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AGAIN THIS YEAR—Thousands and thousands are expected at the annual Downey Street Fair.



MAYOR MEREDITH PERKINS—Pictured last year with Street Fair volunteer Jeannie Woods.



MONEY MACHINE—Street Fair chairperson Jan Scott in GOOD (Gangs Out of Downey) fun booth.



PLENTY TO EAT—There will be a great variety of food vendors available tomorrow all day long.

Police shoot man suspected of burglary

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY—Was Peter Pelayo Jr. on his way to a morning prayer with a church youth group or was he prowling Downtown Downey in the midst of a burglary when he was confronted and later shot by Downey Police last week?

It's a question that will ultimately be answered by a jury in Downey Municipal Court.

Pelayo pled not guilty this week to felony charges of burglary, receiving stolen property, petty theft with a prior conviction and resisting arrest. He was arrested last Saturday by Sheriff's SWAT, who found him hiding underneath a pulpit at Downey First Baptist Church, where he worked as an intern.

The ordeal began at 4:30 a.m. Saturday when a Downey police officer initiated a traffic stop on Pelayo's vehicle at the intersection of New and Third Street. Authorities said they spotted Pelayo cruising Downtown Downey without lights and in and out of the Krikorian Theater Downtown

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DOWNEY POLICE—Locked down portions of Downtown Downey last week as they searched for a burglary suspect hiding at First Baptist Church.

Downey Street Fair set for tomorrow

DOWNEY—The Downey Street Fair, perhaps this community's most colorful and fun event, will kickoff festivities at 9 a.m. tomorrow with the sweet sounds of the award Winning Downey Marching Band at the Fair's location at Brookshire and Downey Boulevard.

Music and entertainment will continue on the bandstand throughout the day-long Fair. Groups ranging from "All About Me," a local group which plays Buddy Holly and Beatles favorites from the past, to the Class 6 Band which offers classic Alice Cooper and Deep Purple selections.

Contrast that with the sweet barbershop harmony sounds of the Southland Harmony Chorus also set to appear, and you realize there will be something to suit every taste at the Street Fair.

The nonstop array of talent offered all day long at the bandstand includes Flashpoint. The entertainment starts at 10:15 a.m. with Onstage Dance center's young dancers. And you won't want to miss The Daughters of Isis belly dancers troop.

While entertainment continues on stage, a classic car show will be offered in the north Downey High School parking lot, which will include customs, street, classic, luxury and sport categories, two radio stations

broadcasting and two deejays.

If food is your thing, then forget your diet for one day and feast on a variety of delights in the Food Court located in the High School's South Parking Lot. Vendors will include B-Food International, Barrett's Lemonade, Blue Smoke BBQ, First Baptist Church of Downey, Frantone's, George's Restaurant and Bar, Granata's, Hawaii Tropical Drink, Old Town Baking, Orange Mist, Paula's Hot Dogs, Philly's Best, Taco Treat, and the Old Fashioned Kettle Corn Co.

The Street Fair is put on annually by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which wants to thank all sponsors this year including majors Colin Clarke, Century 21-Jervis (Platinum); Downey Regional Medical Center (Diamond); CalMet Services and First Baptist Church of Downey (Gold); Mark Barboza-Countrywide Home Loans, Talbert Medical Group and Wescom Credit Union (Silver); and All-American Home Center, CareMore, Downey Savings, Gallatin Dental Group, Norm's, Alon Ofir D.D.S., Pacific Western Bank, Pioneer Medical Group and World of Decor (Bronze); as well as a host of Friends of the Fair, and the City of Downey Public Works and Police and Fire Departments.

School Board thanks for gifts

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District expressed thanks for a number of gifts to the District from the private sector at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

These include a cash donation of \$1,518 for use towards the Renaissance program, Associated Student Body and the celebration of Red Ribbon Week at Griffiths Middle School from the Griffiths PTA; a cash donation of \$750 to be used for the Science Fair at Griffiths from the Griffiths PTA; a cash donation of \$500 for a Special Education field trip at Griffiths from the Griffiths PTA; a cash donation of \$1,711 for the instructional program at Rio Hondo Elementary from Washington Mutual (WaMoola for Schools); and garment fabric valued at \$2,715 for classroom arts and crafts at West Middle School from Vu Couture; plus many smaller but no less meaningful gifts.

In other action the School Board:

- Approved the payment of expenses and fees for conference attendance.
- Approved a general agreement with Keystone Education and Youth Services for the 2005-06 fiscal year through June 30, 2006.
- Approved a general agreement with Hathaway School for the 2005-06 fiscal year through June 30, 2006.
- Approved payments for services in several Special Education placements.
- Approved an agreement with Shammas Medical Eye Center for office skills and externships.
- Approved the graphic license agreement with the American Cancer Society to link the ACS page at www.fightcancer.org, effective May 2.

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THESE YOUNG LADIES—Performed a ballet Saturday, April 30 as part of a show at the Downey Family YMCA, 11531 Downey Ave. It was part of the kick-off of a new family oriented program at the 'Y'.

School district honors volunteers

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education honored four persons for outstanding volunteer service to the District.

The recognition was in the form of small trophies presented the Volunteers of the Year by the Board at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Recipients included: Janet Gera, for her volunteer accomplishments at Williams and Old River Elementaries and West Middle School; Mary Hoelscher for her work in many programs including the Warren High School Football Boosters, the Warren Grad Night, and PTA and PTA-HELPS Food Bank.

Also honored for 18 years of volunteer effort were John and Jackie Zapata, who invented the safe and sane drug and alcohol free Grad Night party in the Warren Gym. Their efforts raise money each year for the colorful shows, each of which is carefully planned.

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Character Counts Series

This is the sixth in a series of winning student essays from each of the Downey Unified School District schools on the theme, "Character Counts."

Today affects tomorrow

By Felicia Aguirre,
8th Grade, Sussman Middle School

"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." — Charles F. Kettering, American inventor.

I chose to write about this quote because I feel that I can really relate to the quote. I believe that the quote talks about cause and effect. For example, if you want to have a good job as a lawyer, you need to go to college but you can't go to college if you do poorly in school. The quote talks about how you should think about the things you do and how it will affect you in the future, because what you do now may not be good for your future.

I believe that I can relate to the quote because I base my life on the things I do that will have a great effect on my future. For example, my cousin is disabled and he lives with me. He is like a brother to me. I know that one day my parents and his mom won't be there to take care of him. So I really want to have a good job and make lots of money, so I can take care of him. It is hard to care for one who is disabled when you don't have

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THE 2006 ASSISTEENS OF DOWNEY—Honored at the recent annual Iridescent Ball. From left, front row: Lindsey Worthy, Megan Port, Cindy Ananias, and Alina Correa; back row: Charlee Cox, Whintey Rysavy, Ashley Scott, Pamela Briones, and Laura Herndon.

Aerospace history group meets May 21

DOWNEY—The Aerospace Legacy Foundation, a private group of persons who share in the hope of retaining some of Downey's history of leadership and excellence in aviation and space, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21st on the second floor of the First Baptist Church of Downey (use the side entrance on 2nd Street east of Downey Ave.)

The Foundation began in 1995, when a group of scientists, engineers, and business-persons gathered to assess the situation. They incorporated in 1997 as a non-profit group, aimed at preserving the more than 70 years that Downey served on the cutting edge of aircraft development (Jerry Vultee and later North American). Then the great years of the Apollo Program culminating with the placing of a man on the moon, and development of the Space Shuttle.

The meeting is free and the public is welcome.

The Foundation is currently involved in planning and promoting the future Columbia Space Science Learning Center.

For information, call (562) 291-1399 or (562) 941-7735.

'Keyboard Festival' packed with festivities

DOWNEY—The 2nd annual "Keyboard Festival," featuring 14 keyboard artists playing four grand pianos, dancers, drama, choir and special effects, will be presented Mother's Day weekend Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street, Downey.

The festival will feature Classical, Pop, Christian, Celtic and other music forms, all celebrating the institution of motherhood. "Sitcom Moms," featuring the mothers of Television Sitcom, will be a highlight in the program, with four grand pianos playing themes of America's favorite sitcom mothers.

The concert is free to the public, and complimentary tickets can be obtained through the Keyfest Ticket office, 923-1261, ext. 275. A freewill offering will be received to defray expenses.



NEW PRESIDENT—Joyce Prokop (right) will be installed as president of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Women's Guild at the 8:30 a.m. mass Friday, May 12. With her is Agnes Dowahue.

OLPH Women's Guild to install Prokop

DOWNEY—Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey, will install Joyce Prokop as president of the OLPH Women's Guild at the 8:30 a.m. mass Friday, May 12.

After the installation of Prokop and her Guild Board, members will proceed to Mimi's Restaurant for brunch, where outgoing president Agnes Dowahue will be honored.

For reservations, send checks for \$12 to: Polly Glenn, 7314 Cleargrave Drive, Downey 90240.

Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

DOWNEY—The Downey Union High School class of 1953 will hold a 53rd anniversary picnic at the La Mirada Regional Park Saturday, Sept. 30. It will be a Bring-Your-Own no-host event.

Anyone interested from nearby classes is also invited to attend. For more information/location specifics, call (562) 923-0544.

'The Da Vinci Code' explored

DOWNEY—"Almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is false." So says Leigh Teabing, a character in *The Da Vinci Code*. Was Jesus Christ married to Mary Magdalene, and is the church suppressing the truth?

Find out as author and editor Drew Blankman teaches a six-week course titled "Jesus, Mary Magdalene and Da Vinci" at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, 10544 Downey Ave. The hour-long classes will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 14. For more information, call 861-6752.

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'Superintendent of the Year' honors for Doty

TLC also honored

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Wendy L. Doty, who succeeded Dr. Edward Sussman three years ago at the helm of a district that has consistently drawn praise for its dynamic and progressive educational initiatives, is this year's choice of the Association of California School Administrators, Region XIV as "Superintendent of the Year."

True Lasting Connections (TLC), a DUSD program that seeks to connect families in need to community resources that provide improved health access and educational support services to especially at risk children, at the same time received the ACSA "Partners in Educational Excellence" award.

At the award ceremonies held at the swank Reef Restaurant in Long Beach April 27, Dr. Doty was described as "a champion of public education, instructional excellence, and the development, support and recognition of leadership" and was cited for her "grounding in the culture of the community through sustained service." "Wendy," the citation read, "has established a level of trust and sense of family in an educational organization that is truly exemplary."

Community involvement

Dr. Doty, who served as superintendent of schools in El Segundo and assistant superintendent in Laguna Beach prior to returning to Downey (she served in various educational roles in DUSD for 22 years earlier), is active on the YMCA Board of Managers, the Rotary, the Downey Assistance League, and the Downey Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Her affiliation with GOOD and involvements otherwise with several other community projects has not hindered her, it is said, from making frequent visits to schools and classrooms to connect with teachers and students. District administrators meanwhile attest to her encouragement at valued strategic planning sessions to "think out of the box."



'SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR'—The award was presented April 27 to DUSD Superintendent Dr. Wendy L. Doty by the Association of California School Administrators, Region XIV.

Downey High to host family fun night

DOWNEY—Downey High School hosts its 8th annual community Family Fun Night from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 11, featuring plenty of food, games, dancing, entertainment by students and staff, Karaoke, live music and other fun activities for the entire family.

Downey High's own Robert Lopez will be performing "old school" and R&B with his band DW3. The evening will conclude with the school's yearly live Mariachi music event.

Arc's anniversary barbecue May 7

DOWNEY—Friends of the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, 12049 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, are invited to its 50th Anniversary Reunion Barbeque Sunday, May 7 from 1-4 p.m.

Food catered by Cafe n Stuff will be served from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Scheduled at 2:30 p.m. will be a Special Anniversary Ceremony.

RSVP is required by April 26, by calling Arc, (562) 803-4606, or e-mail arckmac@aol.com.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet May 9

DOWNEY—Chamber members Bernie Wijersirwarden of Children's Academy of Success and John A. Velazquez of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. are the scheduled speakers at the next meeting of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 9 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

The group meets weekly to network at promote business leads. For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

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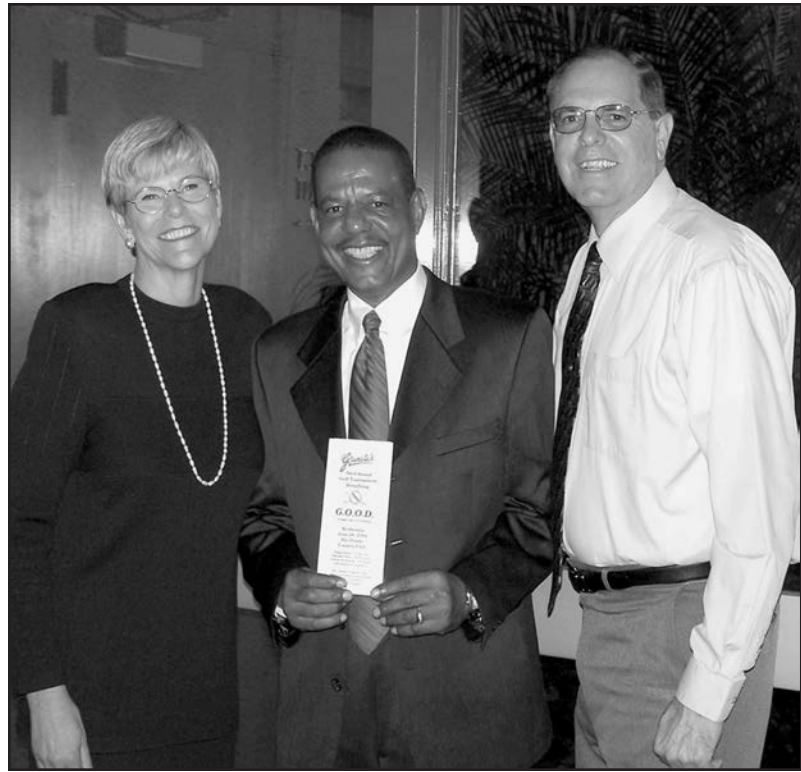
The Downey Chamber of Commerce extends many thanks to the City of Downey, City Council, Police and Fire Departments, Downey High School, and L. A. County Supervisor Don Knabe for their contributions in producing our 2006 Downey Street Faire.

Schools in midst of busy schedules

DOWNEY—Members of the Downey Unified School Board noted the schedule of events picks up speed from here to June graduation, with all-too-few days for the many tests and happenings.

Martha Sodetani said she loved the recent middle school and high school band presentations, and Todd Corrin said he enjoyed the recent Golden Bear scholastic recognition event at Warren. Several boardmembers said they are awaiting the presentation of a new original play to be presented shortly, and it was noted that both Corrin and William Gutierrez have sons in Warren's athletic program (Gutierrez is a noted swimmer).

DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty gave special thanks to the volunteers honored as Volunteers of the Year at Tuesday's board meeting.



GOLFING BUDDIES—DUSD Superintendent and recently elected president of Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) Wendy Doty, Darrell Jackson and Stan Hanstad became the first tee sponsors of June 28's golf tournament to benefit GOOD. This year's tournament is being put on by Granata's Restaurant and will be held at the Rio Hondo Country Club. For information, call Jackson at (562) 618-2550.

HONORED

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Janet Gera

Gera has been a fixture at Downey schools starting in 1999 through her association with the PTA. She has held many PTA offices from chairwoman to president.

Her efforts in behalf of the PTA Reflections program are particularly noteworthy. Through this program she encourages students to participate in creative writing, photography and visual arts. She says "Without art in a child's life, students will be less successful in school. It triggers the side of your mind that comprehends subjects like Algebra and Geometry." Her support of the program enables students to be exposed to subjects they otherwise might miss.

She also works with all three schools on their websites. She built the websites at Williams and Old River, and maintains pages for West Middle school as well. She says she was a career woman for her first 35 years, so now she can offer her skills to schools and children. She feels that parents, community and schools are a team when it comes to education.

She gives credit to her two children, Christy and Jonathan who are at west middle school, and her husband, Ray, whose hard work has allowed her the time to be a stay-at-home mom and volunteer on projects involving the children.

She has been a substitute teacher for the past two years.

Mary Hoelscher

Mary Hoelscher has an unmatched sense of service for her schools and community, with a truly giving heart and kind soul. If you have a need, she will be there, willing to go above and beyond.

The president of the Football Boosters Club said she helped organize the sale of "spiritwear" even though she didn't have a child involved in the football program. She always has a positive approach. "If I were planning on getting something done, I'd want Mary on my team."

Turning to Grad Night this year, she and two members of a group raised more than \$2,000 in cash and gifts for the senior party which is drug free.

She has been involved in scouting longer than her PTA work. Next year she will be director of the HELPS food pantry at Apollo Park.

The Zapatas

John and Jackie Zapata created the first Grad Night 18 years ago and have kept it alive each year since. Their purpose is to provide a safe and drug free place to celebrate after graduation. It is the last time the graduating class will be together as a group, so it is a memorable experience.

Theme for that first Grad Night was the Queen Mary. There had simply never been anything like it. Other themes since have included beach party, Egypt, and medieval times. John and Jackie volunteer endless hours each year.

They have always been involved with their children's activities including DJAA (he coached, sat on the board and refereed). He works for Boeing. She is a senior instructional assistant at Griffiths.

'I Love Business' Chamber mega mixer

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Foundation holds its 10th annual Chamber Mega Mixer Tuesday, May 9 from 5-7 p.m. in the Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk, with a fifties theme—in honor of the college's 50th anniversary celebration this year.

The mixer has a "I Love Business" theme—in tribute to the TV comedy, "I Love Lucy." Local chambers, including Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Paramount, Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs, will be represented.

Since its beginning, the Chamber Mega Mixer has grown each year to feature booths from local businesses, along with several of the college's award-winning programs. It provides networking opportunities, door prizes and drawings, and a cuisine prepared by the college's Culinary Arts Program.

Admission for the event is free, as well as parking, available in Lot C-10 only, located off 166th St. next to the strawberry field. Exhibitor tables are sold at \$125 each, first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Megan Richardson at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2401, or visit the CC Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.



ROTARY WINS RALLY—The Rotary Club of Downey's Road Rally Team has won the 3rd annual District 5280 race, with a substantial margin of victory. This was the club's first every entry. Team drivers are, from left: Roger Brossmer, Darren Dunaway, Gary DeRemer and Matt Knox. For information on Rotary membership, call Carol Pearce at (562) 622-1425.

POLICE

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Parking structure.

Pelayo did not pull to the curb, police said, but instead turned east-bound on Third St., crossed Downey Ave., and stopped in front of Downey First Baptist Church. He bolted from the car and ran into the church courtyard, said Downey Police Lt. Carl Charles.

Officers established a perimeter around the church, which sits less than a block away from police headquarters.

As Downey police secured the area, they received a telephone call from the registered owner of the vehicle who reported her car stolen, Charles said. The woman, who turned out to be Pelayo's girlfriend, said her boyfriend may be driving the car and later admitted to police that she received a call from Pelayo while he was fleeing, telling her to report the car stolen.

Meanwhile, officers chased Pelayo upstairs to the church's second floor offices, police said. About 30 minutes later, as the officers searched the "dark" church corridor, Pelayo emerged from a door with his arm extended, said Charles. The lead officer noticed a shiny object in Pelayo's hand and ordered him to stop. When Pelayo turned toward the officer with his arm extended, still holding the object, the officer fired several rounds, said Charles.

Searching officers believed Pelayo was hit after finding blood drops in the hallway, police said. Using the cell number provided by Pelayo's girlfriend, police tried calling him but received no answer. Police said Pelayo had removed the battery from his cell phone to elude detection.

At this time Downey police say they withdrew from the church and called in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau. SWAT responded and, during the search, learned Pelayo was a worker at the church and had keys to the entire complex and was very familiar with the layout.

After nearly nine hours of searching, Downey police say Pelayo was found under the stage below the pulpit. Pelayo disabled the church security system when he entered and then re-armed the alarm when he found his hiding spot so he would know when police made entry into the church, said Charles.

Officers found an industrial-sized battery charger inside the trunk of the car Pelayo was driving, which police claim was stolen from inside the Krikorian parking structure. Pelayo has a prior felony conviction for burglary where he was sentenced to six months in jail with his probation ending just five months ago. In that case, he had stolen electronic equipment and a pellet pistol replica of a Walther P-99 handgun which was discovered under the seat of the vehicle he had used for the crime.

He currently has outstanding traffic-related warrants in Nevada.

Pelayo was treated at St. Francis Medical Center for a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the leg, police said. A drug test showed Pelayo was under the influence of marijuana.

Pelayo's father, also named Peter, said his son was being treated for superficial gunshots to the leg and thumb and was doing "OK." He also claimed his son was on his way to a 5 a.m. prayer service and ran from police because he was scared.

"He jumped out of the car and ran into the church using his keys to his office," Peter Pelayo Sr. said in an e-mail to The Downey Patriot. "He was being chased all around the complex and was shot at 10 times in the stairway and hallway. The sheriff searched for a weapon for 12 hours and could not find anything that the officer described that looked like a gun.

"I know my son did not have a weapon. He is not violent. He preaches peace."

Downey police confirmed that 10 shots were fired in two separate incidents, seconds apart.

Pelayo Sr. also said his son was driving on a suspended license and was afraid to go to jail.

Officials at Downey First Baptist Church said they were aware of Pelayo's criminal history but had turned his life around and was a good leader to the youth group. Pelayo was one of 12 local volunteers with the American Red Cross Rio Hondo Chapter to help with hurricane relief efforts last year. He was dispatched to Orlando, Florida.

Pelayo, 22, was a student at Cerritos College and a member of an Internet chess club, where he listed his occupation as "pastor."

No firearm was located by police within the nearly 3,000-acre church complex, which includes over 40,000 square feet of buildings.

As is standard for any officer-involved shooting, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Involved Shooting Roll-Out Team is handling the investigation.

Downey police said no charges were expected to be filed against Pelayo's girlfriend, whom they did not identify.

OLPH School to host carnival again

DOWNEY—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will host their 21st annual carnival May 19-21.

Food, rides, games and shows will be featured in addition to raffles for \$250, \$500 and \$1,000.

The carnival will be open, Friday, May 19, from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20, from noon to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, from noon to 8 p.m.

The poets' corner

Moon in April

The tiniest whispers of a moon
Sang itself softly to sleep
Amid twirling clouds
And spiral winds
The night was silent
With untold dreams
That spun themselves
Into a tuneless melody
Awaking echoes where
Music does not dwell

—Terese Akins Anthony,
Lakewood

SCHOOL BOARD

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- Accepted the Quarterly Uniform Complaint report.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downey Education Association to implement the Voluntary Staff Development Day for the 2006-07 school year.
- Awarded a bid to buy pipe and plumbing supplies as needed from Monte Winlson Co. of El Monte and Smarden Supply Co., El Monte in the estimated annual amount of \$600,000 with no guarantees, with options for two additional years, to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred maintenance and/or Bond Funds.
- Rejected all bids for Portion I Pace Elementary Campus Modernization.
- Approved change order for open purchase of chicken products with Kings Delight of Atlanta in the increased sum of \$5,350 to be charged to Food Services.
- Approved change order for Unsworth Elementary campus modernization by P.W. Construction of Glendora in the increased sum of \$29,083 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved a change order for Warren High School modernization for rough carpentry work by C & H Construction of Santa Ana in the increased sum of \$7,096 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved a change order for Warren High School Modernization work, doors and frames and hardware with T.R. Mulligan of Carlsbad in the increased sum of \$21,625 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved a change order for modernization work on Warren High School with Mek Air Tech of L.A. in the increased sum of \$38,274 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved a change order for modernization work at Warren High School by Maater K Electric of Northridge in the increased sum of \$44,938 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved change order for new classroom work at Building C at Downey High School by P.W. Construction of Glendora in the increased sum of \$11,120 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Accepted as complete fencing work on a bid by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$17,251 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.
- Accepted as complete backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$9,336 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.
- Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$35,521 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
- Accepted as complete waterproofing work on the stadiums at Downey and Warren High Schools by Kitson Special Contracting of Santa Fe Springs in the final sum of \$212,972 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim for the sum of \$27,265 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
- Accepted as complete roof repair and asbestos abatement work by FC & Son Roofing of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$7,180 to be charged to Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.
- Adopted the Los Angeles County plan for Expelled Students.
- Approved routine personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board.
- Ratified the establishment of new positions, one senior instructional assistant at Unsworth two hours per day, and one senior clerical assistant assigned to MOT Services eight hours per day.
- Designated members of the Board who will be attending graduation ceremonies.
- Declared a public hearing for review on State Allocation Board Form SAB 40-20, Deferred Maintenance Five Year Plan, then approved the State Board Form.

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

Methodist Church hosts emancipation shower

DOWNEY—The community is invited to take part in the David & Margaret Home's Emancipation Shower from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 S. Downey Ave., which will benefit the older girls of the home who are "going out on their own" after they have received life skills training at the agency.

The young women ages 12 to 18 placed there by either the Department of Children and Family Services, the Juvenile Court System, or the Department of Mental Health receive life skills training under the home's Residential Treatment Program. Every girl in the program receives this training starting as early as age 14.

On the day of their emancipation, as on May 13, David & Margaret Home helps them get a good start in life by providing them with as much help as possible, including issuing them essential household items they will need early on. Suggested gifts include such things as kitchen items (no toasters please): can openers, hand mixers, dishes, flatware, iron, etc., as well as bathroom and bedroom items, towels, sheets (twin size), pillows, etc.

An unwrapped gift can be used as a ticket for lunch.

David & Margaret is licensed to house up to 60 girls on its 12-acre main campus located in La Verne, and also in its four group homes in the La Verne and San Dimas communities. The older girls focus specifically on independent living skills. Each of the girls is required to take a part-time job or volunteer position. By the time they emancipate from David & Margaret, they are expected to have at their disposal all of the tools necessary to become capable, productive adults.

RSVP is by calling the church office, (562) 861-9777.

Enjoy Street Fair

By John Adams

DOWNEY—While still awaiting the answers to some questions about the police shooting of a young Hispanic man who fled on foot to the First Baptist Church where he worked in early morning hours last Saturday, we thank the Lord for the relatively peaceful marches of Monday demonstrating that large gatherings do not necessarily have to be confrontational.

Now comes the Great Downey Street Fair tomorrow (Saturday, May 6) organized by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which accurately reflects the true spirit of our community, and recalls the small-town characteristics that have kept Downey from developing the hard edge of neighboring cities.

Come out and enjoy the car show (greatly expanded from last year), the Kids Zone complete with popular challenges such as the Climbing Wall, and by music ranging from the Class 6 Band to the ladies of the Southland Harmony Chorus.

And there will be belly dancers!

To all the sponsors who contribute to making this event a success we say thank you! Come out and enjoy the day. Let us take a much needed time out from violence and politics.

Letters to the Editor

Lack of understanding

Dear Editor:

Re Susan Courtney's letter (*The Downey Patriot*, 4/21/06), her point of view of illegal aliens breaking laws is a clear lack of understanding of what is happening. First of all, if people could come through the proper channels, don't you think they would do so? People cannot just go to the American Embassy in their country and be granted a visa to enter the U.S. legally. Most people will be denied because they don't have a huge bank account, it's as simple as that. However, if an illegal comes from Cuba, political asylum will be granted, is that fair, Ms. Courtney?

Illegal aliens certainly do pay taxes and they work much harder than you and I. They work for minimum wage and do the jobs that Americans are not willing to do as quoted by President Bush. The president mentioned that he would like to implement a temporary hospitality work program. This would be a great idea and would be a big boost to the economy and would also prevent delinquents from making money by selling false documents. People who are checked out would be able to obtain a tamper-proof card legally so that they can work and do the jobs that Americans are not willing to do.

Or would you prefer to single out millions of illegals and dump them back in their country?

Many large American companies, such as McDonald's, advertise in Spanish because they want our business. They could just advertise in English and leave it at that, but you know very well, that does not happen. The Hispanic market is crucial to the economy.

If you seem to think that illegals are using free resources, then whose fault is that? Many people seem to think that hospital closures are due to illegals, maybe someone should look at the doctors' salaries. I myself do not have any health insurance, and I am legal. I tried to buy insurance for my family of four and the prices are outrageous. The company I work for doesn't provide any health care insurance and I hope I do not get sick.

If I myself cannot afford it how would I expect an illegal who works minimum wage to be able to afford it? If health care premiums would be more accessible more illegals would have health insurance. Why is it that a poor country like Cuba has one of the best health care systems in the world and we have such a mess here?

—A. Cardenas,
Downey

'A bad situation' at intersection

Dear Editor:

I have written to you once before on the awful condition of the paving of the double left-turn intersection at Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway, right outside the entrance to Aspen Place, where I live. This is a three-story building of apartments for 131 handicapped seniors.

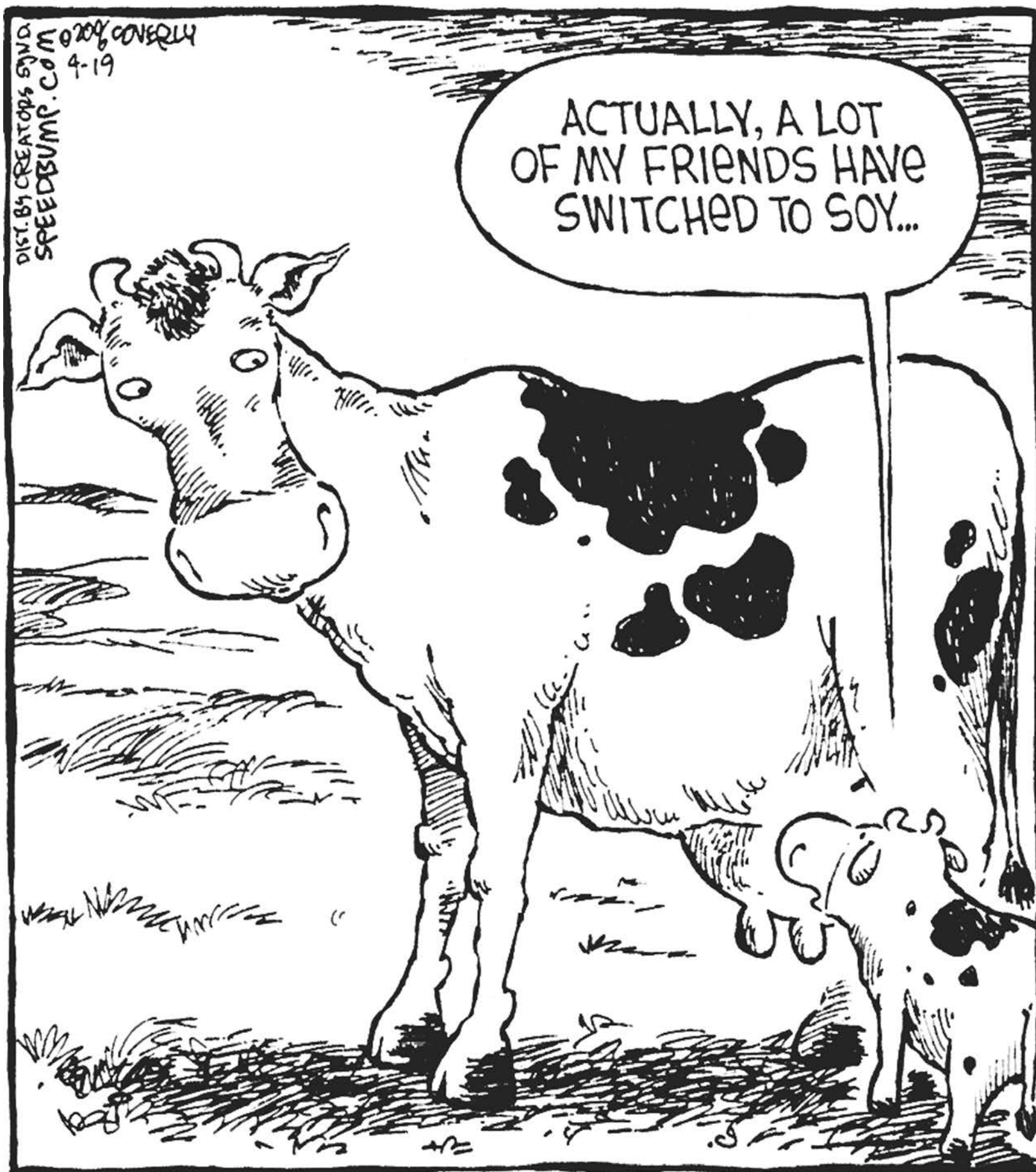
There are many businesses in the area we need to walk to, such as restaurants, the post office, the bank, a bakery, a cleaners, recycler, a market, an upholstery repair shop, etc. Getting there is hazardous.

The lights on the signals for the crosswalks don't light when needed: there should be a red hand or a white walker. Not enough time is allowed for us to cross the street.

And the surface of the asphalt is unbelievably rough and badly split. During school hours, we do have a great little lady crossing-guard, with a whistle, bright pretty uniform and a STOP sign, and she has saved my life on several occasions. The broken asphalt catches the legs of my walker and has sent me flying!

Could your Mr. Eric Pierce come by and investigate this area, see all the places we need to get to, and examine the condition of the intersection, which is difficult for any pedestrian who tries to cross?

—Ellyn Sutherland,
Downey



Letters to the Editor

'Racist' letter flayed

Dear editor:

I am writing in response to Susan Courtney's letter and every other letter that has been written against illegal immigration. First and foremost, we must all remember that illegal immigrants are human beings. There are ways to deal with illegal immigration and writing racist and ignorant letters is not the way. I am deeply disturbed that I live in a community where people have sentiments about a certain race. It seems all that everyone can focus on is the Latino community and how they are all illegal immigrants. I would just like to remind everyone that illegal immigrants come here in all shapes and colors. They also come here from all parts of the world and not just Mexico. Yes, I agree that something must be done, but I would like it to be done humanely. MOST of the illegal immigrants that come to this country come here to work.

In response to Mrs. Courtney's letter regarding the issue of welfare and taxes, I would like to say this: A person who is not an American citizen can not receive free healthcare or welfare benefits. Taxes, however, are PAID by illegal immigrants. Uncle Sam doesn't care who he gets his money from, a U.S. citizen or an illegal immigrant. Illegal immigrants have been paying taxes using tax I.D. numbers for years. The government doesn't discriminate against the green. Taxes are also paid when items are purchased, so please don't ever write another letter about illegal immigrants without doing your research.

Yes, there are always the exceptions, but not all illegal immigrants cheat our government. We can't blame everyone for the actions of a few. Our own citizens cheat the government. We can't blame everyone for the actions of a few. Our own citizens cheat the government. That doesn't we all do it.

All this debate on illegal immigration seems to be doing only one thing, creating havoc among races. I agree that the government must do something to remedy this situation, so that there are ways that people from other countries can come to the U.S. and work those undesirable jobs legally. I just hope that everyone learns to deal with this situation humanely and not get caught up in a race riot. We all belong to the same race, the human race.

—Margaret Vargas,
Downey

Reasons to walk

Dear Editor:

Hi, I am a teacher at Gallatin Elementary. I was a Downey resident for 30 years and graduated from Warren High in 1988.

I am participating in the Breast Cancer 3-day Walk in November. This event is important to me because I am so blessed that breast cancer has not touched my family. I am walking for the continued health of my two beautiful stepdaughters, my sister, Patti Johnson (Warren class of '84), my mom, Karen Hoferer (Downey resident), and my mother-in-law, Leann Christensen (Downey resident and DUSD employee), as well as for my friends, family, and co-workers.

—Susie Christensen,
c/o Gallatin Elementary

Editor's Note: For more information on the Breast Cancer Walk, call (800) 996-3DAY or visit www.the3day.org.

Thanks for support

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank the following for their donations, which helped to make our recent fundraiser dinner a success: Pina Pizza House, Frantone's Pizza & Spaghetti Villa, Papa John's Pizza, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Shakey's Pizza Restaurant, Salvatore's Pasta House, Sizzler Restaurant, Hometown Buffet, Granata's Italian Villa, Carrows, Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill, Vons and Ralphs.

—Warren High School Band and Color Guard,
Downey

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a lot. It is hard even though he is not in a wheel chair, because he is mentally disabled. His mentality is a seven-year old's and taking care of a kid is hard, because you need patience. I know that in order to get a good job that pays a lot of money, I need to go to college. In order to go to college I need the grades. That is why I push myself to do well in school because the effect it will have in my life will be great.

Another example in my life is drugs. My parents don't use drugs, but my uncles did and the effect it had on their lives was horrible. I don't want to end up like them, and they haven't been able to quit. I don't want to have the same problem when I am older because it will make life hard. That's why I have promised myself never to take drugs, and so far I have kept that promise. For example one day I was at my friend's

Quincenera and I was one of the dancers. We were riding in the limo and one of the guys pulled out his wallet and started to pass it around. Everyone was taking a sniff and went crazy. When the wallet came to me I just passed it because if I were to sniff it I could become addicted like my uncles, and I don't want that so I had to stop and think, do I want to sniff this and ruin my future, or make it better. I chose to make it better.

I have something to motivate me to stay on the right path, but not everyone has something to motivate them. Sometimes we all have to step back and think about the consequences we will face in the future because one thing leads to the next and then the next. It is like dominoes, you push one domino, and then it hits the other, then the next, and the next. It affects everything. Even the littlest things can have the biggest effects. I remember one time my friend and I were at Universal Studios and she wanted to steal a little rock. One of those little cheap rocks. She said, "Do you think I can get away with it?" I told her, "Maybe you will, but just think what will happen if you get caught, alarms sound, you get arrested, it goes on your record and when you are older and you apply for a job no one will hire you because they see you as a thief." She said, "You are so right; one little dumb rock isn't worth my whole life," and that's the honest truth. All of these stories show how I feel I relate to the quote.

To me the quote means that in life, you can do things to make it worse or better. You just have to remember to stop and think before you act. Think to yourself, how will this affect my life? Because remember the cause and effect is like dominoes. You push one, and then it hits the others and knocks them all down. Just one thing like drugs or stealing can lead from one thing to the next. Keep in mind the things you do now affect your whole life.

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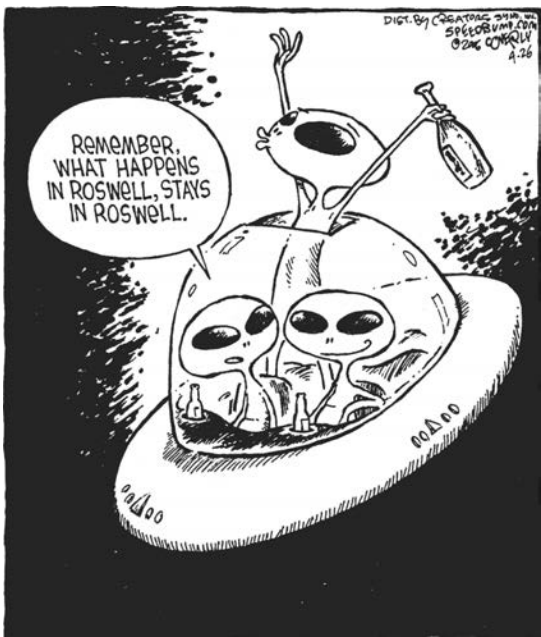
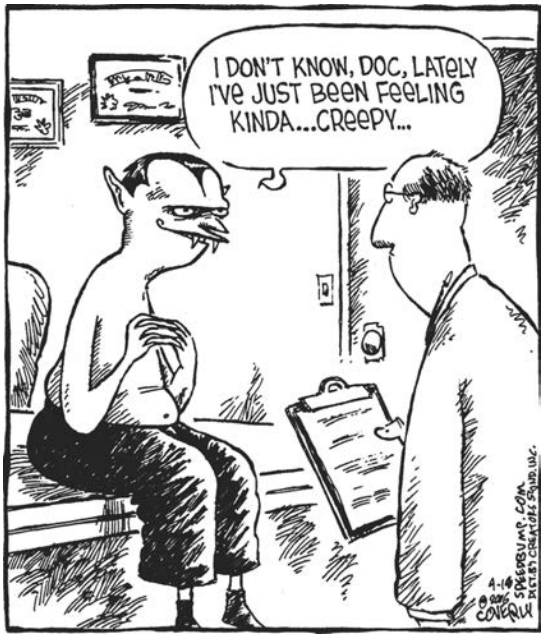
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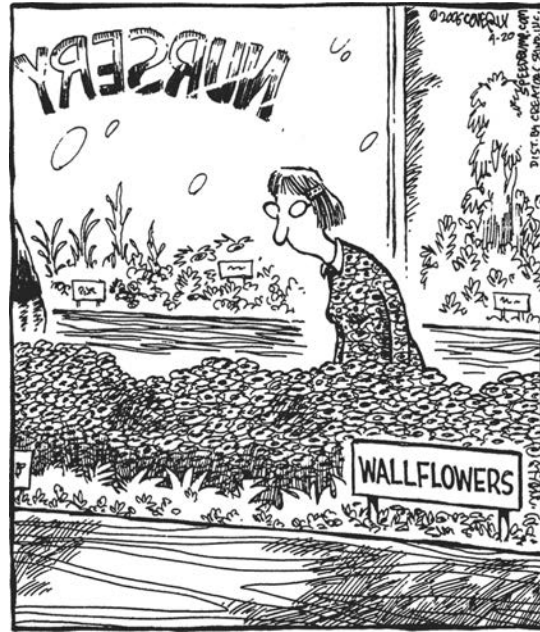
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

Sat. May 6, 9:00 a.m.: **Downey Street Fair** annual extravaganza produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce on Brookshire Ave. at Firestone featuring over 200 vendors, entertainment all day, food court, classic car show, kids zone and much more. Free. For information call 923-2191.

Wed. May 10, 3:00 p.m.: **Free Immunizations for Children** a community service by the Downey Unified School District for kids ages 4 to 18 at Alameda Elementary Cafeteria, 8613 Alameda Ave. For information call 904-3589.

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.

1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.

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.

4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

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 Carol Pearce at 622-1425.

12:00 p.m.: **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871

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.

7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.

1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.

2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.

2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.

2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.

3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., 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.

6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.

1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.

1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.

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.

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 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.

4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees, at Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.

Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.

7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.

12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.

12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.

12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.

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 Joe Becker at 869-1414

3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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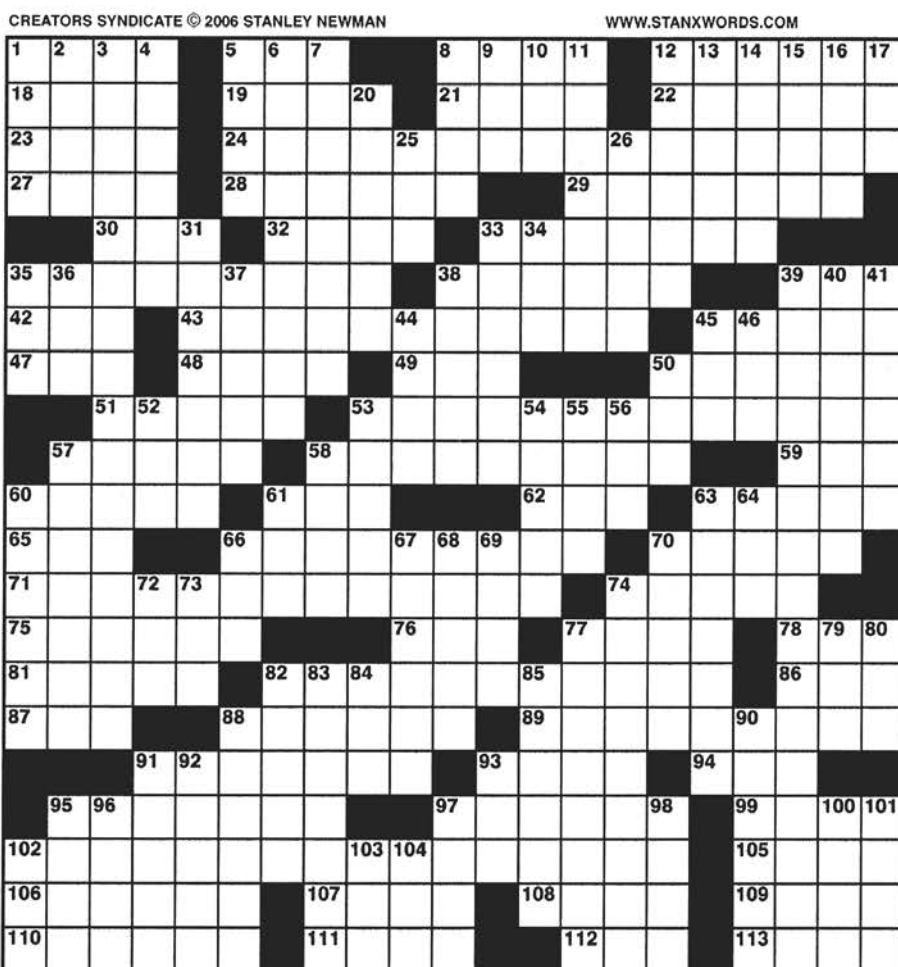
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Elisha OTIS (77 Across) didn't invent the first elevator, but his safety mechanism was instrumental in making passenger elevators practical. FLOTASAM (19 Across) was originally a nautical term for ship wreckage and cargo found floating in the water. Korean car company KIA (46 Down) was acquired by Hyundai in 1998.

One-woman show set for La Mirada audiences

LA MIRADA – Through a unique combination of live theater, video and discussion, Phantom Projects Educational Theater Group will present a one-woman show entitled “La Causa” at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 7 p.m. on May 3 at La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts.

“La Causa is the story of Marta Hernandez, the daughter of Mexican American migrant workers, and her life changing involvement in the Farm Workers Movement led by Cesar Chavez in the 1960’s and 70’s.

Hernandez’ story is one of thousands of common experiences familiar to young Latinos in America. Though the story takes place mostly in California, it clearly shows how this regional movement quickly became an element in the greater fight for civil rights across America. “La Causa” is not only a story of Mexican Americans but all Latino and immigrant Americans east and west.

As visions of thousands of Latinos taking to the streets is broadcast and displayed in media outlets throughout the world, the fight for the rights of immigrants has been a much debated and discussed educational topic in schools, homes, and offices throughout the world.

The one-woman show combines a video presentation of authentic video clips and sounds that will encompass La Mirada Theater’s large stage. The production will highlight various events such as Chavez’ hunger strikes, the grape boycotts, and the Farm Workers’ Movement.

Tickets are \$5 for 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. performances. Tickets for the 7 p.m. performances are \$15 with discounts available for students.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the La Mirada Theater Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

Sebastian Sidi “Live” at Granata’s

DOWNEY—Sebastian Sidi “Live,” playing on his “new, smoking” baby grand piano, will be joined by guitarist Javier Lima, along with Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye on vocals, for a “magical musical experience” and fine dining at 8 p.m. at Granata’s Italian Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave., Saturday, June 3.

Ticket price is \$35, which includes dinner and entertainment. Doors open at 7 p.m. For reservations, call (562) 544-7774, or log on to www.sebastiansidi.com.



“ALL ABOUT ME” – This popular rock and roll band will be making a return appearance at the Downey Street Fair tomorrow, Saturday, May 6. The Downey Chamber of Commerce annual event will feature various entertainment all day long on Brookshire Ave. The All About Me Band includes Dave Williamson, drums; Rick Lancaster, bass; Nick Smith, guitar and Dwayne King, keyboards. For information on the Street Fair, call 923-2191.

Granata’s to host golf tournament

DOWNEY – Granata’s Italian Villa will be hosting its third annual golf tournament to benefit Gangs Out of Downey on June 28. Sign-ups are being taken at Granata’s, 11032 Downey Ave.

For more information, call Paul Granata at 861-2997.

Civic Chorus pays tribute to Broadway

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus presents their annual spring show, “Broadway in Concert,” Friday-Sunday-May 19-21 at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16660 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

The show Friday is at 7 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The show is a tribute to Broadway’s musical theater tradition, and will feature popular medleys from such classic Broadway shows as “Show Boat,” “South Pacific,” “Annie Get Your Gun,” “Phantom of the Opera,” and “Les Miserables,” to name a few. The concert will be enhanced by specialty numbers, dance routines by the “Headliners” and distinctive costuming.

Bill Jones directs, with keyboard extraordinaire Chris Squires providing piano accompaniment. For information/tickets, contact (562) 866-4664.

Chancel drama coming to Downey

DOWNEY – Christ Lutheran Church will be preparing a chancel drama to be performed Pentecost Sunday, June 4 and is looking for local people interested in staging, sound, costumes, props and other areas required to produce a play.

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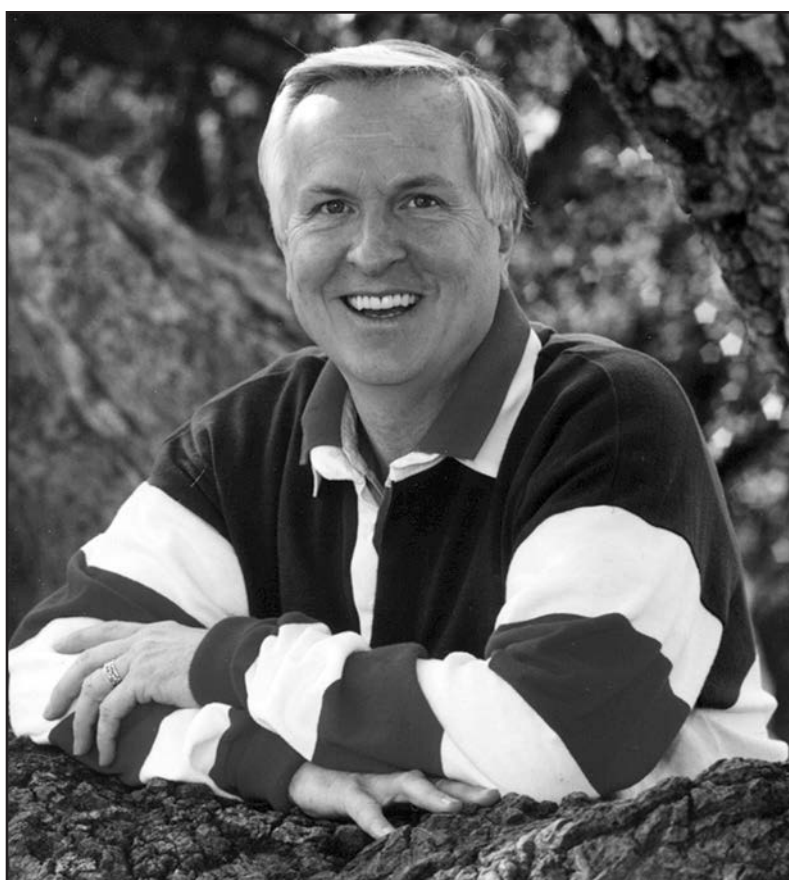


Health plan lauded for Plan D benefits

COLUMBUS, OHIO – California Health Plan was one of 20 Medicare Advantage plans nationally to be recognized for the design of its Part D drug benefits by an independently managed care research firm.

The California Medicare Advantage in the Los Angeles and Orange County markets was lauded in the 2006 "Cost Share Report," released by HealthMetrix Research. The findings were based on estimated 2006 cost-sharing from over 150 Medicare Advantage plans offering \$0 premium and \$0 deductible drug coverage benefits in over 40 markets.

"California Health Plan has demonstrated a commitment to delivering maximum value in the design of their Part D drug benefits," said HealthMetrix Research President Alan Mittermaier. "What separates this drug benefit from other plans is the extended coverage available throughout the 'gap' or 'donut hole' when seniors would otherwise have no drug coverage until reaching \$3600 in out-of-pocket costs."



"AWAKEN THE NATIONS"—Is the topic of the talk Josh McDowell will give Sunday, May 11 at the First Baptist Church of Downey.

Speaker/author at First Baptist Sunday

DOWNEY—To speak at the First Baptist Church Sunday, May 7, at 8 and 11 a.m. will be well-known speaker and author Josh McDowell of the Josh McDowell Ministry. His topic: "Awaken the Nations," which will focus on world missions, including "eye-opening insights" on "The Da Vinci Code."

First Baptist Church of Downey is located at 8348 3rd St. in Downey. For information, call 923-1261.

Benefit fashion show at Rio Hondo

DOWNEY—Models, club president Barbara Emry, Nancy Georgas, Maria Garcia, June Ferguson, Jeanne Henson, Mary Kresonja, Jo Moreno, Estela Mendoza, Norma Willis and Kim Yeager, are practicing "The Walk Down the Aisles" showing the "Bloomin' Spring Fashions" from Nena's of La Habra for the upcoming Downey Newcomers Club Fashion Show Monday, May 15 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event will begin with a Social Hour at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m., and the Fashion Show at 12:30 p.m.

The tickets, including lunch, the show and prizes, are on sale for \$25. For information/reservations, call chair Melba Willbanks, 862-2799.

Christian Women's Club plans meeting

DOWNEY – Marilyn Orlando will present musical beaded items and Valerie Garrett will speak on finding love in the personal ads when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets on Wednesday, May 10 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The community, including men, is invited to the buffet luncheon, which starts at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$12.

Reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at (562) 927-8488 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.



DOWNEY ADULT SCHOOL'S OASIS PROGRAM—on Monday, May 8 will feature the Bellflower Civic Chorus conducted by Bill Jones as they present "Broadway in Concert." "This mixed voice chorus is a highlight of our season," says resource instructor Harriett Paine. For information, call 940-6200.

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Downey player has plenty to cheer about

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – The roar of the crowd is deafening. Cheers break out as Downey defeats Warren in a ho-hum manner in the last San Gabriel Valley League meeting of the year. Downey capped off a perfect SGVL season by taking the final match three games to none. The celebration continues as the crowd realizes that it's on to the CIF playoffs from here. They all know that a number one seed out of the SGVL is theirs.

The cheers quiet to a whisper and the fans start to file out of the gym. The confetti is done falling, and the night starts to creep to an end. As the janitors get ready to begin their cleanup duties, a Downey player is celebrating with his teammates over their win. The junior opposite walks out of the gym knowing that it isn't over. But the junior Richard Vrab still has plenty to celebrate about.

The young opposite is considered as one of Downey's most talented players on the court. He has all ready proven his worth on the team as he was voted co-MVP in the Mayfair Volleyball Tournament this year. Downey ended up taking second place overall in the competition. Vrab's success didn't start overnight by taking third in the Arcadia Tournament or by helping his team take first place in the silver division of the Redondo Tournament. In fact, it didn't start with volleyball at all.

Vrab started his athletic career playing soccer. He says he can't even remember how old he was when he first stepped foot on to the playing field. It was his first love though. He played forward and center and helped lead a youth national soccer team. It was what he knew.

But as time went on, he decided to venture to other sports such as baseball where he brought his left arm to the mound and pitched along with playing some first base.

He even took a crack at basketball for a limited amount of time. During his basketball career, he played forward and helped lead a team to the YMCA championships where they played on one of the most famous courts in basketball history, the Great Western Forum.

But through his illustrious athletic career, he felt as if he wanted more. His competitive spirit brought him to the sport of volleyball where he started playing at Sussman Middle School during his sixth grade year.

"It was actually my seventh grade friends who first started playing," said Vrab. "So I decided to see what it was about. I was actually going to quit because I didn't pick it up at first, but I kept on playing."

And it's a good thing he kept on going. During his career at Sussman, he was voted MVP in the eighth grade.

Vrab then came to a crossroad. When settling in at Downey, he had a choice to make. He could continue to play soccer, the first sport he ever knew, or he could continue to chase the horizon in volleyball.

His choice was volleyball.

During his short time at Downey, he made much progress in his game. In his freshman year, he started off at JV and helped his team go undefeated in league.

He then made much lead-way sophomore year when he was brought up to Varsity and was voted Most Improved Player of the Year.

This brings the story to now where he and Downey will advance from their regular season into the postseason where they will have to take all their games up a notch to compete in the CIF playoffs. But right now, it's something he's not worrying about. He just helped his team beat their division rivals.

The night is still young, and as far as he's considered, it's still his.



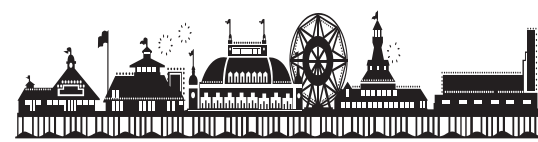
Register for Youth Football tomorrow

DOWNEY—Downey Youth Football, which offers tackle football, flag football, and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14, is holding registration for the 2006 season all day tomorrow, May 6, at the annual Downey Street Fair on Brookshire Avenue.

Spaces are limited, and waiting lists are already being established, and are on a first-come, first-paid basis for certain teams. For more information and requirements, call Mike Baumann, (562) 862-3837.

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Gary P. McCaughan Gymnasium - 12544 Rives Ave.

All camp costs include supervision, supplies, daily snack and a weekly bus excursion. Registration will be accepted, starting May 24, 2006 at Downey Community Services Department Office, City Hall: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Enrollment is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. PROOF OF CAMPERS AGE MUST BE SHOWN AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. More specific information may be obtained by contacting the Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238

Longtime resident Jennie Ifland was 96

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey resident Jennie Ifland, who was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1910 to Italian immigrant parents, died on April 28. She was 96.

She passed through the Roaring '20s, the Depression, and World War II. She moved to infant Downey in 1953.

Her husband, Walter, and sister, Edith, preceded her in death. She is survived by brothers Nello and Robert Batistelli; 11 nieces and nephews; 26 great nieces and nephews; and 22 great-great nieces and nephews. Also mourning her passing are her neighbor, Jack Dahlgren, and caregiver, Pam Tenorio.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY—Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month.

Tuesday meetings are held at 7 p.m. while Wednesday sessions meet at 1:30 p.m. Call 401-7991 for more information.



JENNIE IFLAND



MARY (BETONTE) GESUALDI

Philadelphia native Mary (Betonte) Gesualdi, 96

DOWNEY—Mary (Betonte) Gesualdi of Downey, who was born in Strabane, Pennsylvania Aug. 10, 1909, passed away on April 23 at the age of 96. She was active in the Downey Senior's Club for many years.

She was the last surviving child of her parents, Francesco and Rosario Betonte. Her brothers were Dominic, Ralph, Sam and Bill. Her sisters were Rose Sciabica and Jenny Spalla. Her husband, Anthony (Tony) Gusualdi, died in 1979.

Surviving her are her four children: Mary Grace McQuaid of AZ, Dolores Katreeb-Loest of CO, James V. Gesualdi of CA, Dennis A. Gesualdi of WA; six grandchildren, Susan A. Katreeb, Daniel R. Katreeb, Gary E. Gesualdi, Jamie Somerville, Jenny Buckley, and Frank McQuaid; and seven great grandsons, Rory and Conor Somerville, Kyle and Ryan Buckley, Shawn, David and Richard McQuaid. Several nieces and nephews are spread throughout the United States.

There are no services scheduled locally. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Forest Lawn Gardens in McMurray, PA. Arrangements were by Downey Zrelak Mortuary.

Hume Foundation planning barbecue

DOWNEY—The first annual John Hume Performing Arts Foundation reunion and barbecue will be held Sunday, June 25 at Furman Park.

The event is open to all general members and friends of the Foundation, their families, and alumni from the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater, Downey Experimental Theater, Downey Marionette Theater, and Downey Civic Light Opera. The picnic will be similar to the events held by the Downey Children's Theater in the 1950's-60's. For more information, call (562) 869-0422.

Memorial service held for Edward J. Grabski

DOWNEY—A memorial service was held on May 1 for Edward Joseph Grabski, a 30-year Downey resident who was born in South Gate May 1, 1944 to parents Violet and Edward Grabski and died on April 20 at the age of 61.

He was a graduate of Bell High School, where he earned awards in horticulture. He worked for 30 years for Garrett Industrial Supply. He sang in the choir at Downey First Baptist Church where he was a member; later he became a member of Christ in You Church in Brea.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marcia Grabski; daughter Darlene (Brett) Rice of Reno, Nevada; grandchildren Taylor and Garrett Rice; and sister Arlene (Bob) Davenport of Billings, Montana.

Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary performed the services.

'Mommy and Me' florist class May 13

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., is offering a "Mommy & Me" Mother's Day florist class Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., where a child and parent can learn to make a "lovely" flower arrangement for "that special someone." The class is taught by florist Terrie Mercurio.

Arrangements are designed in keepsake containers. Pre-registration is required. A \$15 fee will include the class, flowers and container. For more information, call 940-6200.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE—First graders at OLPH School held a "school supply" drive and sent 15 boxes of material to Holy Ghost School in New Orleans this month, which was lacking in basic school supplies after being ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. The kids included personal notes of encouragement in each pencil box and hope to strike up friendships and pen pals with the students. The kids' efforts was part of OLPH's annual Christian Service project. Downey Post Office visited OLPH School to pick up the boxes.

OASIS program meets on campus every Monday

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's OASIS program (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meets every Monday for a dinner and educational presentation in the campus's cafeteria, with weekly topics ranging from legal and medical news to art appreciation.

Dinner tickets are \$3.50 but visitors can attend the program only at no charge. Programs begin at 4 p.m. but doors open an hour earlier.

Past program topics have included consumer issues, nutrition, cooking tips, financial advice, shopping ideas, travelogues, music programs and safe and fraud protection advice. There is a new speaker every week.

Harriett Paine is the resource instructor for OASIS. Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

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The new science complex, which boasts a total of nine new chemistry and biology labs, six lecture halls and state-of-the-art equipment, is located on the west side of the campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd., off Studebaker Ave. To attend the ceremony, RSVP (562) 860-2451, ext. 2206.

New musical comedy season set

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the shows for the 2006-07 season.

They include "Guys and Dolls," Oct. 5 through 22; "The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd," Feb. 22 through March 11, 2007; and "Oliver," May 31 through June 17, 2007.

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NORWALK—Recruitment of 25,000-plus pollworkers needed to staff the 5,065 polling places for the upcoming June 6, 2006 Primary Election has kept staff at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) very busy. The RR/CC is especially interested in bilingual pollworkers who can speak one or more of these languages: Cantonese, Japanese, Mandarin, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, or Vietnamese. In addition, pollworkers who speak other languages such as Armenian, Russian and Cambodian are encouraged to help serve their communities.

Pollworkers must be available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on election day to set up the polls, provide assistance to voters, issue ballots and conduct poll closing procedures. A pollworker's services are compensated by receiving \$55 for working the poll and a \$25 bonus for attending a 1-1/2 hour training session. Training sessions are conducted and offered throughout Los Angeles County in the days prior to the election. Additional pollworker training videos are available at county libraries.

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Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and their immunization record brought. For information, call (562) 904-3589.

Citizens group to discuss propositions

DOWNEY—Citizens for Downey will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 10 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. The pros and cons of both Prop. 81 and 82 will be presented: only two state propositions will be on the June election ballot.

All are invited to attend and a buffet breakfast will be available. No reservations are required.

Bingo luncheon at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a bingo luncheon Sunday, May 7, in the Msgr. Gibson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd., in Downey.

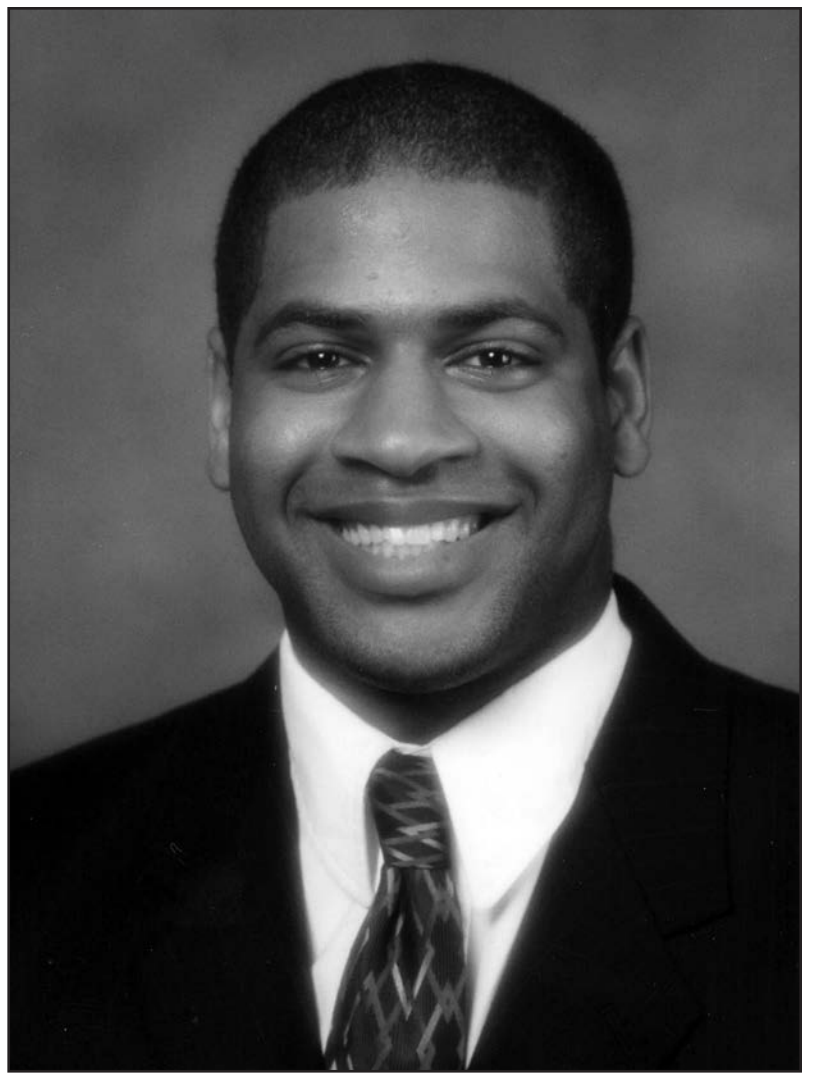
Donation is \$10, which includes one bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will also be a raffle for a \$25 money tree and other prizes.

For tickets, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 869-8981 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

DRMC Foundation golf classic June 5

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center's Memorial Trust Foundation invites golfers of all levels to its 21st annual Golf Classic to be held Monday, June 5, at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier. The event will raise funds for new sterilization devices for the hospital's Operating Room services.

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Tutor training at library this month

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library says volunteers can make a difference by helping an adult learn to read through its Adult Literacy program.

Training sessions for literacy tutors will be given on the Thursdays of May 11, 18 and 25 from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., a total of 12 hours. They may also attend ongoing literacy support meetings.

For information/registration, call the Literacy and Training Office at 904-7360, ext. 23. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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Hospital applauds Auxiliary's contributions

DOWNEY—A majority of Downey Regional medical Center's 103 Auxilians gathered for an after noon of music, merriment and commendation on May 2. In welcoming the honorees, volunteer director Tracy Nordbak lauded them for their mission of compassion, concern and friendliness. She said, "Before people care how much you know, they need to know how much you care. You are critical to the knowing."

Nurses, executives and managers from throughout the hospital served desserts and refreshments as a way to say thanks for the 23,320 hours the volunteers gave to the hospital in 22 service areas over the past year. Executive vice president Jim Klosterman lauded their generosity of time, energy and treasure. "Our volunteers supported the hospital during our campaign to build an emergency room a few years ago, and have pledged a five-year gift in support of the upcoming Capital Campaign to replace Downey Regional's existing patient care tower. You are so important to renewal in the hospital and your community, and an inspiration to all of us," he said.

A moment of silence was given for 10 DRMC volunteers who passed away during the past year. The celebration returned with speeches, a slide show, and students from Warren high School's jazz choir lighting up the crowd with several songs, led by teacher Bob Peterson.



RECOGNITION ROSES—Nann Goldstein, left, incoming president of the Downey Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, with Lenore Pohl, who has volunteered in the Auxiliary since its founding in 1957.

Coordinating Council salutes volunteers

DOWNEY—All incumbent officers and board members of the Downey Coordinating Council will stay the same and serve another term, with the exception of 1st vice president Kathy Gorman, who will be succeeded by Janis Simon: Carol Rowland, president; Karol Morrison, 2nd vice president; Lois Buchanan, treasurer; Sam Mathis, auditor; and Martha Sodatani, secretary. They will be inducted at the Rio Hondo Event Center Thursday, May 11 at the 52nd annual Salute to Outstanding Volunteers and Installation of New Officers. The event will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The list of outstanding volunteers meriting a salute from the Downey Coordinating Council includes the editor of this paper, John Adams, who is being honored for his support of the Downey Symphonic Society.

The others: Patricia Zemke, American Association of University Women; Larry Latimer, Aerospace Legacy Foundation; Stephen Guzman, Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County; Janice Allen, Assistance League of Downey; Stephen Schroeder, Christian Business Men's Committee—International; Brenda Warner, City of Hope-Together for Hope; Evelyn Negreros-Lopez, Downey Adult School; Jan Scott, Chamber of Commerce; Esther Croy, Downey Christian Women's Club; Therese Gallagher, Downey Library; Carol Rowland, Coordinating Council; Donna Lee and Gordon Sodatani (posthumously), Downey Council PTA-HELPS; Daniel Horaney, Historical Society; Ellie Harrington, Newcomers Club; Joan Lingrey, DRMC Auxiliary; Barbara Emry, Downey Rose Float Association; Phil Bliss, Sister Cities Association; Christina Ambrosino, True Lasting Connections; Marie Eckstrom, Downey Symphony; Eunice Hammond, Friends of the Library; Darrell Jackson, Gangs Out of Downey; Victor Martinez, Keep Downey Beautiful; Joe Lumsdaine, Kiwanis Club of Downey; Sally Havice, League of Women Voters; Victoria Viruette, Living Help Center; Don Moniz, Optimist Club; Elli Eck, Soroptimist International; Shirley S. Mark, Temple Ner Tamid Sisterhood; Jean Kiskadden, Woman's Club; Victoria Walter, Women's Guild of OLPH; and Sarah Richmond, YMCA.



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Yosemite/California Gold Country tour

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Cost of the tour is \$499 double per person or \$599 single. Price includes \$20 in casino play and \$20 in food coupons, driver's gratuity, tax and baggage handling. Deposit of \$50 is required per person. Tour director is Harriett Paine.

The tour departs Tuesday morning and returns Friday, but not after the visit to Yosemite Valley's North and Half Domes, Yosemite Falls ("the tallest waterfall in North America" and "a national treasure"), Bridalveil Fall and El Capitan, the giant granite monolith.

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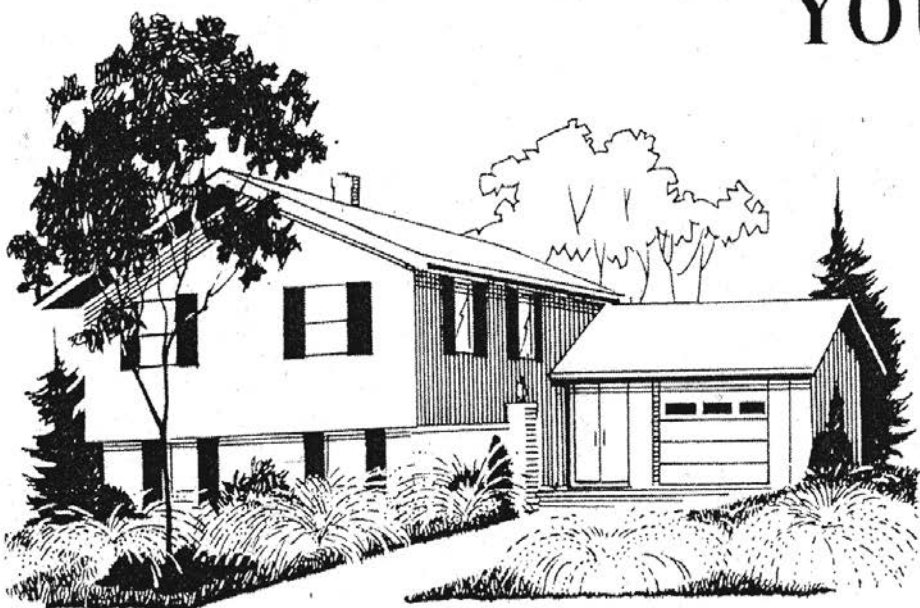
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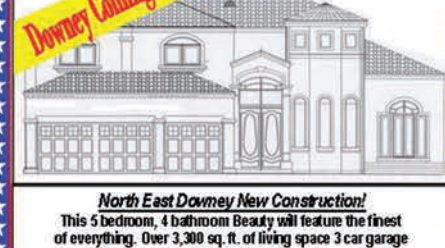
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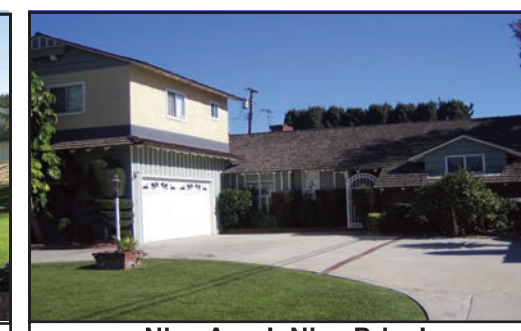
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