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Police seek three in credit union holdup

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – Police are searching for three men responsible for holding up Downey Federal Credit Union Wednesday morning.

According to Downey police, three black male suspects, wearing dark clothing and with their faces partially covered, entered the credit union, 8237 Third St., at 10:38 a.m. Wednesday. The suspects were armed and demanded money from a credit union employee, who complied, police said.

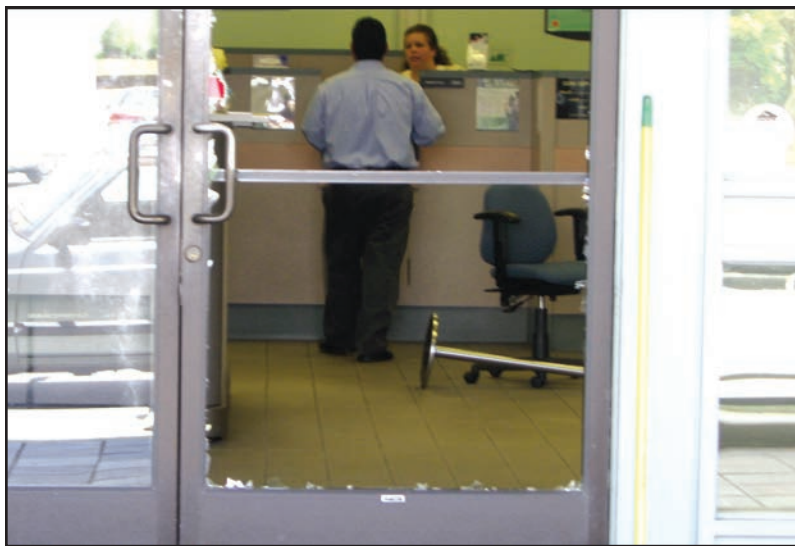
The suspects fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

Earlier reports had two suspects already in custody but Downey Police said they could not confirm that. No description of the getaway vehicle was available.

The credit union, which would not comment on the incident, had its front glass door shattered during the robbery and closed for the day.

In a separate incident, three boys were arrested on suspicion of robbing three people outside the Olive Garden restaurant in Downey on Monday. Police said the boys, one of whom was armed with a handgun, robbed three people of their wallets in the restaurant parking lot, located at Firestone Blvd. and Woodruff Ave. The boys fled but were caught by a police helicopter using an infra-red system a half-hour later.

Two of the suspects were 17, the third 16.



SHATTERED GLASS – Downey Federal Credit Union employees spent most of their work day cleaning up glass shattered as result of a morning holdup.

Body of man found at Treasure Island

DOWNEY – The body of a dead Bell Gardens man was discovered early Sunday morning at Treasure Island Park in Downey, police said. The death appears to be self-inflicted.

Police said they weren't sure if the death was a suicide or accidental but no foul play was suspected. No note was found, police said.

The man was identified as Roberto Escamilla of Bell Gardens. The body was discovered by a jogger, police said.

The case is still under investigation.

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

What Patriot P.R.I.D.E. means

By Kaithlen Chiquete,

5th Grade, Carpenter Elementary School

This essay is about Carpenter Elementary Patriot P.R.I.D.E. program, and how it helps me at home and at school. The P in P.R.I.D.E. stands for personal accountability, which means to make good decisions and being responsible for your own actions. The R in P.R.I.D.E. stands for respect, which means to treat people the way you want to be treated. The I in P.R.I.D.E. stands for integrity, which means you should tell the truth and keep your commitments. The D in P.R.I.D.E. stands for discipline, which means to make positive choices and think of what's important. The E in P.R.I.D.E. stands for effort, which means only accept your best. This is what Patriot P.R.I.D.E. means.

I think this program is valuable because it helps you make right decisions. For example, if someone tells you to smoke, I would make the right decision and say no because that can cause cancer and I would definitely not want that! This teaches kids to be respectful and giving to other students. This also helps you say no to drugs, get higher grades with effort and you also set higher goals for yourself. My parents also teach me to be respectful, but I think that the school should also do that because it helps kids not get into fights or get into trouble. I would definitely not want to get into any trouble. School doesn't teach you only math, social studies, and science, but also to have integrity, to have discipline and to always do your best effort. So every Monday morning at Carpenter, we say our pledge together after the flag salute. "I will be responsible for every lesson and every choice everyday. I will treat you with the same consideration I expect. I will tell the truth and keep my commitments. I will make positive choices for myself. I will only accept my best. Through my decisions and actions, I will show that I have Patriot PRIDE.

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BELLY DANCERS—This talented dancer performed at the Street Fair last Saturday as a member of the Daughters of Isis belly dancing group. The group performed all day long.



DOWNEY POLICE CHIEF—Roy Campos dropped by the Gangs Out of Downey booth at the Street Fair Saturday. GOOD donates heavily each year to help pay for law enforcement and the continual war on gangs and drugs.



KIRK CARTOZIAN—Downey City Councilman, was temporarily lost to the rest of the world after entering this money booth, which surrounds you with paper money blown at high speeds, and then dares you to try and hold onto it.

How City will spend Federal funds here

DOWNEY—The City Council, sitting as the Community Development Commission, held a public hearing and then approved the 2006-07 Action Plan for Federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership programs.

The action was at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

The City is required to prepare and submit the new Action Plan by May 17, in order to receive the federal allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. Three public hearings were scheduled for public input, four residents spoke at these, and staff received 11 requests for CDBG funding help from non-profit agencies.

The federal funding "pie" consists of a total of \$2,293,262, of which \$1,550,819 is CDBG funding and \$742,443 HOME grants. Staff estimates the City will also receive \$190,000, repayment of Program loans. The 2006-07 grants will be 10 percent less than last year, due to cuts by Congress in HUD's budget.

Recommended for a portion of the CDBG and HOME federal programs were:

The Housing/Neighborhood Improvement Program, CDBG \$314,450 and HOME \$683,725.

Senior Paint and Fix-Up Program, \$409,709 in CDBG funding.

Home Modification Program, \$65,000 in CDBG funds,

Code Enforcement, \$235,604 in CDBG funding.

Community/Senior Center at Apollo Park, \$105,386 in CDBG funding.

Rio Hondo Temporary Home, \$17,500 in CDBG.

Adult Literacy Program, \$25,000 CDBG.

ARC of Southeast Los Angeles County, \$11,500 CDBG.

Childrens Dental Health Clinic, \$3,500 CDBG.

Downey Unified School District Grant, \$31,000 in CDBG (partial funding for 10-20 Club at-risk outreach for youth.)

Aspire Program/Neighborhood Preservation. \$34,796 CDBG. (After school program at Gauldin, and \$15,000 for workshops and training sessions for apartment owners and on-site managers of apartments).

Salvation Army of Southeast Community Corps, \$3,000 CDBG.

Senior Citizens Service Grant, \$2,500 for nutritional meals for senior citizens.

Southern California Rehabilitation Services, \$4,000 CDBG.

Su Casa Family Crisis Center, \$2,000 CDBG. Provides shelter for victims of family abuse.

True Lasting Connection Family Resource Center, \$4,000 CDBG.

Workforce Industry Board, \$3000 CDBG.

Section 108 Loan Payment, \$498,798, CDBG.

Housing Production, CHDO (HOME funding of \$915,000, for affordable housing construction).

Commercial Facade Rehabilitation, \$150,000 CDBG, financial incentives for commercial property facade improvement both in downtown and along Imperial Highway.

Property Acquisition for commercial and residential use, \$250,000, CDBG. To attract business to downtown.

General Administration, \$401,286 (CDBG \$317,289 and HOME \$83,997). Management and monitoring of HUD Grant programs here).

Three schools in distinguished class

DOWNEY—Three Downey Unified School District elementary schools—Carpenter, Rio Hondo, and Unsworth—are among the more than 300 elementary schools that will be recognized Friday, May 26 at a ceremony at the Disneyland Hotel as 2006 California Distinguished Schools.

The announcement was made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell

Paula Barnes, principal of Carpenter, stated, "I'm so happy that we are finally being recognized as distinguished because we have known for many years that the Carpenter School staff, students and parents have been well deserving of this honor." According to Dolores Goble, principal of Rio Hondo, "It's the combined effort of the teachers, staff, parents, and community that have contributed to making Rio Hondo the distinguished school that we have always known we are." The principal of Unsworth, Vicki Rusick, said, "It is the enthusiasm of our students and parents that lit the spark to submit the application. This is indeed an honor for all – students, teachers, support staff, parents, and the community."

Six Downey schools were eligible and invited to submit applications for the State's prestigious award based on a variety of eligibility criteria. Carpenter, Rio Hondo, and Unsworth received the 2006 Distinguished School recognition. Alameda, Lewis, and Price received honorable mention recognition for their strong applications. All winning schools participated in an extensive application process, and each site was visited by a team of reviewers from other districts to ensure the integrity of the application.

"Being recognized as a California Distinguished School is one of the highest honors that a California school can receive," stated District Superintendent Dr. Wendy L. Doty. "The application process is quite intense, and we are so proud of the accomplishments of these schools. To have three schools in Downey receive this ward along with 374 other elementary schools throughout the State is quite a tribute to our community."

Drawing class for kids starts today

DOWNEY—The "Drawing and Painting for Kids" (ages 7-14) classes offered by Downey Community Services begins today, May 12 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

The drawing class is from 4-5 p.m., while the painting class is from 5-6 p.m. In drawing, students will learn perspective, light logic and composition. The painting class is an introductory class into painting using acrylic and egg tempera; course projects will include still life, portraits and landscaping.

Fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. For information, call 904-7238.

Downey Crime Report

5-8-06
 Burglary – 7836 Stewart & Gray Rd.
 Motor Vehicle Theft – 9728 Shelleyfield Rd.
 Burglary – 7034 Dinwiddie St.
 Burglary – 7048 Dinwiddie St.
 Larceny – 400 Stonewood St.
 Robbery – 9253 Firestone Blvd.
 Total incidents: 209

5-7-06
 Disturbance – 12457 Paramount Blvd.
 Burglary – 7857 Florence Ave.
 Burglary – 10440 Paramount Blvd.
 Sex Crime – 8301 Florence Ave.
 Death – 9300 Bluff Rd.
 Motor Vehicle Theft – 8264 Stewart & Gray Rd.
 Total incidents: 229

5-6-06
 Suspicious Event – 9340 Pico Vista Rd.
 Disturbance – 9612 Ardine St.
 Vandalism – 9809 Imperial Hwy.
 Assault – Lakewood Blvd./Rosecrans Ave.
 Threats – 9601 Quinn St.
 Total incidents: 249

Downey Crime Report is only a partial list of incidents as reported by the Downey Police Department.



ROYBAL-ALLARD VISITS—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard recently toured the Southeast Center for Independent Living in Downey, which provides independent living and vocational services to people with disabilities living in Southeast Los Angeles County. The center's Downey office services consumers in 17 cities, including Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, and Maywood. From left: Dr. Sue ElHessen, president; Joel Centeno, benefits advocate; Sandy Chu, systems change/community advocate; and Roybal-Allard.

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'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 flower arrangement. 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.

Fire Service Day celebration at Kidsday

DOWNEY—The Downey Fire Department will have a significant presence at tomorrow's Kidsday celebration at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., as it displays its newest apparatus and equipment, and holds live demonstrations. Free fire safety and prevention handouts will be available. Downey Fire Explorer Post #641 will host a fundraising booth in the Food Court area, serving root beer floats.

Kidsday lasts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: 904-7345.

Moravian Church yard sale May 20

DOWNEY—The women of the Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Road in Downey, will have a yard sale Saturday May 20 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot. All proceeds will go to support the ministry of the church. For more information, contact the church office at 927-0718.



FASHION SHOW COMING – Paula Barnes (left), principal of Carpenter Elementary School and Wendy Doty, superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, are seen in front of Diana's Boutique which is loaning the dresses for the San Antonio Guild's upcoming fashion show slated for June 11. The Guild will be honoring DUSD for their continuing excellence in education.

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DR. MARY STAUFFER—Of the Mary Stauffer Foundation has a check for \$50,000 for Downey High School. The money will be used to obtain a state-of-the-art fitness lab to fight student obesity, similar to a Stauffer Fitness Lab program at Warren High which will be run by the education department. The fitness labs will be located in the new stadiums at both schools. The labs will contain modern equipment including stair climbers, treadmills, video game bikes, spin bikes, a rock climbing wall. The Downey High lab will be open for adults, too, c/o the Downey Adult School, 940-6200.



THE MARY STAUFFER FOUNDATION—Presents a \$55,000 check to Warren High School for the purchase of a state-of-the-art fitness lab for its students to fight obesity. The lab will feature stair climbers, treadmills, video game bikes, spin bikes, even a rock climbing wall. The lab will be known as the Stauffer Fitness Lab. Dr. Stauffer is at extreme left, front row.

Sebastian Sidi live at Granata's

DOWNEY—Sebastian Sidi, playing on his new baby grand piano, will be joined by guitarist Javier Lima, along with Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye on vocals, for a night of music and fine dining at 8 p.m. at Granata's Italian Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave., Saturday, June 3.

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Two seniors named DHS co-valedictorians
Identical 4.71 GPAs

DOWNEY—For sharing the highest cumulative grade point average of 4.71 in the senior class, Jane Kim and Leena Bunnell are this year's co-valedictorians at Downey High School.

Kim will attend UCLA next year and plans to major in biochemistry. She attended Calvary Chapel, East Middle School and Downey High. She has taken nine Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses, is an A.P. scholar as well as a member of the California Scholarship Federation (C.S.F.), and played for the tennis team.

Bunnell will attend Stanford in the fall and major in mathematics. She attended Carpenter Elementary, Sussman Middle School and Downey High School. She has taken eight A.P. courses and is also an A.P. scholar. She is the president of the C.S.F. club, and was a member of the tennis team.



LEENA BUNNELL AND JANE KIM—With both accumulating a grade point average of 4.71, are this year's co-valedictorians at Downey High.

CHARACTER

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At home, I play tetherball a lot and I am respectful by taking turns and I also have integrity because I do not cheat. I do the same thing in basketball. If I miss a shot, I let someone else take a turn. At school, I complete all of my given assignments. I also do what I have been told, just like at my house. I follow the rules; I help other kids when they need it and if my teacher makes a mistake on my grade, I would be honest and tell her my real grade.

I also help my mom take care of my little sister. I also respect my parents because I want to be treated the same way as I do to them.

My grades have gotten so much better ever since I have been putting discipline and effort into my work. Ever since I have given my friends respect, I have been receiving respect back. It is not just something that you want to get certificates for, but it makes you feel good, too.

That is what I think about the Patriot P.R.I.D.E. program at my school.

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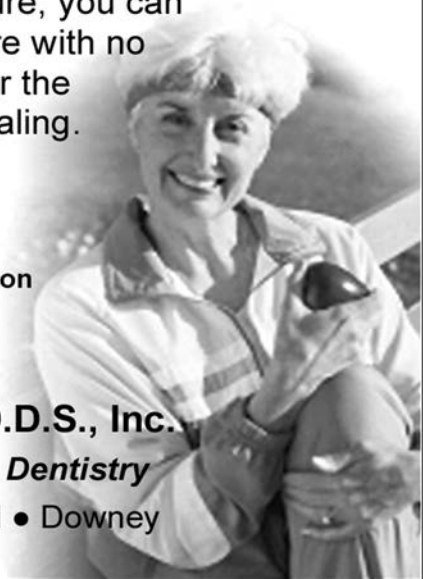
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Monday, June 12th 3:00 p.m. Mimi's Café 8455 E. Firestone Blvd. Downey	Friday, June 16th 11:30 a.m. Szechwan 11010 Paramount Blvd. Downey	Wednesday, June 21st 11:30 a.m. Sizzler 10315 Lakewood Blvd. Downey	Monday, June 26th 3:00 p.m. Mimi's Café 8455 E. Firestone Blvd. Downey	

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Funding for improved sidewalks are waiting

DOWNEY—The City Council has approved the City's application to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for \$58,928 as Downey's share of pedestrian improvement funds.

The funds are estimated on a population basis, but each city must submit an annual request to the MTA.

This year's funding is targeted for sidewalk construction at five locations in the City. These are the west side of Rives between Phlox and Arnett Streets; both sides of Arnett between Horley and Rives; the east side of Horley just north of Adwin; and on 8521 and 8523 Orange Street, and the north and south side of Donovan between Birchdale and Lakewood Boulevard (close to Alameda Elementary School).

In other action Tuesday the City Council:

- Approved an Ordinance changing the speed limit on Brookshire Avenue, and increasing the speed limit on three portions. The result is a speed limit of 40 mph south of Stewart and Gray Road and 35 mph north of Stewart and Gray to Gallatin. The speed limit in school areas is always 25 mph.

- Considered a special event celebrating Downey's 50th Anniversary. In his presentation, Scott Pomrehn, Assistant to the City Manager, said that Staff's proposals were just to start the ball rolling, that more viable ideas are needed for its proper celebration.

Preliminary ideas ranged from a minuscule \$5,000 due to budget considerations suggested by Councilmember Anne Bayer to an eye-popping \$100,000 outlay proposed by Mayor Meredith Perkins. He said it should reflect the "golden" achievements Downey has made over the years, and that the community deserves something fit for the occasion, since it is a "one-time thing." He favors a year-long celebration.

After Councilmember Kirk Cartozian said perhaps the celebration be done along Downey Avenue, to highlight a "resurgent" downtown, realtor Maria Larkin, with a little urging from the mayor, suggested that a parade down the avenue just might work, which would culminate in some good, old-fashioned barbecue in a park.

In any event, it was made clear that, at this stage, ideas from all sources are welcome. The 2nd Century Foundation's Lois Buchanan also reiterated a plea that the foundation be represented in its planning.

- Approved a cash contract and gave final approval to work on Lakewood Boulevard improvement IB Fifth Street to the Union Pacific rail tracks in the sum of \$3,524,073.

- Approved appropriation of \$89,440 in supplemental 21st Century Community Grant Learning Center funds and \$69,227 in carry-forward appropriations from Community Services for the Learning Center.

- Set a Public Hearing for May 23 on the appeal of the denial of a zone variance to allow an unpermitted structure's conversion to a guest house at 7753 Hondo St.

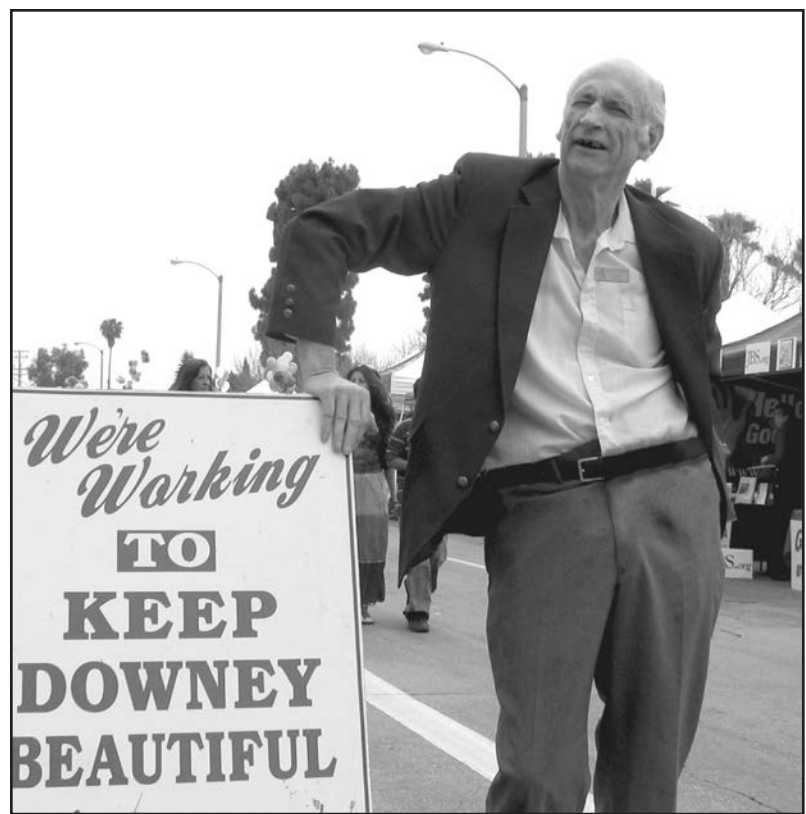
- Approved the purchase of police car mobile radios for \$55,622 using federal homeland security funds.

- Proclaimed Older American Month; California Building Safety Week; National Foster Parent Recognition Month; and presented certificates of recognition to Downey High School's student body as the top fund raisers in the recent Leukemia/Lymphoma Societies Pennies for Patients program.

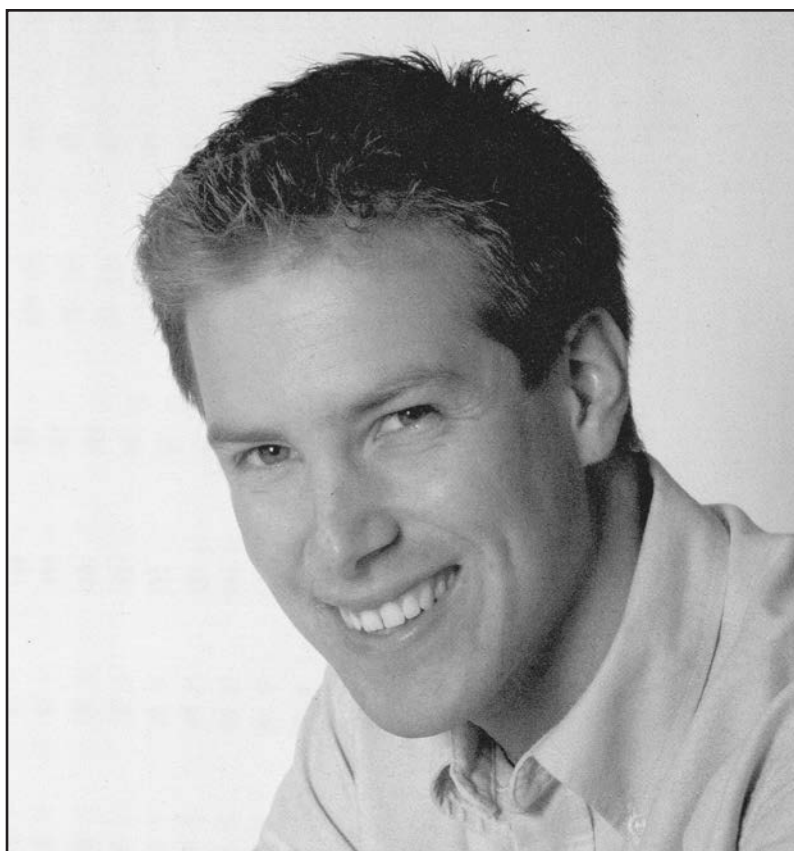
The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at city Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

City Affairs committee meets

DOWNEY — The City Affairs Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12 noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.



DOWNEY PATRIOT—John Adams, editor and publisher of The Downey Patriot, enjoyed the Downey Street Fair activities. Adams has long been a supporter of many local community organizations.



CASEY GARRITANO — Making his Downey Civic Light Opera debut. He portrays Kemper in "Hello Dolly!" playing June 1-18 at the Downey Theater. For tickets and information, call 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Oil painting artist is art league's guest

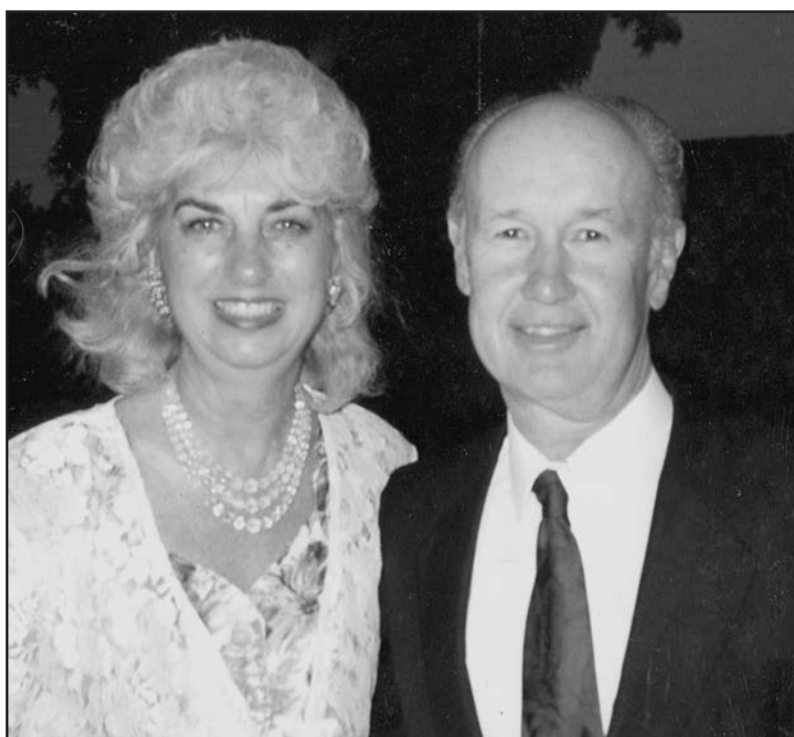
DOWNEY—The Downey Art League and the Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will hold a joint meeting Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount.

Guest demonstrator is Penny Dermand, who has worked with many mediums but prefers painting with oils. Currently teaching private lessons and conducting workshops, as well as taking part as a judge in art shows, her paintings are in private collections in the U.S. and around the world. She paints a variety of subjects including seascapes, landscapes and portraits, but she has a special fondness for painting florals.

There is no charge to attend the meeting/demonstration. For information, call 803-5857.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet May 23

DOWNEY—"Lawyer—who needs them anyway!" is the topic guest speaker Carlos X. Colorado of Jones Day will talk on Tuesday, May 23 when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group gets together at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. at 7:30 a.m. RSVP: 923-2191.



IT'S MAUI, HAWAII—For the Reids for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Couple celebrates anniversary in Hawaii

DOWNEY—James and Leona Burnett Reid will observe their 50th wedding anniversary in Maui, Hawaii. In attendance at a dinner will be cousins Betty and Douglas Hunsucker, and Eva Mae and Ray Becker.

The Reids were married May 19, 1956 at the Wings of Healing Temple in Portland, Oregon. They met at the Bethesda Bible Institute associated with the Wings of Healing. Reid was born in Philadelphia, PA and Mrs. Reid in Portland, Oregon.

In October 1959 they moved to the southern California area with the relocation of the Wings of Healing Radio Ministry, founded by Dr. Thos. Wyatt. After the death of Dr. Wyatt in 1964, Evelyn Wyatt continued the radio ministry until her death in 2004. The Reids worked in the office as employees He eventually worked as technical director of the radio ministry and also assisted Mrs. Wyatt as an associate pastor in the ministry. He currently works part-time for the Wyatts' grandson, Dr. Thos. R. Wyatt.

She retired from Northrop in 1993 after 10 years of service on the B-2 program. The Reids lived 28 years in Downey until May 2005 when they moved to Belmont Shores Mobile Home Estates in Long Beach.

The Poets' Corner

Mother's Day Gift

This is a special day for you mother
You deserve this honor.

Flowers and candy are nice, but they
can never repay in any way
the sacrifices you've made for me.

Gifts cannot make up for my
shortcomings. One good example:
I find it difficult to express
my feelings. Where are the words
when I need them? Especially
at times of heartache and sorrow.
Words of love come easier
during times of joy...

But my arms are longing for hugs,
and I'll always feel close to you even
though there are miles between us.
Just remember, you might not know
how much I love you, because
I might not know how to show it.

And I thank you for your gift to me:
a mother's love that I'll carry
with me in my heart forever.
—Margaret Hehman-Smith,
Hollydale, CA



POETRY CONTEST WINNERS—(From left) Ralph Cohen, Lorine Parks and Rosalie Sciortino.

Writers' Workshop West poetry contest winners

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—Winners of this year's first Writers' Workshop West poetry contest have been announced.

First place was won by Lorine Parks for her entry, "Making the Knackers Wait." Ralph Cohen placed second for "You Are Here" and Rosalie Sciortino won third place for "Bird Song."

The workshop's next contest—for light verse—will be held Tuesday, May 16. Any member may submit his entry at that time to be judged that same night. Prospective members may also enter a submission along with a modest membership fee at that same time.

Following the poetry competition will be one for articles, and then one for fiction later in the year.

Writers' Workshop West invites local poets to an informal evening of camaraderie and refreshment when they meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month through the year at Stonewood Travel, 9968 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. For information, call (562) 862-3106.



PRETTY IN RED—These children were some of the featured performers at last week's Street Fair. The girls were a favorite among the crowd.

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My Country 'Tis of Thee

By John Vincent
Guest columnist

The current controversy over Spanish words for the National Anthem reminds me of another such flap in the early 1930s. Except to say that the translation I read seemed to be rather uninspired I must say that the solution to the differences must be left to younger folks.

The flap that I remember was in the late 1920s and early 30s. Probably in the first Franklin Roosevelt administration. The National Anthem was a rather smooth old hometown type of song titled "America." There were many who objected to the ancient music—our version was attributed to Henry Casey, written in 1847. They objected not because of lyrics, they were poetic enough and also the sweet notes had little range and were easy to sing. The gripe was that the melody was borrowed from what in those days was still referred to by some as the "Mother Country". The song's title in England was "God Save the King." Many were offended by the slightly illogical juxtaposition of words and music.

Most complaints against the "new" candidate—The Star Spangled Banner—involved the difficulty of its range—non-tenors had difficulty with that high note.

Still, novelty prevailed and the Star Spangled Banner was declared the official anthem just in time to be played in movie theaters during -- and for a long time after -- World War II.

The older anthem was usually referred to by its first line, it went:

"My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of Liberty
of thee we sing.

Land of the Pilgrims pride, land where our fathers died
From every mountain side let freedom ring.

My native country thee, land of the noble free" and so on.

This is what we pledged ourselves to in those benighted times and those are the lyrics which, come to think of it, we traded for another borrowed melody.

Interesting how the old memory clings to things of little importance that happened in the far away past. "Hace muchos anos amigos, hace muchos anos."

Letters to the Editor

Questions left turn lane change

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to voice my gripe about the removal of the left turn lane from southbound Lakewood Blvd. onto Clark Ave.

It seems that someone thought that it was more important to have a left turn onto Downey Studios and reroute the folks needing to go down Clark onto the next left turn which takes you down Rose Ave, a narrow street filled with apartments and children. I have to believe that Downey Studios bankrolled this idea because no street design engineer thinking about the safety of children and residents could have made such an obviously unsafe choice. Just as easily they could have kept the turn lane onto Clark and added the left turn into Downey Studios off Clark south of Lakewood Blvd.

It is only a matter of time before some child is hurt or killed by a motorist trying to get onto Clark by this route. I have talked to many residents that live down my way and we all agree. It is easier to make a change now than to try to save a child later!

—John Franklin,
Downey

Proper way to become citizen

Dear Editor:

Surely the publishing of letters on the illegal immigration controversy has stimulated interest in receiving The Downey Patriot each week. The paper gives the "locals" a chance to express their opinions. I, for one, look forward to seeing the paper each Friday.

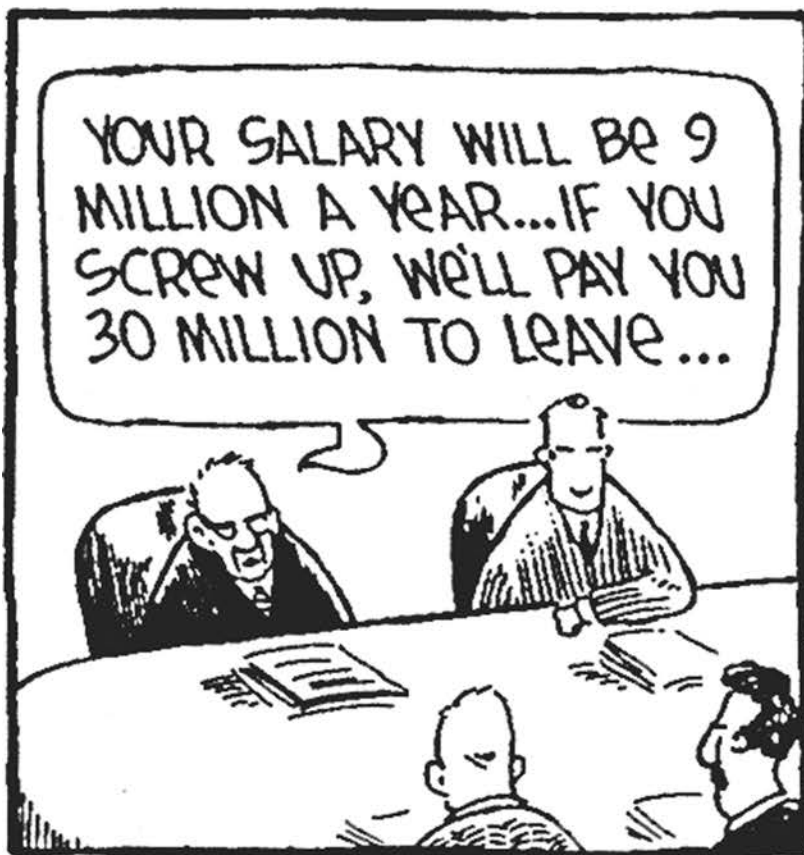
A. Cardenas is correct in that there is no uniformity in our immigration laws (The Downey Patriot, 5/5/06). A Cuban is given sanctuary if he sets foot on U.S. soil, but his neighbor, the Haitian, is returned home. But that is not a valid excuse for breaking our immigration laws. Neither is the reason for wanting to work or better his life situation a valid reason for being an illegal immigrant. One could use such an argument that a bank robber is looking for a way to improve his life.

No. There is a right way and a wrong way to become a citizen. During the last century, a legal immigrant was supposed to have a sponsor that was financially responsible for him during his first five years in this country. Whether this law still exists or not it certainly has been lost in the invasion by the illegal immigrant in the last 20 years.

—Frank Myers,
Downey

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Letters to the Editor

Items on wish list of Marines

Dear Editor:

I was wondering if you could help us plug an effort to help support the Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan.

All anyone has to do if they would like to send care package supplies, letters of support, and such is drop them off at the United States Marine Corps recruit depot, 8566 E. Firestone Blvd, Ste. A, in Downey. Ask for Sgt. Carlross or Sgt. Renteria.

Items on their wish list include: toilet paper (take out cardboard and flatten), Coppertone 48 sport sun block, magazines, joke books, comics, lightweight tan colored cloth ("The sandstorm season is upon us"), small flash lights or book lights, hooded sweatshirts (black), local newspapers, comic strips, postcards from your hometown, tooth brushes and toothpaste (travel size), dental floss and mouthwash, disposable razors and shave gel or foam, baby wipes and refills, body lotion, Chap Stick or Carmex, talcum powder, wash rags, big fluffy towels (for the ladies), facial cleansing pads, nail clippers, files, nail polish (neural colors, not flashy), disposable cameras, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, body wash (liquid), Q-tips, Tinactin foot cream, black beanies, eye drops 21, insoles for boots or shoes, black wool boot socks, Under armour long sleeve / cold gear leggings (black), Frisbees, Nerf footballs, basketballs, electronic hand-held games, CD's and player, hackie sacks, Yo-Yo's, Kids drawings, squirt guns ("especially with the hot season coming up"), envelopes and paper, batteries (any size), Kleenex, Saline nasal spray, Dayquil, Nyquil, pain relievers, sewing kits 29, small mirrors, gummy bears, gummy life savers, Clorox wipes, Ziploc bags, powder laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cigarettes, Copenhagen, green/black T-shirts, underwear (various sizes), contact lens cleaner, liquid hand sanitizer, after shave lotion, crossword, word search puzzles, AT&T phone cards.

Food items (no home-made food): instant soups, tea bag style coffee, instant hot coco, dried fruits, hard candy, Slim Jims/Beef Jerky; powdered Gatorade, cookies in packages or Ziploc bag, crackers, easy cheese Chex Mix, single serve chips, gum, hard candy, Tic-tacs, breath mints, Trail Mix, microwave popcorn, granola bars, tuna, spices, condiments, Summer Sausage, power bars, Kool Aid (with sugar), dry cereal (individual boxes), Little Debby snack cakes, Kraft Easy Mac, Ragu Express, powdered drinks (pre-sweetened)/juice boxes, sunflower seeds.

Thanks.
 —Josh Wright,
 Downey

Bill to restore the Los Angeles River

WASHINGTON—Congresswoman Lucile Roybal-Allard (CA-34) and U. S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) on April 27 introduced legislation to revitalize the 32-mile Los Angeles River for the benefit and enjoyment of the Los Angeles community.

Roybal-Allard said: "In working with our local partners I've been pleased to have secured more than \$4.5 million in federal money to begin the revitalization of the L.A. River. This legislation is a strong step forward in furthering our efforts to transform the river and its surroundings into a shared community space that Angelenos can enjoy, while at the same time maintaining its critical function of flood control."

Boxer, who introduced the Senate companion legislation, said, "Today, when people look at the Los Angeles River, they see little more than a concrete canal. However, just like the City of Los Angeles, I believe this river has a bright future."

'The law is the law'

Dear Editor:

I respectfully have one thing to say to your two readers who responded to my letter of 4/21/06 – illegal is still illegal. Forgive me for doing this, but the point is being missed, so I think it would be appropriate to give the definition of the word "illegal" as defined by Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary: "not according to or authorized by law: unlawful, illicit." No matter what any of us may think about what's right, wrong, fair, unfair, humane, inhumane, the law is still the law. Someone, please look up the definition of the word, "law"!

My goodness, this is not a race issue – at least not for me anyway. Why is it that every time a person voices an opinion, there's a race issue? That is such a copout to try to shift the focus from the real issue here and that is the law. And thank you so much for reminding all of us that illegal aliens are human beings. Wow, for a minute there I thought we were talking about heads of lettuce...

I'm sorry for the sarcasm, but it is so exasperating. Look, the issue here is and always has been the law. It doesn't matter whether or not Cuba has great healthcare or whether it's fair or right that we don't. It doesn't matter that some people are granted political asylum and can come here while others can't. It doesn't matter if people come here to work or play canasta—if they're not here legally, they're breaking the law. And it doesn't matter what I or you or anyone else thinks about the perceived injustice of it all – it is what it is. We're talking about the law of the United States of America. When did people get the idea that a matter of fact can be changed, debated, altered, shaded to suit the opinion of a select group of people? The truth (law) just doesn't seem to matter any longer. That's really scary.

I think we can all agree that something has to be done. I think it should start with the government amending the Constitution and making and enforcing new laws. If it weren't so easy to enter this country or remain here and abuse the system, people (notice I didn't specify any particular race, but all people) would not do it. The point is still that it's breaking the law, and that's not okay.

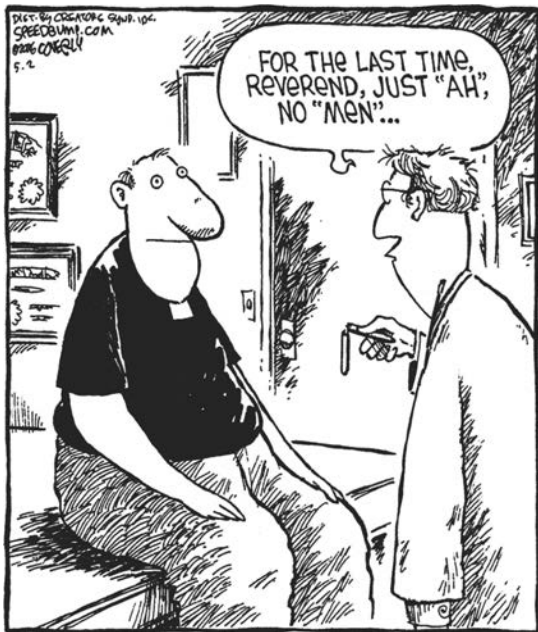
Regarding illegals not paying taxes—I'm not talking about the sales tax. We all pay that. The taxes that I'm referring to are called income taxes—that's the 43 percent portion of my paycheck that Uncle Sam takes out of each per period to pay for, among other things, services for people who are in need. We have millions of American citizens of all races who are in desperate need of my tax dollars who don't see a dime of any of it because a large portion of that money goes either to people who are not here legally—notice, again, I didn't specify any race—or to prosecuting those who are not here legally who have broken the law.

Regarding welfare benefits—they most certainly are received by illegal aliens. An example of that would be those benefits, such as free healthcare, food stamps, and medicine obtained by the parents of children who, just by virtue of being born here, claim citizenship. The parents may have come here illegally and remain here illegally, but because they had their child on American soil, that child is now a citizen, and that child and his parents are now entitled to free programs sponsored by the government and paid for by my 43 percent. If we're debating fair, how is that fair?

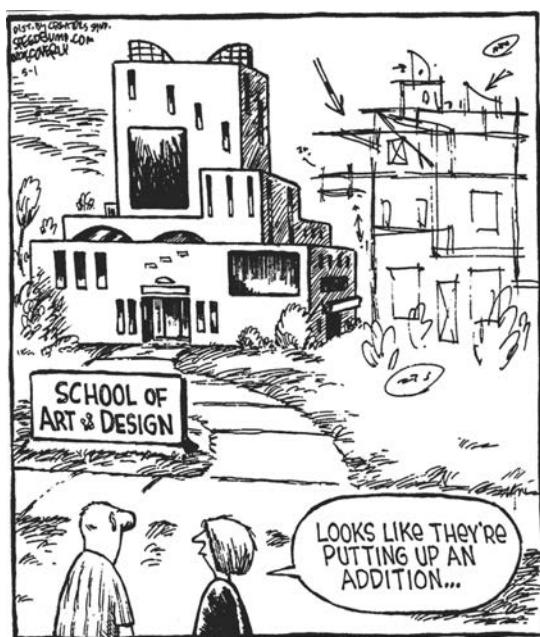
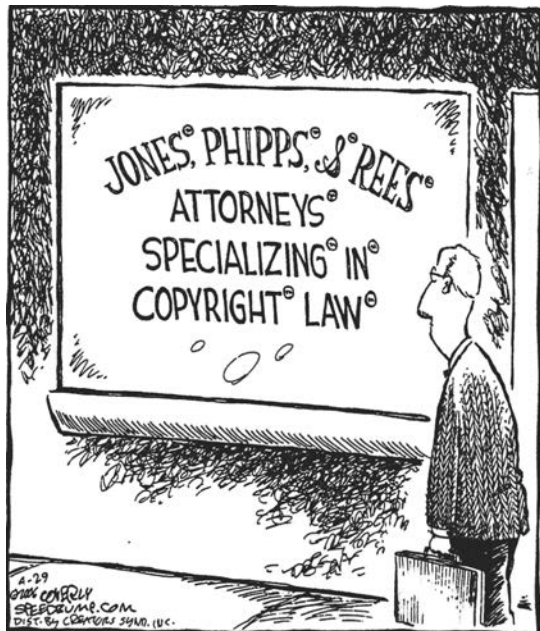
The United States of America cannot continue to admit and support illegal aliens—period. And if a person of any race comes here illegally and remains illegally, no matter what the circumstances, that is breaking the law of the United States of America. It's wrong, and none of us should be supporting it. And that, as harsh as it sounds, is the truth.

—Susan Courtney,
 Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

Fri. May 12, 7:30 a.m.: **Keyboard Festival** 14 keyboard artists in concert at First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 Third St. For complimentary tickets, call 923-1262, ext. 275. Also playing Saturday.
Mon. May 15, 10:30 a.m.: **"Bloomin' Spring Fashions"** benefit fashion show for Downey Newcomers Club with proceeds going to local scholarships. At Rio Hondo Events Center, 10637 Old River School Rd. For information call 862-2799.

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.
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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.

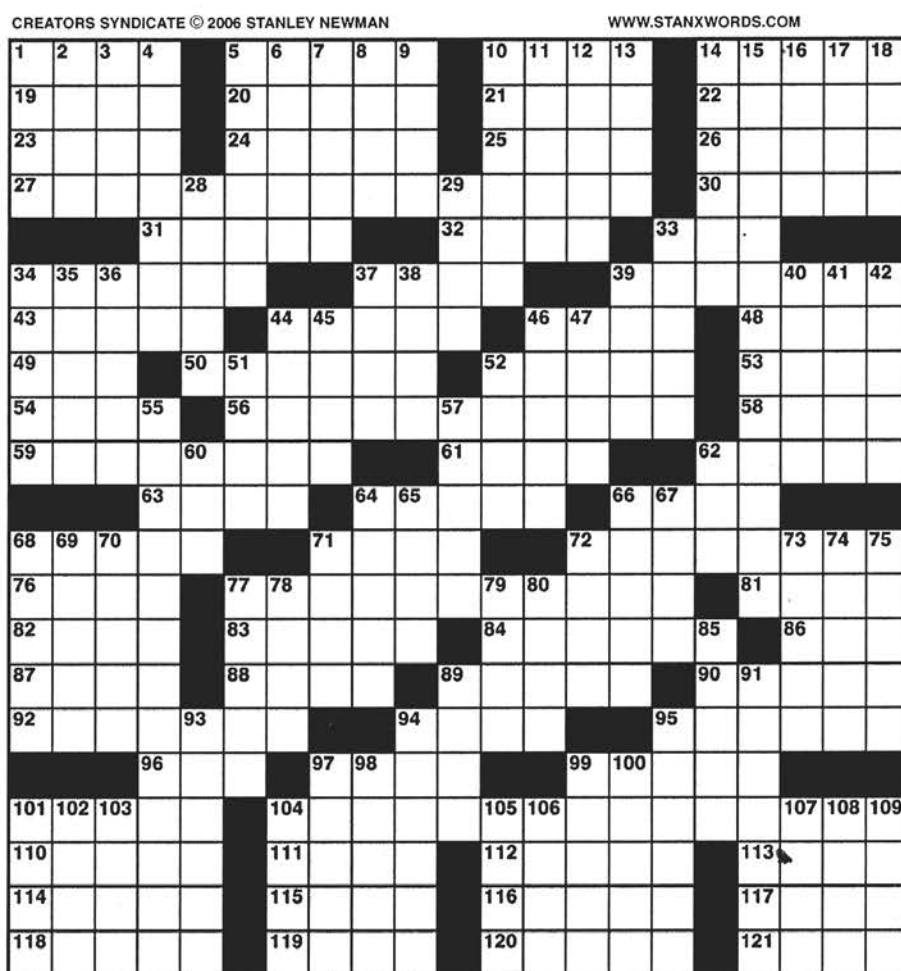
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7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414
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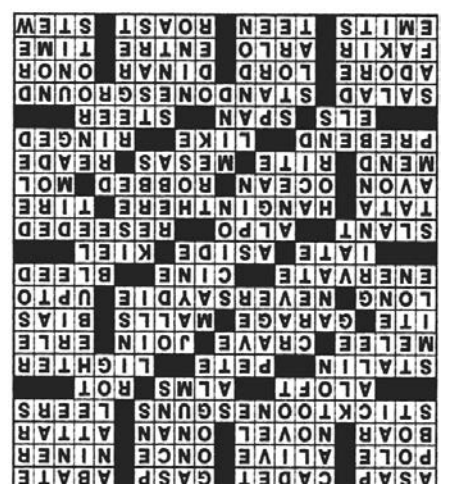
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Hume Foundation plans reunion barbecue June 25

DOWNEY—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF) will be sponsoring a reunion Picnic/Barbecue Sunday, June 25, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park, similar to the events held by the Downey Children's Theater in the 1950s-1960s.

It is open to all General Members and Friends of the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, their families, and any alumni from: the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater, Downey Experimental Theater, Downey Marionette Theater and the Downey Civic Light Opera.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be furnished and prepared by JHPAF, and there is no admission charge. All JHPAF requests is that anyone attending bring a side dish to share that would serve about 8-10 people, such as: potato salad, macaroni salad, watermelon, etc.

Visitors are asked to RSVP to: John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc., 10312 Birchdale Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (869-0422), or e-mail barbecue@johnhume.org.

'Keyboard Festival' to honor mothers

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

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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.

Carnival at OLPH School May 19-21

DOWNEY — Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 10441 Downey Ave., will present its annual carnival featuring live entertainment, rides, games and food May 19-21.

The carnival has been a large community event for over 20 years. Ride tickets are available for purchase before and after school hours. For more information about the carnival, call (562) 869-0963.



"BROADWAY IN CONCERT" — The Bellflower Civic Chorus presents its annual Spring concert Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21 at 2:30 p.m. The tribute to Broadway's musical theater tradition will take place at the William Bristol Auditorium, 16660 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower. Bill Jones directs the production. For tickets and information, call 866-4664.

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Civic Chorus pays tribute to Broadway

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus presents their annual spring show, "Broadway in Concert," 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 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.

For information/tickets, contact (562) 866-4664.

Warren High presents drama May 17-20

DOWNEY—"Above the Bitter Cafe", written and directed by Greg Elsasser, will be presented by the Warren High Drama Department Wednesday-Saturday, May 17-20. Wednesday to Friday shows begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday matinee is at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$7; no children under 5 allowed. As parking is limited to the Paramount parking lot, plan to arrive by 7:10 p.m. Theater doors will close at 7:30 p.m., and latecomers cannot be seated until intermission.

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Pennsylvania 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) Gesualdi, died in 1979.

Surviving her are her four children: Mary Grace McQuaid of Ariz., Dolores Katreeb-Loest of Colo., James V. Gesualdi of Calif., Dennis A. Gesualdi of Wash.; 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 of hers and their families 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, Penn.



ANDERSON CRITICAL CARE CENTER—Nursing Supervisor Noemi Guevarra receives a hug and polo shirt from Nursing Director Theresa Mastalski at the May 5 luncheon kicking off National Nurses Week at DRMC.

DRMC shows appreciation to its nurses

DOWNEY—In appreciation of their "hard work and caring" for their patients, especially in recent months, Downey Regional Medical Center feted its nurses at a celebratory luncheon on May 5. The event also kicked off National Nurses Week at DRMC.

With the majority of DRMC's 450-plus nurses with 10 years or more of service opting to stay at the 199-bed hospital—many advancing to nursing leadership, while others have transferred to other roles within the hospital—Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell was prompted to comment: "I think the hospital's administration and staff do an excellent job of making our nurses feel as though they are part of a truly caring family. That extends to supporting our nurses with their career aspirations providing flexible scheduling, maintaining competitive compensation and benefits and providing a safe working environment."

Nursing opportunities are found in the Anderson Critical Care Center, Definitive Observation Unit, Emergency Care Center, Family Birth Center and Special Care Nursery, J. Arthur Imaging Center, Heart Center, Home Health Services, Medical-Surgical Unit, Operating Room, Outpatient Surgical Center, Telemetry Unit and in Utilization Review. Later this year, DRMC plans to grow its family of nurses when its Elder Day health Care Center opens.

For newly hired nurses, DREMC offers a sign-on bonus for experienced nurses, relocation assistance and benefits within 30 days. A New Nurse Orientation program enhances the R.N.'s ability to achieve excellence in patient care. The program is based on the new hire's individual needs and usually spans about 12 weeks. It consists of both classroom and clinical experience, coordinated by an educator whose primary focus is new graduates.

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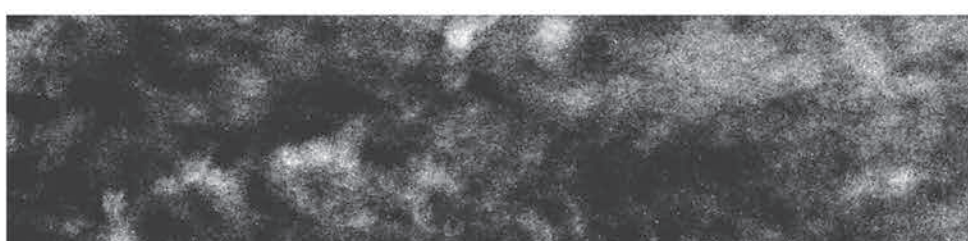
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NEMESIS WIN – The 10-and-under Downey Nemesis Junior Olympic Girls Fastpitch Softball team traveled to Las Vegas recently to participate in the Par-A-Dice Tournament where they defeated another Southern California team, the Corona Angels, to win the championship. With the win, the girls advanced to the Triple Crown World Series to be held in Park City, Utah July 11-17. Downey Nemesis has been having great success this year and is now considered one of the top teams in the country, said their coach, Manny Ham. To sponsor the team and help offset expenses, visit www.eteamz.com/nemesis10u. Left to right: Alizah Mayagoitia, Jordan Sargent, Emily Sanchez, Annisa Urtez, Brooke Smith, Sharlene Godoy, Allyson Painter, Arianna Palomares, Alina Vega and Elizabeth Ham. Not pictured are coaches Brenda Urtez, Manny Ham, Rob Painter and Felix Palomares.

Women's Golf Club seeking members

DOWNEY – The Los Amigos Women's Golf Club is looking for more women golfers to join their club. For information, call (562) 634-2816.

Carnival of Champs record-breaking event

Rio San Gabriel repeats

DOWNEY – Results have been announced for last month's 46th annual Carnival of Champions, a track and field meet that brought together approximately 500 fourth and fifth grade boys and girls from nine Downey elementary schools.

Rio San Gabriel finished first for a record-setting 10th consecutive year with a total of 233 points. Final standings are as follows:

Rio San Gabriel	1st place
Gallatin	2nd place
Lewis	3rd place
Unsworth	4th place
Old River "B"	5th place
Price	6th place
Carpenter "A"	7th place
Gauldin	8th place
Rio Hondo	9th place
Old River "A"	10th place
Carpenter "B"	11th place

Three new individual records were established at this year's Carnival of Champions: Neftaly Zapien of Unsworth ran the fifth grade boys 100-yard dash in 12.03 seconds, breaking a 28-year record. The Unsworth 5th grade boys 440-relay team ran 58.01 seconds to break a one-year record and the Rio San Gabriel co-ed 440 relay team ran a 1:00:25 to also break a one-year record.

This year's event was held at Warren High School.



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – Warren's swim team won the San Gabriel Valley League championship with a strong group showing.

Warren swimmers take league championship

DOWNEY – The Warren High School varsity swim team were crowned the San Gabriel Valley League team champions for 2006. In addition, Erin Harms won first place in the 500 Freestyle.

Complete results for Warren are below:

- 200 Medley Relay: Theresa Buchanan, Melissa Caswell, Monica Ames, Erin McCoy (2:19:06) 5th place
- 200 Freestyle: Erin Harms (2:18:73) 2nd place; Ashley Ivanac (2:19:53) 3rd place; Andie Diaz (2:25:83) 6th place; Katie McCoy (2:35:16) 7th place
- 200 Yard IM: Danielle Nava (2:33:14) 2nd place; Negin Afarinesh (2:45:65) 5th place; Monica Ames (2:50:59) 7th place; Krista Lueke (2:55:74) 8th place
- 50 Freestyle: Kristyn Casas (28:36) 3rd place; Lauren Casas (29:79) 7th place
- 100 Fly: Danielle Nava (1:10:16) 3rd place; Krista Lueke (1:25:51) 7th place; Natalie Castillo (1:27:62) 8th place
- 100 Freestyle: Andie Diaz (1:05:67) 6th place; Kristyn Casas (1:06:30) 7th place
- 500 Freestyle: Erin Harms (6:16:20) 1st place; Ashley Ivanac (6:21:66) 2nd place; Monica Ames (6:39:92) 6th place; Theresa Buchanan (6:54:74) 7th place
- 200 Freestyle Relay: Kristyn Casas, Danielle Nava, Negin Afarinesh, Erin Harms (1:58:26) 3rd place; Lauren Casas, Natalie Castillo, Andie Lopez, Erin McCoy (2:03:92) 4th place
- 100 Backstroke: Negin Afarinesh (1:18:61) 3rd place; Shelby Pemberton (1:19:65) 4th place; Theresa Buchanan (1:20:52) 5th place
- 100 Breaststroke: Lauren Casas (1:25:98) 3rd place; Melissa Caswell (1:27:22) 5th place; Leslie Poole (1:28:23) 6th place; Ashley Nikolas (1:29:23) 7th place
- 400 Freestyle Relay: Kristyn Casas, Erin Harms, Negin Afarinesh, Danielle Nava (4:21:82) 2nd place; Andie Diaz, Monica Ames, Ashley Nikolas, Ashley Ivanac (4:35:55) 4th place.

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Miriam Georgia Armstrong

Miriam Armstrong of Downey died April 25. She would have been 89 on May 3. She resided with her two sons in northern California these past two years.

Born in Buffalo Center, Iowa, Miriam taught elementary school for four years. In 1941, she married John D. Armstrong Sr., a radioman on the U.S.S. Paducah during WWII.

Miriam became a licensed realtor as the children were all growing up and sold homes in the Lynwood, Compton, South Gate area for forty years. She believed passionately in the value of home ownership and took great pleasure in helping first-time buyers take this big step. Eventually Miriam retired from sales to concentrate on property management. She was a conscientious, friendly, and caring manager.

Miriam and John were members of First Baptist Church of Downey and enjoyed long-time friendships there. Miriam's greatest joy was to be with her family for holidays, vacations, and the everyday activities of life.

Miriam's great strengths were evident in her spoken philosophies and the way she lived her life. "There is no such thing as can't. The family that travels together stays together. There is no point in being depressed. Your family is the most important part of your life. Most people are basically good, don't you think?" She modeled and counseled using money wisely and being generous, keeping up with your daily chores, being friendly to strangers, being careful about personal grooming, taking care of your things, and enjoying life. She had great faith in Jesus Christ and relished telling people about her faith.

Her young grandson, Johnny Higman, and her beloved husband, John Sr, preceded Miriam in death. She is survived by her children and their spouses; John Donald Jr. and Carolyn Armstrong, Valorie and John Higman, James Morris and Susan Armstrong, her grandchildren, Ryan Higman, Alice and David Armstrong, Matthew Armstrong, and Elizabeth Armstrong and Carey Hijmans. Her sisters and brother-in-law, LaVonne Fesler, Marjory and Ed Morley also survive her. Nieces and nephews also survive her: Howard Fessler Jr., Kim Fessler-McEwan, and her children Dylan and Matthew Fessler-McEwan, Deborah Morley, and her children Shane, Erin, and Jordan, Leslie and Ed Gentle and their daughter Katie, and Anne Morley.

Services were held at First Baptist Church of Downey, Monday, May 1.

Correspondence to the family may be sent to her son, Don Armstrong Jr., 15121 Sobey Road, Saratoga, CA 95070. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Gilroy Bible Church, P.O. Box 1006, Gilroy, CA 95021, (408) 847-7729, www.gilroybiblechurch.org. (Paid Obituary)

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Roybal-Allard supports national security agenda

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

One of our government's foremost responsibilities is to provide safe communities for America's families. Unfortunately, the Republican budget before the House fails to do so on many counts. For that reason, I have joined congressional colleagues in support of a homeland security agenda that proactively and responsibly prepares us for the ever-changing security challenges facing our country.

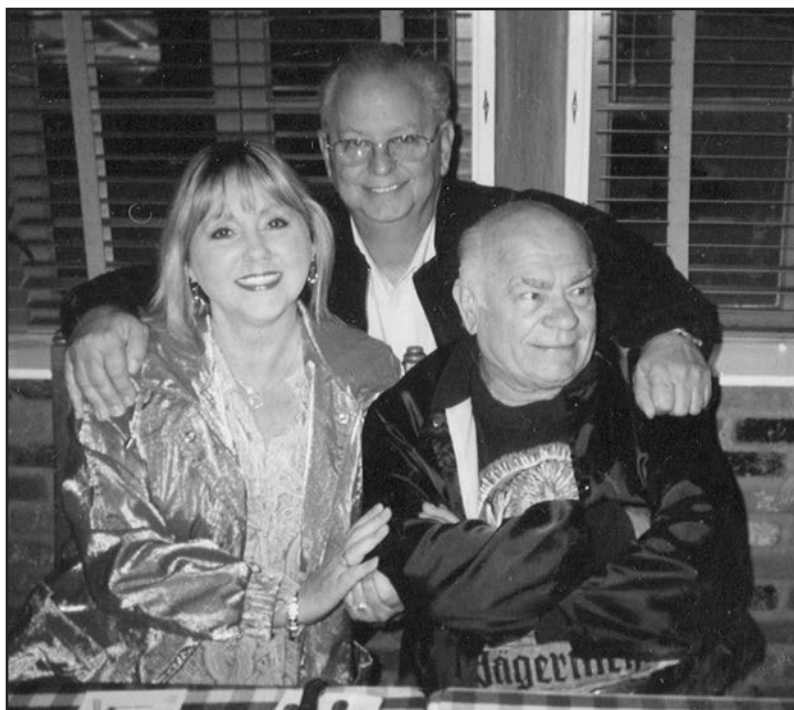
The Real Security Agenda is a tough and smart Democratic alternative to a Republican Congressional budget that calls for cuts to homeland security programs by more than \$6 billion over the next five years. The Republican budget slashes funding for initiatives that provide our police officers and firefighters with the training and equipment they need. Even with the recent focus on the vulnerability of our ports where only six percent of containers entering U.S. ports are screened, the Republican budget leaves more than two-thirds of our nation's seaports without the equipment necessary to detect concealed nuclear and radiological material. Making matters worse, the President's budget proposes eliminating the Port Security Grant program and forces port officials to compete for federal funding with rail and mass transit systems. In addition, instead of honoring our troops and their families for their tremendous sacrifices, the Republican budget cuts funding for the National Guard and triples TRICARE health fees for our veterans. This is not an acceptable way to thank our brave men and women in uniform for their sacrifices.

In contrast, the Real Security Agenda is a broad initiative that will strengthen national, state and local preparedness by immediately implementing the 9/11 Commission's recommendations. These protective measures are especially critical to our nation's large urban centers where population density and other attributes make them particularly vulnerable to terrorism. An excellent example is our Los Angeles region which has our nation's largest port complex and is home to our nation's third busiest airport.

More specifically, the Real Security Agenda will:

- Screen 100 percent of containers and cargo bound for the U.S. in ships or airplanes at the point of origin and safeguard America's food and water supplies, mass transit systems and chemical and nuclear power plants;
- Prevent the outsourcing of critical components of our national security infrastructure -- such as ports, airports and mass transit -- to foreign interests that put America at risk;
- Provide firefighters, emergency medical workers, police officers, and other workers on the front lines with the training, staffing, equipment and cutting-edge technology they need;
- Guarantee that our troops have the protective gear, equipment and training they need and strengthen the National Guard to ensure it is fully manned, equipped and available to meet missions at home and abroad;
- Enact a GI Bill of Rights for the 21st Century that guarantees that our troops, veterans and their families receive the pay, health care, mental health services and other benefits they have earned and deserve;
- Protect America from biological terrorism and pandemics, including the Avian flu, by investing in the public health infrastructure and training public health workers; and
- Reduce our dependence on foreign oil from the Middle East by increasing production of alternative fuels from America's heartland, promoting hybrid and flex fuel-vehicle technology and enhancing conservation initiatives.

By taking these concerted steps, the Democratic Real Security Agenda will replace inadequate policies that severely underfund key programs with a national security agenda that truly protects our nation. As a member who sits on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue to fight for passage of the Real Security Agenda to help keep our nation strong and secure. America's families deserve no less.



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER! – Several members of Pro Networkers of Downey are seen at a recent breakfast meeting which takes place every Friday morning at 7:30 at Mimi's Café. The group convenes to exchange business leads and to network with each other. Pictured (from left) are Diane Ryan of South Gate Auto Collision, Harry Sacks of Pre-Paid Legal Services and Karl Burger of Frank's Automotive Solutions. For information on Pro Networkers, call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

Open house to benefit 'Casa de Parley Johnson'

DOWNEY – Assistance League of Downey is planning an open house for Saturday, May 20, complete with home tours, luncheon and antique and collectible sale. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at "Casa de Parley Johnson," 7749 Florence Ave., Downey.

Ken Pleshek, a professional appraiser, will be in attendance to appraise one item for each attendee.

Tickets for the open house are \$25. For information and reservations, contact the chapter's Building and Properties Chairman at (562) 927-4825 or mail a check to Assistance League of Downey, 11026 Downey Ave., Downey 90241. Tickets will be held at the door.

Hospital's 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.

For more information/to make reservations, call 904-5055.

Free shuttle service for Kidsday tomorrow

DOWNEY -- The City of Downey will provide free shuttle service from City Hall (11111 Brookshire) to Furman Park for Kidsday tomorrow, Saturday, May 13.

Easy parking will be available at City Hall and passengers can then ride the Downey shuttle to enjoy all the activities at the park. Parking at Furman Park during Kidsday, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is at a premium.

The shuttle will make the loop every 30 minutes beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m.

The complete schedule is below:

City Hall	Furman Park	City Hall	Furman Park
10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Noon	12:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		

Kidsday is an annual event spotlighting the youth of the city of Downey.

Afternoon bingo with Woman's Club

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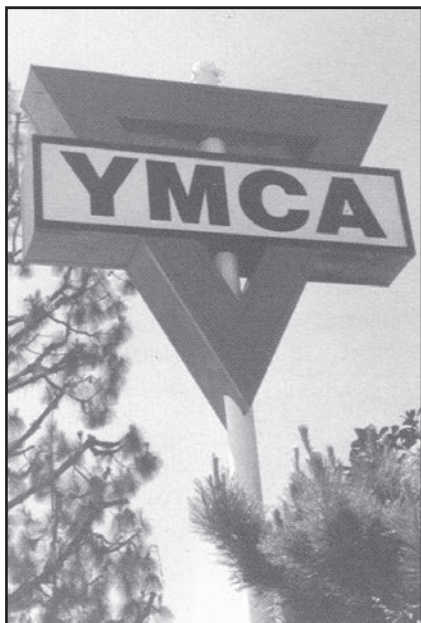
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GOOD FOOD, GOOD CAUSE—George and Nick Adams of “Philly’s Best” present a check to Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) members Kirk Cartozian, Downey City Councilmember; David Armenta, Pico Rivera Councilmember; and Orlandus Waters, Downey Federal Credit Union Executive Vice President. The money raised was from the Wishing Wells that are placed at various businesses in Downey. DFCU originated the fundraiser idea.

L.B. genealogical society meets May 21

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Questing Heirs Genealogy Society will host Hank Z. Jones in a special free presentation in the sanctuary of Resurrection Lutheran Church, at the corner of Cherry and Carson Streets in Long Beach. The program begins at 1 p.m.

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Credit union speaks to Los Angeles teachers

DOWNEY—Financial Partners Credit Union (FPCU) human resources manager Kim Magee shared the company’s mission, hiring standards, and training practices at the 21st annual Banking, Accounting, Finance Advisory, and Business Advisory Meeting held recently in Montebello. She represented FPCU as a panel speaker at the forum which allows Los Angeles teachers in the field of banking, accounting and finance to ask real-world professionals questions on how they can best prepare for a career in the financial services industry.

Magee emphasized the keys to success as having strong communication skills, the ability to interact comfortably with the public, a professional appearance, computer skills, and education. Stated Magee: “The event was a huge success with take-aways on both sides. I personally enjoyed sharing tips with the teachers on what we look for when hiring young adults. Financial Partners takes pride in sharing our knowledge of the financial service industry and providing students the hands-on opportunity to learn more. We look forward to participating again next year.”

There was feedback from the teachers as well. They noted FPCU’s dedication to internship programs. One ROP (Regional Occupational Program) instructor said she was very impressed with FPCU president/CEO Nader Moghaddam’s taking the time to meet each new student intern.

At the end of the discussion, Magee and other credit union representatives jointly presented a grant check for \$3,000 to update the “Crosswalk”—which translates the free Credit Union NEFE (National Endowment for Financial Education) into California Teaching Standards.

Ribbon cutting for new science building

NORWALK—Cerritos College hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new science building Wednesday, May 17 at 4 p.m. The celebration is open to the community and will include tours of the facility and opportunities to interact with students and staff.

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QUILT MADE BY THE LADIES—Of the Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave., for their Silent Auction Sunday, May 21, featuring “many other treasures,” a remote control PT Cruiser, gift coupons from area businesses, and many collectibles. From left: Florence Towers, Bertha Butler, Avalon Walker and Helen Suits.

Middle School track meet slated for June 3

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District’s 32nd annual Middle School Track Meet will take place Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

This meet brings together 6th, 7th, and 8th grade representatives from all four Downey Middle Schools. Approximately 400 boys and girls will compete in both track and field events.

Field events are scheduled to begin 8:30 a.m., followed by the running events at 9:15 a.m.

Team scoring will be on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis for first through fifth place in each event. The public is welcome. Admission is free. For information, call 469-6500.

Realtor/lawyer receives gold award

DOWNEY—Carrie Uva of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate was named to Prudential Real Estate Affiliates’ Chairman’s Circle – Gold for 2005. The award recognizes residential sales professionals who exemplified great sales measures in closed residential GCI for the year.

Uva was recognized during a special awards ceremony at Prudential Real Estate’s 18th annual sales convention held in San Antonio last month. Nearly 7,000 real estate professionals from the United States and Canada attended the four-day event.

“We are so proud of Carrie. She is a hardworking, caring person who puts her clients’ needs above everything else,” said Mel Berdelis, broker and owner of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate.

Uva entered the real estate field in 1991 and joined Prudential in December 1994. Prior to winning the award, she has also won Leading Edge Society and President’s Circle, and is presently the number one female agent at Prudential 24 Hours.

Uva is also a licensed California attorney since 1995 and maintains a law practice in the area of wills and trusts as well as real estate law.

To contact Uva, call (562) 382-1252 or visit www.carrieuva.com.

Fashion show tickets on sale

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club will present a fashion show, “Bloomin’ Spring Fashions,” on Monday, May 15 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. Proceeds will help the club award three scholarships to the local Downey high schools in addition to support for the Downey Rose Float Association, PTA HELPS, and Arc.

The clothing will be presented by Nena’s Fashions of La Habra. Various Downey businesses have supplied door prizes.

The event begins with a social hour at 10:30 a.m., followed by a filet mignon lunch and the fashion show at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and are expected to sell out.

For more information, call Melba Willbanks, chairman, at (562) 862-2799.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for area

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary and training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

Volunteers assist the collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, looking for donor reactions and promoting public relations. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.



CHAIRMAN’S CIRCLE – Carrie Uva was presented with the Chairman’s Circle – Gold for 2005 award at Prudential’s sales convention last month.

Real estate investment class tomorrow

DOWNEY—The city of Downey Community Services Department is holding a Real Estate Investment Workshop from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. tomorrow, May 13, at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

Fee for the course is \$49 for one student, \$79 for a couple. Topics covered: how to purchase with “little or no money down” property without having to qualify for a loan; get money for closing costs, fix-up expenses and even get money back at the closing; how to find the deals, how to negotiate and write contracts. The workshop is designed for the beginner to intermediate real estate investor.

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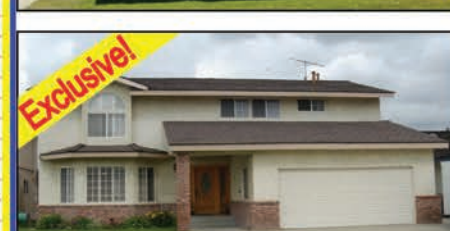
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A-1 Neighborhood!
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath NE Downey home with spacious bedrooms, living room with fireplace, light & bright kitchen with eating area, and inside laundry room. The property has a heated pool & spa with a separate sauna room in the backyard. Other features include newer roof, central air & heat, and alarm system. Owner says sell it! Price: \$949,950.
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3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home in Downey near Stonewood Mall. Front yard with circular driveway and large backyard with covered patio, spa, and storage room. The home includes hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen with new sink, counter tops, and tile floors, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, and remodeled bathroom with new shower and vanity. Also includes copper plumbing, automatic sprinklers front and back, and much, much more! Price: \$699,000.
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Move-In Condition!
Immaculate 3 bed, 1.5 bath North Downey home on a large lot. New kitchen with granite counter tops, tumbled travertine backsplash, tile floors, and stainless steel appliances. The home has a formal dining area, breakfast nook in kitchen, formal living room with fireplace, spacious bedrooms, and beautiful hardwood floors. Other features include central air & heat, copper plumbing, inside laundry room, newer roof & covered patio. Price: \$759,900.
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New Construction in North Downey!
5 bedroom, 3 bath, 3700 sq.ft North Downey home built in 2006! Home includes granite counter tops & stainless steel appliances in kitchen and travertine flooring throughout spacious living room with high ceiling & formal dining room. The upstairs has a 2nd family room and master suite features retreat, balcony with view of pool/spa/BBQ, and modern full bathroom. Price \$1,299,000.
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The Party is Here!
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2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Downey with new kitchen, including granite countertops, new cabinets, and tile floors. Also features remodeled bathroom, newer windows, hardwood floors under carpet, and freshly painted interior. With a large backyard, a 2-car detached garage, and long driveway with new concrete, ... this property is a must see! Price: \$519,900
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New Construction in NE Downey
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