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The Downey Patriot announces Web site

www.TheDowneyPatriot.com

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY—Downey's hometown community newspaper now has a community Web site.

The Downey Patriot launched their new Web site this week, where users can find up-to-date information on city news, a calendar listing of local events and an archive of past Downey Patriot issues, among other content.

Access to the entire site is free.

The Web site, www.TheDowneyPatriot.com, offers stories found in The Downey Patriot's regular print newspaper, published weekly every Friday, in addition to exclusive Web-only content.

Users of TheDowneyPatriot.com will also find links to other sites of particular interest to Downey residents, including Downey Courthouse, Downey Chamber of Commerce, the City of Downey and the home page of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Visitors can also access online back issues of The Downey Eagle, going back as far as 1996.

Obituaries, editor columns and letters to the editors can also be found online, as can a staff directory and contact information.

A sports section will debut in September with the beginning of fall high school sports.

City plan for water independence eyed

DOWNEY—The City Council has approved staff submittal for a grant, which if received by Downey would make the city almost independent in its water supply in case of drought and the perennial fight for imported water.

Chapter 8 of the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, approved by the voters as prop. 50, authorized the legislature to appropriate \$500 million to develop strategies to protect communities from drought and improve water quality. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

The Los Angeles Forebay, which occupies the western portion of the Central Basin Non-Pressure Area (Huntington Park), where a facility is owned by the Southern California Water Company, is an ideal location for the injection of water. SCWC has agreed to install two aquifer storage and recover wells, and has trained personnel, as well as a Metropolitan Water District Turnout.

SCWC would own and operate the wells, and would pump from them in summer months when the cost of MWD water is high. The wells would be used to inject water in winter months when it is cheap, for use later. The Central Basin has no restriction on the use of such stored water from the area where it is introduced.

The City of Downey could benefit from such a plan. The City would be responsible for receipt of the funding, overall project management, and the payment to consultants and contractors.

The grant application asks for 90 percent of the funding. Estimate total cost of the project is \$5,400,000, of which \$4,860,000 is asked of the DWR with the remainder of \$540,000 provided by other participants.

Central Basin delivers water to Pico Rivera

CARSON—Central Basin Municipal Water District began delivering drinking water for residents of Pico Rivera last week through the Water Quality Protection Project (WQPP).

The WQPP is a \$10 million project, federally funded through the United States Bureau of Reclamation, constructed to prevent a contaminant plume in San Gabriel Valley from spreading into the local groundwater supply. For more than a year, Central Basin has been treating this groundwater at the WQPP treatment plant in Whittier, testing it and releasing it into the San Gabriel River.

Central Basin received its drinking water permit from the California Department of Health Services in November and began providing water to Santa Fe Springs and Whittier. The treated water is also now available to Pico Rivera, which will use approximately 1.5 billion gallons annually.

"Water is such a precious resource in Southern California that it's important for us to utilize all our available resources," said Central Basin board president Bob Apodaca. "The Water Quality Protection Project protects our valuable groundwater supply so we can continue providing a safe and reliable supply of water to the region now and in the future."

In 1974, Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act, which authorized the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to set national drinking water standards. In addition, all public water systems must monitor drinking water quality and notify people about water system contamination.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.



G.O.O.D. DONATION—GOOD vice president and 1020 Club founder Darrell Jackson presents a \$1800 check to both Angie Avery, left, Recreational Services manager for the city of Downey, and Community Services director Bonnie Kehoe, in its annual support of the summer youth recreation program at Brookshire Park. GOOD, which strives to help keep our youth off the streets with positive programs, meets each month at the Downey Unified School District office at 7:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13.

DRMC ready for potential disasters

DOWNEY—In the past two years, Downey Regional Medical Center has staged disaster drills based upon scenarios of terrorist bombings and food poisonings, a bioterrorism attack and most recently, on June 30, a 6.8 earthquake.

"Downey Regional Medical Center takes seriously its requirement to maintain a state of readiness in case of any disaster. The drills are at least semi-annual and are always based on potential real-life situations," says Deb Reinhart-Gale, R.N., nursing director of DRMC's Emergency Care Center and Disaster Program coordinator.

Through the drills staff hone their skills and understanding of the Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HEICS) and the hospital's overall emergency preparedness plans. New staff filled their roles in the HEICS command structure while staff from a "labor pool" were deployed to various treatment areas in various capacities.

"I find that with every drill we get a little bit better in our response to large-scale emergencies," Gale notes. "In our most recent drill I could see strides in our communication infrastructure, which will be critical if such an event occurs. We also initiated DRMC's new lockdown procedure designed to quickly secure all hospital entry and exit ways."

Depending on the disaster scenario, the drill may also involve Downey Police and Fire Departments, local churches and other community resources. Cerritos College students and local high schools' Regional Occupational Program (ROP) students in health fields assist the medical team and act as injured victims, worried parents and media.

This past March in a toxic exposure drill with the Downey Fire Department, DRMC used its new Decontamination Trailer, a \$56,000 apparatus that was paid for by federal grant funds. There are currently 29 medical professionals at Downey Regional who have completed the Department Of Health Services (DHS) annual training in hazardous materials.

"While it's good to know that your local hospital is prepared, it's also important for families to have a disaster plan in place and updated every six to 12 months," says Gale. "Becoming prepared reduces fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disaster. Be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water, and sanitation. I also recommend keeping a pair of walking shoes in your car. When you get a new pair, put the old ones in your car. Also, people often leave their pets out of their disaster plans, so be sure your preparations include their basic needs."



DOWNEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S—Newly-installed executive vice president Orlandus Waters, left, and Janis Simon, director of business development and marketing, present GOOD vice president Darrell Jackson, right, a check for \$250 in support of GOOD activities. DCFU has so far this year donated over \$5,000 to GOOD.

City eyes proposal for public art here

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Mayor and a City Councilman have presented the Council with the outline of a proposal for a public arts program with developers contributing 1 percent of their costs to a fund for the art.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

The plan is similar to such programs in place in other cities. The 1 percent contribution is required only of developers with projects valued at more than \$500,000, it was noted.

Developers could include statues, murals or even fountains, which would need city approval, or could contribute into a public fund for art.

Five-member committee

The Council would also appoint a five-member committee to review art and act as advisors in art matters such as the Symphony, Civic Light Opera, Museum of Art, Aerospace Legacy Foundation, History Society, and Art League.

"The city needs to show that we value art," said Councilman Kirk Cartozian, adding that art is a proof of civilization and life in a community.

Cartozian said he has been working on the concept for the past seven months, with input from other members of the community. He envisions a five-member committee appointed by the Council by district, to advise the Council on the arts.

Councilman David Gafin pointed out that the groups mentioned were independent bodies and might not want to be included as an arm of government. Cartozian responded that the wording could be worked out. Speaking from the audience, Lennie Whittington said the public should also be represented on the committee. And Harold Tseklenis advised on alternative language.

The matter gained general approval and will be brought back for a formal vote in August.

Station/convenience store loses vote

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council, after a public hearing, has upheld the appeal of the approval of a conditional use permit for the establishment of a combination gas station/convenience market/take out restaurant at 8801 Lakewood Blvd., and by supporting the appeal, thrown the development back to staff to work out problems including traffic and access.

The Council action reversed a previous approval by the Planning Commission for the facility to be located at the southeast corner of Lakewood and Telegraph Road.

Public opposition

The store and station was hotly opposed by a number of speakers before both the Council and Planning Commission. Reasons included traffic noise, crime, trash impacts on neighbors, lack of parking and traffic. The planners granted a variance on three items meant to deal with these, driveway width, rear setback, and proximity to another gas station. Variances had all been granted to other stations. The variance required two restrooms instead of the one specified.

Rear setback did not apply since the property abuts a public alley. Proposed street dedications will help traffic flow.

But Councilman David Gafin pointed out the problems with access and traffic flow including the area around the pumps.

The vote was 4-0 to send the matter back to staff for further study.

In other matters the City Council Tuesday:

*Considered the creation of an interim ad hoc council subcommittee to study the building of two-story single family homes in R-1 zones. Councilmen Cartozian and Gafin were named by the mayor.

*Adopted a resolution approving the submittal of an application for an

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First new park in 30 years here

DOWNEY—This city of more than 113,000 will soon have its first new public park in more than 30 years, with construction slated to start in December.

It will be built on 11 acres of the former NASA property, and will include a historic aerospace museum and learning center as a tribute to the land's rich aerospace heritage.

The facility will also include two lighted football fields, two soccer fields, and two playgrounds with play-gear with space themes. The facility slated to be finished by January 2007 will also include an outdoor amphitheater, walking path, and picnic shelter area.

Real need

Bonnie Kehoe, Downey Community Services Director, said the lighted fields will fill a real need here, and said sports facilities for children are also really needed.

The 11-acre park is just a portion of the 160-acre former NASA property. The site will also include 30 acres for a new Kaiser Permanente medical center, a 73-acre film studio and back-lot, and a retail center, Downey Landing, which will begin with some stores opening by the end of August.



JAN SCOTT – The Downey Chamber of Commerce has named long-time member Jan Scott chairperson of next year's Downey Street Faire which will take place May 6, 2006. She co-chaired this year's very successful event with Fionnuala Anderson. Scott is assistant vice president and account relationship officer with Pacific Western Bank, 10245 Paramount Blvd., Downey, and is on the Board of Directors of the chamber.

Chamber volunteer awards luncheon

DOWNEY—A gala luncheon honoring volunteers of the Downey Chamber of Commerce July 27, will include a fashion show featuring chamber members' shops and models.

Honorees will include the Committee Persons of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Director of the Year, and Business of the Year Awards.

Local merchants contributing fashions to the gala event will include Draper & Damon's, Rent-a-Tux, Friar Tux Shop, All American Home Center, and Costco.

Members who will serve as models include Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot, Fay Campbell, Vicki de La Cruz of Re/Max Online; Darrel Dixon of Don Dixon & Assoc.; Doug Epperhart of Epperhart Communications; Monica Gonzales of Re/Max Online; Judy Gonzalez of Downey Retirement Center; Angelique Harris of Southland Credit Union; Victor Lopez of Re/Max Online; Maria Mendoza of Farmers Insurance; Daniel Nunez of Norwalk Storage; Louis Pintola of Escrow Results, Inc.; Leslie Poblete of Home Instead Home Care; Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank; and Adam Tafoya of State Farm Insurance.

Reservations and information are available by calling (562) 923-2191. Cost is \$25 per person. The chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Ave.

New Medicare workshop July 18

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration, is offering a workshop on Monday, July 18 from 10-11 a.m. to educate elder adults on the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

The workshop will be held at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr., Downey. A representative from the Norwalk Social Security office will discuss the new program, which takes effect January 1, 2006 and will provide prescription drug coverage under Medicare.

For information, contact the City of Downey at (562) 904-7223 or the Social Security Office at (562) 929-1990 ext. 200.



AMERICAN FLAG—Which was arranged by Rep. Roybal-Allard to be flown first above the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C., now flies above the Treasure Island community. Treasure Island Park had been without a U.S. flag for over 20 years.

Treasure Island Park receives American flag

Contributed by Downey Police Department

DOWNEY—Flag Day, June 14, saw the raising of our national flag at Treasure Island Park, another sign of the new level of pride being instilled by Downey residents who live in the Treasure Island neighborhood, located in the northwest corner of Downey. The park had previously been without a United States flag for over 20 years.

The flag raising was the focal point of a flag-raising ceremony attended by City Councilmembers David Gafin and Kirk Cartozian, Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins, and representatives of the Downey Police Department, including Police Chief John Finch and Captains Roy Campos, Michael Miller and Mark Dryer. Field Representative Eddie Tafoya, representing the office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, presented the flag to the community, many of whom were present for the ceremony. Rep. Roybal-Allard had arranged for the flag to be flown first above the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. It was then forwarded to UITC (Unity in the Community), the community group representing the Treasure Island community.

It was during an organized cleanup day coordinated by UITC, that the vacant flagpole was identified. The flagpole had previously been camouflaged by adjacent palm trees. The flag is another sign that the local community, as represented by UITC, is working to put the park to good public use, in defiance of the perception that the park had been taken over by loiters, criminals and graffiti artists.

'Life after Stroke' seminar at DRMC

DOWNEY—Community members are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) Saturday, July 16 for a seminar, "Life after Stroke: Where do I go from here?," from 9-11 a.m. and screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The seminar will feature Inpatient Physical Therapy supervisor Ernie Sanchez, PT, discussing physical therapy; Occupational Therapy Supervisor Jenifer Ono, OTR/L, discussing occupational therapy; and Speech Pathologist Lori Campbell, MSCCC, whose topic will be treating communication disorders after stroke.

Blood pressure and heart rates will be checked for all requesting participants; stroke screenings will be given for early sign-ups.

The event is free for those attending. However, seating is limited and registration is required by calling 904-5162.

Summer fundraiser at Pechanga July 20

DOWNEY – The Downey Emblem Club #309 will be traveling to the Pechanga Resort & Casino Wednesday, July 20 for a summer fundraiser. A bus will be leaving from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 5:30 p.m. Bingo will be played on the bus to and from the resort.

Cost is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members. A \$5 voucher will be issued to use as you choose. All are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Mary Guzman at 622-1003.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

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

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

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<p>Tuesday, July 19th 2:30 p.m. Sizzler 10153 Artesia Blvd., Bellflower</p>	<p>Thursday, July 21st 10:00 a.m. Hometown Buffet 11471 South S., Cerritos</p>	

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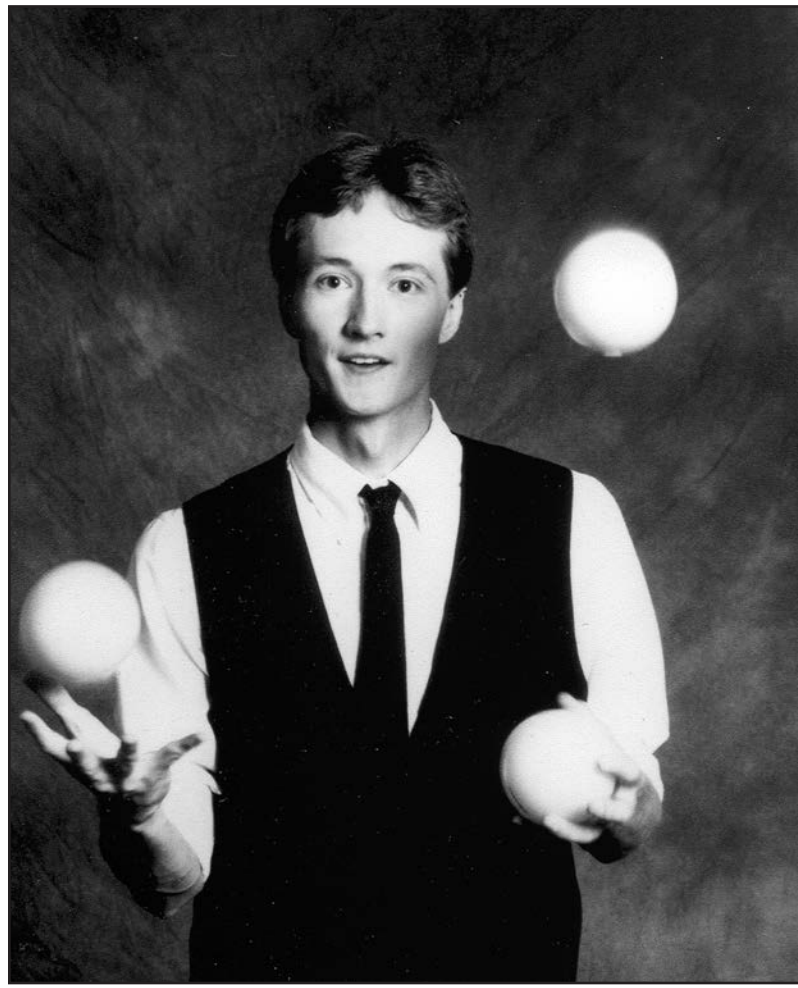
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WORLD-CLASS JUGGLING—David Cousin, who holds five world records in juggling, will perform Wednesday, July 27 from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Downey City Library's Cormack Room as part of the Children's Summer Reading program. Children ages 5-12 are invited to enjoy his comedy juggling show, which includes audience participation and music. Show passes will be distributed 30 minutes before show time. Seating is limited. For information, call Children's Services at 904-7360, ext. 4. The library is at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Chess class geared for youth

DOWNEY—Beginning Wednesday July 20 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., the City of Downey Community Services Department will be holding a chess class for children ages 6-11 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey. For the professional instruction, the fee is \$40 for six weeks. To sign up, call 904-7223.

Eaters Anonymous meetings

DOWNEY — Compulsive Eaters Anonymous is a group of men and women that have found relief from eating disorders of compulsive eating, Bulimia and anorexia, who hold three weekly meetings in Downey. There are no dues or fees. For more information, call Marie Augimeri at 884-5799.

Vacation Bible Camp at Messiah Lutheran

DOWNEY — Messiah Lutheran Church will be hosting a Vacation Bible Camp for children from age 3 through the 7th grade. Theme of the event is "Serengeti Trek," taking place Mon. July 18 through Sat. July 23.

"We cordially invite the young people of Downey on a trip into the wild jungle," stated Pastor Norm Stoppenhagen of Messiah. "There will be games, food, crafts and music with a beat along the way — and it's all free!" he concluded.

Registration will be Mon. July 18 at 6 p.m. and the sessions will be from 6:30 until 8:30 each night.

A special music concert by students from Concordia University of Irvine will top off the week's activities on Sat. July 23.

The church is located at 10711 Paramount Blvd., in Downey. For further information call 923-1215. Spanish speaking residents can call 923-3690.

Computer classes for teens at library

DOWNEY—Students can learn valuable computer skills at the Downey City Library this summer. "MS PowerPoint" will be offered on a Wednesday, either on July 27 or Aug. 24, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Computer Lab. The students will learn the basic functions of Powerpoint to create presentations.

Teens may also attend "MS Word" on Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 5:30-7 p.m. The class will include basic instruction on modifying text and creating flyers. Participants must be able to use a computer mouse.

Teens ages 13-18 may register for this free class at www.downeylibrary.org or by calling 904-7360, ext. 32.

Teens urged to join Shakespeare Club

DOWNEY—Teens who want to get a head start on next year's English assignments can join the Shakespeare Book Club at the Downey City Library. The group will discuss *Hamlet* on Tuesday, July 19 from 3-5 p.m.

The next day, on July 20 at 3:30 p.m., students can enjoy popcorn and a film showing of Shakespeare's tragedy. Permission slips are required. This is a free event, offered as part of the library's Teen Summer Reading program which is geared for students ages 13-19.

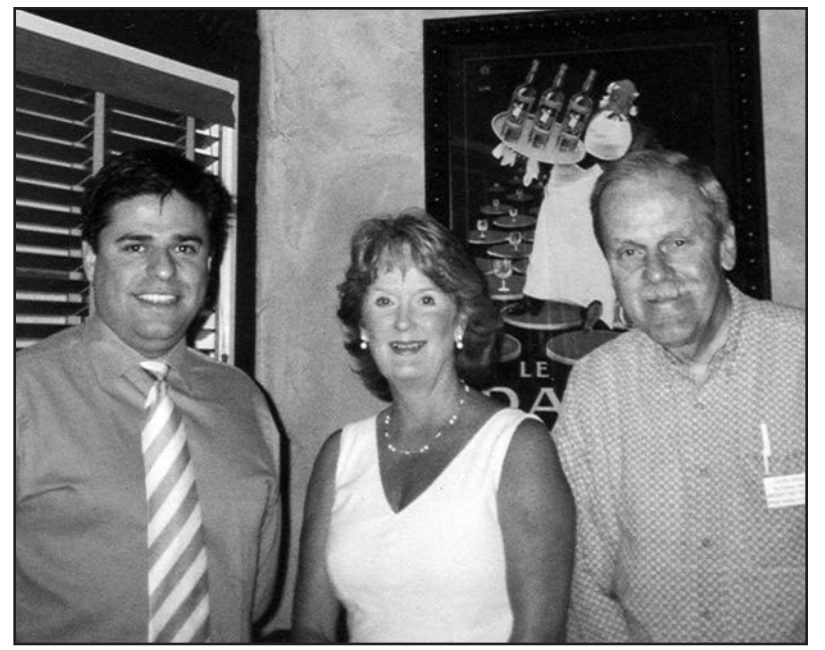
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NEW OFFICERS — Pro Networkers of Downey recently welcomed the group's officers for 2005-2006. They include (from left) John McAllister, DDS, secretary; Myra Valdez of Budget Blinds, vice-president; and Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot, president. Not pictured is Linda Dong, treasurer. The business networking group meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe.

Enrollment now open at Good Shepherd

DOWNEY—Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Downey, located at 13200 Clark Ave. just south of the 105 freeway, is now enrolling K-8 students for the 2005-06 school year.

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Giant houses

By John Adams

The waves raised in the wake of the City Council vote two weeks ago at which the Council failed to muster the four votes necessary to pass an emergency ordinance for a moratorium on "giant" two story homes in R-1 zones, which would allow time to study a more permanent fix, are still being felt.

Councilman Kirk Cartozian said at this Tuesday's meeting that he found most of his friends on the other side of the issue, after he voted against the moratorium. He said he felt a moratorium on such buildings was too harsh a measure. He still feels that way, but was obviously weathering the deluge of complaint that followed his vote.

One woman stood in front of the Council Tuesday and called for the firing of longtime city staffer Ron Yoshiki, who she blamed for letting the construction of such "Monster" buildings get out of hand here.

City Manager Gerald Caton pointed out at the end of the meeting that Yoshiki has served the City with remarkable dedication for many years, and deserves credit rather than blame.

Cartozian vowed to work on a Council subcommittee along with David Gafin to work out changes in the City Code which will be introduced as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the City remains afloat despite the temporarily stormy political seas over these controversial buildings.

Congresswoman bats for domestic violence victims

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Every year, thousands of domestic violence victims lose their jobs. This forces them to stay in an abusive relationship because they are unable to provide for themselves and their children financially. According to the Bureau of National Affairs news service, domestic violence also results in an estimated annual cost of \$3 to \$5 billion annually in lost time and productivity to U.S. employers.

To give victims of domestic violence greater economic stability and to provide employers with the tools they need to address the consequences of domestic violence in the workplace, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) introduced last week a measure called the Security and Financial Empowerment Act (SAFE).

"The Security and Financial Empowerment Act would help provide the financial security a victim of domestic violence needs to escape her abuser," Roybal-Allard said. "Victims of domestic violence should not be forced to live with violence because they fear losing the financial support they need to care for themselves and their children. My bill makes it possible for victims to take unpaid leave to attend to matters related to their abuse such as legal proceedings, medical care, or finding a safe place to live without jeopardizing their employment. It also provides unemployment insurance for victims who are forced to leave their jobs as a result of their abuse."

According to Lynn Harman, corporate counsel for Harman International Industries, Inc., the SAFE Act is both good for victims of domestic violence and for employers. The company designs, manufactures and markets high-fidelity audio products and electronic systems and boasts more than 10,000 employees worldwide.

"As employers, we realize that while addressing these issues is good for businesses, it is vital for our employees. We have developed an organizational domestic violence policy and procedures that best support employees affected by domestic violence. In addition we have designed and implemented a workplace domestic violence education and awareness training program for all Harman US facilities. We believe that employers have a corporate responsibility to maintain a safe environment at work, and are fully supportive of the SAFE Act," Harman said.

More than half the states in the country — including California — already have state laws that extend unemployment compensation to victims of domestic violence in certain circumstances. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard said that the SAFE Act would replace the uneven and often insufficient protections offered by existing state laws with a federal standard that would apply uniformly throughout the nation.

More specifically, the SAFE Act would do the following:

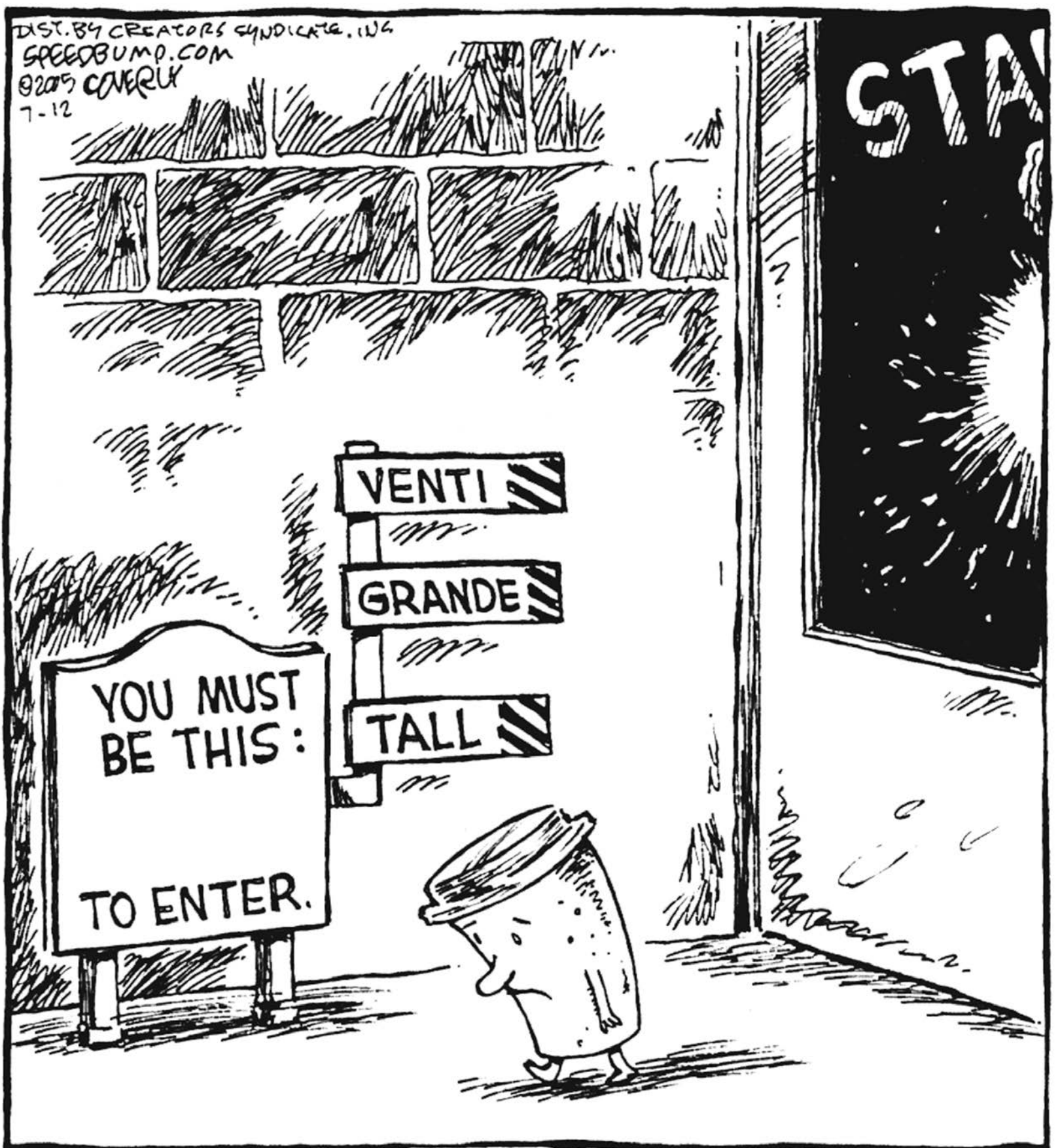
- *Allow eligible employees to take up to 30 days of unpaid leave to handle domestic violence-related priorities such as find a new place to live, obtaining medical care, seeking counseling and attending court appearances related to restraining orders and divorce and child custody proceedings.

- *Allow victims who are forced to leave their jobs because of domestic violence to qualify for unemployment benefits.

- *Prohibit employers from discriminating against victims of domestic violence in areas such as hiring, compensation and other conditions of employment.

- *Prohibit insurance companies and employers from dropping insurance coverage of victims of domestic and sexual violence because of a fear of abuse-related insurance claims. The bill would also establish confidentiality guidelines regarding a victim's past injuries and treatment.

- *And finally, the SAFE Act would authorize a national resource center and clearinghouse to provide information and assistance to employers and labor organizations to help victims of domestic violence.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Emergency room questions

Dear Editor:

The Patriot has printed an advertisement for the Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) for the last two weeks. I am very concerned about some of the points in the advertisement.

*Diversion: Neither the County nor the Downey Fire Department make the decision to divert patients from DRMC. The decision to close the Emergency Room (ER) to advanced life support patients is one that rests with the administrators of the ER and DRMC. The decision can be based on factors such as (1) emergency room saturation (not enough ER beds, equipment, or staff to immediately care for additional incoming patients); (2) non-availability of certain hospital staffing or equipment; (3) internal disaster (facility problem).

*Transport choices: Downey Fire Department paramedics are required to transport their patients to the closest receiving emergency room. In nearly all situations, Downey paramedics are able to transport their patients to DRMC. This practice keeps the time it takes to transport a patient to a minimum, leaves the patient in very capable hands, and keeps the paramedics in Downey (to be ready for another response in the community).

*Boundaries: Other hospitals in the Los Angeles Basin have taken similar actions. The potential trouble with this solution is that DRMC is then required to take all patients within the boundary. Diversion is no longer an option. DRMC will need to have the capacity to care for patients' surges as they arise.

Finally, and most importantly, comments regarding the closure of the hospital emergency room or its downgrading to a "stand-by" emergency room have been made publicly at various meetings. Please know, the Fire Department paramedics are required to hand-off their patients to a certified receiving facility with an emergency room doctor on-duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anything less than a fully staffed, equipped and prepared emergency room that is a participant in the 9-1-1 system, will force our paramedics to transport their patients to more distant receiving hospitals like St. Francis Medical Center (Lynwood), Coast Plaza Hospital (Norwalk), or Kaiser Hospital (Bellflower). This transportation and receiving hospital problem will likely cause our paramedic squads to be out of town (and out of their response districts) thereby extending the time it takes the paramedics to respond to emergencies in Downey.

—Mark Sauter,
Fire Chief
City of Downey

Speaker stresses education promises

SACRAMENTO—While praising the recent successful bipartisan budget deal and the recovery of the "lost art of compromise," Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez (D-Los Angeles) nevertheless vowed to "respectfully but forcefully" continue to ask Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to keep his promise to pay back California's schools the dollars that they are owed.

Speaking in his weekly radio broadcast, Nunez said: "I hope that this new teamwork between Democrats and Republicans will be a blueprint for us to work together to fix our schools. Our budget fails to raise per-pupil spending in California to even the national average. Our children deserve much more than that. We can't afford below-average standards. And we can not afford below average investments in our students."

The Speaker ended his address with these words: "We will keep focusing on improving our schools — until each and every child in this state has the opportunity that they deserve to fulfill their dreams."

Why use a Realtor

Dear Editor:

As president of the Downey Association of Realtors, representing over 800 realtor professionals in the city of Downey and surrounding areas, it is very important to inform our community why it is important to use a Realtor.

There are many levels of real estate professionals. Realtors subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics and are members of the National Association of Realtors, California Association of Realtors, and a local association, such as ours. Only when a real estate licensee agrees to subscribe to the Code of Ethics and join the trade association may they use the term, "Realtor." As member of the three trade associations Realtors receive continuing legal, political, and industrial information and training not available to non-Realtors. Realtors collectively contribute to the Trade Associations Political Action funds, fighting for property ownership rights.

Unfortunately, there is a small group of unlicensed persons impersonating licensed real estate agents creating hardships in the real estate community, potentially harming home buyers and sellers and tarnishing the hard and dedicated work of most Realtors.

By writing this letter to the editor, I wanted to accomplish two goals: first, to tell you to always ask "your real estate professional" if they are a licensed real estate agent or broker... you can verify their license number at www.dre.ca.gov; second, always ask "your real estate professional" if they are a Realtor... you can verify that with the Downey Association of Realtors by calling (562) 861-0915 or e-mail evp@daor.com.

—Francisco Gomez,
President, Downey Association of Realtors

Cerritos College golf classic Aug. 1

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Foundation is staging its 20th Annual Golf Classic Monday, Aug. 1 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier.

It has a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and an awards dinner at 6 p.m. The tournament is hosted each year to help raise funds to support student scholarships and programs.

Foundation board member Stephen Monteros, general manager of GST, Inc., serves as this year's golf tournament committee co-chairperson, alongside Cerritos College trustee Bob Arthur.

Deadline for tournament registration is Monday, July 25. Cost per golfer is \$225 or \$900 per foursome. Entry fee includes green fees, cart, shirt, photo, continental breakfast, lunch, on-course beverages, goodie bag and dinner.

In addition to Swinerton and Seville, this year's corporate sponsors include Financial Partners Credit Union and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

Tee sign sponsorships are available for \$100 each, and those who wish to attend only the awards dinner may purchase tickets for \$45 each. To register, or for additional information, contact the Cerritos College Foundation at (562) 860-2451, extension 2526.

58th Assembly District open house

MONTEBELLO—The Hon. Ron Calderon invites the community to the 58th Assembly District's 2005 Open House Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at District offices, 400 N. Montebello Blvd. in Montebello, just south of Beverly Blvd.

Visitors will join the Assemblyman, along with his family and staff members, for a summer evening of meeting new and visiting with old friends, as well as networking with community members and local business groups. There will be food and refreshments.

RSVP is requested to Claudia Cruz at (323) 838-5858 by July 29.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Sat. July 16, 11:00 a.m. : "Life After Stroke" seminar at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. Free, Limited seating. Registration required. For information call 904-5162.
 Wed. July 20, 7:00 p.m.: **Orquestra Charangoa** plays Cuban style salsa and cha-cha at the Summer Twilight Concerts at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7238.

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 Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Dorothy Parizek 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 Denny's Restaurant. 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

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
 6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
 2nd Weds., 7 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 862-7197.
 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

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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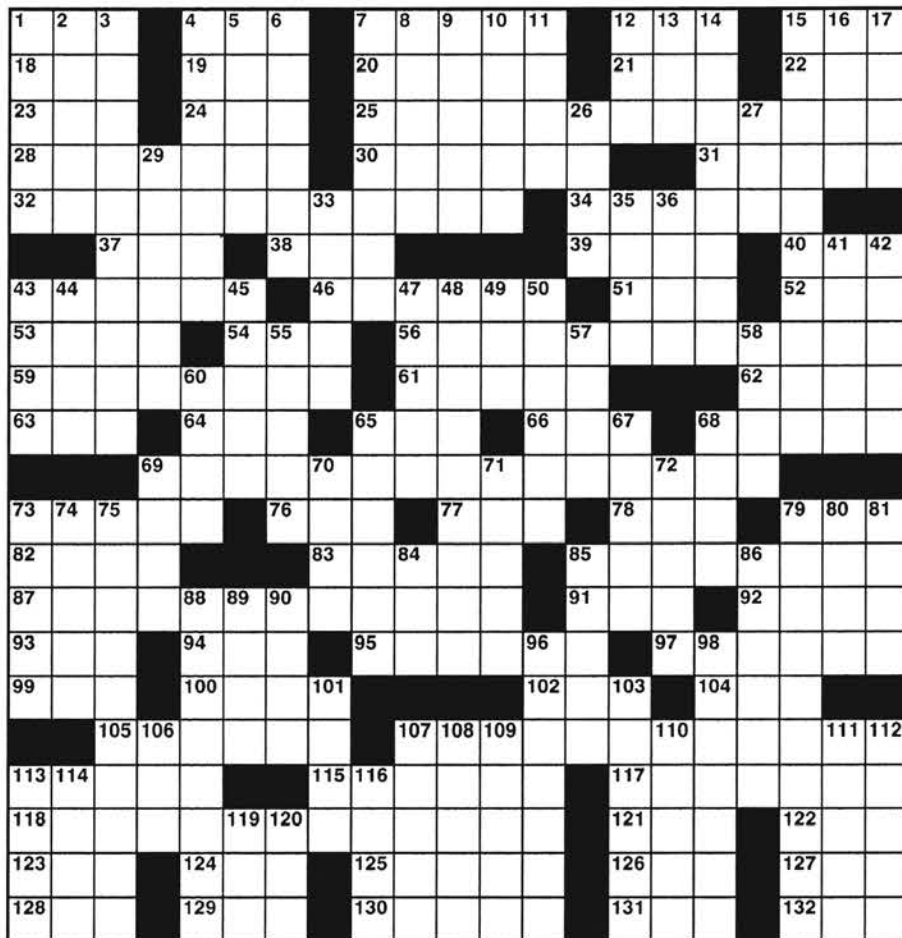
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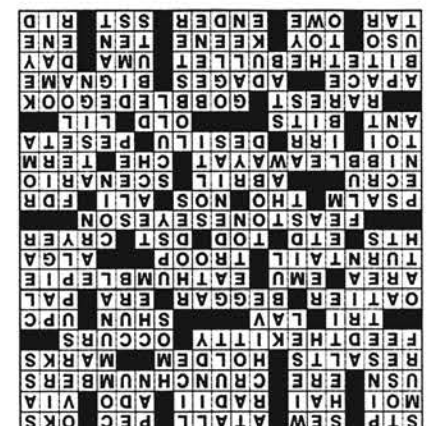
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Hands are formed in the poker variety HOLD 'EM (30 across) from the two cards dealt to each player, combined with any three of the five dealt face-up in the center of the table. Carolyn KEENE (125 across), the byline of the Nancy Drew novels, is a pen name used by multiple authors. The reference at 41 Down is to one of the rules of staying young popularized by pitcher Satchel PAIGE.



OC Fair has days of entertainment and fun

COSTA MESA—The 113th OC Fair, celebrating the year of the avocado, is now open with the theme, "It's Callin' You Out To Play." The Fair will be closed on Mondays and ends Sunday, July 31.

Pacific Amphitheater again will offer 21 nights of entertainment presented by the Orange County Market Place (including performances by Julio Iglesias July 20 and LeAnn Rimes July 29).

In addition to internationally renowned musical artists performing at the Pacific Amphitheater, the Fair will again offer free entertainment at the Citizens Business Bank Arena.

Fair officials assure patrons there will be an abundance of food, contests, exhibits, carnival rides and entertainment. Approximately 80 vendors offer a variety of food choices, including barbecued beef, turkey legs, corn dogs, cinnamon rolls, lemonade, and deep-fried Snickers and Twinkies. And there is always something new to try such as a fried avocado.

This year's contests feature homemade beer, table-setting, cake decorating, floral arranging and baking to name just a few. There are also exhibits galore, such as the Floral Pavilion, Collectors Corner, Home and Hobbies, Visual Arts, and Gems & Minerals. Other popular Fair attractions are the All Alaskan Racing Pigs, glassblowing in Crafters Village, hypnotist Mark Yuzuik on Sun Stage, and the annual Junior Livestock Auction.

Other Fair highlights include:

***Culinary Arts Series**, Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. on Plaza Arts Stage. Curtis Aikens, July 21; Dave Lieberman, July 28. Sponsored by KOST 103.5 FM.

***Kids Days**, Tuesdays, July 19, 26. Free admission along with special activities and contests just for kids 12 and under. Sponsored by Radio Disney 1110 AM.

***Senior Days**, Thursdays, July 21, 28. Discounted admission (\$14), free merry-go-round and Ferris wheel rides all day for those 60 and older.

***Junior Livestock Auction**. Top quality animals will be sold at auction Saturday, July 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Market animals will be displayed until Sunday, July 17.

***Citizens Business Bank Arena (CBBA)** – The venue will offer the Fifth Annual Demolition Derby, Speedway, bullriding, music and comedy (including performances by Carrot Top July 26-29). All CBBA shows are free with Fair admission.

"It's Callin' You Out To Give" Food Drive, Wednesday, July 20, from noon to 6 p.m.—Free admission with each donation of five (5) non-perishable canned or dry food items. Proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. Sponsored by Star 98.7 FM.

"It's Callin' You Out To Give" Summer Book Drive, Wednesday, July 27, from noon to 6 p.m. – Free admission with each donation of one (1) new children's book or three (3) gently used children's books. Presented by the OC Fair and Reading by 9. Sponsored by Radio Disney 1110 AM.

The 150-acre Orange County Fair & Exposition Center is located off the 405 and 55 freeways at 88 Fair Drive in the heart of Costa Mesa. For information, call (714) 708-FAIR (3247) or visit www.ocfair.com.



ORQUESTA CHARANGOA – Brings their "Charanga" style Cuban music to the Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 20 at Furman Park.

Two plays to air on 89.3 KPCC

LOS ANGELES—Tomorrow, July 16 from 10 p.m.-midnight on 89.3 KPCC, the Play's the Thing will air "Hay Fever" by Noel Coward, starring Eric Stoltz, Tate Donovan, Carolyn Seymour, and Jeffrey Jones.

A country house weekend goes haywire when the guests and their hosts play a game of romantic musical chairs. This 1920's masterpiece is filled with wit, sexual sophistication and Coward's biting commentary on his own profession. The broadcast includes an interview with Eric Stoltz.

Next July 23 from 10 p.m.-midnight, The Play's the Thing will air on 89.3 KPCC "Earth and Sky" by Douglas Post, starring Annette Bening, George Murdock, Ed Begley, Jr., and John Mahoney.

Head firmly in the clouds, Sara Mckeen moves in the rarefied world of library work and poetry readings. She seems completely unsuited to investigating the sudden, brutal murder of her lover. A haunting mystery, infused with humor, poetry and urban grit. The broadcast includes an interview with Ed Begley, Jr.

The Play's the Thing, produced by L.A. Theater Works, is streamed live on the KPCC website (www.kpcc.org) for one week following each broadcast so that people worldwide can hear the show.

Cuban style music at Furman concerts

DOWNEY – Orquesta Charangoa brings Cuban style salsa and cha cha music to the Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and is held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

Cuban "Charanga" style music is very traditional and is noted for its specific style of instrumentation consisting of contrabass, timbales and strings (from two to four violins, or any number of violins with a cello) and one flute. A piano and congas were integrated in the 1940's.

Orquesta Charangoa leader Fay Roberts traveled to Cuba to study flute with the legendary Richard Egues, of Orquesta Aragon fame. Egues, an innovative virtuoso of Cuban flute style, is also the composer of Cuba's most popular cha cha's, El Bodeguero. He sent Roberts home with enough music and inspiration to start a new Cuban Charanga Orchestra. Through consistent correspondence, Egues guided the creation of Los Angeles's most authentic Cuban Charanga orchestra.

Since 1997, Orquesta Charangoa has performed at the Los Angeles Music Center, the Palladium, the Palace and the Conga Room. Festival appearances have included the Watts Tower Jazz Festival, L.A. Cuban Festival, the African Marketplace and the Los Angeles Salsa Festival. Constantly in demand at clubs throughout Southern California, Orquesta Charangoa has acquired many listeners and dancers with their unique music and style.

For information about the Furman Park Summer Concert Series, phone the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7238.

'The Odd Couple' at the Mainstage

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach (across from Recreation Park), presents Neil Simon's comedy, "The Odd Couple," July 15-Aug. 20.

Tickets are \$20 and \$18. For information, call (562) 494-1014.

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Rancho Adult Day Services gets grant

DOWNEY—The Rancho Adult Day Services received a one-year grant for \$76,208 from the Archstone Foundation, a private, nonprofit foundation which seeks to prepare society for the growing needs of an aging society.

The grant will enhance the program's physical therapy services and provide assistance to low-income seniors who would benefit from adult day services.

Under the leadership of president and CEO Joseph F. Prevratil, J.D., Archstone grants up to \$5 million annually, primarily in Southern California.

The Rancho Adult Day Services is a state and national award-winning program located at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey. It is a licensed Adult Day Health Care and Alzheimer's Day Care Center that serves the elderly with physical and/or memory impairment. For information, call (562) 401-7991.

Early literacy for preschool children

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers a free class for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy. Its "Every Child Ready to Read" program is scheduled on a Monday, either Aug. 22 or Sept. 19, from 7-8 p.m. in the Children's Room.

Instructor Claudia Dailey will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop early language skills through picture books.

Register at the Adult desk or call 904-7360, ext. 23 for information.



PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT—Marcelino Ruiz is providing physical therapy for Michael Betor at the Rancho Adult Day Services.

Hip Hop dance class for children

DOWNEY—Downey Community Services is offering Hip-Hop for Youth & Teens at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, beginning Tuesday, July 26.

The Youth Class (ages 6-12) will be offered from 4-5 p.m., and the Teen Class (ages 13-18) from 5-6 p.m.

Fee for each class is \$18 for five weeks. For information, call 904-7223.

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Other meeting dates and locations may be available.

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Their families and friends are hoping for their return so far,
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So remember throughout the sacrifices we make
No matter what the future will turn out to be,
Be it bleak of starry, triumphant and free
There'll always be love, equality and unity to see.

—Shaina Marie C. Sta. Cruz,
Downey

COUNCIL

Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant under Chapter 8 of the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.

*Modified the salary ranges of the secretaries of the City Manager, Police and Fire Chiefs.

*Adopted a resolution allowing the destruction of certain obsolete finance department records.

*Approved an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for \$24,500 to promote the welfare and growth of the city.

*Approved appropriation of \$1,684 from the California Department of Education to augment the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

*Continued a public hearing on the appeal of the denial of a variance for an oversized driveway at 12142 Dunrobin Avenue to Aug. 9. (Appellant Richard Nelson.)

*Held a public hearing on the appeal of approval of a conditional use permit and variance for a gas station and convenience market/take-out restaurant at 8801 Lakewood Blvd. Then supported the appeal, throwing the project back to staff for further work on details such as parking and traffic.

Award

*Presented the Mayor's Award for Services to City employee David Sanchez, Water Systems Lead Operator.

*Proclaimed July Parks and Recreation Month.

*Proclaimed July 13 Sweet Adelines International Barbershop Music Appreciation Day.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Temple Ner Tamid has new clergy

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey has engaged Ellen Jaffe-Gill as its new Cantorial Intern. She succeeds Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, who recently accepted a post as cantor of Congregation Tifereth Jacob in Manhattan Beach. She began singing for the congregation July 1.

Bryna Milkow, a fifth-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, will serve the temple as student rabbi beginning Aug. 19.

Jaffe-Gill began working professionally in Jewish music in 1998, after 14 years as an English teacher in the Los Angeles public schools. She is pursuing formal certification as a cantor through the Reform Jewish Movement.

She is the author of two books, "No Big Deal," a novel for children ages 10-14, and "Embracing the Stranger: Inter-marriage and the Future of the American Jewish Community," a nonfiction work about Jewish/Gentile inter-marriage, and is the editor of a third, "The Jewish Woman's Book of Wisdom: Thoughts From Prominent Jewish Women on Spirituality, Identity, Sisterhood, Family, and Faith" (Citadel Press).

A frequent lecturer and contributor to Jewish publications, Jaffe-Gill holds degrees from Brandeis and Stanford universities as well as a master's degree in Judaic studies from Hebrew Union College. She lives in Culver City.

Surgeon presents 'lap-band' seminar

DOWNEY—Dr. Mark Minkes, Chief of Surgery for Downey Regional Medical Center, will present "Sizewise: a seminar on Lap-Band procedures" Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

The free seminar is for severely obese individuals who have never been able to keep pounds off with diet pills, exercise, or other weight loss programs. Now they can take advantage of a minimally invasive surgery option that significantly reduces food intake.

Registration is required for the seminar; seating is limited. To register/for information, call 806-3606.

Win J.K. Rowling's latest book

DOWNEY—There will be drawings throughout the day tomorrow, July 16 at the Downey City Library for copies of the sixth in the series of "Harry Potter" books by J. K. Rowling, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," the story of Harry Potter's sixth year at Hogwarts School of Wizardry in the midst of a battle of good and evil.

A reading from the first chapter of the book, as well as crossword puzzles and quizzes with prizes, will also be featured at the release party.

Stop by the library to win your own copy or reserve a library copy of the latest bestseller. For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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Red Cross blood drive planned at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center, responding to what officials call a critical need for blood both locally and nationally, will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 27 from 8 am to 8 pm in the hospital's lower level conference rooms.

The American Red Cross, Southern California Region renewed a blood supply alert for Southern California on Tuesday, citing a critically low blood level on hand. The American Red Cross has only a four-hour supply of Type O-negative blood, with over 100 units on back order for Southern California hospitals. Group O negative blood is the "universal" donor blood often used in emergencies.

As part of a humanitarian system for sharing blood based on patient need, the American Red Cross, Southern California Region continues to work closely with other American Red Cross blood centers to share blood resources. However, many American Red Cross blood centers across the country are facing a shortage and are unable to ship blood to Southern California.

Though Group O blood is especially needed, virtually all blood types are below the desired inventory levels necessary to maintain a secure blood supply for the region. A five-to-seven day supply is generally considered adequate. Any healthy person age 17 or older who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood.

Downey Regional Medical Center is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Boulevard. For an appointment, call 904-5321.

Players, sponsors sought for Downey Golf Classic

DOWNEY—The 9th annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic scheduled for Monday, Aug. 8 at Rio Hondo Golf Club will be a 4-man Best Ball Scramble affair, according to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which is presenting the shootout. Only soft spikes will be allowed. The Shotgun start is at 12 noon.

Entry fee of \$135 per person (\$155 after July 25) includes green fees, carts, BBQ luncheon, dinner, awards, prizes and fun.

The Chamber is also seeking additional sponsors, including. A Gold Sponsor (\$2,500)—provides for One Foursome to play, a Tee Sponsor sign, an individual banner, publicity, and recognition at the Awards Dinner; a Silver Sponsor (\$1,500)—is entitled to One Twosome play, a Tee Sponsor sign, group banner, and publicity; a Bronze Sponsor (\$500)—gets name on poster, a Tee sign, and two dinners; and a Tee Sponsor (\$100)—gets a Tee Sponsor sign on one hole.

A portion of the proceeds of the Downey Golf Classic will provide scholarships for local high schools, and for the winner of the Miss Downey Pageant.

Fall Craft Fair set for Oct. 8 at DHS

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District and board members of the True Lasting Connection (TLC) Parent Resource Center are planning a Fall Craft Fair for Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Downey High School Gym, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

In addition to a wide array of handcrafted items, there will be coffee, snacks, raffles and door prizes. All proceeds go to the support of the TLC Center, which provides free vision, dental and health care for children of low income families who otherwise could not afford it.

The TLC also has school tutoring programs, crisis intervention, parent education, counseling, enrollment in Medi-Cal, and many other free services for families.

Persons wishing to rent table space should request it by calling Rose Boland at (562) 469-6890. Or write her in care of the Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

New CERT classes taking sign-ups

DOWNEY—New Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes begin Sept. 10 at the Downey Woman's Club, located at the southwest corner of Paramount and Lubeck.

CERT is designed for citizen responders who in the event of a major emergency would help neighborhoods and local government.

Monthly meetings are held from 6-7:30 p.m. every second Thursday. New members are welcome.

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Every week, there are cases like these at Downey Regional Medical Center:



Anna, who lives in downtown Los Angeles, experienced severe chest pains. Because every ER closer to her was full, she was rushed by paramedics to Downey Regional Medical Center. Anna is 55 years old and has diabetes and high blood pressure. Because she did not have insurance and held a minimum wage job, she was

unable to keep doctor appointments or purchase medications. She needed complex heart surgery to save her life. All the County Hospitals were full and none would take her as a transfer patient after she was stabilized at DRMC. It fell to Downey Regional to perform lifesaving surgery and afterwards provide Intensive Care Unit recuperation. Her recovery was slow and she stayed in the hospital for almost two months.

Because she was uninsured none of the Home Health Services would take her so she remained in DMRC until she could safely return home.

Anna cost citizens of Downey and DRMC \$300,000.

Paramedics brought a homeless, elderly man to Downey Regional after he had a stroke. He was confused and unable to communicate, and no family could be found. He stayed in the hospital for several weeks. Even though this patient was over 65, he did not qualify for full Medi-Cal benefits because of his undocumented status. When he was ready to be discharged, no rehabilitation or skilled nursing facility would accept him because they wouldn't be paid to care for him. Since hospitals are liable if an at-risk patient does not receive follow-up care, he remained at Downey Regional for several more weeks. Meanwhile, the hospital's Emergency Room diverted other patients because the hospital was at capacity.

His unpaid bills ran more than \$200,000.

Patients that DRMC treats without receiving any compensation cost the hospital millions of dollars each year. And their numbers are growing. Hospital leaders have been urging city, county and state officials to pay their fair share for indigent and uninsured patients. Without this financial help medical services at Downey may be curtailed for everyone. We are also working with government officials to set geographic boundaries for patients brought to DRMC by ambulance.

DRMC is a non-profit hospital providing the safest and highest quality of care, regardless of patients' ability to pay. But we must also be good stewards of the community's hospital. As non-paying cases overwhelm DRMC, we must take steps to ensure the hospital's survival for you and your neighbors. Downey's medical resources should be available first and foremost for residents in our immediate surrounding area, and for the patients of our medical staff members. When you need us, we want to be here for you.

All of us need healthy boundaries, and so does our community's hospital.

Alan Frischer, M.D.
President of the Medical Staff
Downey Regional Medical Center

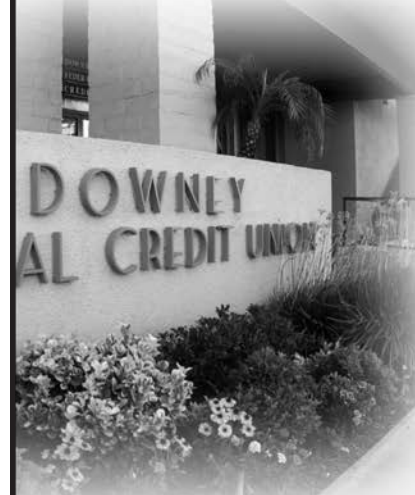


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DOWNEY DOLPHINS – Trained year-round, five days a week, in preparation for this year's Junior Olympics in Mission Viejo Aug. 4-6.

Waste roundup Aug. 20 at Columbus High

DOWNEY—L.A. County residents are invited to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and e-waste at no cost at the free Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste Roundup from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Columbus Continuation High School, 12330 Woodruff Ave. Many common household products pose a hazard to the environment if disposed of improperly.

E-waste is electronic equipment near the end of its useful life, including computer monitors and TVs which cannot be thrown out with regular trash.

Place the items in their original boxes if possible, and drive them to the free roundup site. You never have to leave your car. However, no explosive or radioactive materials, tire or business waste will be accepted. Do not mix products together.

For information, call the L.A. County Dept of Public Works at (888) CLEAN LA, the L.A. Sanitation District at (800) 238-0172, or visit the website at www.lacsd.org.

Arts for children at First Baptist Church

DOWNEY—The First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street (behind Embassy Suites), offers KidzArts, a weeklong program for children in the arts (music, dance, writing, film and composition), from 9 a.m.-12 noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19. It's suitable for children entering grades one through five.

With the theme, *Created to be creative*, KidzArts will provide participants the opportunity to explore various elements of the arts. The event will culminate in a showcase of the various skills learned, in a dinner theater held Friday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the church.

A nominal registration fee is required. Information: Martha Wade, 923-1261, ext. 269.

Downey YMCA needs volunteers

DOWNEY – The Downey Family YMCA is searching for volunteers, both young and old. For more information, call 862-4201

Downey Dolphins reach for Olympics

By Brooke Karli

DOWNEY – The Downey Dolphins swim program has been around for over 35 years, and for over 35 years, the program has provided the youth of Downey, ages 5-18, with a competitive and fun extracurricular activity. This August, the team takes its competition, water safety and sportsmanship to the Junior Olympics in an attempt to bring home some victories.

The goal of the program is, "to develop competitive swimmers and instill in them concepts of water safety, health and sportsmanship in a team atmosphere," according to their website.

Downey Dolphins is a USA Swimming Club member that has introduced over 2,000 young people to the sport of competitive swimming. As a registered State of California and Federal non-profit organization, the program is managed by an all-volunteer board consisting of parents and coaches. All funds received by the program are used to provide professional training, updated equipment and competitive opportunities for the swimmers.

Throughout the year, swimmers are taught the freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke techniques. "Not only do the kids use swimming as a source of exercise, but also as a channel of fun, focus, time-management and academic excellence," said public relations coordinator Laura Quintanilla. "They learn how to set goals and prioritize what's important."

Swimmers are trained by head coach Federico Ricketts, who has coached competitive swimming for over 20 years and has led numerous swimmers to achieve Junior Olympics status and beyond. "Do the little things right, and big things happen," advises 'Coach Fed'. At his side is assistant coach Rafael Rosero, who has been with the Downey Dolphins program for five years.

Currently, the Dolphins are preparing to compete in a meet this weekend, July 16-17 in Bellflower and in the Jr. Olympics Aug. 4-6 in Mission Viejo.

Norma Martinez, one of the many moms involved in the program, adds, "These kids have all trained very hard to compete in the Jr. Olympics and I'm very excited to see their abilities be put in the spotlight as they qualify for certain events."

For information, contact Pedro Rodriguez at (562) 862-6202 or visit www.downeyswimteam.com/swim.

Business in Downey discussed at library

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library invites small business owners to attend a free workshop, "Starting & Running a Business in Downey," Saturday, July 23 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Cormack Room.

Downey Business Development Manager William Davis is giving the presentation. He will show how to get a business permit and understand codes and regulations for Downey businesses. For reservations, contact the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 3.



DOWNEY SOFTBALL – Pictured are (front, left to right), Melissa Taukeiaho, Anissa Urtez, Arika Araujo, Elizabeth Ham, Bridget Castro, Arianna Palomares, and Alex Marshall; (back) Tina Losefa, Breana West, Loren Li, Sabrina Walker, Amber Hickman, Desirae Romero, and Lauren Stavrou. Not pictured are manager Brenda Urtez, head coach Jorge Araujo, associate head coach Bill West, assistant coach Felix Palomares and assistant coach Manny Ham.

Downey softball a success

DOWNEY – A softball team consisting of young ladies primarily from Downey have won several softball tournaments, including the AFA National Qualifier, Newport Beach Classic, Triple Crown Sports World Series National Qualifier, and USSSA State Championships. The girls also reached the championship game at the Las Vegas St. Patty's Day Tournament and the ASA Southern California State Championship.

The team has gone to Park City, Utah to compete in the Triple Crown Sports World Series, and will be proceeding to Johnson City, Tennessee August 1-7 to compete in the ASA National Championships. Most of the girls, ages 9-11, were part of the Downey All-Stars in 2003 and 2004, but now play travel-ball.

Walking class offered at Stonewood

DOWNEY – The Stonewood Strollers, a walking class led by Kathy Gorman, former principal of Downey Adult School, meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Stonewood Center in Downey.

It is free of cost and is sponsored by Stonewood Center and Downey Adult School.

Pangborn runs its fifth annual yard sale

DOWNEY – The residents of Pangborn Avenue in Downey invite the community to their 5th annual Mile-Long Yard Sale tomorrow, July 16 from 7 a.m. to noon. Last year, over 30 homes on Pangborn (between Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.) hosted yard sales for this event.

Report illegally dumped garbage

DOWNEY – Illegally discarded items may be reported for pickup by calling 904-1161. If you have items of your own to be picked up, call Calmet at 869-0901.

Parkinson's caregiver meeting July 18

WHITTIER—A Parkinson's caregiver's meeting will be held Monday, July 18 at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. Guest speaker will be Nancy Bosnich, L.C.S.W., M.S.W. Information: 923-5631.

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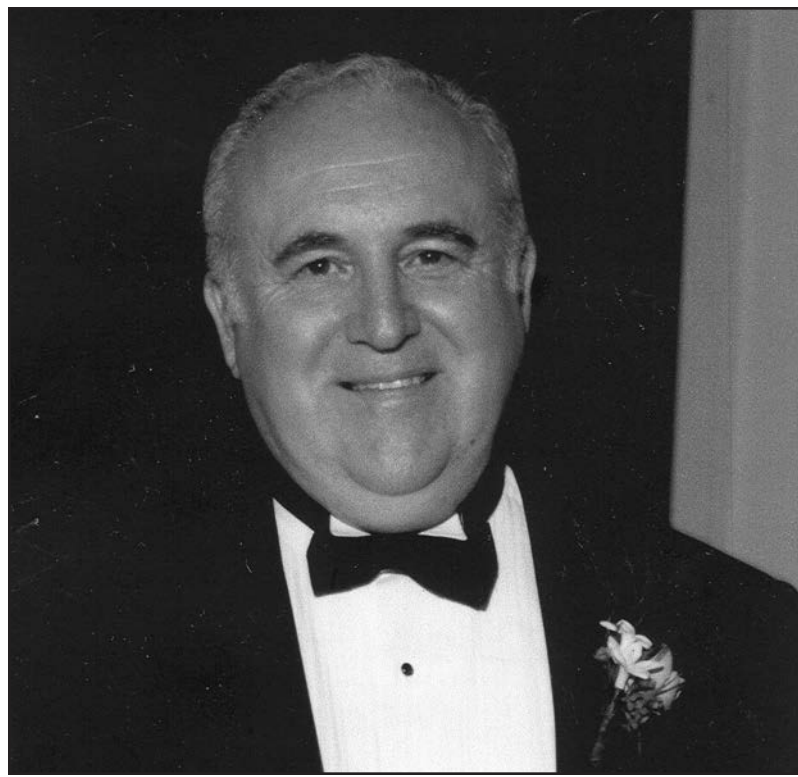
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LONGTIME LOCAL RESIDENT – Joseph W. Hayek is survived by four children and a number of grandchildren.

Wednesday services held for Joseph Hayek

DOWNEY – A resident of Downey since 1958, Joseph William Hayek passed away last Friday, July 8. Services were held Wednesday, July 13.

Born in Huntington Park, Hayek was a first generation American whose parents immigrated from Czechoslovakia and Scotland. After spending his younger years in Huntington Park, he moved to Downey in 1958 where he raised his family with his first wife, Doralee.

He is survived by his four children: Debbie Erickson of Downey; Cam (Kirk) Shibata of Victorville; Joey Hayek of San Diego; and Nancy (Kent) Foltz of Whittier and grandchildren Lyndsay Josselyn of Desert Hot Springs; Stephanie Kawulok of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Tiffany Erickson of Downey; and Paige and Jake Foltz of Whittier.

Fundraiser for boy at Salvatore's

DOWNEY—A fundraiser for Matthew Beltran, a young Downey boy who nearly drowned in the family pool last year, will be held July 27 at 4 p.m. at Salvatore's Pasta Steak House, the boy's family announced this week, with profits helping to pay for Matthew's medical expenses.

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Funeral tomorrow for Dorothy Jean Maltby Hall

DOWNEY—A Downey resident since 1953, Dorothy Jean Maltby Hall passed away on July 12. She and her late husband, Gilbert, were both active in the Downey United Methodist Church, the Downey Sertoma Club and the Red Cross.

Funeral services will be held for her tomorrow, July 16 at 10 a.m., at the Downey United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

Born in Seattle, Washington March 19, 1918, she worked for the J.C. Penny Company for 20 years before she retired in 1981. During her teen years, she lived in Boulder City, Nevada, where her father worked on the Hoover Dam. She and husband Gilbert were married 64 years.

She also served as membership chairperson for the Together for Hope Chapter for the City of Hope. In 2000 she received the Downey Coordinating Council Award for Outstanding Community Service.

She is survived by son Jim (Mary Ann) Hall; daughters Carol Mahoney and Cathy (Dana) Seelig; sister Betty (Jack) Henderson of Flagstaff, Arizona; grandchildren Tricia (Gary) Deeter, Tom (Laura) Hall, Danny (Maura) Mahoney, Patrick Mahoney, Christopher (Carrie) Hall, Ryan (Lily) Seelig, Laura Seelig, and Sara Seelig; and great grandchildren Austin and Alana Deeter, Emma and Hannah Hall, Elyssa Seelig, and Morgan Mahoney.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Downey United Methodist Church, Downey Sertoma club or the City of Hope.

Leonard Cuglietta services held today

DOWNEY – Services will be held today at noon at the Downey Elks Lodge for Leonard Cuglietta, a longtime resident and businessman of Downey. He passed away in San Francisco on May 16.

He is survived by wife Dorothy; daughter Sandra; five grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

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Nordic Fox seeking stories of the past

DOWNEY—The Nordic Fox Restaurant, formerly Foxy's, located at 10924 Paramount Blvd., was built in 1968. The current operators wish to honor the restaurant's singular A-frame design and long years of service by compiling stories of the past that occurred at the restaurant.

A contest has been declared. If you have a humorous story or something touching that occurred at Foxy's in past years—did you meet your spouse here, was a child born here, did you dine with someone special—you are asked to submit the story in typed format in 300 words or less.

\$100 is offered for the funniest and another \$100 for the most sentimental story.

All entries become the property of Nordic Fox Inc. The contest is open to all those who are not employees or family of Nordic Fox or its suppliers. Entries must be received by Aug. 15, 2005. Winners will be announced on Aug. 19. Entries may be used as deemed by Nordic Fox, but personal information such as addresses will not be displayed.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

DOWNEY – Pro Networkers, a Downey-based professional business networking group, meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Mimi's Cafe, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

Crime prevention seminar in Orange

ORANGE—The National Rifle Association's "Refuse To Be A Victim" program will conduct a crime prevention seminar at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at AllSafe Defense Systems, 1026 North Tustin Street in Orange. The seminar is 3 to 4 hours long, open to the public and costs \$20 to attend. Pre-registration is required and may be done by contacting certified instructor T.J. Johnston at TJohnston@allsafedefense.com or calling him at (714) 744-4485.

"Refuse To Be A Victim" seminars teach methods to avoid dangerous situations and prevent criminal confrontations. Experts agree that the most important factor in surviving a criminal attack is to have an overall safety strategy *before* you need it. Seminar topics address personal safety issues as well as home, automobile, phone, technological, travel, and personal security. Seminar participants are presented with a variety of common-sense crime prevention and personal safety strategies and devices they may integrate into their daily lives. Firearm instruction is not included.

"Refuse To Be A Victim" was developed by the women of the NRA in 1993 in response to requests from women nationwide for crime prevention seminars. In 1997, the program became co-ed. Since that time, it has reached tens of thousands of women and men who have benefited from the program's lifesaving message. With over 2,000 instructors nationwide, seminars have been presented in 49 states and the District of Columbia.

To find other "Refuse To Be A Victim" seminars, or for information on how you can become a certified instructor for the program, call (800) 861-1166, send an e-mail to refuse@nrahq.org, or visit the program's website at <http://www.nrahq.org/rtbav>.

SBC named title sponsor for Rancho golf classic

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation announced recently that SBC has been named the Title Sponsor for the 15th annual Rancho Golf Classic, which will be held Monday, Aug. 8 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the patients of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, which is renowned throughout the world for its work with individuals with disabling illnesses and injuries. Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe will be the honorary chair of the charitable event with Gene Klow of Hamilton Klow Associates and Mike Silacci of SBC serving as event co-chairs.

The Golf Classic will feature a putting contest, 18 holes of golf, barbecue lunch, silent auction, awards dinner and a live auction led by Supervisor Knabe. One of the highlights of the tournament will be a hole-in-one contest offering golfers the opportunity to win a new car. The tournament will begin with a "shotgun" start, and the four-person teams will play the "scramble" format.

"This event always sells out early," said Rancho Los Amigos Foundation president Connie Martinez. "As of today, most of our corporate sponsorships and 26 foursomes have already been reserved for this year's tournament, but we still have room for a few sponsors and 10 foursomes."

Sponsorships for the Rancho Golf Classic range from Silver (\$3,500) to Platinum (\$7,500). Foursomes are priced at \$1,200, and slots for individual golfers in the tournament are priced at \$300. For information and reservations, call Yolanda James at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at (562) 401-7053.

Mentoring program seeks retired teachers

WESTWOOD—The UCLA Center on Aging's Teacher Mentor Program seeks retired educators to mentor first-year teachers who are part of the Teacher Education Program at the UCLA Graduate School of Education. The new teachers teach in urban, under-resourced schools throughout the Los Angeles area.

For information, call Karen Rushfield at (310) 794-0676.

Hard of hearing meeting Aug. 11

LAKEWOOD – There will be a Self Help for Hard of Hearing People meeting at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Avenue in Lakewood on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The speaker, Mary Steinwinter, professional counselor from the John Tracy Clinic, will describe the work being done to help families of infants and preschool children with hearing losses. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

For information, contact Raye Fairchild at (562) 429-2161.



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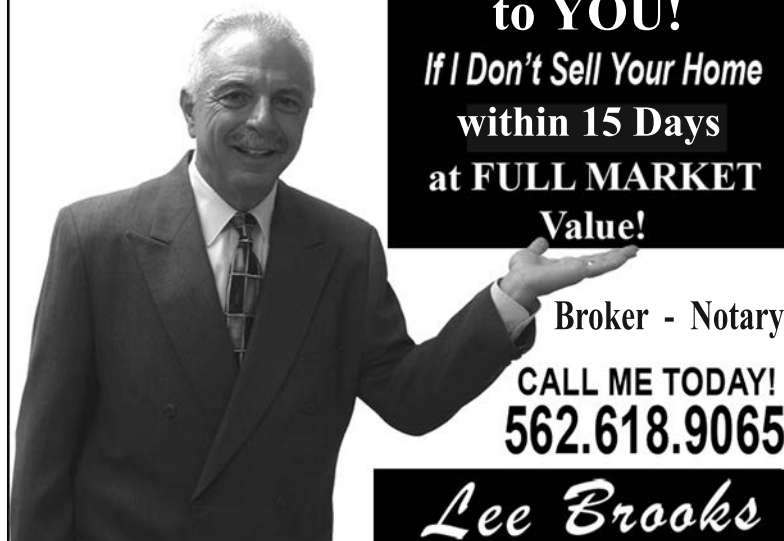
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College president elected head of trustees

NORWALK – Cerritos College Board of Trustees President Dr. Ted Edmiston was elected recently as president of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association during its 75th Annual Meeting at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Edmiston, a chiropractor and Bellflower resident, has served as a member of the college's board of trustees since 1991.

Along with Edmiston, the LACSTA board includes Vice President Suzan Solomon of Newhall School District and Secretary/Treasurer Joseph Probst, of Charter Oak Unified School District. The newly elected board will preside at the LACSTA executive board meeting at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

The Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) is an organization of school boards founded in 1937. About 90 percent of the 93 school and community college districts in Los Angeles County, as well as the County Board of Education, are members of LACSTA. For more information about LACSTA, please contact Marilyn Musgrave, of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, at (562) 922-6400 or visit the LACOE web site at www.lacoe.edu.

Cerritos College currently has an enrollment of more than 24,000 students.

Dinner to honor Temple president

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will host a dinner party at the Dal Rae Restaurant in Pico Rivera on Monday, July 18, to honor Temple president David Saltzman for his dedicated service to the congregation over the years. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and a gourmet dinner at 7.

For reservations and/or information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Antique show makes way to Pasadena

PASADENA—Goings-on this August at the Pasadena Conference Center:

Bustamante Antique Show & Sale, Aug. 5-7 – Features antiques and collectibles ranging from 18th century tapestries to art nouveau, deco accessories and jewelry. Stunning displays of rare antiques, Ming vases, Tiffany lamps, inspiring jewelry art, Georgian silver, and Renaissance furniture. With over 190 antique dealers present, said to be the largest and most prestigious event of its kind in Southern California. General admission \$7; seniors 62+ \$4; children under 12 free. For information, call (209) 358-3134 or visit www.bustamante-shows.com.

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John Moran Auctioneers Antique & Fine Furnishings Estate Auction, Aug. 30 – Features more than 350 quality items, including antiques and fine furnishings, that have been removed from local estates and homes (clocks, carved furniture, silver flatware and services, paintings, tables, chairs, chests of drawers, Oriental rugs, mirrors, lamps, art glass, crystal, china services, figurines). Items are all sold to the highest bidder. Free admission; catalog \$10. For information, call (626) 793-1833 or log on to www.johnmoran.com.

‘Shabbat Under the Stars’ July 22

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be having “Shabbat Under the Stars” Friday, July 22 at 6 p.m. Everyone is to bring their own picnic dinner. Following the picnic, at 7:30, “Shabbat Pinchas Service” will be held outdoors in the garden. Dress is casual.

Temple Ner Tamid's new Cantorial Intern, Ellen Jaffe-Gill, will be conducting the service. Everyone is encouraged to join in this spiritual uplifting and welcoming of Shabbat. There will be an Oneg (Reception) afterwards with desserts and beverages provided by the Sisterhood of the Temple.

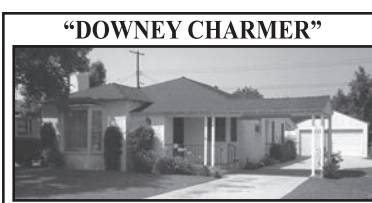
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Women’s Golf Club wants members

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General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information on joining, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

Free lecture on senior fitness

WHITTIER—Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital offers a free lecture on “Seniors, Health and Fitness” Thursday, July 21 from 2-3 p.m. at its Flo & Frank L. Scott Conference Center, 12401 Washington Blvd. in Whittier.

The lecture will focus on how older adults benefit more from regularly performed exercise than any other age group and how one can incorporate a strength training program into one’s everyday life.

Make reservations at (562) 698-0811, ext. 2444.

Questing Heirs Society meets July 17

LONG BEACH—The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach meets Sunday, July 17 at 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Resurrection Lutheran Church, corner of Cherry and Carson Aves. In Long Beach.

Nancy Carlberg will speak on “Genealogical Travel on a Shoestring.” For information, call (562) 961-8895.

City Affairs committee meets

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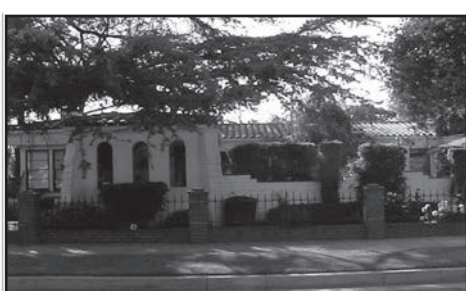
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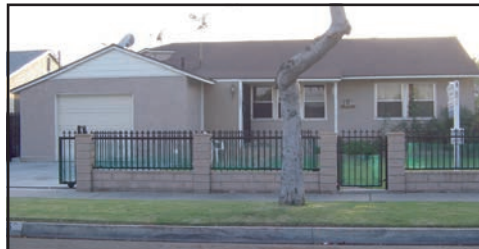
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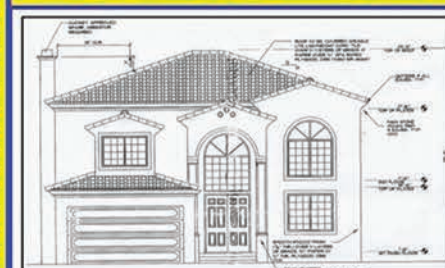
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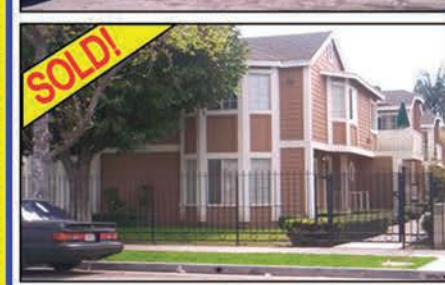
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