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LOUISIANA STYLE – The San Diego Cajun Playboys will headline the Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., Downey. The concert series is free and is sponsored by Financial Partners. For information, call 904-7238.

Furman Park welcomes San Diego Cajun Playboys

DOWNEY – The San Diego Cajun Playboys, a traditional Cajun band playing the music of South Louisiana, headlines the Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and is held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey.

The San Diego Cajun Playboys began in the Normal Heights neighborhood of San Diego in 1997. The group formed with the intent of playing traditional Cajun music and was inspired by the great D.L. Menard and the Louisiana Aces.

Traditional Cajun music is the “roots” or “folk music” of the French-speaking people of South Louisiana. As descendants of Acadian exiles (from what is now Canadian Nova Scotia and New Brunswick), the Cajuns have made their home in South Louisiana since the mid-eighteenth century. The rich cultural legacy of the Cajun people, including their unique regional dialect of French and traditional music, is one of America’s treasures.

DRMC may close its emergency room

DOWNEY—Faced with mounting costs in providing emergency room service to uninsured patients, with actual losses said to amount to some \$7 to \$11 million last year, Downey Regional Medical Center is contemplating closing its ER or downgrading it.

That is what DRMC president and CEO Allen Korneff reportedly told Los Angeles County officials recently, even as the hospital considered other viable options to save the service.

“We believe that Downey Regional medical Center should receive reimbursement in line with what other LA County hospitals get, yet Downey Regional receives no support from the county or state,” said DRMC CEO Allen Korneff. “The money should follow the patient.”

He added, “This situation is getting worse. Three years ago the County shut down its health clinics, including seven clinics near the hospital. That has caused more uninsured patients to seek care in our emergency room.

“In addition, conditions they have that should have been managed in a clinic setting, such as diabetes or heart disease, have deteriorated so that when they come to us they are often extremely ill and require expensive surgeries and intensive care services. To make matters worse, since the closure of trauma services at King/Drew Medical Center we have been receiving more paramedic runs bringing uninsured patients from south central Los Angeles.”

One option is limiting ER service to those patients who are brought in by ambulance only from within city limits. Other options include appealing to the state for added funding (e.g., raising its reimbursement payment) for treating the indigent.

If DRMC closes its ER, it would be the 10th hospital to do so and it would be the largest emergency room to be cut in recent years.

It is believed that more than 2 million residents lack health insurance in the county, and that the number of uninsured patients visiting the county’s private emergency rooms has risen by a third in the last five years.

The San Diego Cajun Playboys have been featured performers at festivals and theatres throughout California. The band is in constant demand for dances and their repertoire includes enough material for a four-hour dance.

They have played numerous festivals, including the annual Adams Avenue Roots and Gator by the Bay Festivals in San Diego and, more locally, the Long Beach Bayou Festival at the Queen Mary.

Featuring a “repertoire of two-steps, waltzes, ‘honky-tonk boogie’ and original songs performed entirely in the Cajun language,” the group released the album “Small Town Two Step” in May, 2004.

The San Diego Cajun Playboys are also competing in the 17th Annual “Le Cajun” Music Awards and Festival, a three-day event later this month honoring the best in Cajun music. Categories include “Band of the Year,” “Song of the Year,” and “Best Recording of the Year.”

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

Kids to conduct symphony

By Joyce Sherwin

This is a small hint to all readers who have children, or know or like young children.

Save Wednesday evening, Aug. 17, for the free open-air concert at Furman Park. That’s the date for the Downey Symphony’s annual performance of light, enjoyable summer music featuring the traditional bang-up finale; stirring marches conducted by your kids of elementary or middle school age.

No experience is necessary and each youngster conducting will receive a Polaroid picture taken from the podium.

More information in next week’s issue of The Patriot.



FIRE AT CREATIVE BEGINNINGS—Parents help faculty and staff clean up after a fire at the Creative Beginnings School at 8033 Third St. in Downey. The fire was discovered by a passing pedestrian about 12:30 a.m., Wednesday. Firefighters said cause may have been electrical wiring in the main office. Damage was estimated at \$50,000 to the structure and \$20,000 to its contents. The school staff was also busy trying to find places to relocate its 170 students.

Sodetani running for School Board

DOWNEY—Martha Sodetani, a candidate for a seat on the Downey Unified School District Board in November’s election, has been an active member of the PTA for more than 30 years.

Sodetani is a candidate for Trustee Area 1 which was vacated when incumbent Cheryl Andresen moved away.

She has received the PTA’s highest honor, the Golden Oak, and other awards include Certificates of Appreciation, Volunteer of the Year awards, and Woman of the Year nominations from groups ranging from the State Legislature, State Senate, County, City of Downey, Assistance League, and Downey City Library (where she chairs the Books on Wheels Program).

In her role as an advocate for children she is a puppeteer in the Kids on the Block Program sponsored by the Assistance League of Downey with the cooperation of the Downey Unified School District, which performs before youth audiences with presentations to strengthen youngsters’ resistance to gangs and drugs, bullies and which stresses self-esteem. She is also very active in her church, Holman United Methodist in Los Angeles.

She is a trainer in the MAPP program at Cerritos College (which trains prospective foster parents) and the college’s KEPS (a training program for relative caregivers), as well as a variety of renewal classes which include self-esteem, discipline and attachment issues.

She also is a member of Downey United Methodist Church where she has been active for 20 years.

She was recently elected recording secretary of the Downey Coordinating Council. She also serves as Second Vice President (and Philanthropy Chair) of the Assistance League of Downey. She is chair of library skits of the Downey Unified School District elementary schools and urges youngsters to become members of the summer reading program.

She serves on the committee of Operation School Bell which provides clothing to needy students in Downey. She also serves on the Long Beach City College’s Foster and Kinship Care Curriculum Advisory Committee. An active advocate of foster and kinship care, she and husband Gordon have parented six children, three of whom still live with them in Downey.

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MARTHA SODETANI—Advocate of children and busy worker in foster care and many other programs, is a candidate for the vacant seat in Trustee Area 1 of the DUSD Board.

Asst. Cerritos College football coach arrested

NORWALK—Patrick Callahan, 57, the defensive coordinator for the Cerritos College football team, was arrested for allegedly fraudulently obtaining federal financial aid for 13 football players who were otherwise ineligible.

The felony complaint against him filed by the Los Angeles District Attorney accuses him of 13 counts of conspiracy and 13 counts of grand theft. Bail has been set at \$70,000, with arraignment set for Aug. 30. If convicted, he faces up to 11 years in state prison.

Callahan, who is concurrently coordinator of student affairs at Cerritos College, allegedly either made it appear that some players lived in reduced circumstances outside their parents’ homes and thus were eligible for financial aid, or doctored the application of out-of-state applicants to make it appear they resided in California, so they could take advantage of lower student fees at the college and qualify them for Pell grants.

Cerritos College officials say they are cooperating fully with the legal authorities in their investigation. The players have not been charged in the complaint.

Volunteer awards presented by Chamber

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce held the annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, July 24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Downey.

Louis Pintola of Escrow Results took Volunteer of the Year honors and

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Vargas completes basic military training

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Ingrid D. Vargas, daughter of Lila Badaraco of Downey and Juan Vargas of Gardena, has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

She is a 2004 graduate of Downey High School.

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KARATE TESTING TODAY – The Wood family will be at the Ultimate Karate Center in Downey today testing for different ranks of black belt. Daneeka Wood tests for her black belt, brother William for second degree black belt, sister Anna for first degree and Allison maintaining her advanced degree black belt.

Healthy Heart nutrition class at DRMC

DOWNEY—A Healthy Heart Nutrition Class will be taught Wed., Aug. 10 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

This class is taught by a registered dietitian and focuses on diet changes that help reduce the risk of heart disease. People who have high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend.

The class is free but space is limited and registration is required by calling the DRMC Department of Education, 904-5580.

Arc kicks off 50th year of local service

DOWNEY—Arc of Southeast Los Angeles kicked off its 50th year of service as it held its annual Installation and Awards Dinner recently at the Cerritos Library. Dignitaries included Downey Mayor Anne Bayer, Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins and Councilmember Dave Gafin, along with Assemblyman Hector De La Torre and Mayor Diane Martinez of Paramount.

De La Torre installed Dianne Lumsdaine as president for a second term along with 15 other board members.

Arc student Douglas Gray won Arc's Inspiration Award, while Gary Morck of Downey received "Worker of the Year" honors for Southeast Industries Packaging and Assembly Plant.

Other award winners included: Wescom Credit Union, acknowledged as Employer of the Year for their efforts and success in hiring a person with a developmental disability; Raul Lopez of Lopez Insurance Agency, Arc's "Volunteer of the Year" awardee; and Darlene Lewis, winner of the Veteran Volunteer Award.

A special presidential volunteer award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was presented to Donna Lindley and Kevin MacDonald.

For information on Arc and its programs, call (562) 803-4606.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet Aug. 9

DOWNEY—Scheduled speakers at the Tuesday, Aug. 9 meeting of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group are Chamber members Maria Mendoza of Farmers-Maria Mendoza Agency; Steve Roberson of Century 21 My Real Estate Co; and Jan Simon of the Downey Federal Credit Union.

The group meets at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: (562) 923-2191.

Downey resident makes Dean's List

DOWNEY – Downey resident Andrew C. Webb has been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2005 at Biola University.

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MARGENE GLENN—Kirk Cartozian presents Margene Glenn, who served as president of the Downey Civic Light Opera from 1978 to 1999, with official City of Downey "Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Service." Glenn's many other commendations at July 23 event included one from the office of President George W. Bush.

Downey Golf Classic almost set to tee off

DOWNEY—A new promotion is being introduced at the upcoming 9th annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic which takes place at Rio Hondo Golf Club Monday, Aug. 8.

Members will be allowed to promote their businesses at various holes of their choosing. Cost is \$250, which is in addition to tee sign costs of \$100.

The Golf Classic is a 4-man Best Ball Scramble affair, with a shotgun start at 12 noon. Features include cash prizes, a putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, closest-to-the-pin on all par 3s, money hole on #14, a barbecue lunch and awards dinner.

To sign up, call 923-2191.

Rowland to speak at early breakfast

DOWNEY — Carol Rowland will present a program on behalf of Keep Downey Beautiful and its importance to the city of Downey at a 7 a.m. breakfast meeting Aug. 10 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road.

The meeting, organized by Citizens for Downey, is open to the public with no reservation required.

'Connections' meets Thursdays

DOWNEY — Connections, a local business networking group out of Downey, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant.

For information, call Nick Smith, president of the group, at 861-5222.

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Legacy of performing arts trailblazer honored

DOWNEY—The nonprofit John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. (JHPAF) hosted a well-attended and very successful event for Downey Children's Theatre (DCT) and Civic Light Opera alumni, family and friends July 23 at Downey's Embassy Suites Hotel, as it commemorated the first production of DCT, "Hansel and Gretel," in 1955, directed by DCT founder, John Hume.

Margene Glenn was at the same time honored by the organization for her exemplary volunteer service to the arts, having served as president of the Downey Civic Light Opera from 1978 to 1999. An inaugural plaque was presented to Glenn, and future awards will be given by the JHPAF annually to deserving recipients who carry on Margene's commitment to excellence in support of the performing arts.

Downey Councilmember Kirk Cartozian, in attendance, presented Glenn with an official City of Downey "Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Service."

Glenn was also recognized by the Downey Chamber of Commerce; the Downey Unified School District; the State Assembly (Assemblymen Ron Calderon - 58th District, and Hector De La Torre - 50th District); Don Knabe, 4th District County Supervisor; and by the offices of Sen. Dianne Feinstein and President George W. Bush.

Larry Dusich, JHPAF board member and producer and director of the event, gave a history of highlights of the Children's Theatre. Other speakers sharing memories and anecdotes of their DCT days included JHPAF board members Pauline Hume, Mandy Worley, Floyd Riggle, Jr. and Linden Waddell.

Board member Bill Turner read letters on behalf of absentees Drew Birns and Griffith Hume, son of the late John Hume. And letters were read on behalf of Margery Hume (daughter of John Hume) and Jeannie Harman (longtime friend of Glenn and fellow Guild member).

For information about the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc., visit the website at www.johnhume.org, write to JHPAF Inc., P.O. Box 224, Downey, CA 90241, or call (562) 869-0422.



MAYOR ANNE M. BAYER—Recently toured one of the five new Dial-A-Ride buses the City of Downey purchased with Proposition A and C monies. The new buses have the latest safety equipment and provide additional comforts for senior citizens and members of the disabled community who utilize this "shared ride" curb-to-curb service. They replaced vehicles that had "served residents well through the years, but were beyond reasonable service."

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The legislation (H.R. 3) passed by a vote of 412 to 8. The transportation bill includes \$14.4 million in direct federal funds for communities throughout the 34th Congressional District.

The City of Downey gets the most funds, \$4.4 million, which is almost a third of the total funds. The City of Los Angeles, which is getting \$3 million, came in second, followed by the City of Commerce with \$2.4 million, and Bellflower with \$1.2 million. The cities of Huntington Park (\$960,000), Bell Gardens (\$800,000), Vernon (\$800,000) and Maywood (\$400,000) round out the list of recipients.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard said, “I am thrilled that I was able to secure these critical transportation dollars to improve transportation safety, ease gridlock and accommodate growth for the communities I represent.”

“This measure will provide critical transportation improvements and create badly needed jobs in the Los Angeles area,” she added.

A breakdown of the \$4.4 million federal allotment to Downey:
 *\$1.6 million to upgrade traffic signals and make improvements to Lakewood Blvd.

*\$1.6 million to widen and add turn lanes to Firestone Blvd.

*\$800,000 to widen and make improvements on Paramount Blvd.

*\$400,000 to conduct a study on the reconfiguration of the Firestone/Old River School Road

Los Angeles County gets \$400,000 to continue funding a program to reduce diesel truck emissions in the “Gateway Cities” area, which extends from the City of Commerce to the City of La Mirada.



DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR – Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank was presented the Downey Chamber of Commerce Director of the Year award by Chamber President Steve Hoffman (left), and Jerry Brady, immediate past president.

AWARDS

Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank was named the Chamber’s Director of the Year.

Big business of the year went to Downey Federal Credit Union and Dr. Dan Fox, Downey chiropractor, was presented the small business of the year plaque.

Each committee of the chamber named their most valuable member of the past 12 months. The winners were: Joe Keays, Downey Plumbing and Heating, membership events; Rick Rodriguez, Rodbat Management and Nick Adams, Infinity Financial Services, Street Faire committee; Steve Hoffman, attorney, city affairs; Jaime Garcia, Kaiser Foundation, legislative advocacy; Jan Scott, Pacific Western Bank, ambassadors; and Mark Keller, Holiday Lane Parade committee.

The luncheon also featured a fashion show modeled by chamber members. Firms supplying fashions for the event were Draper’s and Damon’s, All American Home Center, Downey Rent-A-Tux, Costco, and Friar Tux.

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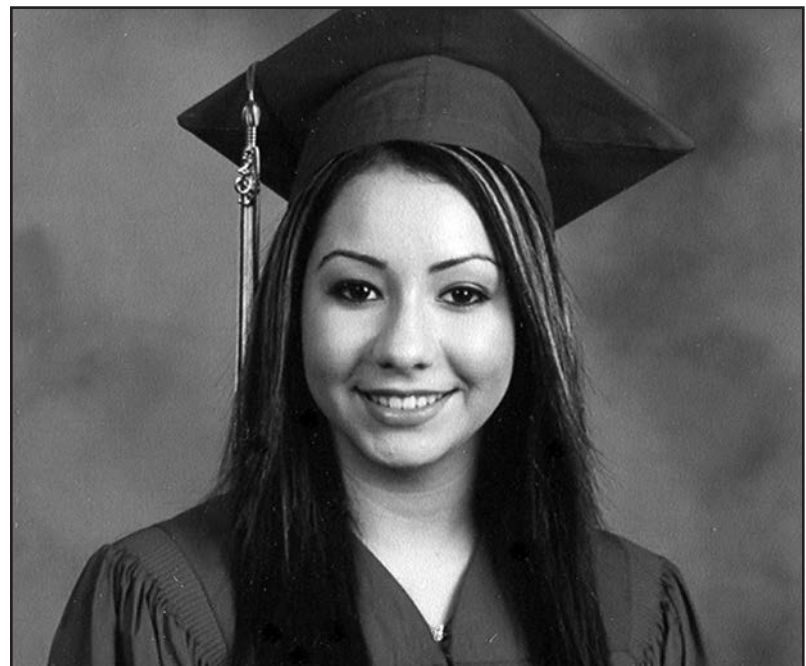
A repeated theme she uses often is a quote by Victor Frankl: “What is to give light must endure burning.”

Sodetani said she thinks Andresen did a wonderful job as a Board member. “She and I worked together at Price Elementary School Parents Club and then Price Elementary School PTA starting about 20 years ago. Then our PTA volunteer experience carried on over to Griffiths Middle School PTA. When she recently moved to Irvine two words were mentioned in describing her years as a Board member. Honesty and Integrity. I would just add to that how fun Cheryl is.” She noted Andresen’s wit and laughter. She added it would be an honor to sit where she sat and carry on that tradition.

“At the present moment I am a member of two PTA’s in Downey—Price and Griffiths. There have been technological advances and changes in curriculum and expectations by the State over the years. What I have seen as constants are parents and teachers and students striving to identify and meet common goals. I am very much in favor of the new Character education that will begin in our district this next academic year. ‘It takes a village to raise a child’ is what came to my mind when I saw the Character Education presentation made by Dr. Sara Cairns at the June Board of Education meeting.

“I want to give back to my community. This community has accepted our ethnically diverse family and school teachers and staff have been open to special needs that have been presented from time to time. As a foster family accepting medically fragile newborns our entire family has been supported by teachers and staff. I care about children and want to extend that caring to a seat on the Board.

“I will continue in my life to be of service to children.”



EILEEN NICOLE VENEGAS—Daughter of Johnny and Tina Venegas of Downey and a student at Calvary Chapel High School, has been named a National Award Winner in Foreign Language by the United States Achievement Academy. Fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students are bestowed the prestigious award. She was nominated for the award by her teacher, Mrs. Vallejos.

The poets’ corner

(With sincere thanks to J.K. Rowling)

I’ve been reading fiction about a little boy,
 He’s grown up, with his friends and his owl.
 The stories are stupendous, I can barely think of anything else.

The characters jump off the page, the suspense is killing me,
 I have to know who wrote in the potions book, what happened in the cave.
 Why can some of them speak in tongues and others are so strange.

I flip the pages, one by one. I do not look ahead.
 I get all cozy with my pillows and read it in my bed.
 My children come to take the book to see how far I’ve gotten,
 When they see that I’m not yet done, they think that I am rotten.

I’m almost done with this installment, I understand there’ll be one more.
 I will miss all the muggles the spells and flying cars.
 But I understand the author has other things to write,
 I wish her luck and thank her for the many, many sleepless nights!

I guess that I could start again, read them over one by one,
 Maybe by the time I read the end again
 All the movies will be done!

—C.A. Wickham,
 Downey



MAYOR ANNE BAYER—Congratulates Tony Domenick for 22 years of service on the Arc board of directors.

City library only open half-day Aug. 12

DOWNEY—Full- and part-time library staff will attend a half-day staff development workshop during the morning hours of Friday, August 12, and thus the Downey City Library will only be open from 1-5 p.m.

When the library is closed, the public may return library materials in the two backdrops located near the entrance doors. Materials may be renewed via the library’s automated Customer Service line at (562) 869-5723.

Topics for the staff workshop include dealing with change and team-building techniques.

“This is a valuable opportunity for staff to learn as a group and apply new skills on the job,” said City Librarian Thad Phillips.

For additional details, contact the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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Hospital's case for help from the County

Officials at Downey Regional Medical Center say they are facing tough choices concerning its Emergency Room, where caring for the uninsured has cost the hospital \$10 million over the past two years and drained its cash reserves. For now, however, the ER remains open.

The hospital has been asking the County to help provide some support for the cost of caring for the uninsured. On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors rejected a proposal by the County Department of Health Services and EMS agencies to increase the property tax rate to provide additional funding under Measure "B"—a voter proposition passed in 2002 to pay for trauma centers and related support. The County staff had recommended that \$20 million in funding be provided for a variety of projects. Part of this spending plan—almost \$1 million—was to offset some of the losses incurred in treating uninsured patients who come to its Emergency Care Center.

"We believe that Downey Regional Medical Center should receive reimbursement in line with what other L.A. County hospitals get, yet Downey Regional receives no support from the County or State," said DRMC CEO Allen Korneff. "The money should follow the patient."

He added, "This situation is getting worse. Three years ago the County shut down its health clinics, including seven clinics near the hospital. That has caused more uninsured patients to seek care in our emergency room. In addition, conditions they have that should have been managed in a clinic setting, such as diabetes or heart disease, have deteriorated so that when they come to us they are often extremely ill and require expensive surgeries and intensive care service.

"There seems to be no credible argument that we are not part of the patient safety net for L.A. County, or that we are not caring more and more for uninsured patients in a desperately underserved area of L.A. County, caused in large part by closures of clinics by the County; that we were not disproportionately impacted by the slow demises of King Drew Medical Center, or that we are not eligible for funding that other safety net hospitals receive," stated Executive Vice President Rob Fuller. "Yet, despite all that, some supervisors believe that the State is the financially responsible party, that private hospitals are not deserving of County support, or that we are not in critical need of the funding. Our own supervisor, Don Knabe, has been a strong advocate on our behalf, as are Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter, county EMS officials, the ER physician associations and HASC, and we thank them all for working on our behalf. We will continue seeking financial support for our ER operations, but we will need help soon."

Korneff stated, "What we have here is not a 'hospital problem.' It is a problem that affects everyone in the region who may need emergency medical treatment—the insured and uninsured alike. However, as a community hospital, our first priority is to ensure that the people of Downey, and those in our immediate surrounding area served by our medical staff, continue to have access to our emergency services."

Special elections deadline looms

NORWALK—Persons intending to run for office in the Nov. 8, 2005 Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections have until Friday, Aug. 12 to file nomination papers, according to Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack.

Candidates can register to receive official filing documents in person, by mail, and via the Internet. Candidates wishing to obtain nomination filing documents in person can go to the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, Election Information Section, 2nd floor, Rm. 2013. Candidates wishing to register over the Internet can access the Candidate Registration and Qualification form through the RR/CC homepage (www.lavote.net).

Candidates can complete the form online and transmit information directly back to the RR/CC by Internet. Once received by the RR/CC, the official candidate nomination documents will be prepared within 48 hours (excluding holidays and weekends), for the candidates to either sign the documents in person at the RR/CC Headquarters in Norwalk, Election Information Section, 2nd floor, Rm. 2013 or documents can also be mailed upon request if there is sufficient time.

Candidates can also authorize another person to pick up their nomination documents from the RR/CC Norwalk location and return the signed documents by completing an authorization form.

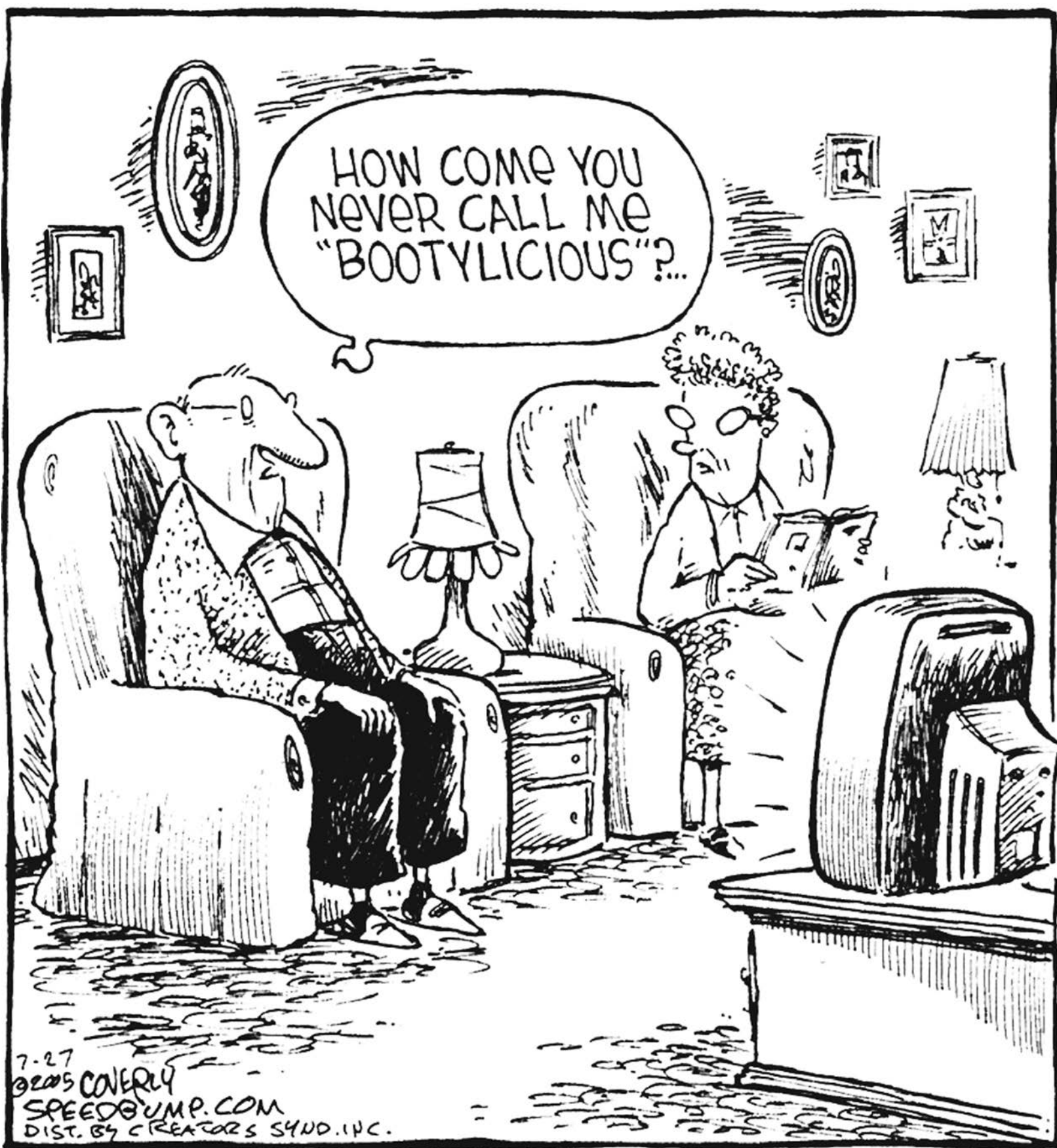
An authorization form is available for downloading from the Internet at the RR/CC website, or can be obtained in person at the RR/CC Headquarters. Candidates seeking Municipal elected offices (city councilmember) will file with the City Clerk in each city.

The last day to submit online Candidate Registration and Qualification forms for the Nov. 8 Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections is Aug. 12 at noon.

The legal deadline to file candidate nomination documents for the Nov. 8 Elections is Friday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m.

A Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide will be available to all candidates upon filing. This handbook contains critical deadlines, rule and guidelines for campaigning, campaign finance disclosure filing requirements and other valuable information. The handbook and Calendar of Events can be found on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net.

Further information about the elections can be obtained from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Election Planning Section at (562) 462-2317.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Mansionization frustration

Dear Editor:

I stood before the City Council and the City Employees on Tuesday night, July 26 to express my feelings regarding the attempt to stop the illegal building of what is referred to as "mansions," since they are in violation of City Code 9110.14. However, this code is deliberately being violated by Mr. Yoshiki, Head of Planning, and apparently with Mr. Caton's (the City Manager's) approval, as I read in the Patriot that Mr. Caton was reported to say that Mr. Yoshiki has served Downey with remarkable dedication. But the facts show that Mr. Yoshiki has been violating this code on a regular basis.

At first I was angered by this, but then I felt sadness that those in a position of power seem to think that breaking the law is nothing. And, yes, they continue to break the law, even when they have been confronted by citizens regarding this. They just sit there like little gods (notice I used a small "g") and don't feel it is necessary to respond! Yes, I know they say they can't respond, but I recall that six weeks ago, Mr. Perkins responded with anger when he was accused of spending too much money on a trip!

Wouldn't you have thought that Mr. Caton would have responded when he was accused of breaking the City Code over and over again? I have asked at the last four meetings that the code be enforced, to no avail. They don't intend to obey the law. They get more money from plan check fees, etc. if they don't obey it!

Fellow citizens of Downey, we've been sold out by a City Manager who pretends he knows what is best for Downey, when he, in fact, doesn't even live in Downey. So why should he care what happens? It doesn't effect him if we have high density population, high density building, causing many problems for Downey. These are not single-family homes, but, in fact some are bought by multiple families. They are built on speculation! Why doesn't the City Council and City employees see where this leads? Or do they really see it, but ignore the law-breaking for more money!

I compliment the three councilmembers, Mayor Bayer, Rick Trejo and Dave Gafin for supporting a moratorium on building until the problem could be addressed. As for Meredith Perkins and Kirk Cartozian, they seem to think breaking the law is OK.

I wish these accusations would be addressed, but the accused seem to feel secure breaking the law, since they don't have to answer to anyone! This includes the City Manager and the Head of Planning. This makes me mad as well as sad, that at this low level of government, they feel they are so powerful, that they don't feel they are required to abide by or enforce the law! Sad indeed!

—Elsa Van Leuven,
Downey

'Keep up the great work'

Dear Editor:

How can I ever thank you for running the advertisement for my walking class at Stonewood Center?

Every Monday, I have a line-up of new enrollees. When I ask them how they heard about the class, their reply is always, "I read about it in the Downey Patriot."

John, your local paper is so well read and you have helped many people in the city of Downey.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart and keep up the great work!

—Kathy Gorman,
Downey Adult School

Thrilled with Web site

Dear Editor:

I am so thrilled to find your paper online! (www.TheDowneyPatriot.com) I lived in the Downey/Norwalk area for 35 years, and have now moved to Hanford, CA in the Central Valley. I loved the Eagle, it kept us abreast of the local news of our town—an art lost in the larger papers. I hope you keep up the wonderful work.

I followed faithfully in the Eagle all the DRMC and CareMore Medical issues, and all other local events that truly mattered. These situations go unnoticed by the general public in our towns, it is a shame.

There are corporations in the area that are not what they paint themselves to be. The people see the sign but they do not realize it is a business and has nothing to do with care! Like many ego-filled entities, they have an agenda: this is greed, they are not into health at all.

Thanks to all who put out this paper. I feel so much closer to my "real" home now.

—Susan Watts,
Hanford, Calif.

Education is best investment

Dear Editor:

Yesterday at Rotary, Dr. Bob Flynn said to me, "You give so much to the students in Downey." I clarified to him that I was not giving, I was investing in their future and the future of Downey. Education for self and others is the best investment anyone can ever make. An educated work force attracts companies to locate in Downey. A community with great intellectual assets also has greater earnings and opportunities. I live in Downey and am greatly benefited by helping to make it a safe, friendly, progressive community with lots of opportunity for all.

I took the opportunity to thank Dr. Flynn, a retired dentist, for giving of his time and great talent to play the piano at Rotary, rest homes and whenever asked. Volunteers are so valuable. Thanks to all the great volunteers in Downey.

—Mary Stauffer,
Downey

DFCU gets 5-star 'superior' rating

DOWNEY—Downey Federal Credit Union reports it has earned a 5-star Superior rating for the 58th consecutive quarter, based on an evaluation of its most recent financial data filed with federal regulators and analyzed by BauerFinancial Inc. of Coral Gables, Florida, considered the nation's leading independent credit union rating firm.

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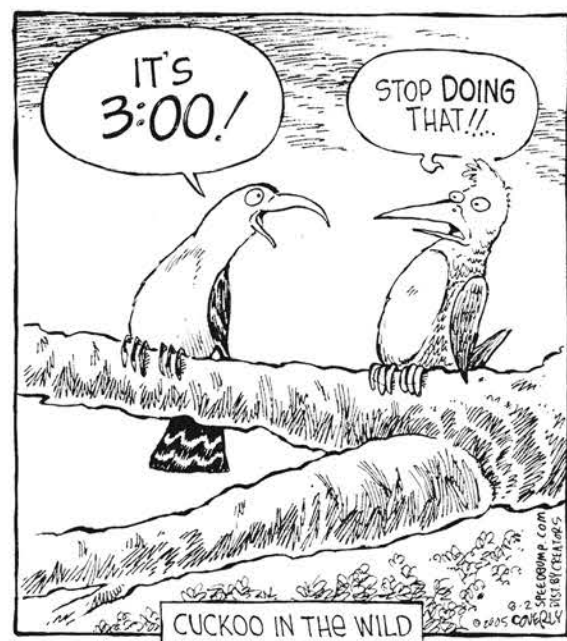
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

Sun. Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.: **Rob Syphax** Guitar and vocals played with hits of the 60's and 70's at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.
 Wed. Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m.: **San Diego Cajun Playboys** entertain at the Furman Park Summer Concert Series. Concerts are free at 10419 Rives Ave. (between Florence and Firestone Blvd.) 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.
 12:00 p.m.: **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
 2nd 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.

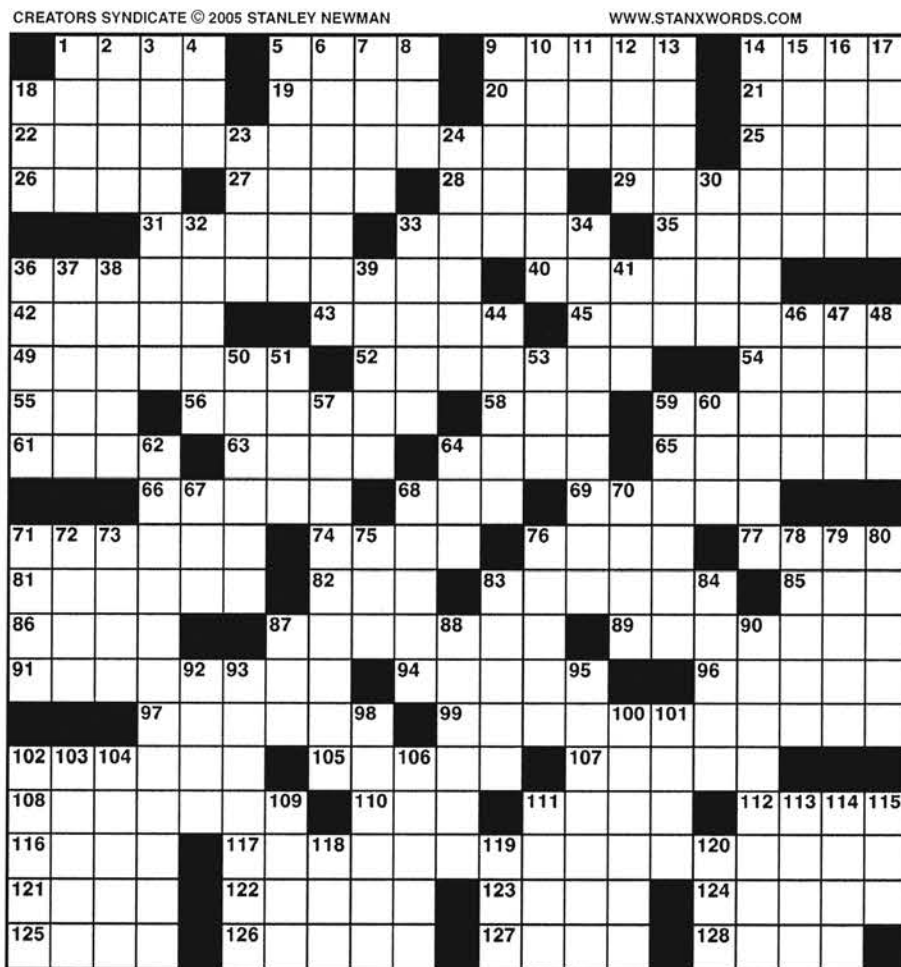
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The Drifters making their way to Downey

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce and Gold Sponsors Century 21 My Real Estate and Downey Regional Medical Center, as well as Silver Sponsors Century 21 Escrow and Fidelity National Title, are promising a great evening of nostalgic music when the Chamber presents its second "Back to Oldies Night" Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Downey Theater.

The upcoming show features The Drifters and headlining it is the original Drifter, Bobby Hendricks. Formed in 1953, the group recorded numerous hits that have gone on to become classics, including "There Goes My Baby," "Up on the Roof," "Under the Boardwalk," "This Magic Moment," "On Broadway," "Save the Last Dance For Me," and many others. The Drifters appear worldwide and tour constantly, keeping the great classics of the "oldies" alive. Sept. 24's audience can expect to hear them play all of their greatest hits, delivered with their signature dance moves and choreography.

The opening act will be the "Lost in the 50's Review Show" with special guest singer and comedian Mark W. Curran as Master of Ceremonies. Some may remember Mark from last year's show and his impersonation of Elvis Presley.

Refreshments (brownies, Rice Krispie treats, Swedish cookies, colas, water) will be provided during intermission by Hometown Buffet, Nordic Fox, Jennie Wood, Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, and Luis Meat Market.

Tickets are \$30 per person and may be obtained at the Chamber office at 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey, by calling with your VISA or MasterCard handy, or by mail to the Brookshire address. Call for more information, 923-2191.

The concert committee is composed of chairman Myra Valdez of Budget Blinds, and members Steve Roberson and Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 My Real Estate, Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot, Jeannie Wood, Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting, and Kathy Gorman, Downey Adult School.

Fall Craft Fair set Oct. 8 at Downey High

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 as soon as possible 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.



COWBOY WESTERN BAND – Elizabeth Stumps Parks is a member of the country band, **Fit 2-B Tied**, which will be performing at the **City of Norwalk Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.** She was born and raised in Downey, attended East Middle School and Downey High School and teaches private piano and voice with many of her students residing in Downey. The concert will take place at the Norwalk Civic Center.

DAS planning Jet Propulsion Lab tour

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's Creative Learning Tours will visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The 2-1/2 hour JPL Public Services Visitor Day Tour includes a multimedia presentation and an overview of the Laboratory's activities and accomplishments. Guests will also visit the Von Karman Visitor Center, the Space Flight Operations Facility, and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility.

The tour is limited to 40 persons, who must each have a photo ID (driver's license or passport). Call (562) 940-6213 for additional information.

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.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.

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Casino Night fundraiser at Queen Mary Aug. 27

LONG BEACH – Easter Seals and Century 21 invite the community to purchase tickets for its “Ocean’s 21...the 6th Annual Casino Night” taking place Saturday, August 27 aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

Attendees will receive \$100 scrip to play casino games, including blackjack, craps and roulette. “Vacation-an-hour” giveaways, buffet dinner, live music, silent auction and a high-stakes poker game will also be offered.

“Century 21 has been a generous supporter of Easter Seals for 26 years now, and we’re excited to be teaming up with them again for what promises to be another great Casino Night,” said Mark Whitley, Easter Seals’ chief executive officer. “We especially thank our event co-chairs, Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 My Real Estate Co. and Pat Owen of Century 21 Allstars, and the many Century 21 offices in Southern California that are supporting this effort.”

Sponsorship opportunities are available with prices starting at \$400. Product donations for the silent auction are also being taken.

“Century 21’s involvement with the annual Casino Night fundraiser is another testament to our company’s belief in Easter Seals’ mission – a belief we’ve held strong to for 29 years,” said Mac Isaac. “We are always proud to support Easter Seals’ important, life-changing work for people with disabilities in any way we can.”

Tickets for the Casino Night are \$45 per person, with proceeds benefiting Easter Seals. For more information or tickets, call Mac Isaac at (800) 641-2111.

New CERT classes start Sept. 10

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 Lubec.

CERT, which is designed for citizen responders who in the event of a major emergency would help neighborhoods and local government, shared information about the program at their booth when the annual Kidsday Fair took place at Furman Park May 14.

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

Christian Club discusses travel options

DOWNEY – “Let’s Travel,” a special feature by Lorine Parks of Stonewood Travel, will be the highlight of Downey Christian Women’s Club’s luncheon meeting Aug. 10 at Los Amigos Country Club, beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Virginia Huntington will provide the music and Mary Ann Mooney is the guest speaker.

Cost is \$12 for the buffet, and the community is invited to attend. For reservations, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269.



PRO NETWORKERS – Darin Shaddox of Aaron’s Interior Cleaning and Diane Ryan of South Gate Auto Collision are seen at a recent breakfast meeting of Pro Networkers of Downey. The group meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi’s Cafe, Firestone at Brookshire. For information, call membership chairman Joe Becker at 869-1414.

Photos of old Foxy’s wanted by Nordic Fox

DOWNEY—The Nordic Fox Restaurant, which is running a contest for the funniest story, as well as the most sentimental, about the old Foxy’s, is also requesting copies of any old photos clientele may have of it. It would like pictures of people in the restaurant, pictures of the outside, and especially any of the old Fox Statue that once stood outside the front door.

Nordic Fox management wants to make a display of them so “those that were not in Downey (then) will know shy Foxy’s will always be special.” The pictures can not be returned.

The restaurant, located at 10924 Paramount Blvd., is offering \$100 for the funniest tale, and another \$100 for the most sentimental story. Deadline for entries is Aug. 15. Winners will be announced Aug. 19. The restaurant went by the name, “Foxy’s,” before it was renamed “Nordic Fox.” It was built in 1968.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

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

City Council show their support for the ‘Island’

*Contributed by Mark J. Galvan,
Downey Police Department*

DOWNEY—“Treasure Island Day” was declared by Mayor Anne Bayer July 16, at Treasure Island Park, in northwest Downey. The proclamation was celebrated by the residents of the Treasure Island neighborhood with a barbecue picnic accompanied with live music, fun and games.

The Downey City Council has recognized the efforts of the local community here to build community relationships in an effort to reduce crime and negative influences especially at Treasure Island Park. Councilmembers Perkins, Cartozian and Gafin were in attendance and praised the residents for their success.

Also present and sharing words of encouragement were Police Chief John Finch and Fire Chief Mark Sauter.

Just as the Treasure Island residents (known as UITC or Unity in the Community) have reached out to local officials as part of their plan to “build community,” they were able to obtain the endorsement of various local businesses who contributed food, beverages, and other gifts. Contributing businesses included The Coca-Cola Company, The Country Butcher, Carrows, Norms, Mimi’s, HomeTown Buffet, Pina’s Pizza House, Amapola Deli and Market, local realtor Devi Kokaram (Keller & Williams), Granata’s, Mambo Grill, Cafe Opa, Dr. Brown, D.D.S., and Tupperware salespersons Enrique and Adriana Chavez.

Waste roundup offered Aug. 20 at Columbus

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.

Area sex offender registry available

DOWNEY – Information related to the sex offender registry, commonly referred to as “Megan’s Law,” for the Downey area may be found online at <http://gismap.co.la.ca.us/sols/default.htm>.

Information is also available by calling 863-8711.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

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Remembrance services for Maxine McKenzie

DOWNEY—Remembrance services were held at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary on July 3 for longtime Downey resident Maxine Roberta McKenzie, who was born Nov. 27, 1924 to Archie and Elma Hanham in Coal Ridge, Nebraska and passed away on June 29. She was 81.

She belonged to the Christian Women's Club, the Friendship Bible Study Group and a Neighborhood Sewing Circle.

She is survived by daughters Patricia and Sharon; son William; brothers Ralph, Clifford and Jack; sister Jeannie; grandchildren Jeoff, Susan, Shannon, and Kevin; and 6 great grandchildren.

McKenzie was preceded in death in 1987 by her husband, Albert, beside whom she was laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside. Arrangements were by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Services today at 2 p.m. for Richard 'Lee' Skow

DOWNEY—Services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary for Richard "Lee" Skow, who spent several years on the professional bowling circuit. He was a Downey resident for 33 years.

He was born to Alfred and Lilly Skow June 20, 1921 in Vallejo and died July 28. He was 84.

He grew up in Bell and graduated from Bell High School in 1938. A 50-year member of the Elks Club, he retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp. in 1980 after 25 years as a weighmaster.

Skow is survived by daughter Virginia (Jim) Kitchin and grandchildren Melissa Christine and James Erik. His wife of 29 years, Dorothy, predeceased him in 2002.

Interment will be at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

Martha Tapia funeral services today at OLPH

DOWNEY — Martha Tapia, born to Daniel and Marianna Tapia in El Paso, Texas on Nov. 23, 1929, died Aug. 2 in Monterey Park. She was 75.

A Funeral Mass will be held today, Aug. 5, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10 a.m., with interment following at Resurrection Cemetery.

She was a member of the Guadalupanas, and served as a lector at All Saints Catholic Church, in addition to being a seamstress for 30 years.

She is survived her son Hector (Luz); brothers Manuel, Carlos and Guillermo; sisters Anna Maria, Carmen, Soledad and Bertha; and grandchildren Luke and Matthew.

A viewing and vigil was held yesterday, Aug. 4, at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Inter-generational art class taking sign-ups

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Older Wiser Learner (OWL) program, part of its Adult Education and Diversity Programs, is offering an inter-generational arts and crafts class for parents or caretakers of special-needs children, six years and older, beginning Aug. 20.

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NINA A. WILLIAMS—Served as president of the Downey Woman's Club in 1979-80.

Nina Williams served as Woman's Club president

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service was held on July 28 at Rose Hills Memorial Chapel for Nina A. Williams, who was born Dec. 19, 1919 and passed away on July 23.

She was a past president (1979-1980) of the Woman's Club of Downey.

Williams is survived by her husband, Richard; sons Andrew and Michael; daughter Linda; and sister Nadine Sydlik.

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The Boomerang Effect!

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Memorial service Aug. 6 for Marjorie Ellen Kosuta

DOWNEY—Marjorie Ellen Kosuta, a retired nurse, died Saturday, July 30 at Downey Regional Medical Center. She was 80.

A Memorial will be held at the family home in Downey at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 6.

She is survived by sons Ronald and Norman Arendas; daughter Lori Ann Hall; grandchildren Michelle, Norman David, and Christine Arendas; and great granddaughter Thristen Arendas.

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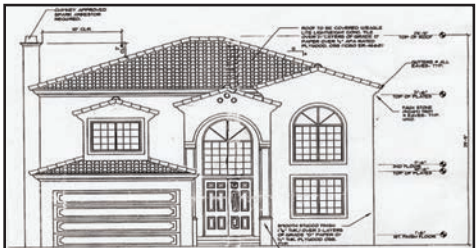
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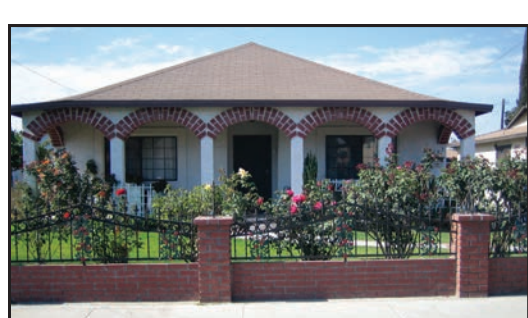
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