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Downey crowned water polo champs

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – After years of performances that left the Downey girls water polo team tantalizingly close but ultimately devoid of their prized goal, the girls have finally broken through. For the first time in Downey High School history, the Vikings are girls water polo champions.

Sofia Patronas and Kristin Swart led Downey to the Division VI CIF Southern Section title Tuesday, scoring all of their team's goals in an enthusiastic 10-5 victory over Corona Centennial at Belmont Plaza.

How dominant were the Vikings? The win capped a two-week playoff run that saw Downey eliminate four teams – Bolsa Grande, Saddleback and Santa Monica, in addition to Corona – by a combined score of 52-16. The five goals they allowed Tuesday were the most scored against them throughout the entire playoffs, a credit to goalkeeper Constance Daniels. Meanwhile, the offense flexed its muscle when they defeated Bolsa Grande 20-4 in the first round match-up, tallying the highest scoring output by any team in the single-elimination tournament.

Last year, Downey reached the semifinals but surrendered a late lead to Garden Grove in a season-ending loss at home. Two years ago the Vikings were eliminated in the quarterfinals, also by Garden Grove.

Downey staved off that same fate by coming out strong, jumping to a 3-2 lead in the second quarter that grew to 6-3 by the half. Corona Centennial cut the lead to 6-4 in the fourth but Patronas, defended with single coverage the entire game, responded with two consecutive goals. Corona scored again, but Swart sealed the win with two more Downey goals.

Patronas finished with six goals, Swart four. Both are seniors.

Downey, guided by Coach Sean Steward, completes the season with a 24-7-1 record.

Education honors to Davis, Halbmaier

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Phil Davis, Principal of West Middle School, and Kent Halbmaier, Director of Special Education for the District, were honored by the Board of the Downey Unified School District by presentation of Association of California School Administrators Region XIV Awards.

Davis was presented to the Board by Sara Cairns, Director of Secondary Education, and the President of Region XIV, after being named Middle School Principal of the Year by the Region.

Cairns also presented Halbmaier who was named the region's Special Education Administrator of the Year. And the two were honored by an additional presentation by the Superintendent of Schools, Wendy Doty.

Davis

Of Davis, Cairns said he has been instrumental in shaping a new vision at West Middle School which has taken the school to new levels of success. The campus is now truly student-centered and has a "Family" atmosphere. Davis is not your typical principal, yet he attains the same goals including remarkable student achievement. He created a new mission statement when he came to West, in which he spelled out his belief that the entire staff needed to have ownership of their goals. As a result test scores have improved each year and West is awaiting word it has been named a California Distinguished School.

During his tenure he has also seen that the school is one of the most technologically advanced schools in the district. West was the first campus to install a closed circuit TV system to be used for instruction and student news.

Davis puts students first, and often talks about doing the right thing and character. He believes good character is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

He leads by example, and works tirelessly at whatever it takes for student success, always showing grace to students and families during hard moments. He has often personally offered financial and emotional support, even singing at weddings and funerals.

In addition, he has served as member of the Board and President of the Downey Administrators Association, and has mentored many aspiring administrators. His style is to work very hard to organize staff efforts and then "Get out of the way!" And he always credits his staff for their efforts.

Halbmaier

In introducing Kent Halbmaier to the Board, Cairns pointed to his strong roots in the Downey community. He is Downey raised and educated, and has always demonstrated an abiding commitment to education and the children, the district and the community.

He has taken an active role in the Downey Administrators Association, and has provided support for the Key Club in the high schools and the Builders Club in the middle schools. He recently took to the stage in a role in the Kiwanis Club's production of "The Odd Couple," an effort that raised money for Kiwanis youth scholarships.

He may be visiting a child in the burn unit at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, or you may find him at a class for emotionally disturbed children, but you can be sure that it is work for the betterment of children. He sees potential in all children, and works tirelessly to nurture it so it can continue to grow.

Both Davis and Halbmaier had many family members in the audience

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STEVE ALLEN—Presents on behalf of the Downey Optimist Club a check for \$1,000 to GOOD President and City Councilmember Dave Gafin, right, in support of the upcoming annual GOOD Luncheon April 13 at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

School lunch prices increased by Board

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has adjusted lunch prices for the middle and high schools for the 2005-06 school year.

The action at Tuesday's regular Board meeting increases middle school lunches from the current \$1.50 to \$1.75 and at the high schools from \$1.75 to \$2.

A staff report noted that secondary student meal prices have not been adjusted since the 2003-04 school year, and while participation has increased the revenue traditionally generated by the a la carte program has been reduced due to legislation and can no longer subsidize meal program costs.

Food and labor costs have also gone up, while state reimbursements and local income have not covered expenses. The increase was recommended in order to avoid further impact on the Cafeteria Fund balance.

Big Job Fair set for next Saturday

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Adult School will co-sponsor the annual Job Fair on Saturday March 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

Last year more than 900 job seekers turned out to fill out applications and meet with the many employers at the job fair.

Major corporate sponsors

The fair has four corporate sponsors, Downey Regional Medical Center, Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, Mitchell Personnel, and Keller Williams Real Estate/Mortgage.

There will be three free workshops offered during the a.m. program, Dress for Success from 9:30 to 10 a.m., Interview Skills from 10:30 to 11 a.m., and Job Search/Resume Writing from 11:30 to 12 noon.

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ONSTAGE DANCE CENTER—(Formerly Belinda's) dancers strut their stuff. Onstage Dance Center, whose offerings range from jazz to tap to hip-hop and lyrical classes, has relocated from 8425 Firestone Blvd. to 12912 Paramount Blvd. Boasting some of the best teachers and choreographers in town, Onstage Dance Center dancers can be seen at the Downey Street Faire and even showcasing their talents in the Sebastian Sidi concerts.

Despite storms, we're still in a drought — WRD

CARSON—The recent heavy rains have added significantly to groundwater storage in Southern Los Angeles County, but we're still in a drought and have a long way to go before reaching the pre-drought conditions of six years ago.

That's the mixed message of Water Replenishment District (WRD) officials as they assess the impact of recent storms on groundwater elevations. Elevations in key wells monitored by WRD have risen 35 feet since October, but remain substantially below optimum levels.

"We received twice our normal rainfall for the year even before the storm that began last Thursday," WRD president Willard H. Murray, Jr. said, "and we still have seven months to go in the Water Year, which ends October 31. So from a groundwater storage standpoint, things are looking good for the year."

Previous storms since October have added 40,000 acre-feet to the groundwater aquifers, with an additional 35,000 acre-feet awaiting release behind dams on the San Gabriel River. "That's as good as gold," Murray said. "75,000 acre-feet is enough water to serve the needs of 375,000 people in a year. If we bought the same amount of water from the Metropolitan Water District to spread into the aquifers, it would cost over \$17 million."

Murray cautioned that the good news is tempered by the fact that the drought has accounted for the loss of 200,000 acre-feet of groundwater in storage over the past six years. "Despite all the rain we've had since October, the drought is not over. We need the next few years to be like this one to get where we need to be," he said.

The WRD is responsible for managing and safeguarding two of the most utilized groundwater basins in Southern California, the Central and West Coast Basins. These basins provide 40 percent of the total water demand used by almost four million people in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County. The mission of the WRD is to provide a sufficient supply of high quality groundwater through progressive, cost-effective and environmentally sensitive basin management.

Havice running for Cerritos Council

CERRITOS—Many local residents are unaware that a familiar face in local political circles is running for public office again—this time for a slot on the Cerritos City Council which will be decided at the polls March 8.

Sally Morales Havice, at age 67, with 25 years of teaching experience and 13 years of public service, first on the ABC Unified School Board and then as assemblywoman representing the areas including Downey, Bellflower and Cerritos, is one of seven candidates trying for a council seat in Cerritos.

Havice could sit back and conduct a busy-enough-for-most life as an English professor at Cerritos College, But she says she feels the present Council in Cerritos has grown remote from the public, and feels she can remedy the problem.

Right-to-know

She also says the public should be informed about things like overnight parking, senior services and transportation. She promises to send out brochures to bring residents up to date on these issues if elected.

Most of all she was incensed by the raising of the old issue of whether to make Martin Luther King Day a holiday, which she said should have been settled years ago. She sees it as a symptom of an old but resurgent problem that should have been settled and left in the last century.

Proud record

She is proud of her record while in the state Assembly, including securing \$200,000 allocations for community policing and mentoring in the ABC and Downey Unified School Districts, beautification funding for the interchange of the Riverside (91) and San Gabriel (605) Freeways, legislation that made possible the senior housing complex in Cerritos, and the creation of the San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy which has secured funding for resources, parks and open space.

Her political roots date to 1987 when she helped to found the Southeast Task Force on Youth Violence in response to gang shootings. The group worked under the auspices of the League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC), reopened Padelford Park in Artesia. She worked tirelessly to dissolve barriers between neighborhoods by starting joint field trips and activities that included members from both sides of the street.

Years of service

She was elected to the Board of the ABC School District in 1989 and served into 1996 when she was elected to the Assembly. She says her experience in state politics can only help as an advocate on the city level.

She prefers the term "public service" to politics.

She has three grown sons, one of whom is in law enforcement. Her endorsements include the association for Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs, and ABC Unified Boardmembers Mark Pulido and Cecy Groom.



RECEIVING LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS – At Downey Rose Float Association ceremony were Mike and Joyce Prokop.

Downey Rose Float swears in president

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association swore in on Feb. 11 new and returning president Julie Swender and this year's incoming officers and board members. Swender previously served as president for 3 years, and also been treasurer and recording secretary.

The current Board of Directors lineup is as follows: President—Julie Swender; 1st VP—Kelley Roberts; 2nd VP—Danielle Storey; 3rd VP—Judy Atherton; Treasurer—Susan England; Recording Secretary—Madelyn Barefoot; and Corresponding Secretary—Pam Chambers. The other board members are: Richard Chambers, Nancy Rysavy, Mike Artherton, Andrew Malarky, Andrew Webb, Ray Erwin, Barbara Emry, and Shari Guggiana.

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Diabetes Health Fair at hospital March 19

DOWNEY – The Diabetes Institute at Downey Regional Medical Center will present its annual Diabetes Health Fair for the community March 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in its conference rooms at 11500 Brookshire Ave.

Visitors will be able to receive free glucose screenings, visit informational booths staffed by pharmaceutical and foot care companies and hear presentations on diabetes-related topics. Endocrinologist Dr. David Berger, Ophthalmologist Dr. Brian Brown and Podiatrist Dr. Douglas McClure will speak and answer questions.

"Experts estimate that 18.2 million Americans have diabetes, yet one person in three does not even know it," said Elsa Saucedo, R.N., certified diabetes educator. "At this health fair, we want to educate people on how to prevent diabetes, identify those who may already have this disease and provide resources for diabetics and their families."

Some of the health organizations scheduled to participate include Bayer Health Care, Zweber Apothecary, Pioneer Medical and others.

For more information on the Diabetes Health Fair, diabetes education classes or support group, call 905-5580.

Ribbon cutting for new dental practice

DOWNEY—Ribbon cutting for A-Downey Dental Group, located at 11411 Brookshire Ave., #501, takes place Thursday, March 10 at 11 a.m., with the assistance of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

A-Downey Dental Group is one of three practices owned by Dr. Gary Crockett, D.D.S., who is a graduate of the UCSF School of Dentistry and has advanced education in general and cosmetic dentistry.

His locations are in Bellflower, Downey and the latest in Long Beach. They have been in Downey for seven months.

All their practices are 24-hour emergency offices and open 7 days a week, for added convenience to their patients. They even provide transportation if needed. Dr. Crockett has been practicing dentistry for 33 years.

Refreshments will be served at the ribbon cutting ceremony, and toothbrush kits given to all attendees. In addition, they will be offering free whitening to guests and visitors, as well as raffling off a couple of gifts.

Enrollment now open at Good Shepherd

DOWNEY—Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 13200 Clark Ave. in Downey (just south of the 105 freeway), is now enrolling K-8 students for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Christian school offers "small class size, excellent academics, before and after school care, and strong home-school partnership led by caring, expert teachers." Call 803-4918 for a tour/more information.

Little League Opening Day tomorrow

DOWNEY – West Downey Little League will be celebrating their Opening Day ceremonies tomorrow, March 5, with a carnival, fun booths, food and prizes beginning at 9 a.m. at West Middle School, 11985 Old River School Road.

For more information call 928-2837. The community is invited to attend.



NURSING STUDENTS—Eric Rosales, left, and Angelique Avila, center, take the blood pressure of fellow Cerritos College student David Gomez at the college's new Health Occupations Skills Lab which was dedicated on Feb. 24. The state-of-the-art facility simulates actual health care environment conditions.

Water polo team cheered by board

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Three parents made separate appeals at the meeting of the Board of the Downey Unified School District Tuesday in behalf of a music director whose contract is not being renewed at Warren High School.

All three women spoke in behalf of the teaching talents of Shawn Taylor, who they said is not being asked back at Warren.

During Board comments, Betty Ferraro cheered the progress in the CIF Playoffs by the Downey High Girls Water Polo Team, whose game was in progress as the Board met.

Donald La Plante noted that with things as they are in Sacramento, there will be no state budget before Christmas.

And Mark Morris said he appreciated the coverage in the Downey Patriot on the pending retirement of Principal Allen Layne at Downey High School.

(Boardmember William Gutierrez did not attend Tuesday's meeting.)

Symphony performance for students

DOWNEY—The Hoag Foundation will host all fifth graders in the Downey Unified School District to a performance by the Downey Symphony Orchestra at the Downey Theater on Wednesday, March 23. The foundation will donate funds to the Downey Symphonic Society's "Music in the Schools" program to make the concert possible.

During the concert, Thomas Osborn, the Artistic Director and Conductor for the Downey Symphony Orchestra, will explain musical terms and concepts before students listen to the pieces of music. Each piece includes a story. Teachers will prepare students for the performance using study materials provided by the Downey Symphonic Society.

'Women of Distinction' breakfast

DOWNEY—Sorooptimist International of Downey will honor the following "Women of Distinction" at their Thursday, March 10 7:30 a.m. breakfast at Rio Hondo Country Club: Joanne Bauer, Stacy Brabant, Faye Campbell, Jean Kiskadden, Lucy Lynn Wilson, Dorothy Pemberton, and Violet Richardson Award winner Kathleen O'Connell.

Dawn Marie Lemonds, who is liaison for Project Independence/Women Survivors of War, is the guest speaker. RSVP by March 3, 928-3826.

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Ballots for Chamber Director are on way

DOWNEY—Ballots will soon be mailed to select five Downey Chamber of Commerce Directors for three-year terms starting in July 2005.

The five candidates for the five board seats include Joe Becker of Nordic Fox Restaurant; Bob Ciatti of Efficient Electronics; Darrel Dixon of Don Dixon and Associates Insurance; Dan Fox, D.C., of Fox Chiropractic; John McAllister, D.D.S.; Louis Pintola, Escrow Results; Jan Scott, Pacific Western Bank; Orlandus Waters of Financial Partners; and Robert Zavala of Freedom Vacations.

Knabe hosting 'walk for independence'

DOWNEY—The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, will be held Saturday, March 12 at 8 a.m. at Downey's Stonewood Center, near the Acapulco Restaurant.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe is the host and Platinum Sponsor for this event which raises both awareness and funds for people with developmental disabilities served by Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County.

Joining Supervisor Knabe will be Master of Ceremonies Phillip Palmer of KABC, and "Lucy," Johnny Croshaw, the Warren High School Marching Band, the Mayfair High School Jazz Band, and a Marine Corps colorguard are among those providing music.

Acapulco Restaurant y Cantina will serve its famous Burrito Breakfast to all participants. Diamond sponsors CareMore Medical Group, Carol Pearce - CPA #1 International, Haire/Scott Family, Downey Kiwanis Foundation, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Lopez Insurance Agency, Inc., Rotary Club of Downey, Century 21 My Real Estate Co., Inc., Gary & Betty Morse, Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, and Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis will also have a presence.

The event includes two walking courses, a one-mile and a three-mile course. Registration fee is only \$10, and children under 10 are free. Arc urges everyone to "Get your team together and join us for a morning of help and hope for people with disabilities."

For information/registration, call (562) 803-4606, or e-mail arckmac@aol.com.

Newcomers Club luncheon March 14

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club will hold their monthly luncheon Monday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

It will be an advanced celebration of St. Patrick's Day. President Barbara Emry encourages those attending to wear 'green' in honor of "St. Paddy." A traditional lunch of corn beef & cabbage is on the menu. Cost of the lunch is \$10.

To make reservations for the fun get-together, call Vicki at 923-0471 or Paula at 861-2545.



STREET FAIRE COMMITTEE - Busy preparing plans for the Downey Chamber of Commerce and the annual Street Faire on Brookshire Ave. are (front row, from left) Janet Baez, Jan Scott, Fionnuala Anderson, and Kathy Gorman; and back row, from left, Steve Hoffman, Rick Rodriguez and Greg Gonzales. Anderson and Scott are co-chairs of this year's big event scheduled to take place Saturday, May 7.

Teens encouraged to join lifeguard class

DOWNEY - A spring break lifeguard training class will be offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department March 28 - April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The American Red Cross Certification Course provides the necessary skills and training needed to become a lifeguard.

Students must be at least 15 years of age on or before the last day of class to enroll.

"Training to become a lifeguard can be exciting and rewarding," said Sheila Pautsch, Recreation Supervisor for the Community Services Department. "The skills and knowledge you learn, such as CPR and first aid, can help you as a lifeguard as well as in your day to day life. We encourage teens to enroll in this class because this can lead to jobs with the city for the summer. Applications will be accepted until April 15 in the Personnel Department."

Registration for the lifeguard class begins March 7. Cost is \$105 and all materials will be provided.

Spay Program through March 11 urges action

DOWNEY—As part of a national Spay Day USA campaign to combat overpopulation by dogs and cats pet owners may get their pets fixed at reduced prices now through March 11 through the Southeast Area animal Control authority.

The surgery will be offered at the reduced rate of \$15 for cats and \$35 for dogs up to 79 pounds and \$55 for dogs 80 pounds and up.

The service will be offered at three area facilities: the SEAACA Animal Care Center and Ashton Animal Hospital in Downey and the After Hours Animal Hospital in Norwalk.

Appointments may be made by calling (562) 803-3301 ext. 235. The 11th Annual Spay Day USA campaign is organized by the Doris Day Animal Foundation, a non-profit group based in Washington D.C.

'St. Joseph's Table' at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish will sponsor their 23rd annual "St. Joseph's Table" Sunday, March 13 in Msgr. Bob Gipson Hall at 12348 Paramount Blvd., Downey.

The St. Joseph's Table is a tradition that started many centuries ago in Southern Italy, when Italian Catholics publicly celebrate their greatest saint, Saint Joseph. What turned out to be a 2-day celebration ends when the "Tavola de San Guiseppe" is set out on the piazza on the second day. The table is covered in white, decorated with flowers, and laden with many different foods, especially bread.

The celebration at St. Raymond's March 13 will take place as follows: Viewing from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Liturgy Celebration—Procession at 11 a.m., Blessing of the Table at 12 p.m., and a pasta dinner from 12:30-5 p.m.

For more information, call Marguerite Ferraro at 869-7024 or Charlene Drobeck at 928-1937.

Annual spring boutique at Riley Center

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is holding its annual spring boutique Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

Vendor spaces are \$20 for one space, \$35 for two. Information, call 904-7223.

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Arc Walk for Independence
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The Arc is a private non-profit organization serving over 400 people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities every day in 24 different programs

City Manager responds

By John Adams

Due to the amount of mail received on the question of the naming of members to the commission for the new Learning Center/Space Museum to be built on a portion of the former NASA property, we are printing this letter of response by the City Manager instead of the regular column.

The regular column will resume next week. We hope you find the City Manager's letter clarifying and helpful.

Dear Editor:

I have received several pieces of correspondence regarding the city's recent decision to create a nonprofit fund raising organization for the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center. I am writing in the hope of correcting some of the misunderstandings about the process.

First, the City has *not* created a Board of Directors for the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center. There will *not* be a Board of Directors for the Learning Center. The Center, once constructed, will be operated under the City's Community Services Department.

Second, the City *did* create a nonprofit legal entity to try and raise construction money for the Learning Center through tax deductible donations. The Council appointed the initial Board of Directors to write by-laws and draft a fund raising plan. Unfortunately, we have run into soil contamination at the Learning Center/Park site. It is costing the City \$800,000 to clean up the site. We had hoped to use this clean-up money for part of the Learning Center's construction. Now we'll have to raise it from other sources.

On a personal note, my deceased father worked for 28 years at the Downey plant, so I fully appreciate the effort of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation (ALF) to preserve the history of the site. I proudly display my dad's Performance Award for Apollo Manufacturing and a letter from Astronaut Al Worden presenting him with NASA's "Silver Snoopy" in my office.

I have always thought that ALF would be critical in creating/designing the building's historical displays. I also think it would be great if we could create a docent program whereby ALF members would explain the history and importance of the site to the visiting public. First, however, we need to raise enough money to construct the building.

—Gerald M. Caton,
City Manager, Downey

Media campaign takes aim at underage drinking

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard was joined by her Senate and House colleagues last week in introducing a comprehensive measure to coordinate all federal programs and research initiatives on underage drinking and to fund a national media campaign to prevent the problem.

Roybal-Allard is the lead House sponsor of the legislation, called "The STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act" (HR 864). The measure is also being sponsored by Representatives Tom Osborne (R-NE), Frank Wolf (R-VA), Zach Wamp (R-TN) and Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). An identical Senate companion bill was introduced today by U.S. Senators Mike DeWine (R-OH) and Christopher Dodd (D-CT).


"It is critical to pass the STOP Underage Drinking bill in order to get a strong and effective message to parents about the dangers of underage drinking," said Roybal-Allard. "Hundreds of thousands of Americans are killed or injured each year because of drinking. We must make confronting this health crisis a national priority."

"Underage drinking causes irreparable harm to our nation's youth. Over 10 million kids in the U.S. consume alcohol illegally starting, on average, at 13 years of age. According to an Institute of Medicine study, those kids are four times more likely to become alcoholics, 22 times more likely to use marijuana, and 50 times more likely to try cocaine than kids who do not drink. Underage drinking correlates strongly with violence, risky sexual behavior, poor school performance and suicide. Despite these startling facts, studies have found that most parents don't recognize the prevalence of underage drinking or the risk it poses to their children."

The bill would authorize a national media campaign directed at adults. So far, more than \$1 million has been secured for the Ad Council's campaign expected to begin this year. The STOP Act would authorize another \$2 million toward this effort over a two-year period. A typical Ad Council campaign results in an estimated \$28 million per year in donated media from approximately 28,000 media outlets that print or air the public service announcements at no charge. The congresswoman also secured \$2.48 million last year to enable MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) to continue Spanish language public service announcements to prevent underage drinking in the Latino community.

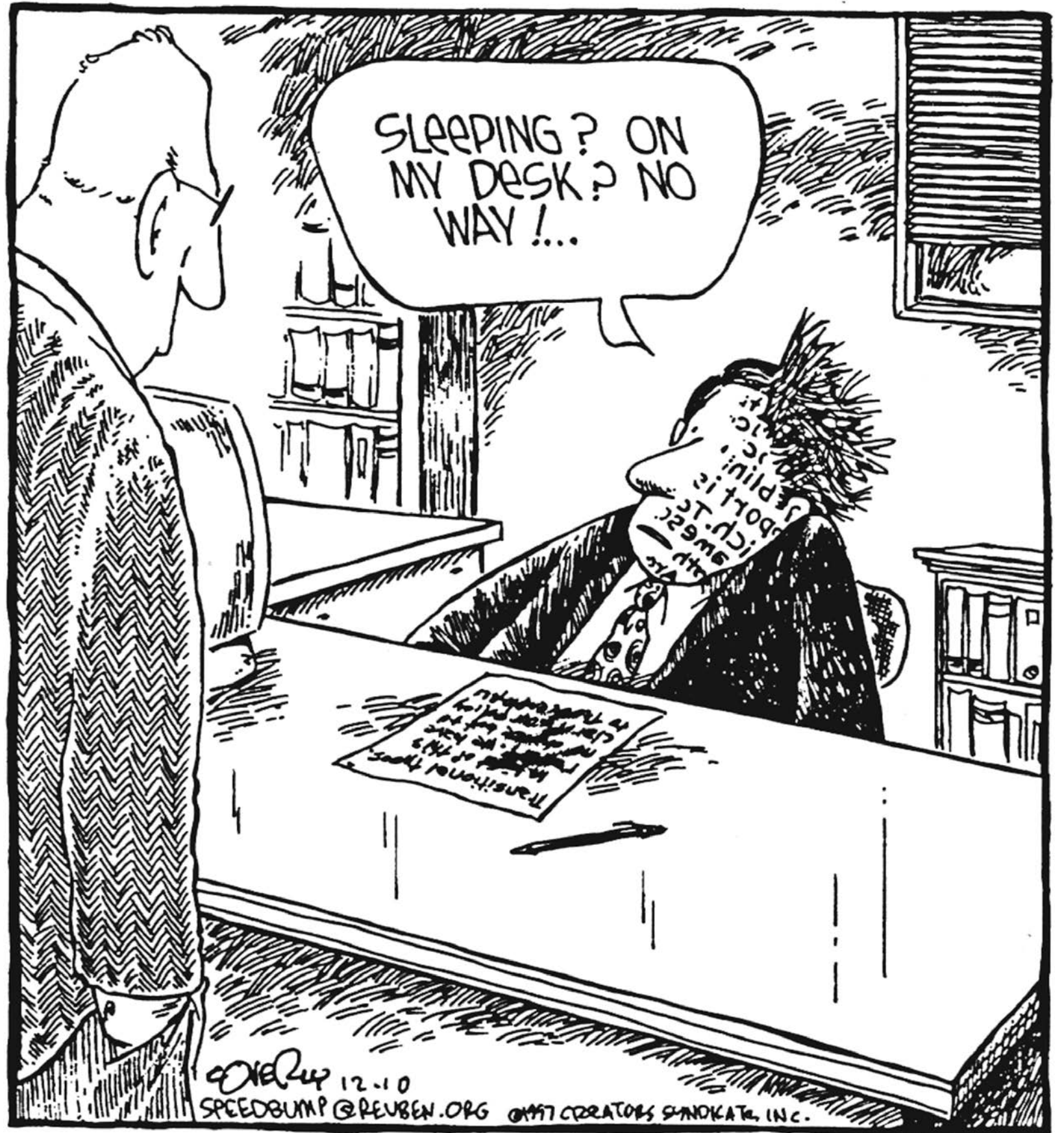
The bill has three other major areas of underage drinking policy development. The measure would provide \$2 million to create an Interagency Coordinating Committee chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to coordinate the efforts and expertise of various federal agencies that are currently administering programs to combat underage drinking.

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The committee would be required to produce an annual report to Congress on its work and to prepare an annual update on the efforts of states to reduce underage drinking.

In addition, a new program would be funded at \$5 million annually to provide competitive grants to states, non-profits, and institutions of higher education to create statewide coalitions to prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse by university students.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Lauds law enforcement

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Downey law enforcement people for their excellent job in closing down illegal street vendor operations over the Valentine's Day holiday. Without their quick response to the vendors selling flowers illegally on the streets, our business would again have to deal with individuals avoiding paying sales taxes, business license fees, etc. As a business owner in the city of Downey, I am impressed with the law enforcement and their concern to keep persons that attempt to conduct business in an illegal manner out of our city.

—Terri Head,
A Unique Florist, Downey

'Save Foxy's'

Dear Editor:

The new owners of Foxy's had made a lot of changes and helped bring back the place we have loved for so long. I suspect business was not as well as they had hoped because I have just heard that they sold the building and it's now up for lease.

I'm concerned that it will follow the same fate as Johnnie's and other buildings that are a part of Downey's past. The Carpenters and many of us grew up in Foxy's, and it's a unique building that should be saved. If investors have bought the building, they will have plans to tear it down and put in a group of little stores or another office building. Will the city and others in Downey ever decide to stop looking at the little dollar and look at saving our past? The restaurant is not an eyesore and is a great place to eat.

I would love to see Downey residents and the city move to ensure the preservation of the building and the current restaurant so we can prevent losing another storied landmark in Downey.

—Lucile Lockridge,
Downey

State tax filing simplified for many

Franchise Tax Board

Nearly a third of California taxpayers, including some families earning up to \$200,000, can now file their income tax using the state's simplest tax form, the 540 2EZ. Also, this year via ReadyReturn, the state will actually fill out a return for a select group of taxpayers, according to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

"Filling out a tax return is a pain in the neck," stated State Controller and FTB chair Steve Westly. "We're giving more taxpayers a chance to spare themselves the headaches that come with tax paperwork."

Changes made to the 540 2EZ now allow taxpayers with greater income amounts to use the form. The 540 2EZ has gained wide appeal for its simplicity in reducing the required lines of tax information needed and eliminating several math calculations. It is available to single or head of household taxpayers earning up to \$100,000 and married taxpayers earning up to \$200,000 who do not itemize deductions and have three or fewer dependents.

The FTB offers free e-file services through its own CalFile service. CalFile is the FTB's no cost, direct-to-government e-file program. It is available to taxpayers who file the 540 2EZ, 540A, and to a limited degree the 540 long form. CalFile accepts income of nearly \$280,000, itemized deductions, and some tax credits. Many commercial e-file companies offer free e-file services to certain customers. Find CalFile and all other e-file services at www.ftb.ca.gov.

Whether you e-file your return or mail it, you will get your tax refund quicker if you ask for Direct Deposit. The state controller will deposit your refund directly into your bank account. Taxpayers who e-file will get their money within 7 days—and it is secure.

Have questions—where to get tax help

Click before you call! The FTB has everything you need to complete your tax return available online. The FTB also provides 24-hour phone service through its automated toll-free phone line at (800) 338-0505. In addition, the FTB staffs its general toll-free phone line, (800) 852-5711, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays. Avoid using cell phones when calling to discuss your personal information.

For those who want help completing their tax forms, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs staff more than 1,100 volunteer centers statewide.

Federal funding help for frail, elderly veterans

Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) last week announced an important grant from the Veterans Administration to provide housing and other critical services to fragile, senior veterans age 65 and older.

"This grant provides the resources necessary to help VOALA provide housing and other critical assistance to elderly and homeless veterans," said Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34). "I commend VOALA for its commitment to homeless veterans. With the organization's help, the veterans who have honorably served our country will now receive the support services they need and deserve to rediscover their potential as viable, contributing members of the community."

Ballington Plaza

The new program operates out of the Ballington Plaza in Los Angeles, a VOALA owned and managed housing complex that has a long history

of providing subsidized housing and comprehensive services for frail, disabled, elderly and homeless veterans.

A unique aspect of the program is that two life coaches who provide instruction in the development of life skills and social skill building staff it. Additional benefits include an on-site registered nurse, case management services and recreational and social outings. A minimum of 20 seniors participate in the nine-month program, after which they will be transferred into permanent housing.

"We are pleased to be expanding our work with disadvantaged senior veterans, a too-often neglected and isolated population" said VOALA president Bob Pratt. "This program is one of only three such programs in the United States."

SCHOOLS

whom they introduced at the presentation at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

In other action Tuesday the Board:

- *Reviewed proposed revisions to AR 3126, Graduation.
 - *Approved increases in student lunch prices at middle and high schools.
 - *Approved payment of registration fees and expenses for conventions and conferences.
 - *Ratified payments for Special Education Placements.
 - *Approved the abolishment of BP 3138, Minority Enrollment Guidelines.
 - *Approved revisions to BP 4134 and AR 4134, Tutoring.
 - *Approved revisions to BP 5245 and AR 5245, Early Retirement Benefit Plan.
 - *Approved revisions to the regular schedule of Board meetings.
 - *Authorized signatories as presented, to become effective March 1 and to remain in effect until subsequent action by the Board.
 - *Ratified a Memorandum of Understanding for the Emergency Evacuation Plan between Downey Unified School District and Kirkwood Christian School effective Feb. 15, 2005.
 - *Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Whittier in the sum of \$12,490 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
 - *Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence Co. of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$18,027, to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.
 - *Accepted as complete backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$26,653 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds.
 - *Accepted as complete paving and repair work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$38,383 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
 - *Accepted as complete concrete work and repairs by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$24,440 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
 - *Approved the use of the state contract for the purchase of paint by the District on an as-needed basis for paint products with the same terms and conditions.
 - *Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for roll-off dumpster services by CalMet Services, Inc., of Downey in the increased sum of \$20,000 to be charged to Maintenance Funds.
 - *Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for pipe and plumbing supplies by Ferguson Enterprises of Garden Grove in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.
 - *Approved routine personnel items until subsequent action by the Board.
 - *Approved the abolishment of a vacant senior instructional assistant post, and approved the establishment of a new post comparable to Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, effective March 1, 2005.
- The next meeting of the DUSD Board will be Tuesday, March 15 at 5 p.m. at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

JOB FAIR

Job seekers are asked to come early, bring plenty of resumes and dress for interviews. Employers will have booths ready and will discuss job openings, then contact potential hires later.

Employers

Employers at the fair will include Apple One, Avon, Bank of America, City of Downey Federal Credit Union, Curves Downey-East, Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Unified School District, Escrow Net, Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Hometown Buffet, Home Instead Senior Care, Human Services Assoc., Jafra, Jiffy Lube, Keystone Lanes, Kitchen Faire, Primerica, RMI International, UPS., U.S. Army Recruiting, and Washington Mutual.

For information call (562) 923-2191.

Day camps offered during spring break

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering children, ages 6-14, a great way to spend their spring break at "Camp Wilderness" in Wilderness Park from Monday-Friday, March 28-April 1. The camp will offer activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, games, skits, an excursion, and social-interactive activities.

"Children really enjoy camp because they meet new friends and have a lot of fun," said Sheila Pautsch, Recreation Supervisor for the department.

Camp hours are 9:30-3:30 p.m., and extended camp hours are 7-9:30 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Camp fees are \$65 per child and \$60 for each additional family member. Extended camp fees are \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional family member. Fees will cover materials, supplies, supervision, lunch beverage and snack, and an excursion. Campers must bring their own lunch.

Registration is at the Community Services Department, located on the second floor of the City Hall. For information, call Pautsch at 904-7238.

Concert at Temple Ner Tamid March 5

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is inviting the community to a Musical Concert Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m. Performances, highlighting the Best of American Composers, will include Cantor Kenneth Jaffe and special guest singer Cantor Mindy Harris, former Cantorial Soloist of Temple Ner Tamid. Cantor Jay Harwitt will be accompanying on the piano. The music will range from Gershwin to Simon and Garfunkle.

Special benefactor tickets are \$100. Other seats are \$54, \$36, and \$18. For reservations/information, call the Temple Office, 861-9276.

EPC meeting schedule changed

DOWNEY—The Emergency Preparedness Committee, which previously met the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Center, will now meet regularly the fourth 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.

Dewey invites you to Friends Bookstore

DOWNEY—Dewey, the official mascot of the Friends of Downey City Library Bookstore, invites the community to check out what the store has to offer.

Open during regular library hours, as volunteer hours permit, the Friends Bookstore is located inside the Downey City Library at 11121 Brookshire Ave. Proceeds from the bookstore are used to purchase new books for the library, as well as many special needs of the library.



JOSEPH MATTHEWS—(Center) Deputy to L. A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, presents a \$1,500 check to Councilmember Dave Gafin, GOOD President, at the March 1 GOOD meeting. The donation will help GOOD support efforts to eliminate gang activity in the Downey community. At extreme left is GOOD Treasurer Harry Montanez, of Downey Federal Credit Union.

GOOD annual luncheon at Rio Hondo April 13

DOWNEY—Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) will hold its annual luncheon Wednesday, April 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club, located at 10627 Old River School Road.

The luncheon will highlight the tremendous work done by this community-based organization to combat gang activity in the community of Downey. GOOD is made up of many community leaders and has received national recognition, including the President's "Points of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

This special luncheon event costs \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. In addition, sponsorships are available as follows: Platinum sponsor for a donation of \$5,000 or more; Gold sponsor for a donation of \$2,000 to \$4,999; Silver sponsor for a donation of \$1,000 to \$1,999; and Bronze sponsor for a donation of \$500 to \$999. All proceeds are used to fund anti-graffiti programs, programs for "at-risk" students, the 10/20 Club for gang suppression, camps for troubled youth, and the Community Policing in the Schools Program. The Downey Police, the City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District are recipients of funds raised by GOOD.

For more information/to make reservations, contact Harry Montanez, Vice-President for Finance, Downey Federal Credit Union at 862-8141, or Stan Hanstad, DUSD Assistant Superintendent, at 562-469-6541.

The poets' corner

Waiting for Inspiration

I watch and wait as
the gray stripe of evening separates
a rainy day from a dark winter night.
While that romantic trickster is
safely tucked behind the clouds
I mate pen and paper.
I grow tired of poetry
and of myself, then fall asleep.
In my dreams the clouds disappear
and The Man in the Moon taunts me
until morning.

—Richard Thormodsen,
Downey

Jurisdiction State Convention March 8-13

DOWNEY—Bishop Leon Martin and the California State Convention of Covenanting Churches have announced the 9th Jurisdiction State Convention scheduled for March 8-13.

There will be two services daily Wednesday through Friday: Morning of Glory Services at 11:30 a.m. and Institute Hour from 6-7 p.m. Nightly services will be at 7:30 p.m.

The convention speakers will include: Dr. Ronald Stovall, Sr. of Florence Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles; Overseer Amos Hamilton of Macedonia COGIC, San Fernando; Evang. Ruth Rhodes, wife of Prelate Bishop Napoleon Rhodes and First Lady of New Jerusalem Christian Fellowship, Long Beach; and Pastor Wayne Parks of Full Gospel Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Bishop Leon Martin will close out the convention on Sunday evening at 3:30 p.m.

The convention will take place at Love, Peace and Happiness Family Church located at 11022 Old River School Rd., Downey. For information, call 806-9890.

Book lover's club meets March 10

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library invites the public to the monthly meeting of its Book Lover's Club Thursday, March 10 from noon-1 p.m. in the Cormack Room. The free monthly sessions discuss the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction.

Senior Librarian Jan Palen will lead the discussion March 10. The month's featured selection is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. The novel follows the life-changing events of a spirited young woman as she moves to Arizona and adopts an abandoned young girl name Turtle. Vivid images of the American Southwest are included in this first novel by the author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and other best sellers.

Reservations are recommended by calling 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

YMCA in need of volunteers

DOWNEY—The Downey Family YMCA has volunteer opportunities available for interested residents. The Y especially needs greeters, counselors and coaches. For information call 862-4201.

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Friday, March 11, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Downey, CA 90240

Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations are required and are limited to the first 100 responses. Please call (800) 610-5784

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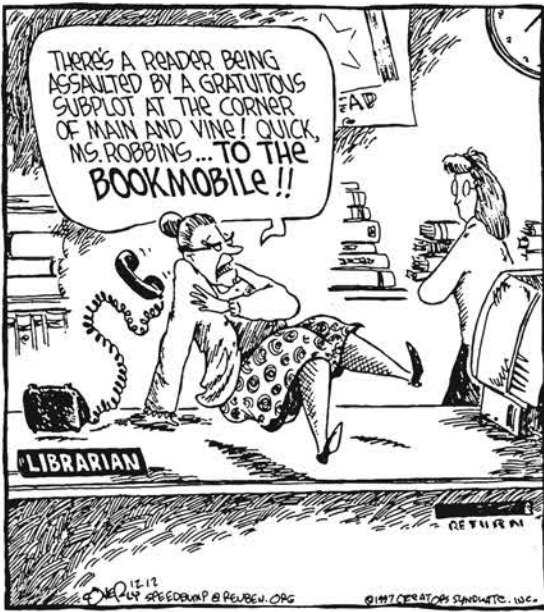
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AT Sisyphus' 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY



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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Fri. March 4, 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.
Sun. March 6, 6:00 p.m.: "Griefshare" a bereavement seminar series. 2 hour sessions continue for 13 weeks at First Christian Church, 10909 New St. For information call 862-2438.

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 Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
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 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.
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 Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.
9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Dorothy Paricek at 927-5437.
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.
12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
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 803-4571.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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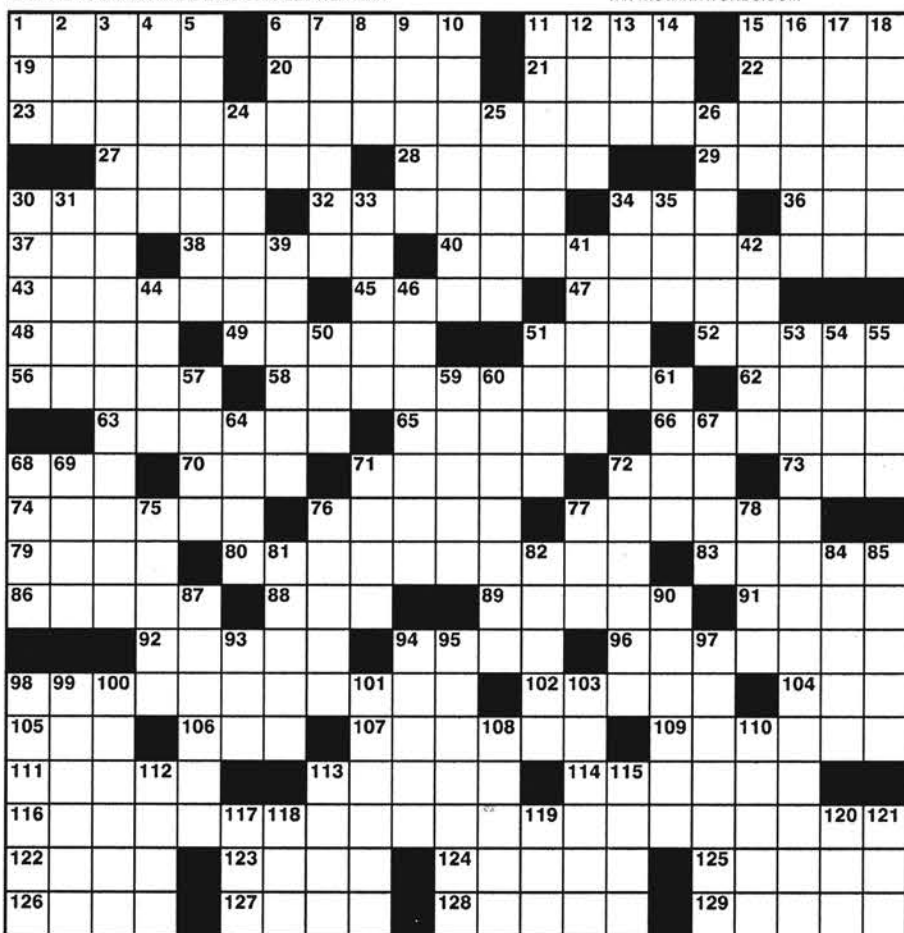
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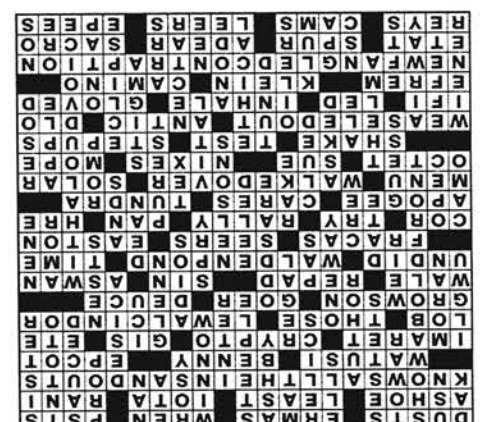
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"Onward Christian Soldiers." is the second line of the hymn "Marching as to War" (4 Down) on the state's eastern border. (66 Across) is located, not surprising, in Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania's name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar changed (4 Across) ALcindor (4 Across) star LEW UCLA basketball.



OC's largest Mixer II at County Fair March 10

COSTA MESA—Orange County's largest Mixer II, featuring 23 Orange County chambers of commerce and convention and visitors bureaus, will be held Thursday, March 10 from 5-9 p.m. at the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa. The event will bring together business and professional people representing hundreds of industries, companies, and corporations throughout Orange County to "provide the ultimate networking experience." For information, call (949) 222-6600 or visit www.ocmixer.com.

The fair's March schedule of events:

Sugar Plum Arts & Crafts Festival – Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: free. Sugar Plum Festivals, (562) 598-0857, www.sugarplumcrafts.com. Strollers discouraged.

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Apartment Association of Orange County's Annual Trade Show & Conference – Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: free. Apartment Association of Orange County, (714) 638-5550, www.aaoc.com. Open to the public.

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Amish Craft & Quilt Show – Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #14. Admission: adults \$3, children 17 & under free. Amish Country Traditions, (717) 687-9270.

Rock Harbor Church Good Friday Services – Friday, 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Lot 1. Admission: free. Rock Harbor Church, (714) 384-0914, www.rockharbor.org.

27 Rock Harbor Church Easter Services – Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Lot 1. Admission: free. Rock Harbor Church, (714) 384-0914.



FINAL WEEKEND – Kristen Beth Williams is featured in the lively musical comedy, "Bye, Bye Birdie" in its last weekend of performances at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. As a presentation of Downey Civic Light Opera, it will play tonight (Friday), March 4, and Saturday and Sunday. For tickets and information call 923-1714.

Bellflower Civic Chorus' 2005 season

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus has lined up the following 3 concerts/shows for their 2005 season: 1) "I Love a Holiday" (May 13, 14, and 15), a musical tribute to the major holidays throughout the year; 2) "Autumn Encore '05: 'A Sentimental Journey'" (Sept. 16, 17, 18), in which the chorus presents the best loved songs of their favorite composers; and 3) "A Christmas Song" (Dec. 16, 17, and 18), the chorus' annual festival of traditional and contemporary holiday favorites.

The concerts will be presented at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

General admission is \$5, and tickets will be available at the door or by mail. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check for the performance of your choice to: Bellflower Civic Chorus, P.O. Box 1058, Bellflower, CA 90707. For information, call (562) 866-4664, or visit www.bellflowercivicchorus.homestead.com.

Lutheran church hosts symphonic band

DOWNEY – The Symphonic Band of Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin, will perform a concert March 20 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 13200 Clark Ave., Downey. 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 Taube.

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.

Sebastian Sidi 'Live' April 16

DOWNEY—Sebastian Sidi "Live" will be presented by Johnny & Company Hair Salon at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Downey Theatre, 8524 Firestone Blvd. Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered by calling 862-2111.

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DOWNEY—Milford "Mel" Hammel of Downey, who spent his engineering career at Rockwell/North American and worked on the B1 and B70 Bombers, the Apollo Spacecraft, and the Space Shuttle, has died. He died in Rochester, MN on Feb. 23 after a brief battle with cancer. He was 74.

Born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa, he served in the Iowa Air National Guard, and received his degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State at Ames. In his retirement, he enjoyed watching sports, solving crossword puzzles, and taking walks to join buddies at the local McDonald's.

He is survived by his sister, Lorraine Krupicka; niece Rosanne Krupicka of Austin, MN; and special cousins Shawn Gutowski of Blaine, MN and Sara Zervos of Stamford, CT. He also leaves behind close friend and colleague Daron Abhaity of Hacienda Heights, and numerous relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, W. Clyde and Viola Hammel, and two brothers, Wallace and Melvin.

Interment was at the Oakland Lutheran Cemetery in Oakland, MN, with Clasen-Jordan Mortuary handling arrangements.

Funeral services held for Iva Mae Miles, 91

DOWNEY—Funeral services were held yesterday, March 3, at the Church of Latter Day Saints in San Clemente with Bishop Gary Hadley officiating for Iva Mae Miles, who moved to Downey in 1956 from Huntington Park and worked for Gaffers and Sattler for 8 years.

She was born Oct. 13, 1913 in Ankeny, Iowa to parents Raymond and Flora Ward, and passed away at San Clemente Hospital on Feb. 27 at the age of 91. She came to California in 1928.

A graduate of Huntington Park High School and Huntington Park Business College, she was a Girl Scout leader for 10 years and was a member of the Diamond Tread Model A Club and The Red Hat Club. Her hobbies were oil painting, stained glass artwork and gardening.

Miles is survived by daughter Janalee (John) Garn of Idaho Falls, Idaho; son Jerry N. (Terry) Miles of San Clemente; 9 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil Y. Miles.

Interment was at El Toro Memorial Park in Lake Forest. Lesneski Mortuary of San Clemente handled arrangements.

James R. Romero was a WWII pilot

DOWNEY—James R. Romero, a WWII pilot who flew on missions over Germany and was formerly employed with Hood Construction, died at Downey Regional Medical Center on Feb. 22. He was 83.

Born May 14, 1921 in Montecito, he was an Elks Lodge member and belonged to Labor Union 300.

He is survived by a sister, Madalynne "Chub" Tilly of Ventura, nephew Brett Tilly, and niece Melanie Lane.

Burial was at Santa Barbara Cemetery in Santa Barbara.

Christian Women's Club meets for lunch

DOWNEY - Visitors are welcome to the monthly meetings of the Downey Christian Women's Club, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month for lunch. Call Ginnie at 927-8488 for information.

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 2-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.

National Lutheran Schools Week

DOWNEY—Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 13200 Clark Ave. in Downey, joins with 2,100 preschools, elementary and high schools operated by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week 2005 March 7-13. This annual celebration takes place each year across the nation and also in foreign countries.

Special activities are planned for each day at Good shepherd, including Grandparents/Special Persons Day and a magic show by Christian "MagiComedian" Thom Bliss. The weeklong celebration will be topped off with a weekend Community Carnival on March 11-13. There will be rides, games, great food, prizes, vendor booths and entertainment.

For information about the school or the carnival, call the school office at 803-4918. Carnival hours are Friday, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

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.

Word of MOUTH
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

It is common for children to have cold sores in and around their mouths. These blisters are caused by a virus call herpes simplex 1, which is transmitted in saliva. In some children, the first exposure to oral herpes makes them ill, with a fever and a mouthful of blisters. Others get a much milder infection. Once contracted, the virus remains in the nerves of the child's mouth for the rest of his or her life. The child may experience herpes only occasionally, usually due to fatigue or stress. Cold sores should not be confused with canker sores, which are open sores that appear inside the mouth. Canker sores run in families and are not thought to be contagious.

This column on herpes simplex 1 is prepared as a service to our local community. We believe it is important to get into the habit of good dental care at an early age. Children who begin to take care of their teeth at a young age are more likely to form good dental habits as adults. If you are looking for a family dentist who understands the needs of everyone in your family, we hope you will consider us. We're located at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307, where we emphasize all aspects of oral health. Please call (562) 923-3714 to schedule an appointment.

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1,000-plus flags to fly in 'Healing Field'

DOWNEY—As a prelude to Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Downey-based Exchange Club Family Support Center will erect a temporary "Healing Field" of 1,426 American flags at East Middle School's North Field, 10301 Woodruff Ave in Downey. The event is scheduled March 30-April 2. Admission is free.

The project is the latest by Downey's leading child abuse prevention agency to raise public awareness about the enormity of child abuse-related deaths in the nation. Representing the number of known child abuse deaths in the United States in 2004 will be 1,400 flags which will be flown in the Healing Field. An additional 26 flags will fly in memory of the children in Downey and surrounding communities who lost their lives at the hands of an abuser during the past five years.

Community participation is invited and encouraged by the Family Support Center, which is headquartered at 8320 Iowa St. in Downey. Volunteers are needed to erect and dismantle the field, while sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals. The 3' x 5' flags, complete with 8' pole, will be sold, on a first-come basis. All proceeds will go toward expanding the Center's programs and services.

For more information, contact the Center, 904-9590, or access www.healingfield.org/downey.

Audubon conservation dinner March 17

WHITTIER—The Whittier Area Audubon Society will hold its annual Conservation Dinner and awards program on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fireside Room above the Cobblestone Café at 6532 Greenleaf Ave., in Whittier.

The program will feature a professional naturalist photographer, Gary Meredith, of the Sea and Sage Audubon, who has since 1992 been director of "Dr. Bird Nature Photos." He will present his audio-visual program, "Bosque del Apache Birds in New Mexico." The Whittier Area Audubon Society's annual Conservation Award will be announced at the dinner affair.

The public is invited to attend. Dinner reservations of \$20/person are required by March 10. For information/reservations, call Diane Jimenez at (562) 698-7010 or Jean Beaton at 869-6545.

Whittier home economists meet

WHITTIER—The Whittier Home Economists in Home and Community are holding their March meeting Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at Nordstrom's/Brea Mall, featuring a fashion consultant who will comment on "Spring Trends and Fashions."

Graduates in family and consumer sciences, home economics and related fields are welcome to attend.

For information, call (562) 696-2168.

Current club president is Gail Raabe of Downey.



SAN ANTONIO GUILD MEMBERS - From Downey recently took their yearly tour of Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles, while also making their largest contribution to date to the nonprofit hospital.

Congresswomen plan college visit

NORWALK—Cerritos College will host Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D-CA 39) and her sister, Loretta Sanchez (D-CA 47) as keynote speakers in the college's recognition of Women's History Month.

They will appear together Monday, March 7 at the Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. Free parking will be available in Lot C.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

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

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City of Downey Federal Credit Union opening

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Federal Credit Union and Downey Chamber of Commerce will hold a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting at the credit union offices located at 10411 Lakewood Blvd. (near Florence Ave.) Tuesday March 8.

The event from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. will include a variety of refreshments throughout the day, and a raffle for free vacation getaways to any new or older members who come to help celebrate.

For information, call the chamber at 923-2191 or (562) 869-0461.

'Connections' meets Thursdays

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

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Help for parents with preschool children

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library offers a free class, "Every Child Ready to Read," Tuesday, March 8 from 10:40-11:10 a.m. for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy. The class will be held in the Young Adult area of the library.

Instructor Claudia Dailey will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop language skills through picture books. Parents may attend the class while their preschool children attend a library storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Register at the Adult desk or call 904-7360, ext. 23 for information. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

DHS 'pennies-for-patients' fund-raiser

DOWNEY—The Downey High School Associated Student Body (ASB) on Feb. 21 kicked off its annual Pennies-for-Patients fund-raiser to help raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The students' drive last year raised \$22,596.10, and the effort earned third ranking in the nation. This year ASB has set its goal at \$30,000. All proceeds will go to help find a cure for leukemia and other blood-related cancers. The drive ends next Friday, March 11.

Those wishing to make a contribution can place their donation in an envelope labeled "Downey High School: Pennies for Patients, c/o Gordon Weisenburger" and drop it off at the Downey High School front office. You may also mail a check made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and send it to: Downey High School, Pennies for Patients, c/o Gordon Weisenburger, 11040 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241.

Downey Federal Credit Union earns 5-star rating

DOWNEY—Downey Federal Credit Union has earned a 5-star rating from BauerFinancial Inc., the nation's leading independent credit union rating firm.

Downey Federal Credit Union has earned BauerFinancial's 5-star rating 56 consecutive times. This makes it part of an even more elite group considered as "Exceptional Performance institutions" by the rating firm. (The star-rating is based on an evaluation of the most recent financial data filed with federal regulators and analyzed by BauerFinancial Inc.)

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Established in 1957, Downey Federal Credit Union has been serving the needs of its members for 48 years. It operates through conveniently located offices on Third Street in Downey and can also be found on the Internet at www.downeyfcu.org.

BauerFinancial Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, is an independent credit union rating firm. It has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks, thrifts and credit unions since 1983. Consumers may obtain free star-ratings by calling 800-388-6686.



RIBBON CUTTING—City dignitaries gathered for the official grand opening and ribbon cutting of Candy Bouquet, 8644 Florence Ave., Downey. The event conducted by the Downey Chamber of Commerce attracted a large crowd. Owners Bijay and Meena Agrawalla are pictured holding the scissors.

Bellflower Art Association meets

BELLFLOWER—Highlight of the 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Bellflower Art Association Tuesday, March 8 at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower is a demonstration by Linda Gunn. The public is welcome to attend; there is no charge. Information: (562) 925-1314.



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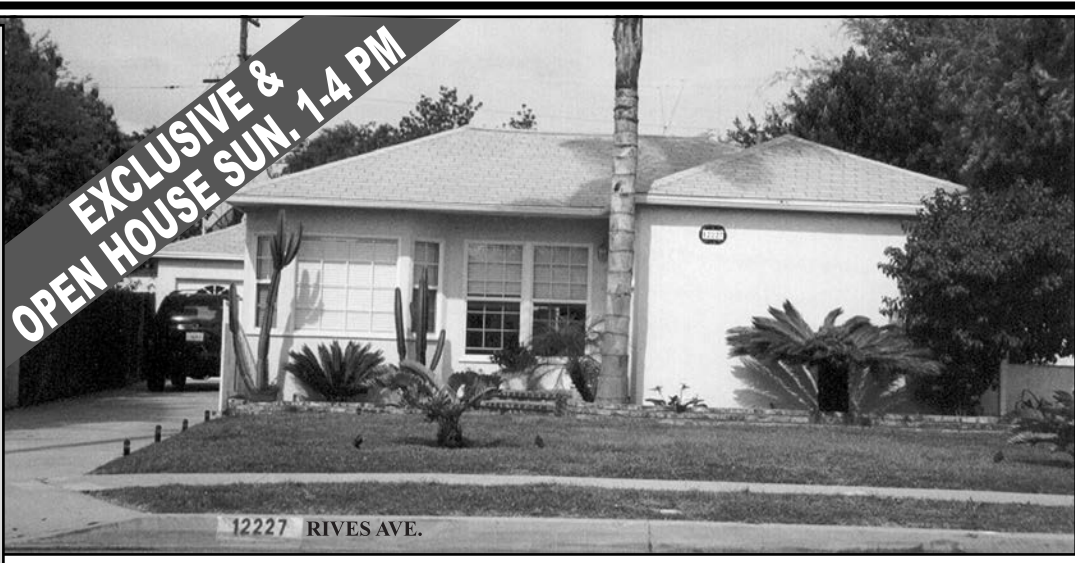


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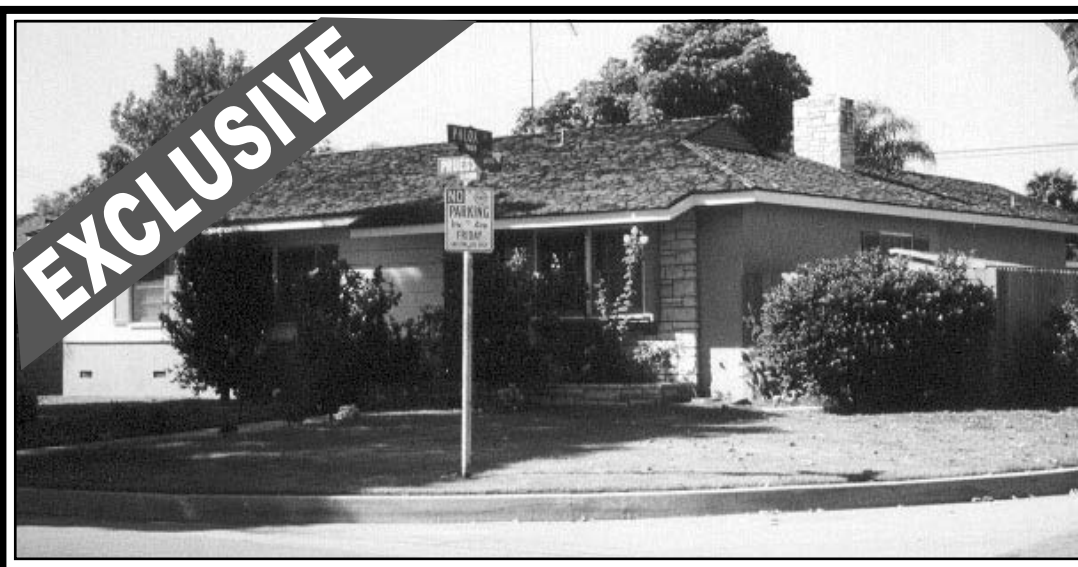
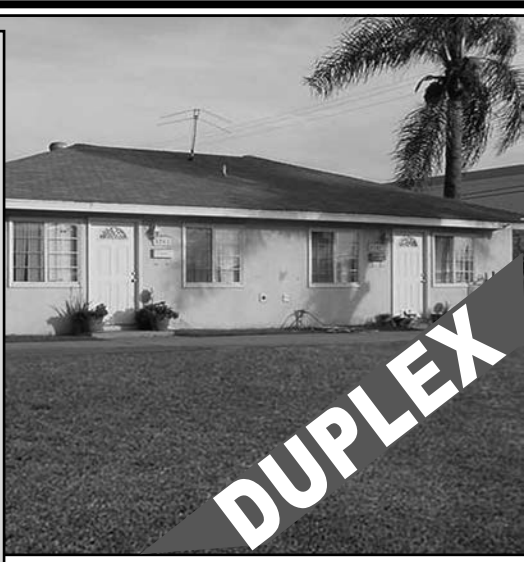
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College prepares for 50th anniversary

NORWALK — Cerritos College officially introduced several commemorative elements this week for its upcoming 50th anniversary, including a website featuring historic photos and personal reflections of former students and staff, a new, student-designed institutional logo created specifically to herald the college's 50th year, and a listing of special events in coming months marking the college's progress and highlighting contributions of its students, faculty, staff and community.

"Our 50th Anniversary Steering Committee has drawn from countless sources to make this a memorable year," said Chi-Chung Keung, director of public relations and marketing for the college and chairperson of the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee. "Remarkable changes have occurred in this area during the past 50 years, yet the college's commitment to its students and its community is as evident then as it is now."

The celebration officially begins August 1, 2005 with the Cerritos College Foundation's 20th Annual Golf Classic. Once the fall semester begins, a special convocation involving several generations of faculty and staff will be held in September. A fund-raising gala is planned for October with proceeds benefiting Cerritos College students who may be presented later with 50th Anniversary Scholarships created in honor of milestone.

To maximize exposure of the celebration and to provide a central collection of college history, a new portion of the college's website is now dedicated to the 50th anniversary. At the site, visitors are encouraged to share their own memories of campus life, community growth and academic achievement. Alumni and former faculty and staff members also have an opportunity to reconnect with former college chums through a privately maintained directory. Visit the website at www.cerritos.edu/50 for access to these interactive elements and for complete information about the celebration.

Burnett Miller art exhibit at Cerritos

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Art Gallery is exhibiting "Selections from the Burnett Miller Collection" until Thursday, March 31 in Room AC-50, 11110 Alondra Blvd., in Norwalk.

Miller, who received his MFA from USC and was the curator for the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, is acknowledged to have had a wide artistic impact and is credited with having brought to prominence a number of different artists without whom an international survey of sculpture, painting, installation or performance art would not exist. He emphasized concept-based works that excited and inspired him, regardless of its retail performance, and often supported work that was "not necessarily an easily packaged commodity."

Admission to the exhibit is free. For information, call Andrea Bronte, gallery director, at 860-2451, ext. 2612.

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; training is provided.

For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera at 1-800-498-9910, Ext. 7.



AIR FORCE AIRMAN—Michael L. Flores, nephew of Cecilia Flores of Downey, has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is a 2004 graduate of Canyon High School in Anaheim.

Three scholarships for graduating seniors

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DOWNEY — Re/Max Online, which in the past year opened two additional offices and expanded its sales force to over 100 agents, has announced Cesar Badillo and Oscar Cervantes as its agents of the month for November and December, 2004.

Re/Max Online also recognized the following agents:
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Memo Gamboa — Top listing associate in units and dollar volume (December).

Eva Correa — Top sales associate in units and dollar volume (November).

Williams Neri — Top sales in units and dollar volume (December).

Apron fashion show at country club

DOWNEY — An apron fashion show will be presented March 9 when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets for their regular lunch meeting at the Los Amigos Country Club. The community is invited to attend.

Charrise Williams will also speak at the luncheon and Ernestine Austin will provide the musical entertainment.

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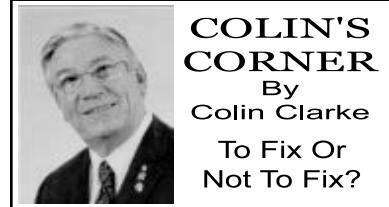
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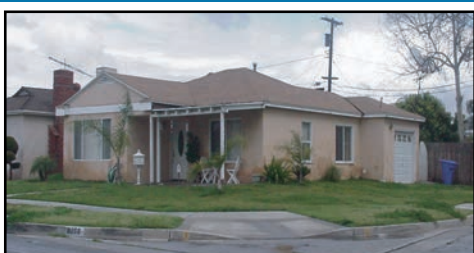
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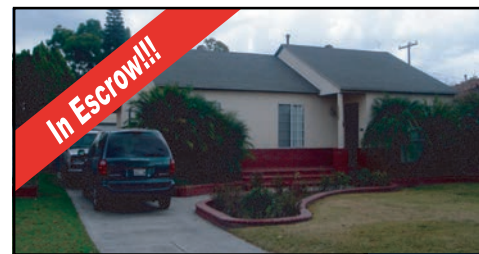
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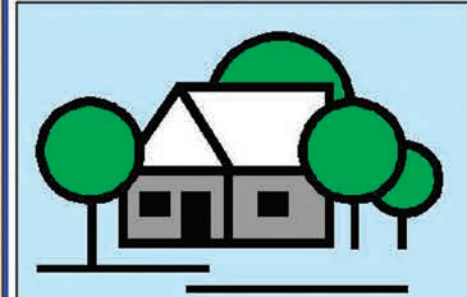


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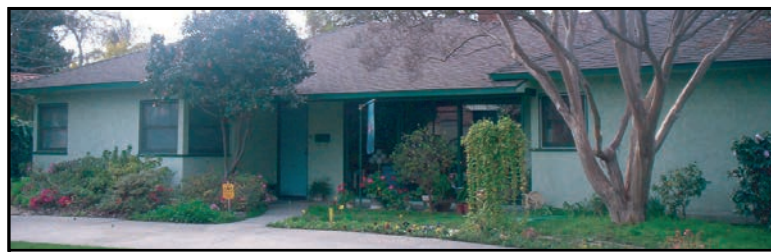
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