Bar will celebrate their third anniversary by hosting a business mixer Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event is free and will include entertainment, raffle prizes and networking opportunities. The restaurant is located at 7857 Florence Ave.

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

### Fail-Safe fundraiser Nov. 15

**DOWNEY** – A casino night fundraiser for Fail-Safe 4 Felines will be held Nov. 15 at the Downey Elks Lodge at 6:30 p.m.

The night will include 50-50 raffles, a silent auction, and buffet dinner. Tickets are \$25.

For reservations, call (562) 708-2672.

### ALF meets for dedication ceremony

**DOWNEY** – The Aerospace Legacy Foundation will host their next meeting Nov. 15 in conjunction with the dedication ceremony of the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m. The space center is at 12400 Clark Ave., adjacent to Downey Studios.

For more information, e-mail [alfdowney@aol.com](mailto:alfdowney@aol.com).

### Judge Mautino talking jury reform

**DOWNEY** – Judge Philip Mautino of Los Padrinos Juvenile Court will be the guest speaker at Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's Nov. 25 meeting at Stox Restaurant & Bakery.

Mautino will discuss jury duty and reform.

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and the cost is an order from the menu. RSVP by calling (562) 923-2191.

### Musician publishes fourth book

**DOWNEY** – Musician/author Gary Myers has published his fourth book, "Understanding and Using Scales and Modes," through his company, MusicGem.

Myers has played music professionally since 1960 and has been a Downey resident since 1992.

MusicGem has previously published "Understanding and Using Chords and Chord Progressions," as well as two record collector's books covering his home state of Wisconsin: "Do You Hear That Beat – Wisconsin Pop/Rock in the 50's & 60's" (1994), and "On That Wisconsin Beat – More Pop/Rock/Soul/Country in the 50's & 60's" (2006).

Myers first visited Downey when his Milwaukee band played at the Pink Carousel on Paramount Boulevard in October 1965. By 1970, the Pink Carousel had become the Staircase and in 1978, the Mississippi Moonshine Co., and Myers played there under both names, as well as having appeared at many other venues in the area over the succeeding years, including a 2007 show for the OASIS program.

He still performs, teaches music, and he has more books in progress.

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Downey Youth Fishing Day is tomorrow at Wilderness Park, and kids ages 15 and under are invited to attend the free event. The first 200 children will receive free T-shirts. Photo courtesy city of Downey

## Kids invited to fish at Wilderness Park

DOWNEY – The annual Downey Youth Fishing Day will take place tomorrow from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, at Wilderness Park.

Co-sponsored by the city of Downey and the California Department of Fish and Game, the free event is for kids ages 15 and under.

The event includes learning stations for children that will cover safety procedures, safety tips and casting. Kids will also learn about different types of fish, what happens to the lake environment, and how to be a responsible angler.

A supply of bait, fishing rods and reels will be available on loan in limited quantity. Kids need to have a parent with I.D. to check-out fishing equipment. Children with their own fishing rods are encouraged to bring them.

The police and fire departments will also be in attendance, and free event T-shirts will be given to the first 200 kids. A demonstration of fly-tying will be provided by the Fly Fishers Club.

A breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage patties, and a drink will be provided for \$2 while supplies last.

Registration will be taken between 8 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

## \$30 million contract for county fire equipment goes up in smoke

BY MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Los Angeles area fire departments – including Downey Fire Department – are waiting for judgment on a lawsuit claiming mishandling of the bidding process for a \$30 million plan to provide 32 fire departments with standardized self-contained breathing apparatus.

The equipment was to be paid for by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association turned the SCBA selection project over to the Southern California Area Personal Protective Equipment Consortium (a consortium of participating local fire departments) who chose to have the county's Internal Services Division do the bidding.

In January, ISD employee Joe Sandoval requested the formation of a five person committee to provide direction, have control to make the bidding decision, and reach a consensus on the performance scores.

According to court documents, bidder Arcadia-based Allstar Fire Equipment Co. contends that two individuals from the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles "wrongfully dominated the bid process.... During the process, every impediment to these two persons completely controlling the process was systematically eliminated: from failing to make agreed revisions to product specifications, altering the manner of evaluation of both the price and performance of the product, and to changing the request for proposal without notice."

Evidence presented to the court showed "their method of scoring allowed them to exert more than



During a drill, a Downey firefighter dons the self-contained breathing apparatus currently used by the Downey Fire Department. Photo courtesy of Fire Chief Mark Sauter

four times the influence over the scoring process than the other three members combined."

On Oct. 21, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James Chalfant voided the contract which was awarded to C.L. Curtis, who distributes Sperian Protection equipment. The judge's decision was based on C.L. Curtis not being the lowest bidder and Sperian products not rating the highest in performance evaluation.

The City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles are the only local fire departments to use C.L. Curtis products made by Sperian Protection. Currently, the Downey Fire Department and 21 other local

fire departments use Scott Health & Safety equipment which Allstar distributes.

Multiple fire departments – including Downey Fire Department – had already ordered nearly \$7 million worth of Sperian equipment before the judge issued an injunction prohibiting involved departments from making further purchases from C.L. Curtis until after the trial. The judge also ordered no money would be dispersed from the grant to cities for reimbursement until judgment is issued.

On July 8, Downey Fire Department Chief Mark Sauter requested the City of Downey

appropriate \$191,386 of the 2006 SHSGP funds to purchase the SCBA's and ordered the Sperian equipment. Currently, the invoice from Curtis sits unpaid - and the equipment that arrived in early October sits unused.

"I was trying to be prudent and follow the established protocol," Sauter said. "There was no court order at the time of purchase. Once I found out there was a problem, I notified the appropriate people and the command staff to leave (the equipment) sit in our warehouse. We are standing tight and waiting to hear from the court and will be

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Dr. Bordas has been in Downey for 20 years, he is a graduate of USC Dental School and is a national educator in the field of implant dentistry. Please visit his web-site for a complete resume of his accomplishments.

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I would also like to thank my family and friends that worked so hard to get me elected. Words alone cannot express my sincere gratitude.  
While I was elected by the constituents of District 3, I promise to serve all of our citizens with equal representation. Please email me at info@rogerbrossmer.com, or telephone me at (562)445-7426.  
Again, thank you!  
Roger Brossmer

## Fire: Judge will issue judgment Nov. 17.

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following the court's guidance."

Chalfant admonished the departments for ordering the equipment. "Respondents and Curtis all knew the contract was being challenged, and proceeded at their own risk. Respondents cannot rely on their own failures, and their efforts to perform a contract that they knew was being challenged, simply because their grant money was at risk," Chalfant said in the court documents.

Prior to the lawsuit, Rich Brandt, who serves as president of the Long Beach Firefighters Local 372, voiced concerns about the safety record of Sperian products, questioned the selection process that had discarded firefighter input, and asked Jim Hone, president of LAAFCA, to stop advising the fire chiefs to proceed with their orders.

"Your encouragement of fire chiefs to 'continue their purchase of Sperian equipment,' prior to the court's ruling, recklessly puts city municipalities in danger of incurring millions of dollars of debt that will not be reimbursed from the grant. Prudence would demand that LAAFCA hold off on all orders and/or deny shipment of Sperian SCBA's in order to protect taxpayer dollars and city council budgets," Brandt wrote in a letter to Jim Hone, LAAFCA President. Hone also serves as fire chief for the Santa Monica Fire Department.

Writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Area Firefighter Unions, Brandt wanted to meet with Hone and the Executive Board of the LAAFCA to discuss the unions concerns.

Sperian, formerly known as Survivair, changed the company's name in 2007, after being found negligent and liable for damages for the 2002 deaths of St. Louis firefighters Derek Martin and Rob Morrison. The firefighters died in a building fire while wearing breathing and safety equipment manufactured by Survivair.

Sauter said even if the new Sperian equipment could be utilized at this time, training and testing by the Downey Fire Department would have to take place before being used in an actual fire emergency.

"When we roll new equipment out like this, everyone needs to be trained. You don't want to put your firefighters out there without being familiar with the product, how to care for it, how to check it, and making sure that they fit," Sauter said. "They need to be 100 percent operable and comfortable - using this equipment needs to be second nature."

"If we had had the training and spotted any problems, we would have asked some questions."

Judgment is scheduled to be rendered Nov. 17.

## Temple hosting educational classes

**DOWNEY** - A series of educational classes begin Tuesday night at Temple Ner Tamid. All classes are taught by Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill.

Classes include "Religion and Politics," Tuesday; "Jews and their Neighbors," Nov. 18; "Jews as Heroes and Villains," Dec. 2; "Peace in the Jewish Tradition," Dec. 9; and "War in the Jewish Tradition," Dec. 16.

Classes are free for congregation members. Cost is \$50 for the entire series for non-members.

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



Terese Akins Anthony, a poet regularly published in *The Downey Patriot*, celebrates her 90th birthday this month. She is founder of the Apollo Chapter of Long Beach Poetry, founder of the Lakewood Orpheus Chapter of Poetry, and member of Long Beach Writers Club and World Poetry Society. She was the 2002 winner of the Chapral Statewide Sonnet Contest, and the 2007 and 2008 winner of the International Society of Poets.

## Old River School votes on council

**DOWNEY** - On Oct. 24, the 5th Grade Student Council executive positions were voted upon at Old River Elementary School.

The results include Gabriel Hancey-Gallegos, president; Rafael Rivera, vice president; Kristen Munguia, secretary; and Adriana Laureano, treasurer.

## Group studies presidential wives

**DOWNEY** - The Ezra Center for Mature Adults at Temple Ner Tamid will study presidential wives at their Nov. 18 meeting.

The program will be led by Dr. Virginia Baxter, who oversees the Long Beach City College Foundation. Baxter is a researcher of presidents' wives and has taught classes on the subject.

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. and the program will run from 10 to noon.

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

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

## Christian club meets Wednesday

**DOWNEY** - Gloria Feralio will be the guest speaker when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets Wednesday at Los Amigos Country Club.

Feralio's topic will be "How Your Life Can Have a Happy Ending."

Also at the meeting, Marilyn Orlando will speak on beaded craft items and Connie Duggins will provide music.

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.

## The Poet's Corner

### Month of the Topaz

To those  
born in this month of fall,  
enjoy the mellow  
yet capricious mood,  
crisp amber leaves,  
spiced air, and all  
for which  
dream-hungered minds  
find food,  
within November's  
golden amplitude.

-Terese Akins Anthony,  
Lakewood

### The Beginning

The end is near, people have been prophesizing  
The end is near since the beginning of time.  
The end is near or has it been confessing  
Through a simple yet complicated mime?  
Where the Fountain of Youth, residing in you  
Evolves All of Creation into Enlightened Beings  
Streaming one consciousness of love  
With tears of eternal gratitude to The Creator  
You await the joyful Jubilee with a torch of  
Righteousness, where Freedom prevails  
And creation lotuses sprout like fields of wheat  
Amidst its tolerant yet silent few dancing  
Among the stars and connecting the dots  
Of our existence in the Aeons of Destiny  
Where hatred and persecution no longer  
Exist, and the world's people agree upon  
One thing; a lasting and unified peace.

-Michael Quinn,  
Downey

### I Never Will Accept the Truth

I'm glad we are alone at last  
hands aligned and tightly grasped  
kisses sweeter than the moon  
I know that you will leave me soon  
I can feel the ashes now  
makes me kind of wonder how  
you disappear into the air  
this time I really felt you there  
underneath the starry sky  
letting out a ghastly sigh  
in my mind you are so clear  
but you were never really here  
too soon had death betaken you  
I never will accept the truth.

I never will accept the truth.  
-Jenerous,  
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## Optimistic

By Eric Pierce

Am I the only one surprised at Luis Marquez's wide margin of victory?

I'm not surprised that he won by any stretch (each candidate boasted unique qualifications), but winning with more than 50 percent of the vote?

Wow.

Downey's new-look City Council has a full agenda ahead of them. But with Marquez and Roger Brossmer on-board for at least the next four years, residents should rest easy knowing that the city's future is in capable and qualified hands.

But that doesn't mean residents should not continue to be vigilant and take an active role in city government. Write your city leaders a letter and let them know your opinions. Copy us on that letter and we'll print it in the paper.

These are historic times for the nation, and Downey as well. I'm optimistic.

## Letters to the Editor:

### Support for new president

Dear Editor,

In the last days leading up to the election, the Letters to the Editor pages of this paper have been filled with letters advocating one national candidate over the other, one local candidate over the other, and one view of the proposition over the other.

TV, radio commercials, lawn signs, bumper stickers – all were expressing different points of views.

The rise in voter registration and the excitement of this presidential election was amazing. I can only feel pride in our country.

There have never been any military coups, revolutions or any other such acts. The peaceful transition of political power is one of our country's strengths.

I have had the honor to vote in every presidential election since 1964. Since then, the country has had many bad presidents, many bad politicians, many bad laws, bad Supreme Court decisions. However, we have had many good ones as well.

The fact remains that the country has survived the good and the bad, and whatever our point of views, the country continues. It is not the end of the country, as some would like to have us believe.

While watching the first African-American (president-elect) give his speech, I was awed by all the different ethnic faces that were in the audience. They all seemed to express the same feelings of hope.

Even though I am an Independent, I hope that we will now fall in line and support the new President so he can, and will do, what is best for our country.

For as he spoke about those who did not vote for him, (he said) "I am your president too."

— Ed Romero  
Downey

### Flaws in character education

Dear Editor:

The article about character education ("Students' Learning Curve Includes Character Counts," 10/31/08) is fundamentally flawed.

I am continually baffled at how character education – which on the surface sounds great – can win funding and accolades while never demonstrating evidence of either need or results. Is all that is required for adoption is a slick marketing campaign to the politicians and school boards in order to acquire a popular support and then you are done? Who could object to "character education," right? Moreover, the phrase functions wonderfully as a political catchword.

Yet, even President Bush asks that "the adoption of public programs should be results-based." In that view, the adoption of character education in our community should be seriously questioned. Research on the subject has yet to turn up one peer-reviewed study demonstrating any scientifically validated need for or result from character education programs. On the other hand, flaws in the "research" showing "correlations" are well documented.

Today's character education would seem to fall right in line with a string of similarly flawed and famously failed school programs: "religious education," "moral education," "values education"...However, not to be deterred by lack of results, character education programs abound, forging ahead – each trotting out entirely different lists of politically-entangled core values and means for implementing them.

As far as the schools go, even if character education could be proven to achieve its conservative aims, public education has no business taking the culture wars to children. What should schools be focusing on as root causes, instead? The best academic minds in the business recommend focusing on creating an even playing field by correcting antagonistic factors in the social structure; ensuring a fair, well-funded educational environment, providing solid, verifiable facts; developing the critical thinking skills to separate the "angles" and hype from the truth; and then let students decide for themselves what kind of society they will create for themselves.

In sum, character education sure sounds good – if only it worked. Isn't it time for some real investigative reporting into the claims of character education, instead of all the cheerleading?

— Kevin Cornwall,  
Downey

### Thank you, veterans

Dear Editor:

Please remember this Veterans Day, Nov. 11, by flying your American flag high, faithfully, and proudly to honor those who died and served so that you all might enjoy your lives in freedom today.

Plain fact is that many of you wouldn't be here and alive today if they had not conquered the evil axis who sought to dominate and enslave this entire world. Close to a million of America's finest youth died in World War II.

America saved this entire world for freedom during World War II. You won't find this line in American history books because it isn't taught by the ultra liberal know-it-all educational establishment. They don't teach what our heroes accomplished.

America supplied our Allies with war material, planes, guns, tanks, ships, food, other needed necessities, and fighting forces to help the U.S. win over dictatorial killers bent on world domination. Our finest youth paid the price of freedom for you and me. Always remember that proudly. I'm extremely proud of what they did, and always grateful that America survived for all of us.

Say "thank you" to any serviceman/woman you might meet in your daily travels, because today's warriors are tomorrow's veterans.

May God always bless America, and you too. Thank you, veterans, of all our wars.

— Joe Cvetko,  
Bellflower

### Don't lose farmers market

Dear Editor:

My husband and I have been going to the Downey farmers market since it opened in April, and have gone nearly every Saturday since then to purchase our weekly produce. On our first outing there, we decided to write down the prices of our purchases and compare them to the local chain grocery store to be sure our trip to the farmers market was economical. We found that every item we purchased that day was more reasonably priced than the chain market.

The farmers market produces more than cheap food. The farmers who come to Downey sell produce that is pesticide free, locally grown, and diverse in choice. We have been exposed to new vegetables and fruits, been given cooking lessons from the farmers who grew the produce, sampled bites of fruit prior to purchasing, and enjoyed the conversation with other shoppers who also delight in their Saturday trips to Downtown Downey.

The recent article in *The Downey Patriot* about the poor attendance at the farmers market was terribly disappointing to us ("Attendance Drops at Farmers Market," 10/31/08). As we ate our dinner that was prepared with fresh produce from the market tonight, my husband and I realized how we have come to depend on our Saturday outing. The ideas suggested in the Patriot by the city officials are wonderful, and we hope to see them put into action.

If you haven't been to the market yet, we encourage you to go. We'll see you there!

— Karen Beliakoff,  
Downey

### Character counts at CVS

Dear Editor,

Last week's edition of *The Downey Patriot* provided another "what's wrong with this picture" opportunity.

The Downey Unified School District provided an article proudly highlighting a program called Character Counts with its Five Pillars of Character.

This program has its origins from the Josephson Institute of Ethics, a long standing and respected consultant firm that develops ethics and character building within companies, organizations, and schools.

However, the article was contrasted with an article on the next page.

The management of CVS Pharmacy on the corner of Firestone Boulevard and Paramount Avenue has restricted the hours when a juvenile can enter the store because of the poor behavior and lack of honesty of students. Unless accompanied by an adult, a person under 18 years of age must wait until after 3:30 p.m.

Not mentioned in the article was the same applied policy of the CVS Pharmacy on Florence Avenue between Tweedy Lane and Paramount Avenue.

There is work left to do when applying the Character Counts program, T=Trustworthiness, R=Respect, R=Responsibility, F=Fairness, C=Citizenship.

—Donn C. Irving  
Downey

## Thanking our veterans today and every day

By REP. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (D-34)

This Veterans Day, I join our community and the nation in observance of this patriotic day of tribute to remember and thank all of our men and women in uniform, past and present, who have bravely served and protected our country.

To honor their contributions, I am proud Congress took significant steps in recent months to provide our 23.8 million veterans with additional services and benefits.

On June 30, our new GI Bill of the 21st Century was signed into law. This legislation provides our soldiers returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with the tools they need to succeed after military service. For those who have served three years on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, the new GI Bill covers their costs of a four-year education up to the level of the most expensive in-state public tuition. They would also receive a monthly stipend of approximately \$1,000 for living expenses and \$1,000 annually for books.

In addition, a service member's unused educational benefits can also be transferred to their spouse after he or she completes at least six years of service and commits to serve an additional four years. They can also elect to transfer the unused educational benefits to their children after 10 years of service. The benefits under the measure are payable for educational training pursued on or after Aug. 1, 2009.

The original GI Bill, passed in June of 1944 during World War II, sparked widespread economic growth for a whole generation of Americans. It made a free college education available to more than 15 million returning war veterans. It paid the full cost of tuition at any public or private college or university. By 1956, about 8 million World War II veterans had taken advantage of the GI Bill education and training benefit, including some of our nation's greatest leaders. According to a congressional study, the original GI Bill returned \$7 to the economy for every \$1



### Pick and choose

Dear Editor:

The city states in its codes that anything that contributes to the "downgrading of aesthetics and property values" will be fined. I am firmly behind the city in this.

However, it seems to me that they are taking a "pick and choose" approach in this matter. How about the many half-completed, abandoned structures that are found all over Downey? Many of them are unkempt, unsafe and eyesore that seemed destined to stay like that forever.

Is it possible to fine those owners or place a lien on them if they do not comply? I believe that many of those owners have no stake in the aesthetics of the city. As long as the city allows those structures to stand as they are now, the neighborhood will be blighted.

Just once can the city start at the top first and then work down? Is it possible for the city to go for the big fish first and then go for those negligent unkempt lawn violators?

— Ed Romero,  
Downey

### Orange-vested help

Dear Editor:

I live on Adoree Street near Paramount Boulevard. In the morning of Oct. 18, I was checking my yard and saw orange-vested people. They represented Keep Downey Beautiful.

Many, many workers were picking up litter. I just want to thank you all for the service you perform for the city. You are truly awesome.

My street, including the alley and the little mini-mall front and back, was totally clean of every little and big piece of litter. The alley behind the mini-mall is a constant mess – I call on a regular basis to have trash picked up. Let me tell you, it has never been this clean for a long, long time.

Once again, thank to all of you for keeping Downey beautiful.

— Jean Brown,  
Downey

### Appalled at placement

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Rio Hondo Men's Golf Club, I was appalled at the place in the paper you chose to put the picture of the presentation of funds to the Warren and Downey High School golf teams. On the Real Estate page?

It seems to me that the presentation was a heck of a lot more important to the kids than all of those political hackneyed letters that you printed.

The paper did not even get all of the story that was submitted and left out some of the content. Our kids who are striving to do better in this world and working on something positive deserve better.

The Rio Hondo Men's Club has some 355 members and a lot of them live in Downey and more than 100 voted to give that money to the teams. Too bad you can't see the good being done and have to print the (junk) that we had to read last week.

— Robert J. Buckley,  
Rio Hondo Men's Club

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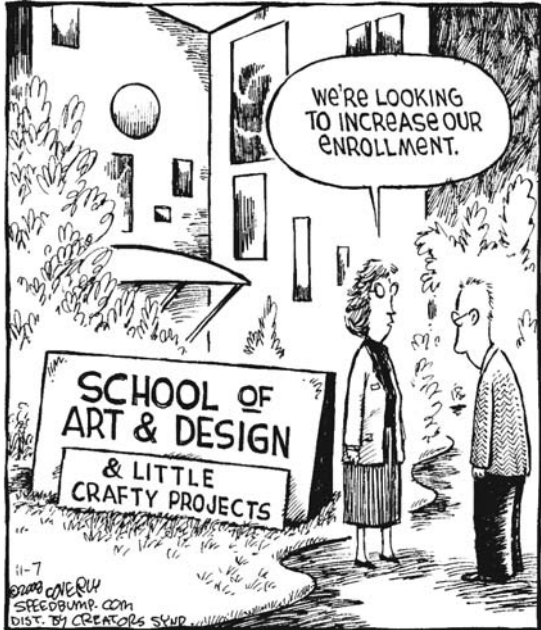
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For November

- Sat. Nov. 7: **Downey Youth Fishing Day**, Wilderness Park, 8 a.m.
- Sat. Nov. 7: **Veterans Day program**, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:30 p.m.
- Tues. Nov. 11: **Veterans Day program**, Woman's Club of Downey Clubhouse, 11 a.m.
- Wed. Nov. 12: **Christian Club meeting**, Los Amigos Country Club, 11:45 a.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 13: **Book Lover's Club meeting**, Downey City Library, noon
- Thurs. Nov. 13: **Business mixer**, George's Restaurant & Bar, 5:30 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.: **AfterCare 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, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Tues., 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 Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

#### Fridays

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

#### Sundays

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

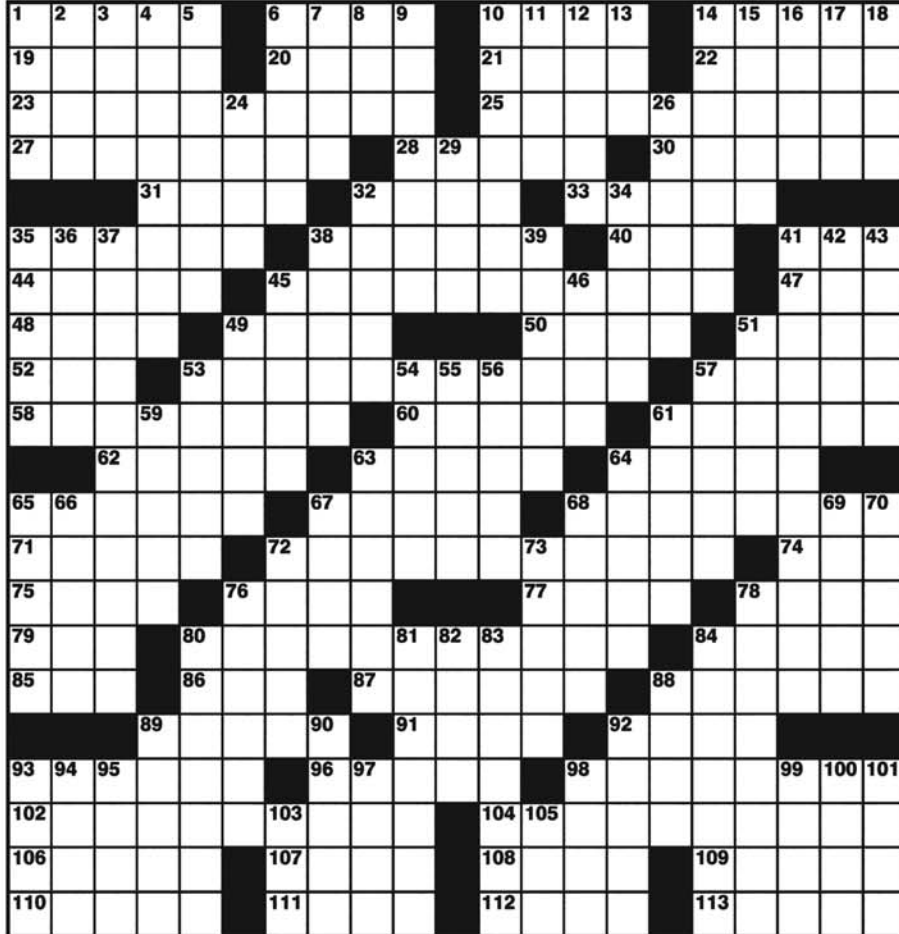
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- 1918: American evangelist Billy Graham is born. Also born Nov. 7: Joni Mitchell (65), Christopher Knight (51) and Jeremy London (36).
- 1944: President Franklin Roosevelt wins an unprecedented fourth term in office.
- 1991: Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson announces he has the AIDS virus and is retiring.
- 2000: George W. Bush is elected president of the United States, defeating Al Gore.

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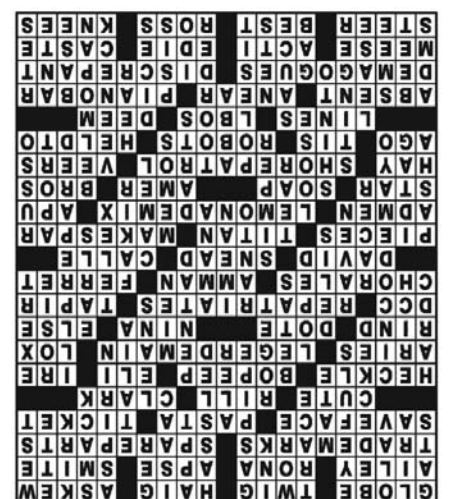


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LEGERDEMAIN (45 Across) is derived from an old French phrase meaning "light of hand." Theasaurus (Down) studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh. Similar to Brasilia, BELMOPAN (78 Down), the capital of Belize, was built from scratch, beginning in 1967.





## Soulja Boy Promotes Good Work Ethic

By Vlad Ionescu, Warren High School

As I was listening to the cacophony that my radio was emitting, I was hard at work in the backyard. I am the workforce that keeps my property in pristine condition. Nothing like a little sweat, good work ethic, and some background noise from my own radio to make the moment perfect. I was pumping gas into my lawn mower when I heard a very strange song beginning to play. The DJ talked about the song as if it was a true relic of music genius. Immediately I stopped what I was doing and listened to the song carefully. It ended up being actually decent, but the lyrics were absolutely delightful and promoted very good values, and CLEARLY nothing vulgar and demeaning, and NOT ONE IOTA of sexual reference.

The song first gets the listener's attention by calling to them, saying "Hey, you!". I find that to be a very nice start, the singer greets the person as warmly as a front desk person at the DMV. After that the singer offers to teach the listener a dance and is ever so kind as to even tell him or her how to do it.

The song then goes on, mentioning Superman and RoboCop, which both are very good role models... After all, they stand for justice and all that is good. One or two measures later the singer starts to talk about creative ways to maintain my hard working friends, the gardening tools. I usually clean them off with a hose to have them ready for the next job. This song suggested something to make even that part of my job more fun - to use a Super Soaker! It doesn't stop there. It recommends that the Super Soaker can also be used to clean

off my dog who is always at work hunting our annoying underground neighbors, the moles. It sometimes gets messy. There is one part where he mentions giving apes a bath, I'm not quite sure what that means but it made me laugh. Nice touch to the song nonetheless.

Crank Dat Soulja Boy is a very wonderful rap song, all in all. I at first had low expectations for the song, but its catchy tune and profound message definitely makes it a song that merits its popularity. It teaches the hard working teenagers such as myself to do the best we can - but not just in school, but also when we're at work. We need to be organized and clean, and we can even make it fun by adding some creativity to it. Things are finished enjoyably and efficiently, and one can at last say "Now that's what I call a job well done!".

## Downey students collect most blood

Downey High School has taken first place in the Southern California American Red Cross Blood Drive by collecting 451 pints of blood on Oct. 29.

Downey High School ASB students, led by activities director Gordon Weisenburger, began working at 5 a.m. and did not stop until 6 p.m.

The school will host their second blood drive in February.

## DVD RELEASES FOR NOVEMBER 11

Hellboy II: The Golden Army  
Star Wars: The Clone Wars  
7th Heaven: The Seventh Season  
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## Warren Homecoming

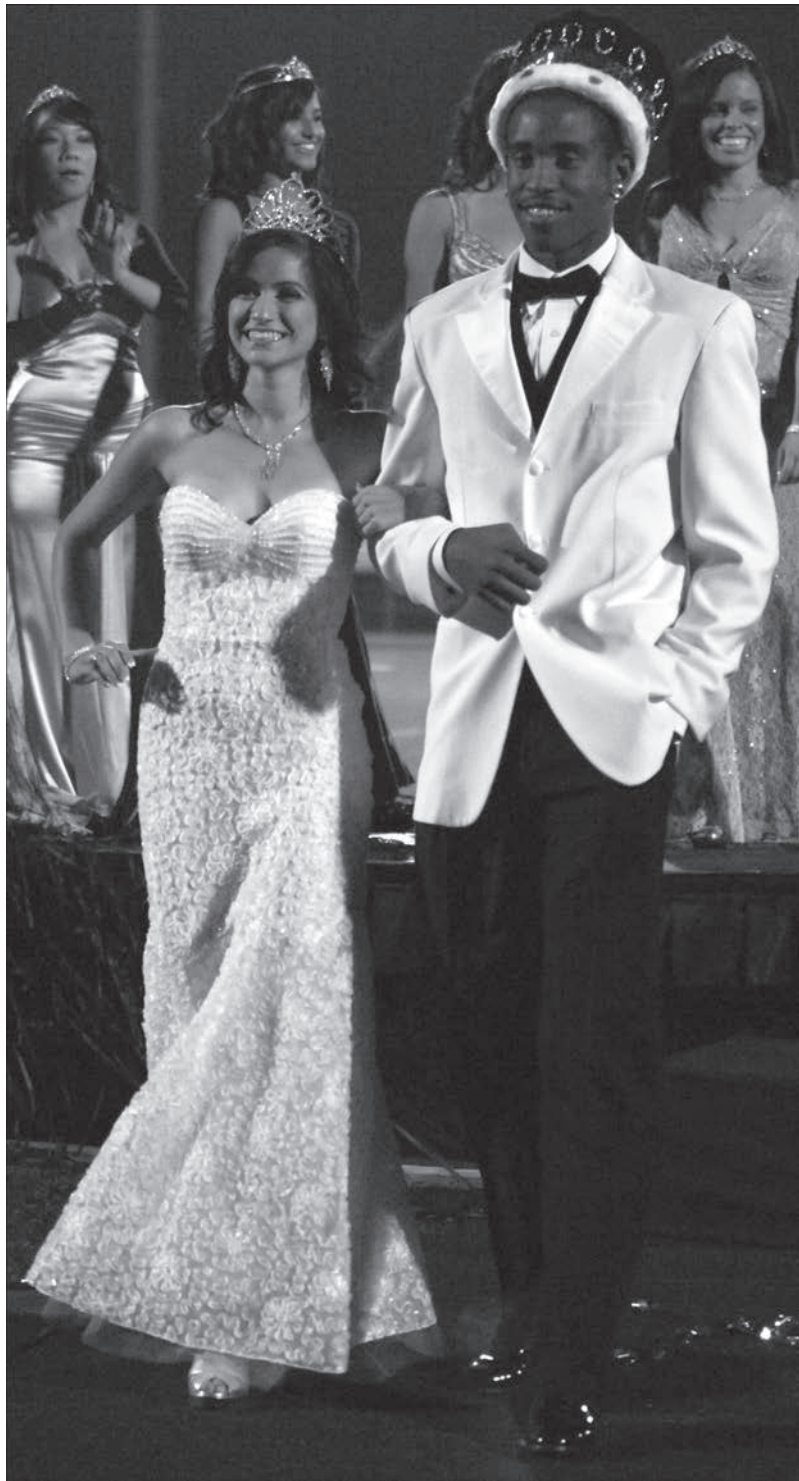
By Michelle Müller, Intern

The dance that many students looked forward to finally took place. Homecoming was held November 1st at the Rio Hondo Country Club following an exiting day full of great and fun events for many. Preceding Homecoming, students got a taste of what they were in for over the weekend, by attending the victorious football game for the bears vs. Gahr High School, followed by a night of trick-o-treating with friends and/or family.

Despite the fact that not many were looking forward to attending a dance that was going to be held at Rio Hondo, it turned out to be night full of great memories. Senior, Chris Rodriguez said, "It was a lot of fun, but a lot of people were there." One of the few students that felt otherwise about the location of the dance, was Hannah Colvin. Colvin said, "I was very excited for the dance, because I've been there before for banquets for sports and it has brought very good memories."

Not only was the night full of entertainment, but the outcome of people present was large. There was a significant crowd, to the extent that the photo line required a long waiting time. The dance concluded with the announcement of the king and queen. The gal named as Homecoming queen was Kat Pereira, and the king was Dweld Johnson.

Students enjoyed the dance, and look forward the dance and look forward to the upcoming dance, Winter-formal being held sometime in January.



## Why Should They Care?

By Samuel Yun, Intern

Teenagers of this generation are undoubtedly more involved with politics than any other generation. But that doesn't stop some adults from asking, "Why should kids under 18 even care about politics? They can't even vote yet!"

"I think that is a very ignorant comment to make, because adults, above all others, should know that the youth in America are a crucial part of the country's present and future," says Diego Avalos, a Junior at Warren High School.

Students at Warren and Downey High School have already chosen

their favorite candidate for the presidency, regardless of whether they can vote or not.

"I would vote for McCain," says Elizabeth Rivas, an 11th grader at Downey High School, "not necessarily because I feel that he is the best candidate, but because he represents my political views." Rivas is involved with Downey High School's Junior Statesmen of America chapter.

"Obama would have my vote for sure," Crystal Mejia, a Senior at Warren High School states, "He is a fresh face for the White House, and he genuinely wants change; change for the better." Mejia is a member of the Warren's Junior Statesmen

of America Chapter, as well as an active participant of the Mock Trial Team.

Students at Warren and Downey are striving to be even more politically active then ever, and are trying their best to spread political awareness at their respective campuses; which is why, when they are asked that same question (Why should you care?), their reactions are similar.

"In a way, they're making a reasonable claim," says Tina Makary, an 11th grader at Warren, "But still, I think they have to realize that we're not going to stay adolescents forever."

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Downey Optimist Club president Roy Acker receives a \$1,000 check from Soroptimist International of Downey treasurer Dorothy Pemberton in support of the annual pumpkin patch. The event, held Halloween night at Apollo Park, is now in its 28th year and is sponsored by both clubs along with the city of Downey. More than 4,000 hot dogs, 6,000 sodas and 2,500 helium balloons were distributed at the free event.



Retired Downey teacher Irene Lonergan (left) passes the president's gavel to retired Paramount Unified School District administrator Sue Lance and Paramount Unified teacher Jackie Wayman as they begin as co-presidents of Gamma Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Gamma Zeta Chapter gives a continuing \$1,000 scholarship a year until graduation to a student studying in the field of education, and also supports the Rio Hondo Temporary Home's library, computer lab, and preschool classroom in Norwalk.

# Keep Downey Beautiful's Carol Rowland really cares

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

Their task is clear-cut: they pick up litter, they pull weeds, they plant trees, they paint poles, they look out for graffiti, they do whatever is asked of them — to help keep the city of Downey a clean community.

You'll see them wearing safety (usually orange) vests with their plastic gloves on weekends or any weekday working any city street or a section of the railroad track often armed with grabbers, and with some sort of a wide-brim hat on.

Ranging in age from 10 to 83, they are Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) volunteers, and the roster totals a healthy 1,000. They represent churches, schools, retirees, civic groups, businesses. They clean up after the Holiday Lane Parade, Kids Day, Street Faire, and the like. And it's not unusual for some site activity to become loosely structured social events, especially when seniors are involved.

Stonewood Center, which has been involved with KDB for three years now, sponsors one-hour (9-10 a.m.) monthly cleanups at different sites, and raffles off usually a half-dozen \$25 gift certificates as an extra incentive; the volunteers, though, are on record as saying that even without the incentives, they just want to "re-invest in the community."

KDB coordinator Carol Rowland, who reports directly to Public Works Director Brian Ragland, says the cleanups are really "very happy events," adding, "All the people that come out are nice."

The attempt to keep Downey looking clean, though, does not depend solely on such efforts, says Rowland, although these by themselves already involve "a lot of coordination." Speaking before such groups as Neighborhood Watch, Gangs Out of Downey, the Downey Chamber of Commerce and other similar civic organizations, as part of her community outreach program, she makes it a point to impress upon her audience that ultimately it's up to them to have a clean and litter-free city.

"I tell people to pick up any litter when they see it," she says. One of her most important educational jobs, she says, is nudging people to accept responsibility and accountability for their behavior. "This is not so easy," she says. "It's a behavioral change we're talking about."

According to Rowland, the beginnings of KDB came out of the efforts of a city health and sanitation committee in 1977, whose mission was espoused by the McCaughan family. In 1981, it became affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, then with Keep California Beautiful in 1994, the year she signed on as a part-timer. Rowland became the full-time KDB coordinator in 1998. Funding comes mainly from AB939, the Integrated Waste Management Act.

KDB is well-known for its annual beautification awards. Entry forms are mailed out to residents and businesses in January, judging is done in April, and awards in various categories are handed out in June.

There have been recognitions, too, along the way. KDB's program and its close collaboration with Heal the Bay was featured recently on Channels 2 and 9, as well as commendations from the City Council in the past.

While on one of her frequent rounds about the city to spot potential trouble areas (she has lived in Downey for 30 years, so she has a thorough



Members of Keep Downey Beautiful rely on volunteers to pick up litter, pull weeds, paint over graffiti, and even plant trees, as shown above earlier this year.

familiarity with the place), Rowland says an appreciative resident once told her: "We're so lucky to have someone who focuses on the environment."

The problem is not just litter; litter, in whatever form, is really part of a bigger problem. It has something to do with the so-called watershed.

A Heal the Bay publication, "Aqua Explorer," which has become favorite reading among grade schoolers because of its simplified, heavily illustrated format, defines watershed as "an area of land that drains downward through a series of creeks and rivers into a common body of water such as a lake or ocean."

Then it says: "It's important to understand that wherever you live, the beach, the city, or the mountains, you are connected to the ocean! That means it's up to you to help keep your watershed clean. By stopping pollution and picking up trash, you show pride in your neighborhood and respect for the ocean. It's easy, everyone just has to do their part."

The reason for this is because of the city's storm drain system. "Most of Los Angeles," the narrative goes on, "is covered with hard solid surfaces like parking lots, streets, and buildings. When rain falls on any of those surfaces it can't soak or infiltrate into the ground, resulting in runoff water which, if it accumulates quickly, can result in flooding. To prevent this, a maze of underground pipes was created, called storm drains, through which water is moved from the streets to the ocean."

You can just imagine if litter, like pieces of paper, cigarette butts, soda cans, and animal waste, get into catch basins, the entrances to the drain system. These empty out into the ocean or dump out into the beach, etc., etc.

"I've had to lean on my powers of persuasion in performing my tasks," says Rowland, whose daughter currently works part-time for the city's Community Services Department, and her son is a substitute teacher for DUSD. "I've always heeded my mom's advice. She used to say 'you get more bees with honey than with vinegar'. Bottom line, I'm a very fortunate person."



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Word of MOUTH

by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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## Luncheon to salute nation's veterans

**DOWNEY** – The Woman's Club of Downey and American Legion Post 723 will present "A Salute to Our Veterans" program Tuesday.

The program will begin with an honor guard presentation at 11 a.m., followed by luncheon, entertainment, and raffles. Military memorabilia provided by John Vincent will be on display.

The event will be held at the Woman's Club of Downey clubhouse on Paramount Boulevard. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377 or Wade Murdoch at (562) 928-2842.

## American Legion going to Pechanga

**SOUTH GATE** – American Legion Post 723 is sponsoring a daytrip to Pechanga Resort and Casino on Thursday.

The price is \$11 and includes a \$5 voucher for casino play. Proceeds will benefit veterans' rehabilitation and youth programs.

The bus will depart at 8:30 a.m. from the American Legion Post 723 parking lot, 11269 S. Garfield Ave. in South Gate. The bus will return at 5:30 p.m.

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**Joseph Szekula**  
"Earth Tones"

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**Stanley Doeum**  
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**Sunnie Mao**  
"Experiment with Style!"

Fall 's not only a time to change into warmer clothes; it can be a time to change your style. I decided to try something new at Macy's in the Stonewood Center, and found this trendy red and gray plaid vest only \$42. Covering up doesn't mean you have to wear the same boring sweatshirts every day. Use this change in weather to be creative - experiment with your style, and you could be the next hottest trendsetter before you know it!



**Tiffany Ford**  
"Kick those Sandals to the Curb"

Hey what are you doing in your summer clothes? No, no, no! It's time for a change. Guess what people? Summer is over and fall is rolling back. Kick up the fall season with a fresh start in a cute scarf and outfit to match. This scarf from Charlotte Russe was just \$15 and goes well with almost anything, like the off-white turtle neck that I chose for \$25. A nice knitted hat of a corresponding color brings out the scarf and a pair of cute boots brings out the fall season look; like the adorable pair of boots I got for \$25.



**Lauren Alvarez**  
"Skirt Mania"

With Thanksgiving around the corner, fall is one of the most exciting seasons because we can finally transform our wardrobe! That's why I picked a black skirt for only \$49.50. Skirts are so much fun this season, especially plaid skirts (they are my favorite!), because you can pair them up with tights, heels, or flats depending on the occasion. Rock it!



Tickets are now on sale to see Sebastian Sidi at the Downey Theatre.

## Sidi in concert at Downey Theatre

**DOWNEY** - Local musician and composer Sebastian Sidi is returning to the Downey Theatre Nov. 14 in a concert presented by Mambo Grill and Philly's Best. Show time is 8 p.m.

Sidi is a resident of Downey and has performed his classical, new-age rock sound at the Downey Street Fair and Holiday Lane Parade, serving as last year's celebrity marshal.

PBS recently featured Sidi and his band on their network, presenting "Sebastian Sidi: Live in Concert," which will also be airing throughout the country on various PBS stations.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for balcony and \$30 for orchestra and can be purchased online at [www.sebastiansidi.com](http://www.sebastiansidi.com), or by calling (562) 544-7774. Family and group rates are available.

La Villa Peruvian Restaurant will be hosting a meet and greet with Sidi and the band directly following the show.

The Downey Theatre is located at 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## 'Stomp' returns to Orange County

**COSTA MESA** - "Stomp" is making its return to the Orange County Performing Arts Center Jan. 6-11 in Segerstrom Hall.

The return of the percussive hit also brings some new surprises, with some sections of the show updated and restructured, along with the addition of two new full-scale routines, utilizing props like tractor tire inner tubes and paint cans.

"After creating new routines for 'Stomp Out Loud in Vegas, [co-creator] Luke Cresswell and I decided it was time to rework elements of our main production," said co-creator Steve McNicholas. "Stomp" has evolved a great deal ever since its first incarnation at the Edinburgh Festival. Every reworking has involved losing some pieces and gaining new ones, but has always stayed true to the original premise of the show: to create rhythmic music with instantly recognizable objects, and do it with an eccentric sense of character and humor."

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Pictured with an example of the baby warmers to be purchased with event proceeds are (from left) event chair Cashmere Wielenga and honorees Joan and Sam Smock.



## Charter Ball raises approximately \$150K for nursery

**DOWNEY** -- More than 550 guests recently attended Downey Regional Medical Center’s 33rd annual Charter Ball, held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. Former Downey residents Sam and Joan Smock, along with the medical staff of Downey Regional, were honored at the event.

The event’s net proceeds, which totaled approximately \$150,000, will benefit the hospital’s Family Birth Center, which delivers more than 1,500 newborns each year and features a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery for newborns with special needs. Specifically, funds will be used to purchase infant warmers for the center.

Located at the mother’s bedside or in the Special Care Nursery, these warmers create a critically important environment for newborns who must be continually monitored, hospital officials said. If a baby is in distress, all the tools needed for his or her care are built into the warmer -- oxygen, suction, and other monitoring equipment is instantly available to the physicians and nurses involved in the newborn’s care.

Key to the event’s financial success was the support of more than 20 sponsors that each contributed \$5,000 or more. Major sponsors included the medical staff of Downey Regional (Ambassador Sponsor); CareMore and Downey AcuteCare Medical Group (Champion Sponsors); and AppleCare Medical Group, Bank of the West, Pioneer Medical Group and SWA Architects (Advocate Sponsors).

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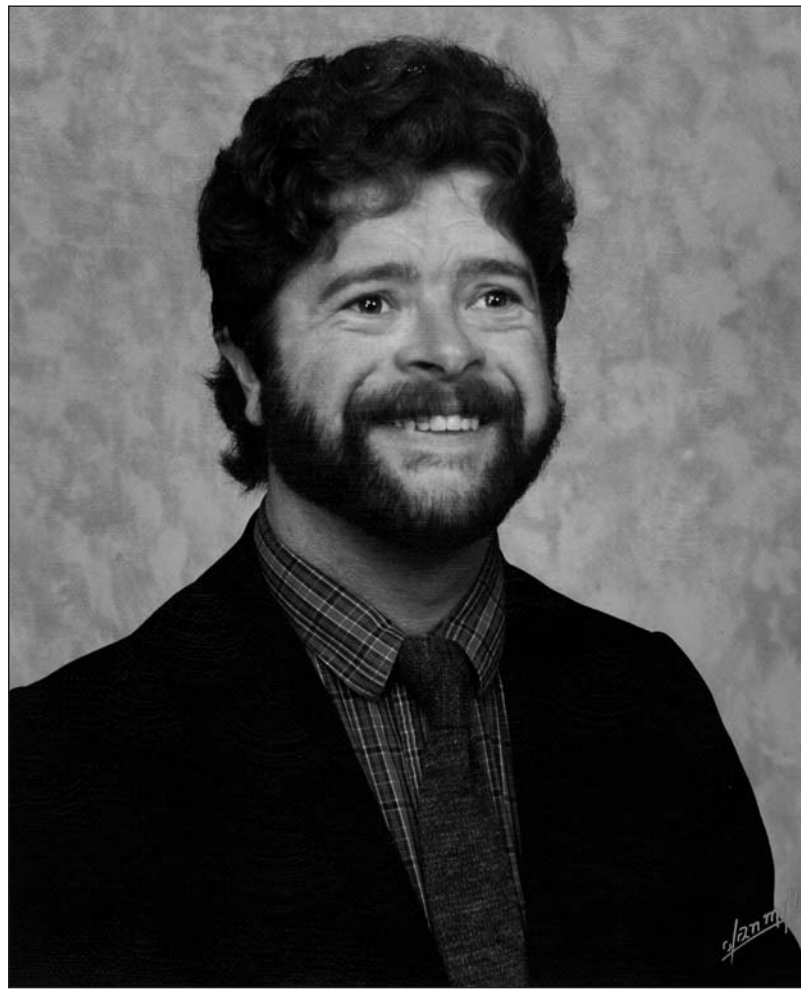
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A memorial service for Randy Strahle will be held tomorrow at Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church in Downey at 2:30 p.m.

## Randy Strahle was psychotherapist

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident Randy Strahle, a psychotherapist with his own private practice, died Oct. 26 of cancer. He was 56. He was born in Lynwood on Feb. 15, 1952 to Fred and Eunice Strahle. After receiving degrees from Loma Linda and Pepperdine universities, he opened his own private practice as a psychotherapist in Redlands. He also served as chief consultant to San Bernardino County's Child Protective Service. He is survived by his mother, Eunice Strahle of Long Beach; and brothers, Dr. Gary Strahle of Downey and Dr. John Strahle of Walla Walla, Wash. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church in Downey. Pastor Fell Williams will officiate.

## Tommy Sue Downey born and raised here

**DOWNEY** – Tommy Sue Downey died Sept. 8 in Grand Terrace, Calif. She was 66. Born and raised in Downey, she was a resident of Fontana and worked as a professional driver. She is survived by her daughters, Linda and Debbie; three sisters, Connie, Lynn, and Mary; several grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A celebration of life service will be held tomorrow at Sunrise Church in Rialto, with a reception to follow. For more information, call (909) 875-5566.



## Bruce Hemphill was WWII veteran

**DOWNEY** – Bruce Hemphill, a longtime resident of Downey, passed away at home after a short illness. He was born to Viola and Clifford Hemphill on April 24, 1927 in Oklahoma and raised in Guttenberg, Iowa. He enlisted in the Navy near the end of World War II, and was stationed in California where he met his future wife of 61 years, Anna Clark. They moved to Downey in 1950 and raised four children, Mark (Eline), Debra, Jill and Scott (Patricia). He was employed 31 years with Alcoa Aluminum before taking an early retirement and venturing into the landscaping business. He ended his working career in the construction industry. He also spent many years coaching Downey children in DJAA. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held Oct. 17 at Forest Lawn in Cypress.



## Merville Grace Dempster Alman

Merville Dempster was born in Little Falls, NY, on June 16, 1915 and passed away in Downey, CA, on October 25, 2008. She lived in South Gate from the time she was 9 years old until she became a resident at the Downey Community Health Center in 2001. In 1941, she married William Alman, whom she met when they were employees at the brand new Security First National Bank office in Walnut Park. Merville was an active member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in South Gate. She was also very involved in South Gate community groups including the Coordinating Council and the Women's Club. In 1982 she was crowned South Gate's Azalea Queen, one of the highlights of her life. She is survived by her son Don who is now living in Diamond Bar, her daughter Joyce Franzman and son-in-law John Franzman who live in Monterey County, and her nephews Tom Meadows of Louisville, KY, and Bob Meadows both formerly of Downey.

## Lucy Randolph, 109, lived a long, faithful life

**DOWNEY** – Lucy Randolph died Oct. 31 at the age of 109. Born on Dec. 24, 1898 in Comanche, Tex., she married Homer Randolph on Nov. 30, 1919 in Tipton, Okla. Lucy was preceded in death by her husband Homer, daughter Theda Bara Peters, son Philip Randolph, and 11 siblings. She is survived by daughters Crescenta Pierce, Long Beach; Carleta Mulkey, Boise, Idaho; Franchot Randolph, Vista; 16 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 46 great-great grandchildren; and four great-great-great grandchildren. When Lucy married Homer, they lived in a home without running water, no electricity, or indoor plumbing. Water was carried into the house in buckets and heated on a wood-burning stove. Kerosene lamps were the only lights at night, baths were taken in a wash tub, and clothes were ironed with a flat iron heated on the stove. Lucy made clothes for her family on a Singer treadle machine; made quilts to keep her family warm at night; and made soap to wash clothes, dishes, and her family. She was once a civilian tailor for the Navy, and as a true patriot, was able to vote in the 2008 election. Lucy was a member of the Church of Christ since 1932, attending the North Long Beach, Norwalk, Lakewood, and Downey congregations. She attended San Diego's Canyon View Church of Christ annual Ladies' Retreat at Palomar Mountain for 29 years. A viewing for family and friends was held yesterday at Rose Hills. Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ, located at 8321 Imperial Highway in Downey.

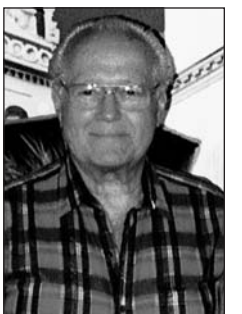


Lucy Randolph will be remembered at a funeral service today at Downey Church of Christ, beginning at 11 a.m.

## William Anthony served in U.S. Navy

**DOWNEY** – William Bruce Anthony, a 35-year Downey resident, died Oct. 29. He was 82. Anthony was born in Los Angeles and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a radarman. He served two years and was honorably discharged in 1946. He obtained a bachelors and masters degree from USC, and retired from the Los Angeles City Schools after 32 years as a teacher and school psychologist. He belonged to Sigma Chi at USC from 1946-1950, as well as the National Sigma Organization and the L.A. Association of School Psychologists. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Floralie; children, Vicky

(Thom) Nass, Joanne (Rob) Reynolds, and Roger (Shelley) Anthony; grandchildren, Brenna and Kelsey Nass, Frank and Laura Reynolds, and Megan and Alex Anthony; and sisters, Margie (Ian) Doyer, and Alice (Doug) Heathcote. A memorial service will be held Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. at Downey Memorial Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, c/o San Antonio Guild, 4650 Sunset Blvd., Mail Stop 4, Los Angeles, CA 90027.



## Cynthia Halstead was Downey grad

**DOWNEY** – Cynthia (Johnson) Halstead, a volunteer with numerous local schools and organizations, died peacefully at home Oct. 31, surrounded by family and friends. She was 44. Halstead was born June 5, 1964 in Huntington Park. She was raised in Downey, and graduated from Downey High School in 1982. In 1988, she married Travis and together they raised two children, Tyler and Tricia. She served as a volunteer in numerous capacities, including with the Scott Avenue Elementary PTA, La Mirada Little League, Jr. All American Football, La Mirada High School Boosters, Job's Daughters Bethel #333, and other committees. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her moth-

er, Patricia Beckerman of Long Beach; sisters, Lynda (Maybruck), Christine (Mortensen) and Laurie (McDaniel); and many nieces and nephews. Services were held earlier this week at Chapel of Memories Funeral Home and St. Bruno's Catholic Church. Interment was at Olive Lawn Memorial Park in La Mirada. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations in Halstead's name to the Melanoma Research Foundation ([www.melanoma.org](http://www.melanoma.org)).

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## Matthew Shane Kaminski



Matthew Shane Kaminski, 32, of Ladera Ranch passed away suddenly October 28, 2008. He was born on October 7, 1976, in Downey, CA, to Rick and Robin Kaminski. He was the oldest of their four children. He graduated from Mater Dei in 1994. He had a successful insurance agency in Newport Beach. As a State Farm Agent, Matt received awards, including "Ambassadors for Life Travel"

three times and five times met the qualifications for "Legion of Honor." Matt met his wife, Christina Moore, of Downey, shortly after graduating from high school. They were married at St. Edward Church in Dana Point, on June 23, 2001. They moved to Ladera Ranch in 2005. They have three children, Josh (5), Dylan (3) and Katelyn (1). Matt was known for his optimistic, accomodating and cheerful personality, and his unbounding desire to enjoy life. His profound devotion to his family and friends was unmistakable. Matt was a loving husband and father and cherished every moment he spent with his family. Matt is survived by his wife, Christina Kaminski, their children Josh, Dylan and Katelyn and his parent's Richard and Robin Kaminski, all of Ladera Ranch. He is also survived by his sister, Natalie Young and her husband Chris, brother, Timothy and wife Tanya, brother, Steven and grandmother Alice Kaminski. A Rosary will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 7 p.m., at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Dana Point and the Funeral Mass will be at the same location on Thursday at 10 a.m.



## Ruth Rose Saltman

Ruth R. Saltman, 92, of Dewitt, NY passed away after an extended illness on Thursday, October 30. Ruth, or "Ruthie" as she was known by many of her friends, was born in New London, CT on August 16, 1916, a few minutes after her identical twin sister Bea. This special relationship between the two sisters remained their unique lifelong bond. Graduating from Williams Institute in New London, the sisters matriculated at Connecticut College for Women while working to help their family during the difficult times of the day. They both moved to New York City and Ruth took a job at the New York Post, eventually becoming Assistant to the General Manager. During that time, she met and married her husband of 42 years, Mort. In 1950, Ruth and Mort moved to Southern California and settled in Downey where they were active in civic affairs and their synagogue. Ruth took a position as a secretary in the Downey city government in 1964 where she progressed through the ranks ... ultimately becoming Secretary to the Mayor and City Council. Since the elected officials were only present at City Hall on a part-time basis, a call to "the Downey Mayor" meant talking to Ruth. She loved her city and she loved her job, finally retiring at the age of 80. She moved back east in 2001 where she quickly began to put down new roots and make many new friends.

Ruth was devoted to her family and took much pride in the achievements of her children and grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her charm, wit, hearty sense of humor, and a unique ability to "connect" with people. She invariably put others first, quickly deflecting questions about herself in order to find out how they were feeling or how things were going in their lives. To all who were blessed to know her, she was a great role model and taught us all about the importance of putting others before self. Hers was the gift of Caring. She was predeceased by Mort in 1983 and by her sisters Ida, Anne, and Bea. **Surviving** are her sons, Dr. Roger Saltman of Cazenovia, NY and Scott Saltman of Downey; daughter-in-law Anne Saltman; grandchildren Joshua, Adam, Jonathan, David, and Rebecca Saltman; niece Lynn Torres. **Calling hours** will be 1 to 2 PM Sunday, November 16, with services and burial immediately following at Mt. Sinai Mortuary, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. **Contributions** in memory of Ruth may be made to the Temple Concord Tree of Life, 910 Madison St., Syracuse, NY 13210.



Can Downey stop Warren running back Jesse Callier? Good luck. But we'll find out for sure tonight when the two teams meet at Downey High School. Photo by Paul Heidecker

## Warren vs. Downey '08

Warren has already clinched a playoff spot and did so in their fastest fashion in 30 years. Downey is struggling in league play and has a very small window of error if they plan on getting into the postseason.

While the records and numbers are projecting a huge win for the Warren Bears, it still is a rivalry game where anything can happen. Here's the breakdown.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

**PREDICTION:** Warren's Callier will be way too much for Downey to handle.  
Warren 41, Downey 21

### WARREN

It's unbelievable what the Bears are doing so far this season. Except for a couple blips on their record, including a loss to Santa Fe, a team they beat handily last year, Warren is literally running wild on teams with the help of running back Jesse Callier. Not only that, the team seems to be responding brilliantly to first year head coach Chris Benadom, sophomore Sam Bettencourt has stepped in and learned his role quickly as the team's quarterback, receiver Bailey Cowins continues to be a major threat and defensive back Augafa Vaaula leads a vaunted Warren defense.

It's frightening how good they are, and it's even scarier to know that all of the previously mentioned players will be back next year.

### Offense

It's no surprise what Warren will attempt to do against Downey's defense tonight. When you have one of the state's best running backs in Callier who has rushed for over 1,600 yards and earlier in the season said he would like to hit 2,000 yards, you're going to run.

Callier has also accounted for over 67 percent of the team's points and has done his part with counterpart Cowins to beat up the special teams of other opponents returning punts and kickoffs. Callier is averaging over 200 yards rushing a game and averaging about seven yards per carry. It's pretty safe to say that Callier is the offense. But as soon as you slip, there's Bettencourt passing the ball to Cowins for a touchdown. Those tricky Bears.

### Defense

Led by Vaaula, Warren's defense continues to be a staple in the way they play football. Points per game is up from previous years, allowing over 14 ppg, but they're doing a good enough job to rake in the wins. When your team is scoring at the rate it is, you just need to suppress the opponents offense.

There have been flashes of brilliance where the Bears absolutely halt offenses though. For example, the second and third quarter against the highest octane offense in the league, Gahr.

### The Good

Is there any question that Callier is going to run until his legs fall off? Absolutely not. It would be a weird night to see him have under 150 yards rushing at the end of the game.

### The Bad

The Bears are already in the playoffs. It is not completely out of the realm to see a mental lapse after such a huge win against Gahr last Friday. It happened against Santa Fe, it can happen against Downey, especially since it's a rivalry game.

### DOWNEY

Downey is having a better season than last year's nightmare but are still struggling to find a winning combination. While the Vikings are a team that can show flashes of brilliance, that consistency is still missing. Just weeks ago, Downey hung tough with Dominguez High School. But then last week they laid an egg against Lynwood High School and didn't get anything done offensively.

Second year head coach Will Capps said at the beginning of the season that his team will be more balanced and that his biggest weapon will be their defense. While that may be true, you can't win games unless you score points, which is something Downey is struggling to do.

### Offense

Steady as they go. Downey will be splitting carries between two running backs: Joe Hill and Jeremiah Higgins. While the latter was supposed to be the workhorse, it's Hill who has taken over as the one receiving most of the carries. Once again, Higgins struggled with an injury that kept him off the field for a couple games and has possibly limited his mobility. He still leads the team in yards rushing, but hasn't risen to the top with the explosiveness that he was expected to have.

With that said, Hill has had to step up his output and quarterback Steven Cervantes has found himself throwing the ball more. With a mix of screen passes, draws, play action fakes and quick slant routes, Downey can do a little bit of everything, but unfortunately they really don't do anything at an elite level. They're a good offensive unit, but big game changing plays don't come along enough.

### Defense

What was supposed to be the strength of this team has performed well but not well enough in most instances. It makes you wonder if maybe because of the inability to put up enough points has the Vikings' defense pressing a little bit. In last week's game, Downey gave up 35 points, something uncharacteristic considering their defense is averaging just a little over 16 points per game allowed.

You see a lot of their players playing both offense and defense. Fatigue can become a factor at the end of these games, but in Downey's wins, they've proven they can be a brick wall, allowing just over 10 points per game. The Vikings' defense will have an advantage when they play Warren. Like the rest of the world, they know exactly who they'll have to stop; Callier.

### The Good

Like a cornered fox, the Vikings have everything to lose and will play harder and longer than Warren will. If there was ever a must-win situation for this team, this would be it. They need to win their last two games or they can kiss the playoffs goodbye. On top of that, it's a rivalry game. Anything can happen.

### The Bad

They're facing probably the best team in the league. They'll have to bring their A-game if they expect to win. Downey can win this game. They're just going to have to prove that they belong first.



Downey High School's ASB raised money this week by allowing students to purchase swings at a junk car on campus. For \$1, students got two swings with a sledge hammer. A \$3 donation got them five swings. Photo by Paul Heidecker.



The Downey Buzz travel baseball team recently participated in the 18th annual Desert Fall Classic Tournament in Las Vegas. Back row, left to right: Coach John Barela, Jonathan McHenry, Andre Conde, Douglas Ordenez, Manager Carlos Escalante Jr., Daniel Dominguez, Christian Rodriguez, Andrew Arrona, and Coach Robert Dominguez. Front row: Rey Sanchez, Osvaldo Gutierrez, Matthew Barela, Alex Solis, Rene Vega, Diego Escalante, Justin Nunez and Justein Ortiz.

## Warren gets a treat Halloween night

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School got their treat while serving up a trick to Gahr High School on Halloween night, becoming the only undefeated team in league play last Friday night.

The Bears' 39-21 victory came on the shoulders of junior running back Jesse Callier who rushed for 284 yards and three touchdowns, pushing the Bears into a playoff berth and a realistic chance of winning the San Gabriel Valley League.

Opening the game, Warren was greeted rudely by Gahr's Deondre Powell with a 98-yard kickoff return, shaving just 15 seconds off the clock. Warren's first offensive set didn't produce any points but gave the ball back to the always dangerous Gahr quarterback Corey Nielsen.

Nielsen quickly moved his squad down the field completing four straight passes, and handed the ball off to Brenton Allen who ran the ball in from three yards out. Without blinking, the Bears were down 14-0.

Warren's defense rallied and silenced the Gladiators high-powered offense, sacking Nielsen numerous times and applying so much pressure that Gahr didn't score until the final quarter.

By that time it was already too late as the Bears were up 19 points and were sure to grind out the clock with their running game.

## Vikings blanked by Lynwood

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Blank expressions on faces were accompanied by a blank scoreboard Friday as the Downey Vikings lost to the Lynwood Knights 35-0.

Defensively, the Vikings missed assignment after assignment according to head coach Will Capps. He said to reporters that his team was in the right spot but just missed tackles.

Capps' team, who is now 1-2 in San Gabriel League play, must win their remaining two games to even have a shot of getting to the playoffs.

Downey will host Warren High School tonight at home in what will be the beginning of a very tough road if they expect to make it to the postseason. Game time is 7 p.m.

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The Flag Cheer squad of Downey Razorback was crowned Pacific Coast Conference champions at a competition Sunday at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena. Courtesy Downey Razorbacks

## Cheer teams make it to nationals

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Razorback cheerleaders participated and placed in several categories at Sunday's Pacific Coast Conference annual Cheer Competition held at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena.

The outing propelled the Razorback cheerleaders to national competitions to be held in Las Vegas.

### Results

The Flag Cheer squad (ages 5-7) was crowned PCC champion in their age category.

Mitey Mite Cheer squad (ages 7-9) was 2nd runner-up in their category.

PeeWee Cheer squad (ages 9-11) was 3rd runner-up in their category.

Midget Cheer squad (ages 11-14) was 2nd runner-up in their division.

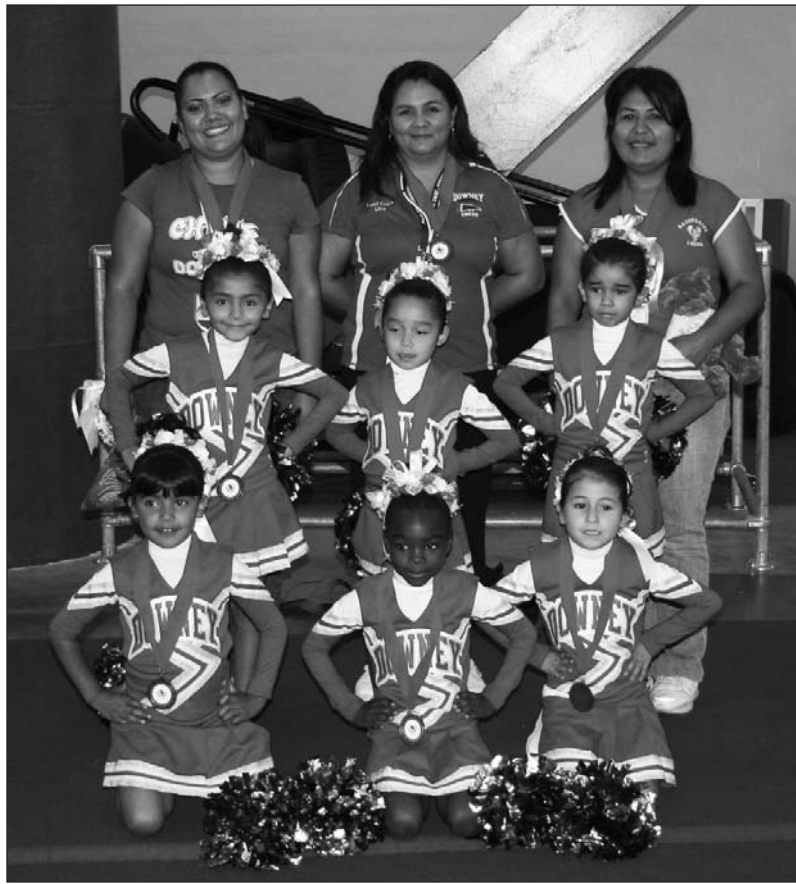
The PCC consists of 19 cities in the greater Los Angeles County area, including Downey.

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Cerritos College announced in June that it would become the first to offer a California Insurance Career program in Southern California.



The Midget Cheer squad was named 2nd runner-up at the competition.



The Downey AYSO Region 24 Boys 19U team beat Lakewood, 3-0, to win the AYSO 2008 Area Z Playoffs, held Oct. 25-26 at Columbus High School. Top row, left to right: Victor Gonzales, Ivan Gomez, Edgar Haro, Jason Cardenas, Jimmy Gonzales, Julio Vasquez, James Castillo, Bryant McFall, Jonathan Herrera, Allen Quinonez, and Garret Obeso. Bottom row: Christian Ramos, Richard Bolanos, Christopher Cardenas, Aaron Haro, Ruben Gonzales, Stalin Rios, Walter Chavez and Coach Jaime Castillo.

## AYSO wins tournament title

**DOWNEY** – Downey AYSO Region 24 Boys 19U team beat Lakewood, 3-0, to win the AYSO 2008 Area Z Playoffs, held Oct. 25-26 at Columbus High School.

In addition to Downey, the tournament featured teams from East L.A., Lynwood, Montebello, South Gate, Pico Rivera, Huntington Park, Long Beach and Lakewood.

Downey's team is coached by Jaime Castillo.

# Razorbacks advance to conference playoffs

■ Playoff action resumes tomorrow.

BY MIKE BAUMANN, DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

**DOWNEY** – Razorback's MiteyMite White football team handled their first round playoff game by routing the Lawndale Cardinal 38-0 last Saturday.

On the second play of the game, Adrian Ochoa scampered for a 40-yard TD to put Downey ahead for good. On the Hogs' second possession, Mason Marquez tossed a touchdown pass to Justin Linden for another quick score. By the end of the first quarter, the Razorbacks were leading 20-0.

Late in the second half, Jordan Cardenas found Stephen Zepeda for a 50-yard pass/run score, and Rey Castellanos ran for a 40-yard touchdown. MiteyMite White plays a challenging Lakewood Eagle team tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Mayfair High School.

The PeeWee Hogs reached a season high in their first round victory over the Gardena Mohicans in Buena Park. The Razorbacks scored on their first drive with fullback Francisco Arrellano bullying his way for the score and PAT. Arrellano was supported by the reserve team, known affectionately as "Bacon", driving the ball on a 40-yard grind-it-out score.

With the Downey defense playing superbly, "Bacon's" score was all that was needed for the Hogs to win. However, the regulars were not to be outdone. The No. 1 seeded Razorbacks scored again when a Gardena punt was partially blocked into the hands of linebacker Moses Alanis who scampered for 30 yards and a score.

The defense rose to the occasion on the next Gardena posses-

sion, with Joshua Medena intercepting a Mohican pass. On the next play, fullback Alanis scored a 40-yard TD on a beautifully executed trap block by left guard Angel Luevanos. Miguel Esquitin intercepted a pass in Gardena's next possession and Jason Huff followed with a double wing off-tackle run to put the Razorbacks ahead at 27-0.

In the second half, Moses and Angel teamed up again to score on a 70-yard scamper. Later in the quarter, Medina made his second interception and this time he ran it back for a 65-yard TD. Linebacker Rafael Rodriguez recovered a Gardena fumble, then acting as the Hog quarterback, pitched to Huff for a 35-yard score.

In the final quarter, cornerback Jake Cook, not to be outdone, got his interception on a nice defensive play. Justin Huff followed with a 70-yard run but was caught inside the 10 yard line where the Hogs ran out the clock. Tomorrow, the PeeWee's will play the Lakewood Lions at Gardena High School. Game time is 3 p.m.

In their first round playoff

game the Jr. Midget Razorbacks defeated Lawndale Cardinal 36-6. The Downey running attack controlled the tempo all game long, with Tristan Esparza, Gregory Martinez, Darren McCaughan, and Daniel Sanchez sharing duties. The win was another strong performance by the defense lead by the hard hitting of George Zavalla, Jacob Kent, Anthony Alvarado and Justin Perciado.

Interceptions by Tristan Esparza and Darren McCaughan and Justin Marquez's fumble recovery and 40-yard TD run were key plays that stopped any chance Lawndale had against the Hogs. Gregory Martinez's return of the second half kickoff thrilled Razorback fans.

Jr. Midget plays the Gardena Mohicans in the second round of the conference playoffs at 5 p.m. at Gardena High School tomorrow.

Razorback Midgets squeaked by Inglewood 8-0 last week to advance to the second round against the first seeded Lakewood Titans. The game will be held at Torrance High School at noon tomorrow.

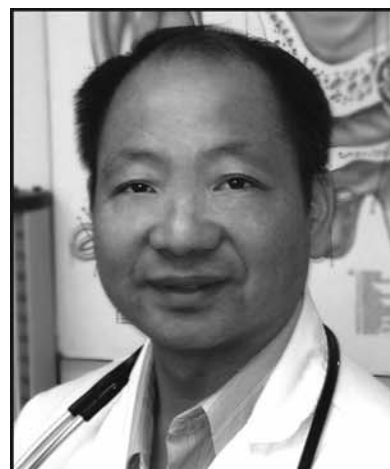
## Student awarded national honor

**DOWNEY** – Calvary Chapel High School student Aaron Naley has been named a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The announcement was made by school principal Ron Terrall.

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## Carjacking victim survives scare, offers words of advice

By MARY FORNEY, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – It was no trick or treat when a man entered Ivan Tadeo's car and pointed a gun at him the night before Halloween.

Parked outside of Mervyn's at Stonewood Shopping Center at 8:55 p.m. on Oct. 30, Tadeo was waiting to pick up his wife who works as a cosmetic consultant for Macy's.

Sitting with his windows down and doors unlocked, Tadeo, 20, said he saw a man walk by "scoping him out," when someone suddenly opened the passenger door, pointed a gun at him and told him to get out.

"On instinct, I put one hand on the barrel of the gun and pushed it down towards the floor, and with the other hand I opened the door and started running," Tadeo said.

"I went into the mall to security and they responded quickly. Downey Police Department and Stonewood were all over it and got the guys in about 15 minutes."

Tadeo's 2005 Toyota Tacoma truck and three males were spotted by a Downey Police Officer in a residential neighborhood not far from the Krikorian Theater.

According to a press release from the Downey Police Department, "The vehicle pulled over to the curb and all three suspects exited and fled on foot, with one of the suspects discarding a handgun."

"A perimeter was established, and with the assistance of a Los Angeles County Sheriff's air unit and canine support, all three suspects were captured a short time later without incident."

Arrested for carjacking, bail has been set at \$100,000 for Manuel Ramirez, 18, of Norwalk; and Fernando Flores, 19, of Norwalk. A 16-year-old male juvenile is being detained at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

"I blame myself because I shouldn't have been sitting there with the windows down and the doors unlocked," said Tadeo, who is a general contractor. "It shouldn't have happened anyways, but maybe it could have been avoided."

"I did the right thing by leaving. Some people might want to be brave, but just be smart by listening to their demands and leave. I left because it was two to one and they had a gun," he said. "My car wasn't worth it because I have a family and others to think about."

The suspects are believed to have been involved in other robberies in the area.



Ivan Tadeo, a general contractor who once played semi-professional hockey, was the victim of a carjacking last week. Courtesy photo



SEAACA veterinarian Dr. Brad Brunskill holds the 6-week old kitten that was shot in the head by a BB gun in Bell Gardens. Authorities are still searching for the shooter. Photo courtesy SEAACA

## Kitten shot with BB gun, shooter still at large

**BELL GARDENS** – Local animal control officers are searching for the person who shot a 6-week old kitten with a BB gun in Bell Gardens, almost killing the tiny cat.

The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) in Downey received a call of an injured kitten in Bell Gardens on Oct. 28, said Capt. Aaron Reyes, director of operations for SEAACA.

When animal control officer Keith Enders responded to the 6000 block of Fry Street, he found a 6-week old female tortoiseshell kitten wrapped in a towel and held by the caller. The kitten was bleeding from the head and was lethargic, but whining, Reyes said.

The kitten was rushed back to SEAACA and placed in the care of Dr. Brad Brunskill, who has been treating her since. Brunskill has been fostering the kitten at his home the past few days.

"She didn't like me at first, hissing and growling at me, but she is coming around and I think we'll be friends some day soon," Brunskill said.

While the kitten is improving, she's showing signs of head trauma, including tilting her head and an inability to stand for any length of time.

"The x-rays show a BB lodged between her skin and skull," Brunskill said.

SEAACA officials are asking the public's help in finding the shooter.

"Anyone with any information on this crime, even if the information is simply knowing of a neighborhood kid that owns a BB gun with a history of shooting it in the neighborhood, should report it," Reyes said. "Animal cruelty leads to increased criminal activity later in life, so it is imperative that we intervene quickly when and where cruelty is occurring."

Anyone with information on the case is urged to call SEAACA's Investigation Department at (562) 803-3301, ext. 224.

### Jefferson impersonator tops meeting

**WHITTIER** – The California Retired Teachers Association will hold its general meeting Tuesday at the Masonic Center in Whittier. The guest speaker will be Dale Reynolds, a critically-acclaimed actor and historian.

Reynolds will portray Thomas Jefferson, "Man from Monticello." In character and authentically costumed, Reynolds brings to life the multifaceted and multi-gifted Jefferson interacting with his 21st century audience in a question-answer format.

The program begins at 1 p.m., and will be preceded by a noon Thanksgiving lunch. For more information, call (562) 696-4474.

### Genealogical Society talks Canada

**WHITTIER** – Debby Horton will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 15 meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., in Whittier.

Horton's topic will be "Researching Immigration into Canada." Visitors are welcome to the meeting, which begins at 1 p.m. For more information, call (562) 941-0818.

### Fundraiser to help with hearing loss

**LAKWOOD** – The Hearing Loss Association, Long Beach/Lakewood chapter, is hosting a fundraiser Thursday to with help the establishment of other chapters.

Opportunity tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Visitors will receive items donated for the fundraiser, including tickets to the Long Beach Playhouse, pies from Hof's Hut, hearing aid supplies, and more.

The fundraiser starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Ave., in Lakewood. Admission is free. For information, call (562) 433-6509.

### St. Raymond bingo luncheon

**DOWNEY** – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's parish is hosting a bingo luncheon Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall at 12349 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

The cost is \$10 and includes one bingo card, a door prize, and lunch. A \$25 money tree and other prizes will be raffled off.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 963-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

### Turkey Trot scheduled for Nov. 18

**NORWALK** – Combining a wellness event with community goodwill, Cerritos College will host its annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 18.

To enter the 2-mile walk/run participants must donate at least one canned food item that will be passed on to the Norwalk Community Council's Holiday Food Basket Program.

Each year, the event raises nearly 1,000 cans of food from its 200-plus participants. Many who participate choose to exceed the one-can requirement, while others choose only to donate, but not to participate.

Race participants also have the opportunity to earn prizes for guessing their completion time most accurately. Watches are not allowed for the event. The first 200 finishers will receive a commemorative Turkey Trot T-shirt.

Pre-registration for the event is encouraged, but not mandatory. Registration forms are available in the Cerritos College physical education office.

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## Pumpkin Patch



City of Downey pumpkin patch, held Halloween night at Apollo Park. Photos courtesy Soroptimist International of Downey