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Commentary

Stewart and Gray death is said a suicide

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The County Coroner's Office found Tuesday that a man died from a single self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after a stand-off escalated to a shootout with sheriff's deputies at a home in the 9100 block of Stewart and Gray Road here Sunday.

A caller to this paper Wednesday asked that this story reflect something positive—but he could not say just how.

But he wanted a positive turn in the story of the life and death of Daniel Balarie, who the Coroner's office ruled Tuesday shot himself in the head after a standoff escalated to a shootout with sheriff's deputies at his parents' barricaded home in the 9100 block of Stewart and Gray Road Sunday.

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One dead, two wounded in party shooting

DOWNEY—Downey Police officers responded to reports of shots in the 7300 block of Benares Street at about 1:38 a.m., Sunday, and found three gunshot victims, Noe Garcia, 20, of Downey; Juan Garcia, 19, of Los Angeles; and a female juvenile of Bell.

Juan Garcia and the female juvenile were treated by Downey paramedics and transported to a local hospital where they were listed in stable condition. Noe Garcia was pronounced dead at the scene.

Witnesses told police an altercation took place at a party. A suspect described as a male Hispanic 18 to 20 years of age produced a handgun and began firing, bullets hitting the three victims. He fled the scene on foot.

Persons with information are asked to call Detective Dwayne Cooper at (562) 904-2391 or Detective Robert Del Rio at (562) 904-2368.

Commission certifies PAC election outcome

DOWNEY—The City Council, acting as the Community Development Commission, has certified the annual election of the Project Area Committee.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Community Development meeting.

The staff report noted that the PAC election was conducted Oct. 5, 2004. The results were received by City staff Jan. 13, in the form of a letter from the PAC Secretary.

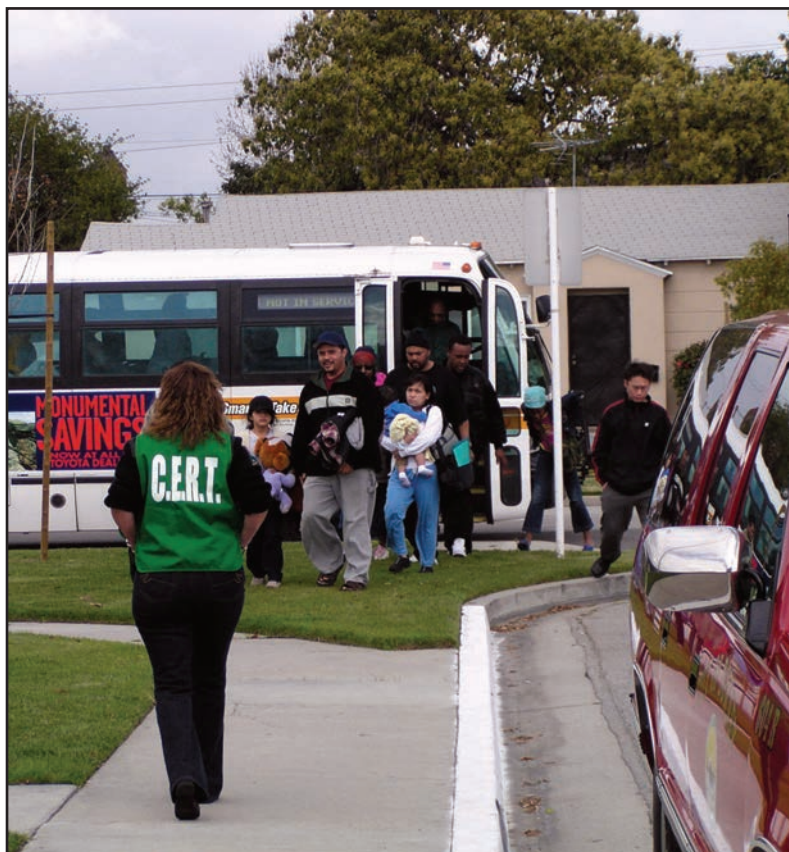
The results recognized two re-elected and seven newly elected members to the Committee. Since the election three of the newly elected members have been removed due to lack of attendance, leaving four newly elected members.

The results include in the business category re-elected Guy Sterner and newly elected Jose Bourdaa; in the resident owner category, re-elected Aostara Kaye, and newly elected Fernando Wang, Lilia Bramont, and Esequiel Bramont (alternate). There were no elected members in the resident tenant and organization categories.

In addition, the PAC Committee elected Michael Sullivan as Chair, Guy Sterner as Vice Chair, and Aostara Kaye as Secretary.

The letter from the PAC Secretary identifies only the net results of the election and does not detail removals, resignations and appointments to the committee.

At a following meeting, in the organization category Michael Hutchinson was appointed to fill the resignation declared by John Matarazzo. Over the course of the year member resignations were received and honored for Miguel Lopez, Bill Harrison and Lennie Whittington.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN ACTION—Emergency Response Team members chat with an evacuee at the Community Center where residents were asked to stay until the crisis on Stewart and Gray could be resolved.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM—Was called when a man allegedly barricaded himself in a home on Stewart and Gray Road Sunday. They helped with the evacuation of neighbors who were removed to the Community Center until the situation could be cleared.

Final environmental park study approved

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has passed a resolution approving the final Study/Environmental Assessment for the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center and Downey Landing Park.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

The city in September 2004 entered a professional agreement with Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM) for the preparation of environmental and review documents.

Plans are for an 11-acre park and two-acre aerospace science learning center on a portion of the former NASA site. CDM prepared documents to address concerns of the State Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Protection Act.

Comments from both the City and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development included, and the documents were completed in December.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of Non Significant Impact was found appropriate to this project. Fifteen copies were then submitted to the state Clearinghouse which distributed them. No state agencies submitted comments.

Public notice was also made in the Press-Telegram. No comments were received from the public.

Per CEQA, an antiquated negative declaration is appropriate for the project. The Council resolution has no direct financial impact.

Board of Directors named for Space Learning Center

Community leaders Lopez and Waters

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council has named the first Board of Directors of the Downey Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

The action at Tuesday's regular Board meeting creates a panel of five members to oversee the operation of the Learning Center. They are the Community Services Director (or designee) who will serve as Board President; the City Manager (or designee) who will serve as Treasurer; the Mayor who will serve as Secretary; and Board Members Orlandus Water and Raul Lopez.

Collaborate

The City Staff recommended the above-named with the purpose of the forming of a Foundation which will, "work collaboratively with the City of Downey to promote the betterment of the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center, a public museum to be owned and operated by the City of Downey. Such collaborative work will include, but not be limited to, providing financial and other related assistance to promote the activities of the Center, and to perform all other charitable, scientific and educational corporate purposes consistent therewith."

At first a three-member board was visualized, but staff later changed it to include five. It is expected that Lopez will benefit the board through community involvement and business knowledge, and Waters has extensive connections with former employees of the Rockwell/Boeing era and will be able to assist the Board in tapping that resource.

The Mayor's appointment will be concurrent with the present term and will rotate on a yearly basis. By having the Mayor and two staff members on the Board it will keep the Foundation closely allied with the City which owns the project.

By-laws next

The new Board of Directors must next approve by-laws and file same with the federal government to establish a corporation. Once filed, the Board will then be tasked with soliciting funding to assist with construction of the facility and purchase of exhibits.

Staff voiced optimism that the potential is there to wean the learning center from the City and its resources in time.

Councilman Rick Trejo said he was glad to see the panel take shape. Councilman Kirk Cartozian said he hopes the subcommittee on which he now serves can help.

In other action the City Council Tuesday:

*Considered additional criteria for policy dealing with naming of City facilities, then by a 3-2 vote decided to not consider the matter further, Cartozian and Gafin dissenting.

*Adopted an ordinance amending the speed limits on Lakewood Boulevard. The limits will remain the same.

*Adopted a resolution approving the destruction of certain obsolete records by the Fire Department.

*Approved the final initial study/environmental assessment for the Park and Columbia Space Learning Center to be located at Lakewood Boulevard and Clark Avenue.

*Approved the appropriation of \$3,500 for the City to host the Board of Directors of the California Contract Cities Association dinner meeting in March.

*Set a public hearing for Feb. 22 on a proposed shared use agreement at 8206 Firestone, Downey Billiards, 8222 Firestone, Storm Force, 8224 Firestone, Net Electronics and 8228 Firestone, Lulu's Bakery.

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Council applauds fine emergency response

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council applauded the quick response by the City's Civilian Emergency Response Team in setting up a station at the Barbara Riley Community Center for residents temporarily evacuated from their homes on Stewart and Gray Road due to gunfire and a man who barricaded himself inside his home in the 9100 block.

Members of the Council also expressed thanks to good work by Downey Police in the day-long incident.

Councilman Meredith Perkins was particularly pleased with the effort by the Civilian Emergency Response Team members.

In other matters Perkins added he attended the grand opening of the new Albertson's Market last weekend.

And the Council announced the naming of Linda Haines Development Services Director. She will head the planning and building department operations.

The Council also said it will have staff look into complaints by residents of abuse of street parking by hospital employees along Clela and adjacent streets.

Dave Gafin invited all to join the Rose Float Association installation dinner tonight at the Rio Hondo Country Club.



THE DOWNEY SYMPHONY'S PERFORMANCE—Jan. 29 was dedicated to longtime symphony supporter Dr. Jordan Phillips, whose contribution made the evening of music possible. Phillips (at left), was joined by (second from left) Harold Tseklenis of the Symphonic Society, John Adams of the Downey Patriot and fellow Rotarian Bill Kirkwood.

Blood pressure screenings at Apollo

DOWNEY – Free blood pressure readings will be available from 11:30-1:30 p.m. at Apollo Park on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Call 861-7636.

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Q. Who then is paying for these seminars?
 A. All expenses are being absorbed by the local Christadelphians. No financial expectations will ever be expressed to you now, or in the future.

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 A. No! Our hope is that the classes will encourage you to draw your own conclusions about God and His plan. Our goal is to equip you with the necessary tools to make your own decisions about what you have learned.

Q. Who are the Christadelphians?
 A. The name implies "Brethren In Christ". Christadelphians are found in countries all over the world and are bound together by a common faith in the Gospel preached by Christ and his apostles in the first century. We do not believe that any of our members have received any special revelations direct from God and our faith rests squarely and solely on the Bible as the inspired word of God.

SCHEDULE						
	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23
7:30-7:45	Introduction	Why 2 Testaments?	Study Tools Part 1	Critics of the Bible	Mystery?	Life & Death in the Bible
7:45-8:00	Background of the Bible	The Role of Prophecy	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 3	The Purpose of God Revealed	Terminology Part 3	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 6
8:00-8:15	The Bible Interprets Itself	Tips on Reading	Terminology Part 2	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 4	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 5	Good vs. Evil
8:15-8:30	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 1	Terminology Part 1	Using Cross References	Versions of the Bible	The Jews and the Law of Moses	Terminology Part 4
8:30-8:45	Why the Bible Is Difficult to Read	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 2		Study Tools Part 2		Conclusion
8:45-9:00						

About the presenters:
 Charlie Brinkerhoff (left) and James Land (right) are dedicated Bible students, experienced Bible lecturers and teachers who live locally and are committed to local Bible studies to increase Bible literacy. Their shared love of the Bible and their enthusiasm for the work of the Lord makes for an enjoyable experience.

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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA—Members Linda Kennedy, left, and Wendy McKenzie, both retired directors of Downey Unified School District, prepare to turn over their collected cash and food donations to the Downey HELPs Program, a project of the Downey Council PTA, which provides food and clothing assistance to families in the school district. The decision by the women educators group to contribute cash henceforth instead of just food items came at their January meeting, when the members became aware that with cash donations, a greater quantity of needed items could be purchased. The amount raised initially was over \$111.

Business womens' networking and dinner

DOWNEY—The Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will have Nancy Bosnich, LCSW, MSW, for their speaker at their monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road.

Bosnich, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is the Administrator of the Rancho Adult Day Services, which is a licensed Adult Day and Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center. She is a Long Beach State University graduate, with bachelor's and master's degrees in social work.

The center serves older adults with disabilities caused by memory and physical impairments.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information/reservations, call Nada Singh at (562) 439-1782.

Exhibitors, sponsors wanted for Job Fair

DOWNEY—Latest corporate sponsors to sign up for the upcoming Job Fair Saturday, March 12 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey, are Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, Downey Regional Medical Center and Mitchell Personnel, it was announced by Tina Campos of the Downey Adult School and event chairman. Putting up the event, scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m., are the Downey Adult School and the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

"Last year's fair drew over 900 job applicants," said Campos, "and we want this year's fair to have the same results."

Several businesses will bring their recruiters to the event. More are needed, however, to make it the outstanding success it usually is. For \$50, Chamber-member exhibitors receive a skirted table and space to use for their display and recruitment purposes. Exhibitors will also be treated to a post Job Fair luncheon. Non-Chamber members may participate for a cost of \$60 per table.

"We can use additional corporate sponsors, too," said Campos. They are available at \$500 and entitle the sponsor to a table, two lunch meals, and a company name used on a banner displayed at the Job Fair. Their name/logo will appear as well in posters, flyers, advertising and news releases that are distributed throughout the community.

Exhibitors-to-date are: Avon, Downey Federal Credit Union, Curves Downey - East, Downey Unified School District, Downey Regional Medical Center, Escrow Net, Home Instead, Jaffra, Jiffy Lube, Keystone Lanes, Mitchell Personnel, Primerica, Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, UPS, and U.S. Army Recruiting.

For more information, call the Chamber office, (562) 923-2191, or Tina Campos at Downey Adult School, (562) 940-6237.

Boy Scout meetings Feb. 15

DOWNEY – Two Boy Scout groups gather Feb. 15 for their regular meetings. Boy Scout Troop 2 will meet at Downey United Methodist Church. Information: 869-0836. Troop 441 meets in the Apollo Park Activities Room. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m.

DFCU to host Valentine's Mixer

DOWNEY—Downey Federal Credit Union, located at 8237 3rd Street, is teaming up with the Downey Chamber of Commerce in hosting a Valentine's Mixer Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. There will be door prizes and a hosted bar.

"Connections" meets Thursdays

DOWNEY – Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith, president of the group, at 861-5222.

Arthritis group gathers at hospital

DOWNEY – The Rancho Arthritis Association at Kaiser Permanente Hospital on Bellflower Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. will meet tomorrow, Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, but bring a lunch. For information, call 927-7566.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

DOWNEY – Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.

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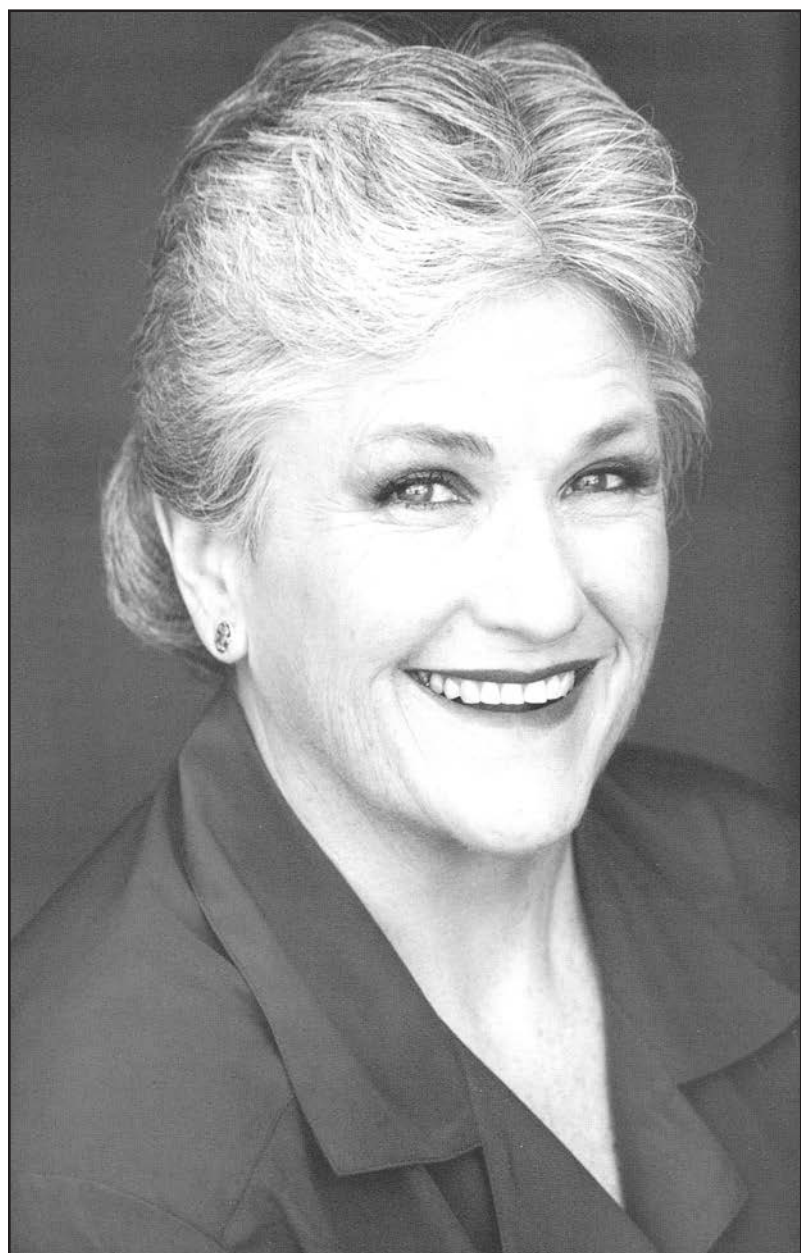
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DAS offers Creative Learning Tours

DOWNEY—The following Creative Learning Tours are offered by the Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.:

- Feb. 24 – Santa Anita Race Track
- March 4 – Santa Barbara Orchid Show
- March 16-17 – Palm Springs Follies & Cabazon
- April 17 – Smothers Brothers at Citrus College
- May 15-20 – Hawaii Getaway: Honolulu & Kauai
- May 25 – Curt Tucker L.A. Adventure

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. For information on prices and availability/to receive a brochure/other information, call (562) 940-6213.

Hunter education classes Feb. 12-13

DOWNEY—A two-day Hunter Education class is scheduled in Downey Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Class participants must attend both meetings in order to take the test for the hunter education certificate.

Started by the state of California in 1954, the hunter education course covers firearm safety for the field and home, an overview of game care and management, basic survival and first aid. This year approximately 25,000 people throughout the state are expected to take the 10-hour course. The course is required of all first-time hunting license buyers.

For reservations/information on Downey classes, call Jerry Mishler at 927-5707.

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Keep Downey Beautiful seeking street help

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, an independent community beautification group, is seeking groups and individuals as volunteers to maintain clean roads and thoroughfares in Downey.

The Adopt A Street program allocates streets in the city to groups and individuals who provide the labor and \$225 (\$325 if KDB provides the cleanup crew).

Carol Rowland, director of the program, said a sponsors period runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, during which a designated section must be cleaned and debris picked up and removed at least four times. Street sections range from a half mile to mile in length. After the first pickup KDB will install Adopt A Street signs, one each for each direction, indicating the name of the business or individual.

If KDB recruits the volunteer such as a local church group, school or civic club, their names will be listed. For information, call (562) 904-7159.

Symphonic concert at Good Shepherd

DOWNEY – The Symphonic Band of Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin, will perform a concert March 20 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The event is free, but a freewill offering will be taken to help the band with their expenses.

Under the direction of Jonathan R. Wiegert, the 60-member ensemble will perform works by David Holsinger, Johan de Meij, John Philip Sousa, Percy Grainger, Philip Sparke, Stephen Bulla, Fred Allen and Tomohiro Tahebe.

The Symphonic Band is the premier instrumental ensemble of Martin Luther High School, a Missouri Synod Lutheran school serving 400 students. The group tours the United States annually.

For more information, call Good Shepherd at 803-4459.

Real estate and tax meeting Feb. 19

DOWNEY – Brookstreet Securities Corporation, along with Colin Clarke of Century 21 Jarvis & Associates, will host a two-hour meeting Feb. 19 at the Rio Hondo Country Club beginning at 9 a.m. that will cover property exchanges, capital gains and other real estate and tax topics. The meeting is free and a complimentary breakfast will be served.

Reservations should be made by calling 904-6652.

Story told in sign language at library

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will present award-winning storyteller Kathleen Zundell in a performance of “Talking Hands” on Thursday, Feb. 17. Zundell will present a program of world folktales in spoken and American Sign Language.

The free program runs from 7-7:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room. Audience participation is encouraged, and families are encouraged to attend. The event is geared for children ages 3-10.

Call the Children’s Desk at 904-7360, Ext. 27 for more information. The Downey City Library is at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



LESSPACIFIC – A Downey-based rock band, will perform tomorrow, Feb. 12, at Little John’s Tavern at 9370 Telegraph Road starting at 9 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge and patrons must be 21 or older. Call 862-6996 for more information.

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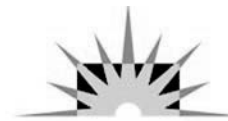
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SUICIDE

Daniel Balarie was from a strong family. The caller said the family came to this country to find a better way, and succeeded through hard work. Family members were honored in recent years by a presentation of the City's Parents of the Year Award.

But for Daniel, age 35, it never quite worked out. Despite academic achievement comparable to other members of the family, police said Daniel appeared to have recurring problems with authority.

Downey police who were called to his parents' home Sunday morning said he had crossed their paths several times in recent weeks, and had actually gotten in a physical struggle with an officer on one occasion.

What police found when they arrived at the home about 7:45 a.m., was near chaos.

Daniel's father and a friend of the family had apparently tried to reason with him. The family friend suffered a 22-caliber bullet wound to the back fired from a handgun by the troubled man.

When police asked his whereabouts, they discovered he had barricaded the house by nailing the doors and windows shut.

Downey Officers then called for reinforcements from the county sheriff's Crisis Negotiation Team.

The neighborhood was evacuated and a period of negotiation extended until about 2:40 p.m., as crisis negotiators and a psychologist tried to work out a peaceful solution.

At about 2:40 p.m., the shootout erupted. About 90 minutes later the special team members entered the home and found Balarie's body.

At first it was unclear whether death came from sheriff's deputies' bullets fired during the exchange or from his own weapon. The coroner's office ruled it a case of suicide Tuesday.

Neighbors said the owners of the home, Ion and Maria Balarie, the dead man's parents, had been polite and friendly, but appeared to know little about their son's recent troubles.

Homicide detectives said the investigation continues.

Positive aspects might be considered to be the fact that neighbors were successfully evacuated and put up at the Community Center by the City's Community Emergency Response Team during the day-long episode, and that no officers were hit by bullets. But what seemed so desperately needed here was intervention that might have averted the deadly shootout. Intervention when letters and actions first indicated there was a real problem.

Weekend violence hits too close to home

By Eric Pierce

When it rains, it pours.

This week, the city of Downey was scene to two fatal shootings, vastly different in execution and motive, but identical in their degree of senselessness.

Sunday morning, a 35-year-old man barricaded himself inside his Stewart & Gray Road home, initiating a police standoff that ultimately led to his being shot and killed. An autopsy eventually confirmed a suicide.

Reports have the man, Daniel Balarie, as being mentally disturbed and recently fighting with police at the city library.

Earlier that Sunday morning a more tragic, albeit less sensational, story emerged of a shooting at a house party in west Downey that left one person dead and two others wounded.

One person dead and two others wounded. This newspaper isn't used to such reporting.

Perhaps because of the absence of SWAT and crisis negotiators, the party shooting seemed to go largely unnoticed, dismissed as the actions of another wayward youth who slipped, fell and tumbled violently through society's cracks.

Desensitized as we are as a public, it is distressing and downright scary that we have come to accept such apathetic violence.

The truth is, Downey is indeed a safe place to live and work. But events like those of this week remind us that while crime and violence are inevitable facets of life, they needn't be tolerated.

Weekly classes for self-improvement

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Community Education program is now offering several courses for personal and professional development. On average, these classes are held weekly for six weeks and cost a nominal fee for materials.

Class: Piano - Introduction

An introduction for students with no piano or musical experience. Lessons include activities related to reading notes, rhythm, and music symbols. Listening skills and keyboard activities will be included.

Class: Web Design

Learn how easy it is to create personalized buttons, animation and web pages with software programs Flash and Dreamweaver in "Create Your Own Web Page." No prior computer experience is required. Recommended for grades 5 and older.

Class: Beginning Negotiation Skills

A four-week course covering the basics of negotiation including the art and mastery of getting what you want, how to talk and what to say.

Class: Top Sales Performance Skills

This course is designed for sales persons with 5 to 10 years of actual field sales experience. Topics covered include advanced negotiation strategies, building winning sales strategies, advanced qualification techniques, pushing past quota and key account maintenance and development.

For a complete list of classes or to register, call 860-2451, Ext. 2527.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

UITC celebrates an anniversary

Dear Editor:

One year ago, the residents of this small hidden community in the northwest quadrant of Downey called Treasure Island, formalized their resolve to "take back" their community under the aegis of Unity in the Community (UITC). This undertaking was the brainchild of Pastor Frank Campos. With his diligence and persistence, this movement has now been embraced by the Island residents and city officials.

The Island has since experienced many significant improvements, in terms of support from the residents and in the general aesthetics [of the place]. It is once again a most desirable and in-demand community to reside in.

The following are some of the highlights of its accomplishments in the last year:

May 2004 - We were visited /endorsed by state Senator Betty Karnette and Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal at our "Love your neighbor week."

All our cul-de-sacs are formally manned by Block captains. These are individuals who are ever mindful and extremely conscientious in looking after their neighborhood.

Endorsements by Downey City officials - Meetings have been graced with the presence of many Downey city officials; to name a few: Councilman Rick Trejo (area Representative); former Mayor Kirk Cartozian; newly-elected Councilman David Gafin; Terry Ackloff from Community Services; Carol Rowland from Keep Downey Beautiful; several officers from our own Downey Police Department, namely, Corporals Baker, Miller, and Bauer, Sergeant R. Olson, and Captain Roy Campos; and many other representatives who are regulars at the monthly UITC meetings. We would be remiss not to mention with great honor Mr. Mark Galvan, our city liaison without whose help much could not have been accomplished.

The Island residents are committed to three annual events - the Christmas Gala and Toy Drive, the Summer Picnic in the Park, and the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of The Island.

A monthly newsletter to all Island residents - This newsletter is the brainchild of one of our senior Island residents, Mr. Harvey Fiala. Harvey has lived on The Island for more than 39 years and is committed to turning it into the community he first envisioned many years ago - a place of prestige and oneness, of family and community.

An increase in police presence in the neighborhood has led to a tremendous cut in neighborhood crimes, and Treasure Island Park is once again being used by residents, and not by the unsavory individuals who inhabited it prior to the UITC movement.

This undertaking was the vision of only a few Island residents who were unhappy with the continued destruction and degradation in the neighborhood. They were resolute in righting wrongs once more. The UITC movement was immediately embraced - so it was apparent that everyone felt the same; however, it took a few [good people] to execute the plan. Now, we're reaping the benefits of this neighborhood movement.

To repeat, this movement has shown such a successful track record that other communities have shown interest in it, and have since invited the UITC leadership to work and train their residents in similar endeavors.

After all, "It does take a village to raise a child." In our case - it takes an Island to create a family-oriented community!

The UITC movement will be commemorating its first anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Lord's Grace Circle starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be guest speakers, music and fun for all residents.

—Devi Kokaram,
UITC Board Member, Downey

Crossings suggestion

Dear Editor:

The item in *The Patriot's* Feb. 4 edition which said, "City spokesmen have said a grade separation would probably be the most practical in Downey at Firestone and Old River School Road where there is *more room*," is particularly outstanding for its indication of a lack of prudent focus.

It brings to mind the story of the person who had dropped a coin on the sidewalk in the middle of a block but was looking for it at the next corner because the street lamp there provided more light.

The object of a crossing grade separation should not be to merely have the longest bridge possible at the edge of the area for the sheer satisfaction of being able to score it as an accomplishment. Rather the object should be to justly have one in a *more* central location where it could be of the *most* benefit to the *most* people for the *most* urgent of needs. A simple, short, two-lane no-frills underpass at Dolan or Patton would be an economical first step at providing an emergency path across the barrier which divides the area. Such a temperate construction served well at Washington Blvd. near Santa Fe for many many years.

Let's not wait for the L.A. to San Diego bullet train to solve the problem with its proposal of sub-surface trackage in a trench.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,
Downey

'Let's show support'

Dear Editor:

My neighbor is coming home from Iraq in March, God willing. He has spent almost two years there. He is a reservist like so many. He didn't expect to lose his job and health insurance. He has two small boys ages 3 and 2 and wife here in Downey.

I want to extend to the citizens of Downey the opportunity to show our support for this young man. He and his family can really use some financial support! I want to collect \$10,000 to help him get started again in his life as a member of the Downey family.

Please send what you can and more to help this young person who has been in the thick of the fighting in Fallujah and other places. This money will help him pay down existing bills and give him the time he needs to recuperate from war.

Please call me at (562) 884-5799 and I will give you the name and address where you can send your heartfelt contributions. I am hoping to give this as a complete surprise and the money collected will be acknowledged upon his return to Downey.

Take time to acknowledge in your hearts, in your prayers, not just the service these men and women have given and are giving to the war in Iraq but also the reality of where they have been and what they have faced and endured...which have involved adjustments mental, physical and financial. And upon their return, do what you can to show them the love and support of their community.

—Marie Augimeri,
Downey

Downey resident makes WSU honor roll

DOWNEY—Sherrie Ann Ard of Downey has earned recognition on the Washington State University President's honor roll for the fall 2004 semester.

To be eligible for the WSU honor roll, a full-time student must earn a 3.75 grade point average for the semester or have maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

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COUNCIL

*Set a public hearing for Feb. 22 on the five-year consolidated plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Grant programs.

*Approved the carry forward appropriation of \$122,000 from fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

*Approved acceptance of \$219,470 in federal Fire Grant Act funds and allocated \$120,000 in additional funding in City matching grants for Fire Department radio equipment.

*Agreed to amendments to a license agreement with Satsuma for maintenance of Rio Hondo golf course.

*Presented pins to Mr. Downey Josh Minero; Second Runner Up Justin Lauer; First Runner Up Daniel Abarca; and Little Mr. Downey Mark Anthony Garcia.

*Approved certification of the annual election by the Project Area Committee to Economic Development.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., for a review of the progress at the former NASA property. The regular Council meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

February book auction at city library

DOWNEY—The Friends of Downey City Library are holding their monthly book auction Saturday, Feb. 26 at 12 noon. Now on display in the 'auction cabinet' in the lobby of the library are hand-picked collectable or special interest books and videos.

You may place your bid(s) in the Friends of the Library bookstore, which is located inside the library, up until bid closing at noon on the 26th. Winners will be contacted by phone and can pick up their 'treasures' from the bookstore. For information, call 904-7360 or visit www.downeylibrary.org.

A shortened list of the books up for auction (bids are increased by minimum \$1 increments) includes: "The Inaugural Addresses of the American Presidents: from Washington to Kennedy" (This is the first complete anthology of presidential inaugural address ever published) – minimum bid: \$5; "Life: World War 2" (The story is covered year by year around the world, beginning in 1919 and flowing through the war and its aftermath; includes rare and never before seen photos) – minimum bid: \$8; "Lincoln: An Illustrated Biography" (The #1 paperback edition of the acclaimed best-selling companion volume to the memorable ABC television documentary) – minimum bid: \$8; "Simon & Schuster Book of the Opera" (Over 400 striking illustrations, more than 800 entries containing specific information on composers, performance dates and more; a must for all opera-lovers) – minimum bid: \$5; "Reader's Digest: First Day Cover Collection (Includes a collection of stamps, the history behind the stamp and day it was first issued; collection includes stamps from 1981-1985) – minimum bid: \$8 (missing one stamp).

Adult School Baja cruise Feb. 18-21

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., offers a three-night cruise (Feb. 18-21) aboard Carnival's *Paradise* to Ensenada, Baja California to provide "a wonderful weekend getaway from the hustle and bustle of traffic and city life."

Cost is \$449 double per person (outside), \$399 double per person (inside). Price includes all meals and entertainment aboard ship, port charges of \$112.25, and transportation to and from Downey Adult School. Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. Call 940-6213 for more tour information.

Downey student makes dean's list

MARSHALL, MO—Eric H. Norbut of Downey has made the Missouri Valley College Dean's List for fall 2004, according to the small, private, liberal arts college located in Marshall, MO.

The Dean's List is composed of all full-time students with a semester grade point average of 3.3 or higher for no fewer than 12 graded hours and no "D," "F" or Incomplete grades.



KATHLEEN ZUNDELL—Will sign and tell stories for children at Downey City Library Feb. 17. Families are invited to attend.

Story told in sign language at library

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will present award-winning storyteller Kathleen Zundell in a performance of "Talking Hands" on Thursday, Feb. 17. Zundell will present a program of world folktales in spoken and American Sign Language.

The free program runs from 7-7:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room. Audience participation is encouraged, and families are encouraged to attend. The event is geared for children ages 3-10.

Call the Children's Desk at 904-7360, Ext. 27 for more information. The Downey City Library is at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



TSUNAMI RELIEF – Lanny Gertler, president of All American Home Center, poses with employees before sending two checks totaling \$4,288 to UNICEF to support the tsunami relief efforts in Southeast Asia.

All American helps in tsunami relief

DOWNEY – All American Home Center sent two checks totaling more than \$4,000 to the USA UNICEF Fund for Tsunami relief this past week.

All American associates contribute portions of their paychecks to the fund, which company president Lanny Gertler and his wife, Judy, matched dollar-for-dollar. Over a two-week period, associates gave \$2,144, for a total contribution of \$4,288.

All American, which has done business in Downey for 46 years, said the money will be specifically used to help the children affected by the tsunami.

Street Faire preparations underway

DOWNEY—Preparations have started for the annual Downey Street Faire, a major project of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Jan Scott, this year's Street Faire Committee chairman, appealed to old and new sponsors for help in producing the event, in accordance with the following revised sponsor structure:

Gold Sponsor	\$5,000
Silver Sponsor	\$2,500
Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000

Gold Sponsors get three booth spaces, Silver Sponsors two, Bronze Sponsors one, and so on. For more information, call Jan at Pacific Western Bank, (562) 806-3701.

Wine tasting and show Feb. 27

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center will host a wine tasting Feb. 27 prior to the Downey Theater's performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Wine tasting will run from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; the show follows at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person for the show and wine tasting or \$10 for season ticket holders or for wine tasting only. Tickets are available in the hospital gift shop or by calling Claudia Graham at 944-6724.

Newcomers Club Valentine's luncheon

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club will hold their Valentine's luncheon meeting Monday, Feb. 14 at Frantone's Villa on Telegraph Road at 11 a.m. A barber shop quartet will entertain.

All members attending are urged to wear 'red' in celebration of Valentine's Day. Call Paula Lou Roberts, 861-2545, or Vicki, at 923-0471, for reservations.

Symphony Guild free concert preview

WHITTIER—The Rio Hondo Symphony Guild invites the public to attend a free Concert Preview Friday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. at the First Friends Church, 13205 Philadelphia St. in Whittier, featuring musician/conductor/arranger Lars Clutterman, who will speak on the Viennese masters, Beethoven and Mahler, and their music.

Clutterman has been acknowledged for his music preparation for Broadway musicals, the Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Philharmonic and many movies, including Star Wars, Polar Express, Harry Potter series, Electra and Flight of the Phoenix.

The Guild is in its 31st year of cultivating musical interest and talent in the community, and provides financial assistance and time in promoting the Rio Hondo Symphony's four free concerts a year.

SCAG report gives low marks to region

LOS ANGELES—Worsening traffic congestion and air quality, the lack of affordable housing and the loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs present a real threat to maintaining Southern California's quality of life, according to a new State of the Region report released recently by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), of which Downey is a member.

The State of the Region serves as an annual "Report Card" for the 6-county SCAG region, and rated its performance in 7 policy categories: transportation (D-), employment (B), income (C-), housing (D+), air quality (C-), safety (B), and education (D).

"Southern California is one of the most dynamic regions in the world, but the challenges we face are significant," said Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge, who chairs the SCAG task force that developed the report. "We sincerely believe that this report should serve as an alarm bell for the region and for elected officials at all levels of government."

With the region's ranking as the most congested in the country, its air quality grade also declined, as both the South Coast and Salton Sea Air Basins continued to exceed federal standards for particulate pollution. Housing affordability continues to be a significant hurdle, with less than one-third of the region's households able to afford a median-priced home in Southern California, compared to more than half of the households nationally.

Employment presented a little better picture: after losing 21,000 jobs in 2002, the region achieved a 14,000 increase in job generation in 2003 while the rest of the nation continued to decline. In terms of income, the region plummeted from the 4th highest in 1970 among the nation's 17 largest metropolitan regions to 16th in 2003, with nearly 15 percent of the region's population living in poverty. Education represents one of the report's worst grades: eight graders continued to perform below the national median in reading and math test scores, with large disparities in educational attainment for the Latino and African-American communities when compared to non-Hispanic White and Asian populations. One other bright spot is safety: violent crime rates across the region declined by nearly 6 percent, although Los Angeles county continues to have among the highest rates in the nation.

To view the complete report, visit the SCAG website at www.scag.ca.gov.

The poets' corner

poem for February 17th

Living alone has made me indulgent
this morning I savour my pleasures
eyelet-edged linens eiderdown pillows
going barefoot down fleece-carpeted stairs
I fetch a birthday breakfast
overnight I have marked another year

I delight in the lacy hairs of fresh raspberries
sweet bubbles plucked in Chile two days ago
stacked like a clutch of rosy eggs
in a steel bird's belly
flown north in straw-lined baskets
while I slept under a warm counterpane

I was born in icy February
this is my weather
I have learned to be impatient
not to wait for local ripening
while we perishable
slide toward summer

—Lorine Parks,
Downey

'Stroke recovery day' set for Feb. 19

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., invites community members to its "Life After Stroke: Where Do I Go From Here?" program Saturday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be private consultations, stroke screenings, blood pressure and heart rate checks on a first-registered, first-served basis—free of charge.

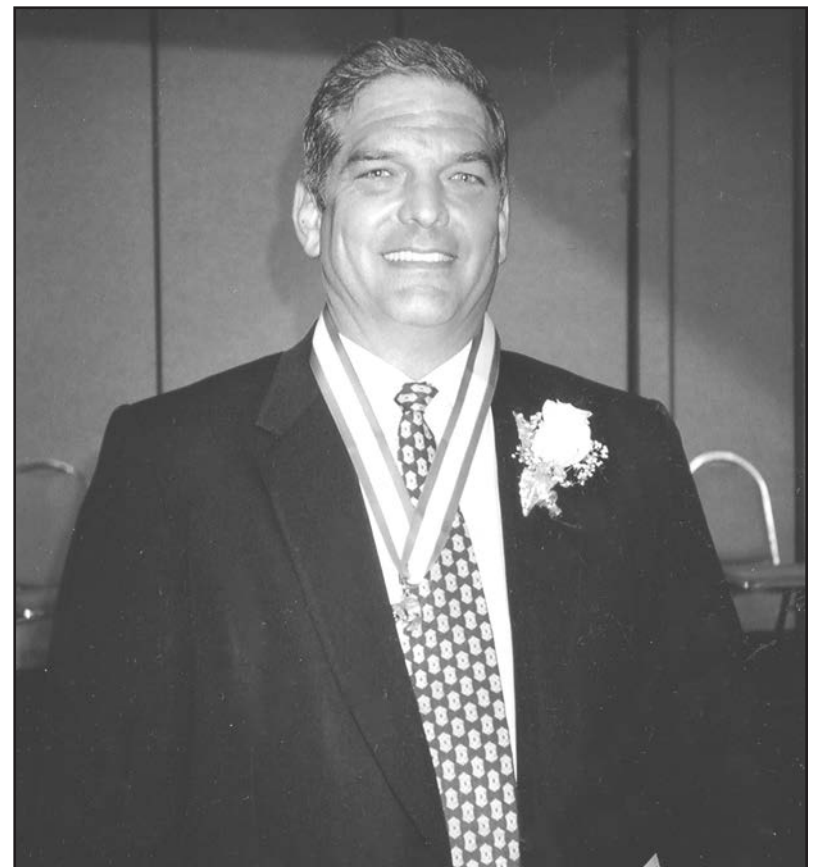
A licensed therapist, speech pathologist and registered dietitian will speak and answer questions about recognizing and dealing with depression after a stroke, post-stroke rehabilitation, treating communication disorders after a stroke and how to feed a stroke victim.

Seating is limited and registration is required. The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation is partnering with DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation in bringing the program to the community. For more information/to register, call (949) 305-8450.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble.

The chorus has existed for more than 35 years singing favorite songs. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.



JON LANG—Recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver award for outstanding service to Scouting and the community. Lang has worked with Boy Scouts in Downey since 1983 and works frequently with community service organizations.

Jon Lang is awarded BSA Silver Beaver

DOWNEY—Jon Lang, President of the Downey Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently was granted The Boy Scouts of America's prestigious Silver Beaver Award for long-time meritorious service in Scouting.

Lang has worked with Boy Scout programs in Downey and the Frontier District since 1983. From 1983 to 1994 he was advisor and leader of Troop 406. He has been a committee member of the Frontier District, a camping committee member, and is currently on the Los Angeles Area Council's religious committee. In 2002 he was the vice-chair of the LDS Boy Scouts Encampment with over 1,000 boys and their adult leaders.

The Silver Beaver (blue and white neck ribbon and beaver medallion) was introduced in 1931 as a means of recognizing scout leaders who provide distinguished service to youth on the local level. The award is made by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, upon the nomination by the local Scout Council.

Lang is a local building contractor and has been a resident of Downey most of his life. He is also the spiritual and administrative leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) in Downey and in neighboring communities to the west. As leader of this large group, he has overseen numerous community service projects. These volunteers have worked with Keep Downey Beautiful and PTA HELPS where food is collected and distributed to needy families in Downey. The church volunteers, under Lang's leadership, have fed the homeless one night a month at the Bell Shelter of the Salvation Army. Their ongoing project is in its 10th year. On the projects with Keep Downey Beautiful, Lang can be found working side-by-side with his volunteers.

On three occasions, the Downey City Council has recognized him and the church volunteers for their efforts. Recently, he was presented with a special award for outstanding service from the Downey Coordinating Council. Add to this the Boy Scout's Silver Beaver.

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Notes From NAN:

Searching for the perfect Valentine's Day Card? Do we ever have the perfect card in mind. It's not lacy, it's not red, and it doesn't have hearts printed all over it, but it does come from the heart. It's a membership card for Downey Federal Credit Union. After all, what other card gives your loved ones some of the highest savings rates and the lowest loan rates in town? What other card truly lasts a lifetime? And as a special bonus, when you introduce your loved ones to Downey Federal Credit Union during February, they'll also receive a special Valentines Day gift.

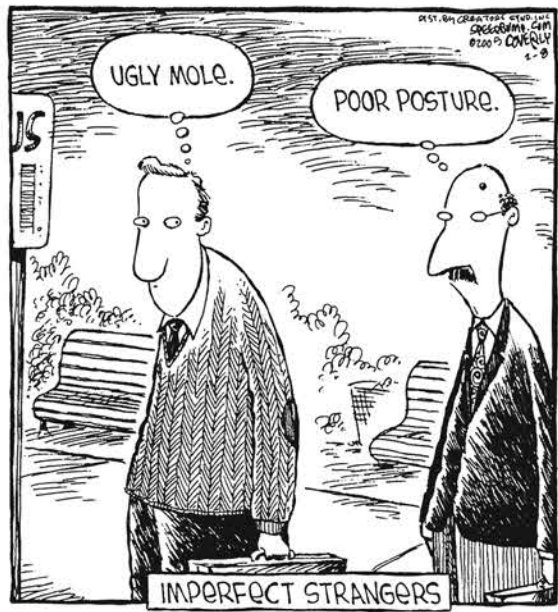
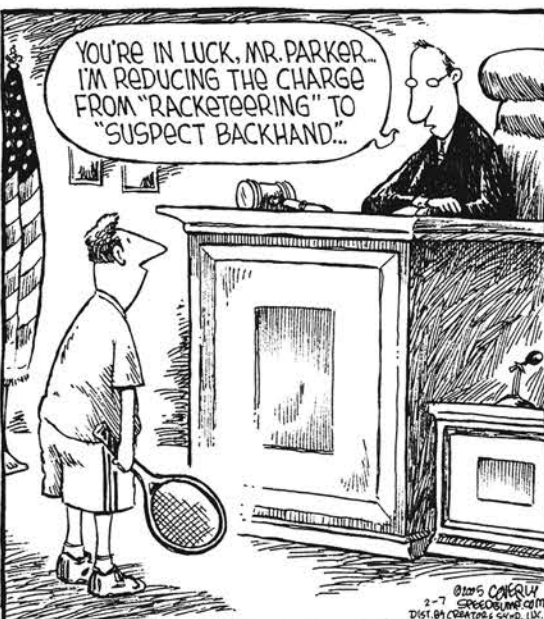
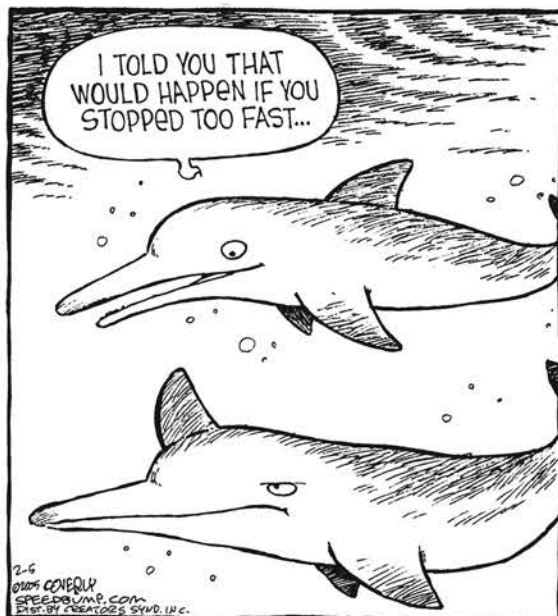
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Mon. Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m.: **Three For The Show** a song and dance trio performing for Valentines Day at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10294 Paramount Blvd. No Charge. For information and reservations call 869-1414.
Thurs. Feb. 17, 8:00 p.m.: **"Bye, Bye Birdie"** musical comedy presented by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Through Mar. 6 on Fri., Sat. and Sun. For tickets and information call 923-1714.

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 Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.
3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Emergency Preparedness Committee, Barbara Riley Senior Center.
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 Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.
1st Mon., 4 p.m.: 2nd Century Foundation, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
1st and 3rd Mons., 7 p.m.: Downey Post 270, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.
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.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.
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 Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.
6 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
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 Tues., 8:30 a.m.: Women's Agape, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (562) 622-3785.
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 the Nordic Fox, 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.
3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: Huff and Puff Respiratory, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

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 p.m.: Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 869-5444.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: Diabetes Support Group, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
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.
9 a.m.: Senior Californians of Downey, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
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.
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6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
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4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
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Fridays

7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
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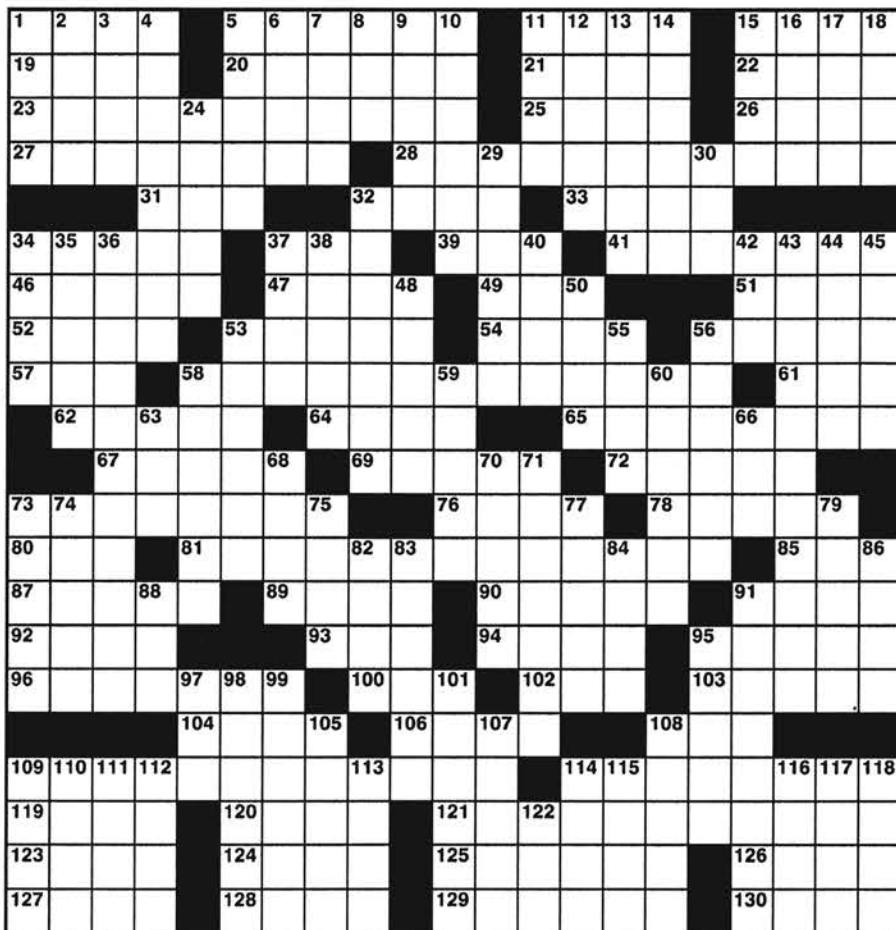
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| 1 Type of girder | 80 Dress in | 7 Brick troughs |
| 5 Much of North Africa | 81 Be a bungler | 8 End of Horner's declaration |
| 11 Con game | 85 Aries | 9 Fraught with peril |
| 15 The two items | 87 Flu strain | 10 Extra touch |
| 19 Observe | 89 Snacker's "sandwich" | 11 Talk back to |
| 20 Extremely small | 90 Black tea | 12 Interrupt |
| 21 Saab competitor | 91 Canapé spread | 13 Old sayings |
| 22 Readily mastered | 92 Pianist Dame Myra | 14 Mouse with a hair bow |
| 23 It's played with a laser | 93 Price of admission | 15 Tops in quality |
| 25 Spider-Man creator Lee | 94 Triple-pipped card | 16 Polynesian Cultural Center locale |
| 26 Type of herring | 95 Medicinal quantities | 17 Fabergé egg buyer |
| 27 Bicontinental area, with "the" | 96 City on Lake Winnebago | 18 Stevenson villain |
| 28 Symbols adjoining a clef | 100 Digital-clock display: Abbr. | 24 Assistant |
| 31 "Who wants dessert?" response | 102 Pothook shape | 29 Tugged hard |
| 32 Talkative bird | 103 <i>Androcles and the Lion</i> setting | 30 Rag doll's name |
| 33 Teutonic turndown | 104 Pole or Czech | 32 Jersey or Guernsey |
| 34 Run out | 106 "___ Lang Syne" | 34 Plumb ___ |
| 37 Go downhill fast | 108 Grasshopper's benefactor | 35 Brother of Prometheus |
| 39 Blasting stick | 109 Bio-lab specimen | 36 Payout delayer |
| 41 New York Indians | 110 ___ Royale National Park | 37 Like cotton candy |
| 46 Last survey choice, perhaps | 121 Make an exhaustive search | 38 Brando's <i>Apocalypse Now</i> role |
| 47 Clout | 123 Warm and snug | 40 Tuneful Tennille |
| 49 Keystone comedy lawman | 124 Shine softly | 42 CPR specialist |
| 51 Procedure | 125 Main dish | 43 Engage in neologism |
| 52 Insensitive one | 126 Frosts | 44 Wing it onstage |
| 53 Glinda portrayer | 127 Bills depicting pyramids | 45 Flows slowly |
| 54 Sooner State city | 128 Towel imprint | 48 Hotelier Helmsley |
| 56 Serviceable | 129 Pavarotti and his peers | 50 One of George III's prime ministers |
| 57 Muesli grain | 130 Like cranberries | 53 Guinea-___ (African nation) |
| 58 As new, to a collector | | 55 "Buenos ___!" |
| 61 Autumnal chill | | 56 Dues payees |
| 62 TV viewers' perches | | 58 Bad-mouth |
| 64 Sector | | 59 Colt's comment |
| 65 Metered fleet | | 60 Strong and dense |
| 67 Spurious | | 63 Frying medium |
| 69 Middle measurement | | 66 Barracks bed |
| 72 Single-masted craft | | 68 Squeaky-voiced Muppet |
| 73 Monogram parts | | |
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| 71 Stood tall | 91 You might sit still for it | 111 Datum for a tailor |
| 73 British Columbia neighbor | 95 Mother of Perseus | 112 "Simon ___" |
| 74 Odor detectors | 97 Columbus sch. | 113 Kittenish calls |
| 75 Wander around the Web | 98 "Jingle Bells" vehicle | 114 River to the Mediterranean |
| 77 Jabs | 99 Nuisance | 115 Mob or tip suffix |
| 79 Wolfed down | 101 Sweet-sounding | 116 Sea World performer |
| 82 Zest, essentially | 105 Medal-worthy quality | 117 Sly glance |
| 83 Work-shoe part | 107 Director Sergio | 118 Bidder before South, in bridge |
| 84 Clark and Orbison | 108 Has a yen (for) | 122 It has a high elev. |
| 86 Tablelike hill | 109 Salsa-topped munchie | |

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Billie BURKE (53 Across), onetime wife of impresario Florenz Ziegfeld, portrayed Glinda the Good Witch in "The Wizard of Oz." ISLE Royale National Park (120 Across), in northern Michigan, encompasses Superior. As used at 82 Down, "zest" is the thin outer PEEL of a citrus fruit, used as a flavoring.



'3 for the Show' set for Valentine's Day

DOWNEY--"3 for the Show," a song and dance trio that sings and swings to some of the best music ever written--songs by Porter, Gershwin and Ellington, to name a few, will bring their flash and style to the Nordic Fox Restaurant for a special Valentine's Day show Monday, Feb. 14.

The trio specializes in swing dancing and tight vocal harmonies guaranteed to set your toes tapping.

Michael Musa, Tricia Eckhart, and Tracy Henry are the multitabled performers that make this trio work so well.

Michael's roots are in West Virginia, where he began acting and singing in high school. He has since amassed an impressive list of stage credits from across the U.S., and has appeared on several Southern California stages, as well as TV.

Tricia is a native Californian and began dancing at the age of four. Her first love is musical theater, and she has appeared throughout the southland, and around the globe as a singer on cruise ships.

Tracy is a Californian, although he considers himself more of a country boy since his parents are from North Carolina. He has worked with such stars as Ray Walston, Karen Morrow and Roy Clark, and his credits include stage, TV, radio and film.

The show starts at 6 p.m. on Valentine's and there is no cover charge. For information or reservations to their Valentine's Day appearance at the Nordic Fox, call 869-1414. The restaurant is located at Paramount and Third Street in Downey.

CSULB piano and cello concert

LONG BEACH--CSU-Long Beach's Faculty Artist Series presentation, "The Cello in 1915," Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Gerald Daniel Recital Hall features faculty artist David Garrett on cello and his wife, Junko Ueno Garrett, on piano. The couple performs cello and piano recitals as the Belrose duo, their itinerary including several tours in both the U.S. and Japan.

The concert Tuesday, which begins at 8 p.m., will include diverse works for cello from the year 1915 such as Max Reger's *Suite No. 2, Op. 131* - solo cello, Debussy's *Sonata* cello and piano and Kodaly's *Sonata, Op. 8*-solo cello.

Garrett, who has been part of the cello section of the Los Angeles Philharmonic since Feb. 2000, joined the applied teaching faculty at CSULB in fall 2001.

Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$7 seniors and those with valid student ID. Call (562) 985-7000 for tickets.



'3 FOR THE SHOW'—Talented song and dance trio appear at the Nordic Fox on Valentine's Day.

Chorus at OASIS meeting Feb. 14

DOWNEY--The Downey Adult School's OASIS program Monday, Feb. 14 will be spiced by the appearance of the Bellflower Civic Chorus as they perform a special Valentine's Day concert of romantic love songs.

Providing the usual piano entertainment will be Dr. Robert Flynn. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration required to attend. Dinner ticket is only \$3.50. The meeting starts at 3 p.m., with the program proper at 4 p.m. Healthful full course dinner is served at 5 p.m.

Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation for those who'll need it. Information: (562) 940-6200.

"The Mousetrap" will play in Long Beach

LONG BEACH--Agatha Christie's acclaimed mystery drama, "The Mousetrap," which still holds records in London as the longest continuous-playing production, will be on stage at the Long Beach Playhouse from Feb. 28 through Apr. 9.

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Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees scheduled for Mar. 6, 13, 20 and Apr. 3 at 2 p.m.

Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 East Anaheim St. For tickets and information call 494-1014.

Asian production of "Proof" extended

LOS ANGELES--East West Players will extend its acclaimed production of "Proof" by David Auburn, directed by Heidi Helen Davis through March 6. The Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning play is being presented by East West Players for the first time with an all-Asian American cast.

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GriefShare seminar at First Christian

DOWNEY—Downey First Christian Church offers a bereavement seminar series on Sunday evenings entitled "GriefShare," starting March 6. The seminar, held from 6-8 p.m., continues for 13 weeks.

GriefShare is for people grieving the loss of someone close. Each two-hour seminar consists of a 35-minute video presentation and group discussion. The series features biblical teaching and video talks by leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. In addition, real-life stories will be told of how individuals, experiencing a loss, are coping with that loss.

A \$15 donation for the workbook materials is requested. Additional information may be found at www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare, or by calling the church office at 862-2438.

Public invited to weight loss awards

DOWNEY—TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), Downey Chapter #CA 372, will recognize members who will have achieved weight loss the most at its annual awards scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 at United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Fifth and Downey Avenues.

The group invites the community to share in the special celebration, which starts at 12:30 p.m. For information/seating reservations, call Bonnie Fiala at 927-7122.



YMCA SUPPORT — Steve Labarge, PGA, and Mark Shelton, representing Rio Hondo Golf Club and Event Center, recently presented the Downey Family YMCA with a \$1,000 check in support of the Y's youth activities. Pictured from left to right: George Saikali, Executive Director of the YMCA, Labarge, and Steve Roberson. Shelton is not pictured.

Emblem Club Pechanga bus trip Feb. 16

DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is sponsoring a Pechanga Bus Trip Wednesday, Feb. 16. It is the club's first fundraiser of the year.

Assembly is at the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bingo will be played going and coming. A \$5 voucher will be issued each Pechanga goer to use as they choose.

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Temple offers educational programs

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is continuing its Adult Education Study sessions, offering "Contemporary Issues & Jewish Responses" Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., and "Psalms" Tuesday evenings at 7:45 p.m.

These "interesting and thought-provoking sessions" are conducted by the Temple's Spiritual Leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, and is open to the entire community. Classes are free to Temple members. For non-Temple members, a donation of \$18 for the term is suggested, but no one will be turned away.

Meanwhile, a comprehensive Sunday school program is also taught from January to June by Temple Ner Tamid of Downey and Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier. The classes are taught in Downey by Cantor Jay Harwitt and Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, with Luis Perez working with the Kindergarten and first graders or "K'tan Tots." Classes are ongoing and registration is accepted at any time.

School meets Sundays from 9 a.m.-12 noon; several field trips are planned. Temple Ner Tamid's representatives to the newly-merged school board are Gloria Bennett and Jim Hansen.

Membership in either Temple is required, and for information regarding membership and Sunday School fees, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

New L.A. trauma center opens

LOS ANGELES—A new trauma center at The California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles has opened, it was announced by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez (D-Los Angeles). Ten trauma units have closed over the past 20 years in the area. The new trauma center is the first to open in Los Angeles in over a decade.

"Opening the California Hospital's new trauma center reverses a healthcare trend by adding services in a community rather than taking them away," said Speaker Nunez. "The addition of this new trauma center is a testament to the tireless effort by doctors, nurses, and administrators to bring hope to our community and to save more lives."

The hospital's trauma center is designed to ensure that patients are taken to their local hospital in a timelier manner, and will ultimately increase a patient's chances of survival. The quick response allows doctors to take advantage of the "golden hour" — the 60 critical minutes when a life hangs in the balance.

The acute care hospital serves an average of 200 inpatients daily. More than 53 percent of the California Hospital Medical Center's patient population qualifies for government-assisted health care.

"This new facility is more than a building, it's a symbol for the community, a community that doesn't always have access to healthcare services," said Speaker Nunez. "And it is a symbol that says we are committed to both saving lives, and helping people lead healthier ones."

EPC meeting schedule changed

DOWNEY—The Emergency Preparedness Committee, which previously met the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Center, will now meet regularly the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at 12222 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

For information, call the city of Downey Fire Department, 904-7344.

Concerto contest winners performing

LONG BEACH—CSU-Long Beach's University Symphony Orchestra will perform and feature the winners of the 2005 CSULB Concerto Competition Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Gerald Daniel Recital Hall. Richard Rintoul conducts.

The winners: Jeremy Swem (trombone); Sean Franz (alto saxophone); Katherine Koh, piano.

The program will include *Concertino for Trombone* by David, *Concertino da Camera for Alto Saxophone* by Ibert; *Piano Concerto No. 3* (3rd Movement) by Prokofiev; and *Don Juan* by R. Strauss.

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UCLA Healthcare hosting open house

WESTWOOD—UCLA Healthcare Volunteer Services department will host an Open House from 2-4 p.m. on three upcoming Saturdays – March 5, April 2 and May 7 – at the Marisa Leif Conference Room located at 300 UCLA Medical Plaza in Westwood.

New volunteers are needed to serve at the UCLA Medical Center, Mattel Children’s Hospital at UCLA, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital and the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. Bilingual individuals who speak both English and Spanish are especially needed to volunteer.

Unique opportunities are available in a variety of departments including patient care, research labs, emergency rooms, admissions, information desks, pediatrics, the Jules Stein Eye Institute, outpatient clinics, gift shops and many more.

Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age and should commit to at least 4 hours per week. An orientation and training are provided to help volunteers become valuable members of the UCLA Healthcare team.

For information, call (310) 825-6003 or visit www.healthcare.ucla.edu/volunteering/volunteering.htm.

Cancer support group at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The hospital is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. For more information call 806-2790.

DUI checkpoints in Downey Feb. 26

DOWNEY—Between the hours of 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, the Downey Police Department will be conducting a Driver’s License and Driving Under the Influence checkpoint at various locations throughout the City of Downey.

Unlicensed drivers or drivers found driving with a suspended driver’s license will be cited and their vehicles subject to impoundment. Drivers found to be under the influence will be arrested.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the Business Transportation and Housing Agency.

‘Bleacher Bums’ plays at Cerritos

NORWALK—Cerritos College’s Department of Theatre and Associated Students will present “Bleacher Bums,” about a group of die-hard Cubs fans while they root for their star-crossed team at Chicago’s Wrigley field,” March 4-13. It was written by members of The Organic Theatre Company and conceived by Joe Mantegna.

Attendance is open to the public and discounts are offered to seniors and Cerritos College students.

Faculty director Dr. Robin Huber says of the play, “Although a baseball game is the setting for ‘Bleacher bums,’ it is not a play that focuses on the players and coaches. [It] focuses on the fans and is very optimistic. We see the triumph of our better natures: hope over despair, generosity over greed and caring over callousness.”

March 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 performances are at 8 p.m.; March 13 is at 2 p.m. Prices are \$12 general, and \$10 for students and senior citizens. For information/to purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058, or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

Medicare help at Presbyterian Hospital

WHITTIER – Do you have questions about Medicare, long-term care insurance or Health Maintenance Organizations? The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program provides free assistance to Los Angeles County Medicare beneficiaries who need help at weekly meetings at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

The sessions run every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Flo & Frank L. Scott Conference Center. Make a reservation by calling 698-0811 ext. 2444.



GIRL POWER — Staff throughout Downey Regional Medical Center joined other health organizations across the nation Feb. 4 in clothing themselves in red to support the American Heart Association’s Wear Red Day event. The mission was to raise awareness of heart disease among women. “Red evokes passion and confidence, and it can signal change,” Georgann Johnson, DRMC Coordinator of Cardiovascular Services said. “This was much more than a fashion statement; it provided an opportunity to spotlight heart disease, a primary killer of women.”

Adult school nurse guest speaker

DOWNEY—Rose Boland, from the Downey Adult School Health Services, will be the guest speaker Tuesday, Feb. 22 when the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group meets at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., at 7:30 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN AGNES DONAHUE – Invites the community to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild Past Presidents' Valentine luncheon tomorrow, Feb. 12, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club at 12 p.m. The cost is \$30; entertainment will be provided by the On Stage Dance Center. For reservations, call 928-1844.

Free bone density screening Feb. 17

BELLFLOWER – Pioneer Medical Group (PMG) is sponsoring a free bone density screening at its Bellflower offices Thursday, Feb. 17, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Services tomorrow for Deborah Russell

DOWNEY—Deborah Russell, who was born, raised, and lived in Downey for all of her 53 years, has passed away.

Born June 9, 1951 to parents Donald and Janice Russell and employed at Fidelity National Title Insurance, she died Feb. 8. Services in her honor officiated by Rev. Liz Habecker will be held tomorrow, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey. Visitation is today, Feb. 11, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Russell graduated from Warren High School in 1969, and received her B.S. degree in computer science and worked as a systems analyst for over 20 years, managing the development of proprietary software for title companies. She was a member of the Rotary Club of San Fernando Valley.

She enjoyed travel and as a young woman lived in Germany working as a nurses' aide in the nursery of the Frauleiner Klinik in Munich. She flew small airplanes and did snow skiing, boating and camping.

Russell is survived by parents Donald and Janice; sisters Gayla and Patty; nephews Brian and Matthew; nieces Amy, Rebecca, Markie and Allison; and grand niece and nephew McKenzie and Logan. She was predeceased by sister Cheryl.

Interment will be at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Rabbi guest speaker Feb. 15

DOWNEY—Rabbi Len Muroff, Spiritual Leader of Temple Beth Zion-Sinai in Lakewood who just returned from a mission to Israel and the Ukraine, will be the program speaker at the EZRA Center for Mature Adults' meeting Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Rabbi Muroff's observations during his trip, plus photos/slides of same, promise to have great relevance especially considering the changes in leadership that have recently occurred in the Middle East and the Ukraine.

For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



DEBORAH RUSSELL—Was a Downey native and resident for 53 years. Services will be held in her honor tomorrow at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. There will be visitation today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

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.

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Ronald McDonald scholarships announced

LOS ANGELES—Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California (RMHCSC)/Scholars of Tomorrow Scholarship Program announced its inaugural college scholarship, offering \$25,000 in scholarships to qualified high school students throughout Southern California.

The program is sponsored by the McDonald's Operators' Association of Southern California (MOASC) and scholarships are jointly funded by grants from the Global and Southern California chapters of RMHC.

Twenty-five high school seniors who excel in the classroom and demonstrate leadership in the community will be selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships to the accredited college or university of their choice.

Applications for the scholarship program were mailed to more than 1,000 public and private high schools throughout the Southland and are available through guidance counselors' offices. Applications can also be obtained by calling (310) 444-7000. Completed applications must be post-marked by Tuesday, March 1 for consideration.

To be eligible, students must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura County and must be enrolled as a high school senior. Students who plan to attend an institution of higher learning which offers accredited, post-secondary instruction, may apply. Students must submit a completed application form, high school transcript, letter of recommendation, and an essay, no more than two pages in length, describing how their leadership has made a positive impact on their communities and how they plan to continue making a difference.

MOASC is composed of more than 600 franchised and company-owned McDonald's restaurants in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

Story of two rivers depicted in mural

LONG BEACH—A mural exhibit that explores the journey of water from the mountains to the sea, "Rios de la Vida" (Rivers of Life), has debuted at the Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach. It is free and runs through April 30.

The ceramic mosaic mural surrounds the city of Long Beach's Wave Fountain and presents a tapestry of images that evoke the two uniquely urban rivers—the Los Angeles and San Gabriel. Highlighted in the mural is the surprising diversity of flora and fauna still found today in and around these rivers. The history and conservation issues surrounding the rivers are explored through interpretive graphics.

The mural starts at the rivers' headwaters in the local San Gabriel Mountains, traveling through the floodplains where many of us live, and ends along our coastal wetlands and river delta tidal zone. An array of boulders illustrates the geological story of our watershed and the erosive power of water as it travels to the ocean.

"Our goal is to remind us of our rivers' connection with the ocean, their remaining beauty, and threats to their conservation. We hope this exhibit inspires stewardship by providing educational information on our local rivers, watersheds, and the animals that depend on them," said Aquarium of the Pacific president & CEO Jerry R. Schubel.

The Aquarium of the Pacific is open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (except on Dec. 25 and during the weekend of the Grand Prix of Long Beach April 8-10, 2005). Admission is \$18.95 adult (12+), \$16.95 senior (60+), \$10.95 child (3-11), and free for Aquarium members and children under three.

Hotline numbers for city services

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, a functional arm of the City of Downey Public Works Department, has provided the following Hotline Numbers for the public's use:

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Genealogical Society meets Feb. 19

WHITTIER—Speaker at the Saturday, Feb. 19 monthly meeting at 1 p.m. of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) held at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier, is Stephen Morse.


Morse's topic, "White, Blue, Gray! What Color Ellis Island Search Form Should I Use?" will deal with the going on-line in April 2001 of the Ellis Island ship manifests and passenger records. The One-Step Ellis Island website was created to make this resource easier to use. It has expanded to include new search capabilities and an array of color-coded search forms which will be described from both an historical and practical perspective.

Saturday, Feb. 26, the annual WAGS seminar will be held at the same location. Popular teacher Gary Shumway will present "United States History for Genealogists: The Colonial and National Period and Why My Ancestors Moved."

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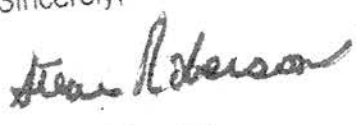
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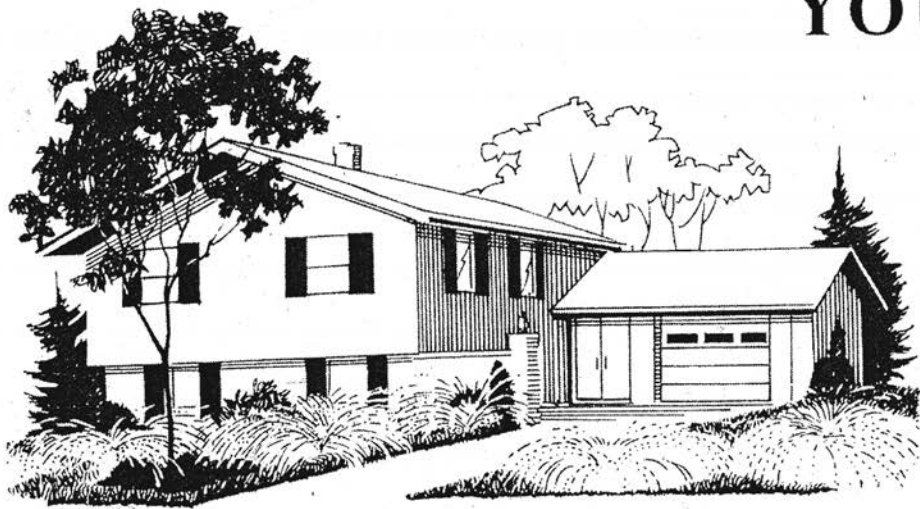
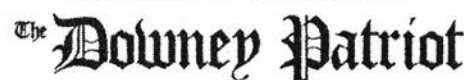
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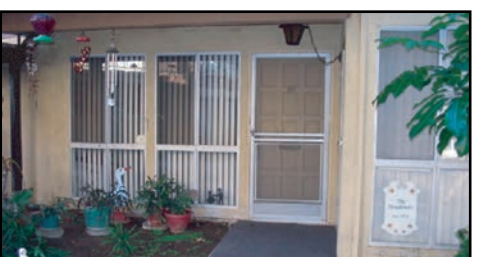
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