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Downey Police 'Not Guilty'

■ Norwalk jury exonerates three Downey officers who fatally shot unarmed Gonzalo Martinez in 2002, inciting charges of racism and police brutality.

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Nearly five years after the highly-publicized shooting that left one man dead and sparked international cries of racism and police brutality, two Downey police officers have been found not guilty in the fatal shooting of 26-year-old Gonzalo Martinez.

The verdict was handed down last Thursday in Norwalk Superior Court.

Martinez was shot and killed by Downey police Feb. 15, 2002 after he led police on a chase through downtown Downey and local freeways at about 2 a.m., according to reports. Martinez tried to run officers over with his car, police claim, before crashing near Firestone Boulevard and Newville Avenue.

Martinez was ordered out of the car by police, who had their guns drawn. Video of the event shows Martinez exited the car with his right arm raised in the air. That's when police say Martinez made a "furtive" movement with his left hand and opened fire.

Reports say up to 34 shots were fired at Martinez, including some from an MP-5 machine gun modified to shoot three-burst rounds. Non-lethal beanbag rounds were fired from another officer, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

An investigation would reveal Martinez to be unarmed.

A freelance cameraman captured part of the shooting, and the video quickly made headlines around the world, especially in Martinez' Latin America homeland. Spanish-language television stations in the U.S. and Mexico also picked up the story.

English media largely downplayed the story, however, at least in relative comparison to coverage in Latin America, where the case was being likened to the Rodney King beating a decade earlier.

An outpouring of support for Martinez and accusations of racism against the Downey Police Department soon followed the shooting. Hundreds of protestors demonstrated outside City Hall and marched along Firestone Boulevard.

The American Civil Liberties Union also became involved, and helped organize protests outside the offices of Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley.

The City of Downey, meanwhile, retained the services of public relations firm Hill & Knowlton.

The City, this week, chose not to comment on the verdict, other than Downey Police Chief Ray Campos saying the trial proved his officers "followed the rule of the law."

Council: Johnie's staying idle for at least 45 days

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – The Downey City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to adopt a moratorium on the Johnie's Broiler property at 7447 Firestone Boulevard, prohibiting any construction or development of the site for at least 45 days.

The council also called for a Feb. 27 public hearing where they will discuss further extending the moratorium, which can be lengthened up to two years with proper justification, according to Downey City Attorney Charles Vose.

The City has also given Car Outlet, the subtenant who had been using the property as a used car lot since 2002, until Feb. 15 to remove a remaining batch of cars that still sit at the rear of the property.

City officials and police, meanwhile, said their investigation into the Jan. 7 partial-demolition of Johnie's Broiler is winding down.

Time Traveler

Ku Klux Klan part of city's (forgettable) past

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

A chapter of local history that many would like to forget concerns repeated appearances in past decades by the Ku Klux Klan.

The "Bedsheet Boys," as they are popularly referred to in song, have made a habit of burning crosses and ghosting about in the local night, even claiming they represented the return of the Bible to local schools in the 1920s.

The Darwinian theory of evolution was commonly thought to be a challenge to the Bible's story of The Creation. This religious furor led to the famous Scopes May 1 "Monkey Trial" and any number of other odd flights of fancy.

The Live Wire newspaper reported in 1924 that Dr. Bruce Brown, pastor of South Park Christian Church of Los Angeles, spoke at Downey High School in May of that year in behalf of the Klan, relating the group's philosophy to Bible texts, and affirming his belief in the group.

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Protestors lobbed racist accusations at the Downey Police Department following the shooting death of Gonzalo Martinez, as seen in this 2002 photo. A Norwalk jury last week found two Downey police officers not guilty. Photo by John Adams



The proposal above, presented to the city council Tuesday, is a preliminary outline of what may one day replace Downey Studios. More photos can be found online at www.TheDowneyPatriot.com.

Cartozian: Study session may have been illegal

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – The Downey City Council was presented with a Site Development Review Tuesday by developers hoping to replace Downey Studios with a mixed-use development, including high-end restaurants, hotels and houses, drawing the ire of citizens and even a fellow council member.

The presentation came in a hastily called 6 p.m. special session, drawing protest from the few citizens in attendance who questioned both the timing of the meeting and its impact on the city.

Councilman Kirk Cartozian blasted the session, calling it irresponsible and possibly illegal.

"I'm so frustrated I can't put it into words," Cartozian, who said the city was "putting the cart before the horse," said. "I asked for a study session – I'm getting a dog and pony show."

"This council has no idea what its options are. We're being very irresponsible here. I would venture to say it could be illegal."

The presentation included an analysis claiming Downey Studios was losing \$472,000 per month in variable revenue due to lot vacancies. Representatives from the IRG firm proposed replacing Downey Studios with a development they compared to the Grove of Anaheim, saying it would be a "24/7 vibrant community" expected to generate 8-9000 permanent jobs.

The council said the issue would be brought up again at future meetings for further public input.

"It wasn't a situation where we moved up the council meeting to six o'clock to pull over anything on the public but in order to meet the time and council meeting," Mayor Rick Trejo said. "I wanted to make that clear to everybody."

Explosion rocks Downey Studios

■ Simulated stinger missile explodes incorrectly, seriously injuring one employee. Fines expected.

BY BROOKE KARLI
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

DOWNEY – A man was seriously injured last Thursday after a special effects device exploded at Downey Studios.

A special effects crew was test-firing an explosive device for an upcoming movie when it exploded incorrectly, inflicting injury upon one of the crew's assistants.

Chris Walkowiak, 34, suffered from severe facial trauma and was taken to St. Francis Medical Center, where he remains in serious but stable condition. Crew members John Hartigan and Lynn Garrido suffered no injuries.

According to the Downey Fire Department Fire Investigation Report, Hartigan pulled the special effects permit, which called for a different type of device to be used and required a safety officer to be present, which neither regulation was followed. The report also said Hartigan's pyrotechnic license was immediately confiscated and he was suspended for 30 days or until the investigation is completed.

"I screwed up – I knew I should have [notified Downey Fire Department of the testing]," Hartigan admitted in the report. "This is the first time in 30 years I have gone against my gut feeling to do the right thing and it cost me everything."

Downey Fire Captain Darren Moon said health and safety rules were breached by testing the device a day before the film's special effects team had a permit to do so.

"[Good Time Charlie Productions] will be facing citations for breach

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Body found said to be that of missing woman

BY BROOKE KARLI
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

DOWNEY – Early Wednesday afternoon, authorities found a body partially covered in plastic in a wilderness area in Whittier, believing it to be that of missing 38-year-old Amber Lee Hill of Stanton, an employee at the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Downey.

The body was found on Colima Road near Mar Vista Street, approximately a mile from where Hill's personal belongings were found almost two weeks ago.

According to KCAL 9, the body was found under a bush by a cadaver dog in an area detectives had not yet searched.

Although authorities cannot confirm that it is Hill, Jim Amormino of the Orange County Sheriff's Department said the clothes on the body match the description of the attire Hill was last seen wearing.

"It does look like a homicide," said Amormino.

Hill's car was discovered Tuesday in the parking lot of Automatic Data Processing Inc. on the 5300 block of Orangethorpe Ave. in La Palma, six miles from Hill's home, said Amormino.

Authorities searched the inside of the blue Dodge Stratus, finding a pair of tennis shoes and two flattened-out cardboard boxes – one of which

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Bill Kirkwood: a life of thought and action

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

William J. "Bill" Kirkwood, Ph.D., has devoted more than 30 years of his life to the education of the young. Over these years, he has designed, developed, and continues to refine what is known as the Kirkwood "Pathways to Success" program. It uses classroom materials (books, test materials, etc.) mostly written and designed by him, tapes, video, and online streaming with constant monitoring/feedback of each student's work. It is, he says, "more than a completely individualized learning program" for students from preschool through third grade. More important, the program instills traits of character that makes the young program graduate a "truly independent, self-directed, highly-motivated, successful learner."



All this learning and character training, where the youngsters learn at their own pace, are done at two well-endowed facilities: the preschool component, formerly known as the Downey Child Care Center, is located at 10822 Brookshire Ave., while the elementary facility, formerly named Kirkwood Educational Center, is at 11115 Pangborn Ave. The two comprise the nonprofit Kirkwood Christian Schools. Principal is Bill's youngest daughter, Jennifer K. Hartl, who has a master's in Christian education from Talbot Seminary, which is part of Biola University.

Comparison studies have shown that at whatever learning stage a Kirkwood Christian Schools elementary student is, the child is usually at

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Protestors crash J.Lo reality show auditions

■ PETA members protest Jennifer Lopez's choice to use animal furs in clothing line.

BY BROOKE KARLI
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

DOWNEY – Tensions rose Saturday morning when two members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) took the stage at Jennifer Lopez's "Glow After Dark" reality show auditions at Macy's in the Stonewood Center.

Video footage shot by PETA, and obtained by tmz.com, shows one member using her audition time to voice her objections against Lopez's use of animal fur in her clothing line. After being escorted off the stage, another PETA member quickly jumped onto the stage, flashing a poster. She too was escorted off immediately.

The outbursts were followed by other PETA members in the audience screaming and chanting obscenities.

The audition was for Lopez's new online reality show, "Glow After Dark." The show will follow the lives of five chosen contestants while in New York for two weeks. According to the website, "The Glow After Dark Show is about 5 strangers and how they come together After Dark."

Macy's in Downey was the only U.S. location chosen for live auditions.

According to PETA's website, "PETA focuses its attention on the four areas in which the largest numbers of animals suffer the most intensely for the longest periods of time: on factory farms, in laboratories, in the clothing trade, and in the entertainment industry."

Lopez was not present during the event and has yet to release a statement regarding the outbursts.

Float designs needed for 2008 parade

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association has announced its annual contest to design the 2008 float entry in the 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade.

All entries should be submitted to DRFA, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241 or brought to the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m., where the association will vote on a design.

Entries should be submitted in black and white on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper with no identifying marks on the front. The artist's name and phone number should be on the back of the paper.

Call Julie Swender, president, at (562) 923-9773 with questions. The theme of the 2008 parade is "Passport to the World's Celebrations."

Diabetes classes getting underway

DOWNEY – A four-part, Thursday evening Diabetes Management Series begins Feb. 1 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center and concludes Feb. 22. From the 10 instruction hours, attendees learn how to manage diet, medication, exercise and attitude to bring about proven results in managing diabetes.

Classes are held in lower level conference rooms at the hospital, located at 11500 Brookshire Avenue.

Pre-registration is required and there is a \$10 material fee for the series, payable at the door the first day of class. A minimum of 10 people are needed to hold the class or else it will be rescheduled. To register, call (562) 904-5580.

'Bilingual Stork Tour' takes flight

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center has begun offering a "Bilingual Stork Tour." The free program, set for Feb. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., offers expectant parents an overview of important information about the hospital, a tour and question and answer period. Registration is required.

For additional information or to register, call the DRMC Education Department at (562) 904-5580.



Edison International donated \$25,000 to support the Downey YMCA's Youth and Government program, which sends local kids on a delegation trip to Sacramento. Left to right: YMCA Board Chair Steve Roberson, former mayor and YMCA board member Meredith Perkins, Edison's Sylvia Southerland, Youth and Government advisor Mary DeWitt and YMCA Executive Director George Saikali.



Downey City Councilman David Gafin dropped a few lines -- and his pants -- in last week's production of "Lie, Cheat & Genuflect" at the Downey Theatre. It was all for a good cause, as money raised benefited Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and their work with Downey children. Photo by R.D. Salyer

EXPLOSION

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of permit, as well as fines from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)," said Moon. "Since the device was not the type to be used on the shoot the next day, I see no valid reason why the device was being tested."

Filming of "Charlie Wilson's War," a Universal Studios movie starring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts, has yet to resume since the explosion. Hanks and Roberts were not on the set at the time of the explosion.

The film is based on a non-fiction book about former Rep. Charlie Wilson's covert dealings to fund the CIA's secret war against the former Soviet Union in Afghanistan during the 1980s.

Downey Studios declined to comment and the cause of the explosion is still under investigation.

Edison shines light on YMCA's youth

■ Sponsorship grant will send Downey teens on delegation trip to Sacramento.

DOWNEY – Edison International has announced a partnership with the Downey YMCA to support their Youth and Government program, including a \$25,000 sponsorship grant to help send kids to a government conference in Sacramento.

Youth and Government program participants learn about the roles and responsibilities of members in our government and learn the political process experientially. Kids also participate in a yearly statewide conference in Sacramento with Youth and Government participants from YMCA's throughout California.

During a six-month period, teen delegates write bills, prepare briefs, select governmental positions to role-play, attend statewide training conferences, and run for various elective offices. The program reaches its peak at the State Capitol with the convening of the five-day Model Legislature & Court in February, where the teens "take over" the historic halls of the Capitol, Supreme Court and Governor's office.

Like many other youth who participate in the Y's programs, some do not have the means to participate in programs such as this without financial assistance. Edison International's gift will allow a larger number of teens to participate this year by covering a portion of the conference and lodging expenses.

"Our primary goal is to educate teens in our community about our state's political process," Downey YMCA Executive Director George Saikali said. "We accomplish this by exposing teen delegates to a Model Legislature and Model Court featuring California's executive, legislative, and judicial government practices. As these teens make the transition into adulthood, they graduate knowing that they can make decisions as educated, politically conscious and active individuals, thanks to the generosity of donors such as Edison International."

Downey grad deployed for duty in Germany

DOWNEY – Army Pfc. Jeff M. Leach has returned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Baumholder, Germany, after being deployed to an overseas forward-operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces fighting in Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of their country.

Leach is an infantryman with one year of military service. He is the son of Bruce and Patty Leach of Downey.

His wife, Holly, also resides in Downey.

Leach is a 2000 graduate of Downey High School.

CPR classes ongoing at hospital

DOWNEY – Health education instructors at Downey Regional Medical Center are teaching men and women from the community how to help save someone's life. An "Adult, Infant & Child CPR" class will be taught on Feb. 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor, the class teaches participants how to perform CPR techniques. Ways to help prevent injuries, recognizing and treating cardiac emergencies as well as choking in infants and children will be covered.

Classes are held in the hospital's lower level conference rooms at 11500 Brookshire Ave. and Firestone Blvd. The fee is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Reservations are required by calling (562) 904-5580.

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- Recreational activities consist of a full-size gymnasium (basketball courts), racquetball/handball courts, 25-yard indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, and steam room.

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Dear Downey Friends,

A Downey Community Project has been undertaken by both **Downey High School** and **Warren High School**. They have entered into this program to help the children of hardship families, not only at the **high schools** but also at the **middle schools** as well as the **grade schools**. Both of the schools number one goal is to help as many children as possible in our Downey community and as you can see this is a huge program so we **desperately** need your help. Any donations you can make, **large** or **small** will be greatly appreciated. You can make your donation to either **Downey High School** or **Warren High School** or both. Please make your Downey Community donation to:

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P.S. All donations will be acknowledged in the Downey Community Newspaper, "The Downey Patriot" so you will be getting free advertising plus a nice tax deduction, but the most important thing is the great feeling of helping our Downey neighbors in our community who really need help.

Thank you for listening
We sincerely thank you for your support and help

Your Downey Community Friends

City Council rectifies zoning omission

■ Oversight dates back to 1958. Existing properties should not be affected.

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—The City Council Tuesday introduced an ordinance adopting a negative declaration of environmental impacts and approving Zone Change No. 06-97, rezoning 59 parcels bounded by Hall Road, Bellflower Blvd., Lakewood Blvd. and Southern Pacific Railroad from R-3 (Medium Density Multi-Family Residential) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential).

The rezoning was just to formalize what the zoning should have been in the first place but was never transferred to the city's Zoning Map.

After another public hearing, the Council adopted a resolution establishing an Underground Utility District along the length of Lakewood Blvd. from approximately 350 feet south of Gardendale St. to approximately 550 feet south of Dalen St. and causing all specified utilities therein to be relocated underground (UUD No. 23).

Among the reasons for undergrounding: it will avoid an unusually heavy concentration of overhead distribution and transmission facilities along a major arterial highway, and will improve the reliability of utility services by removing the potential for loss of service due to wire separation and/or damage to supporting structures as a result of traffic accidents, fire, earthquakes, winds, or other acts of God.

At an earlier joint City Council/CDC meeting, a review of the situation at Downey Studios concomitant with operator IRG's operations as they impact the fortunes of the city was made. The Council will study and monitor further ramifications of the City-IRG deal as it develops.

In other action the Council:

- Adopted an ordinance placing a moratorium on the approval of any subdivisions, use permits, variances, or any other applicable entitlement which would allow for the development of the property located at 7447 E. Firestone Blvd. and commonly known as Johnie's Broiler, declaring this an interim zoning ordinance, and setting forth facts constituting the same as an urgency ordinance, and scheduled a public hearing for Feb. 27, 2007, for consideration of extending the moratorium;

- Approved the plans and specifications and grant authority to advertise for bids for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of 14 residential neighborhood streets at various locations, called the Residential Street Pavement Rehabilitation project;

- Approved an agreement for legal services with Best, Best & Krieger;

- Appropriated \$20,839 from the State of California Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), which is administered by the county of Los Angeles, for water facility security improvements in the city;

- Appropriated \$12,000 for the purchase and installation of banners for the city's anti-litter campaign;

- Approved an amendment to the contract with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACCA) to continue providing animal license canvassing;

- Approved operative agreements No. 37 and No. 38 whereby the city loans \$1,150,000 to the Community Development Commission;

- Adopted a resolution approving the appointment of Emery Sipos to the Parking Place Commission for Council District 2;

- Adopted a resolution restricting parking to two hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, except on holidays, upon the east side of the westerly frontage road along Lakewood Blvd., extending one block in both directions from Deming Ave.;

- Adopted a resolution approving the submittal of transportation improvement project applications for the 2007 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) call for projects;

- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limit for Quill Drive;

- Adopted an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limit for Downey Ave.;

- Adopted an ordinance amending Subsection 6182(d) of the Downey Municipal Code relating to exemptions from the Telephone Utility Users Tax;

- Awarded cash contract for City Hall HVAC upgrade in the amount of \$925,935 to Liberty Climate Control, Inc., authorized change order to Ishii engineering in the amount of \$12,000 to assist the city in construction con-

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Downey Newcomers Club, a social organization open to all ladies who reside in Downey, recently installed their officers for 2007. They include Mary Hammerle, secretary; Joan Hoffman, president; Paula Lou Roberts, 1st vice president; Ellie Harrington, 2nd vice president; Ginnie Perros, 3rd vice president; and Melba Willbanks, treasurer. The Newcomers will next meet for lunch at Frantone's on Feb. 12. Call Vicki Winter at (562) 923-0471 by Feb. 9 to join them.



Downey High School cheerleaders pictured are Lisette Neira, Alexandria Galindo, Shannon Buss, Vanessa James, Winnie Lolong, Tori Velasco, Bianca Torrico and Brittany Barela.

Cheerleaders bring joy to local children

DOWNEY – This past December, when most high school students were looking forward to Christmas break, Downey High School cheerleaders were delivering gifts to local children.

Seventeen children ranging in age from infant to young teen were visited by the squad at the Foley House in Whittier. The children sang the cheerleaders Christmas carols in appreciation of the gifts.

"Giving is really what Christmas is all about. The greatest gift this year was seeing the smiles on each child's face as they opened their gifts," the cheerleaders said. "On behalf of the Downey High School Cheer Squad, we would like to thank the Foley House for allowing us to be a part of their Christmas. The experience was something we will never forget."

Council comments on all things Downey

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – The Downey City Council touched on various subjects – from First Amendment rights to David Gafin's legs – during closing comments at Tuesday's council meeting.

Councilwoman Anne Bayer said she attended a recent meeting of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority, in addition to a three-day water inspection trip courtesy of the Metropolitan Water District.

Kirk Cartozian proposed moving up public comments to before city presentations and said he looked forward to a presentation of "Bright Idea" at Warren High School.

Mario Guerra, citing safety concerns, said he would like to see a fence erected around the Downey Police Department rear parking lot. The enclosure could incorporate public art, Guerra suggested. He also spoke of a "councilman boot camp" he recently attended in Sacramento put on by the League of California Cities and suggested the city council in the future consider holding a joint planning session with the school board of the Downey Unified School District.

Guerra also requested the City Attorney look into the possibility of restricting newspaper racks in Downey containing adult magazines. Guerra said he realized the publications have certain First Amendment rights but held that drivers on Firestone Boulevard had easy views of "naked girls."

Guerra also said he would like the school district's "Character Counts" program implemented into the city, with examples being banners and/or signs in public parks and City Hall.

Finally, Guerra congratulated Councilman David Gafin on his performance last week in the production of "Lie, Cheat & Genuflect", a Downey Kiwanis fundraiser in which Gafin portrayed "Pizza Face Petrillo", comical gangster/loan shark, though Guerra said he "never wants to see Gafin's legs again."

Gafin, in his remarks, said he accepted a plaque on the City's behalf presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce recognizing the City's 50th anniversary. He also praised last week's clean-up by Keep Downey Beautiful and several local children and said he would take up an invitation from St. Raymond's School to participate in "Catholic School Week."

Gafin also questioned why the City charges \$2 for parking at Wilderness Park. City Manager Gerald Caton said the charge came at the request of local residents but would look into the matter further. Gafin called the \$2 charge "cheesy."

Caton also defended Downey Police regarding their response time two week's ago to the demolition at Johnie's Broiler. Citizens had alleged during public comment earlier in the night that Downey Police took 45 minutes to respond to the scene.

"An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."
--Ghandi

CITY of DOWNEY

Community Participation Meetings for CDBG and HOME Programs.

The City of Downey has scheduled several meetings on the City's federal CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The City is now working on the required Action Plan and Application for these federal grants. These meetings are provided to give those in attendance information on these federal programs, and allow an opportunity to provide input in the annual development process. Interested Downey residents and representatives of community groups are encouraged to attend and comment on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities and propose uses for either of these funding sources. The City estimates it will receive up to \$1,550,819 in CDBG and \$742,443 in HOME funds for this fiscal year.

Community meetings will be held on:


Tuesday, January 30th: Golden Park Multi-Purpose Room, 8840 Golden Avenue **6:30 p.m.**
Thursday, February 1st: Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center 7810 Quill Dr., Gallatin Room **6:30 p.m.**
Monday, February 5th: Downey City Library Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue. **12:00 noon**

A Public Hearing will be held on:
Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m.: Downey City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Ed Velasco at (562) 904-7167.

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"As current President of Gangs out of Downey (GOOD) and founder of the 10-20 Club outreach program I am extremely encouraged to have been a benefactor of the Downey Association of Realtor's Scholarship program which benefits students in the Downey Unified School District, as well as their generosity toward helping Gangs out of Downey provide prevention, intervention and suppression to help keep Downey gang free and graffiti free. Happy 60th Birthday and we who live, work and worship in Downey are glad that you are here!" **DARRELL JACKSON, President GOOD 06-07 & 10-20 Club, Inc. President**

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Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard met with the Executive Director of Phoenix Houses of California, Winnie Wechsler, during a trip to our nation's capital to garner support for adolescent substance abuse-treatment programs. Phoenix Academy of Los Angeles treats hundreds of at-risk youth from Los Angeles County each year. The congresswoman secured \$400,000 in federal funds in recent years to expand the organization's rehabilitation services and to address what it called the "teen methamphetamine crisis" in Los Angeles County.

Hall of Fame on lookout for a few good Downey kids

DOWNEY – Community leaders, employers, teachers, coaches and parents are encouraged to nominate outstanding young people (grades 1-12) who are achieving academically, athletically or improving themselves and their community for the Kidsday Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available at the Community Services Department at City Hall.

Complete instructions and criteria are included on the forms, which are due back to City Hall by March 19. All nominees are invited to the Hall of Fame ceremony on May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Downey Theatre. During the ceremony, the top nominees (as determined by a neutral panel of community leaders) will be inducted.

A short reception in the theater courtyard will conclude the ceremony. For more information, call the Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238.

TRAVELER

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The same month another Live Wire story reported the organization of a United Church Brotherhood in Downey's Baptist Church, which Rev. James Robertson assured the congregation "was not to combat the Ku Klux Klan, an organization of which is being perfected in Downey."

Four Downey churches were filled with Klansmen in May of 1924, during a large rally. More than 2,000 Klansmen arrived and filled the Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

In 1925 local newspapers reported a huge gathering of Klan members had conducted services at Miller Funeral Home for a man who had been mistakenly shot in a confrontation with two sheriff's deputies.

One of the mostly popular admonishments the Klan used in these years was the return of the Bible to the public schools.

The history of the First Baptist Church mentions a visit by the Klan in 1929. It refers to their occupancy of the church as "rather startling", and relates how on a Sunday morning the ushers of the church were asked to clear one side of the sanctuary and the Klansmen then marched in wearing full Klan regalia. The plate was passed and each Klansman contributed a dollar, amounting to one of the largest contributions the church received in decades.

The congregation was then asked to remain seated and the Klansmen then filed out. The robed men then burned a cross on the front lawn of the church.

As recently as 1982 the Klan formally requested approval from the City Council to move to Downey. But representatives of the Kiwanis Club and the Downey Ministerial Alliance went on record as opposing such recognition or approval.

The Mayor, Milton Mackaig, told the Hearst Community Newspapers he had not heard of nor seen the Klan letter to the Council and could not comment on whether it would ever make it to the public agenda.

The ministerial fellowship said it expected the council to take a public stand "in opposition to what the KKK represents."

The alliance noted that in November, 1981, members of the KKK based in Norwalk took positions along two major Downey highways, Imperial Highway and Firestone Boulevard, and distributed Klan fliers while indicating to anyone who would listen that they expected a Klavern would soon be formed in Downey.

Later, the Klan even staged public recruiting drives in front of Stonewood Center, to the consternation of many residents who complained to the local police.

Rev. Rhoda Lee of Emmanuel Gospel Temple was quoted in local newspapers as calling the city "an island of bigotry and racism in need of spiritual awakening," and she called on fellow church members and leaders to join her in dealing with the blight.

Nominations open for Hall of Fame

DOWNEY – The Downey High School Hall of Fame is looking for alumni who wish to be considered for induction.

If you know of someone who has distinguished themselves in the field of Arts, Athletics, Business, Education, Civic/Community/Government or Professional/Management, contact Assistant Principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for a nomination application.

The Poets' Corner

Dockside Portrait

It is a foggy-misty morning
bell buoy's tolling out it warning.
Our early stroll seems ethereal,
ships looming as grey shadows — surreal.
We lean on wet wood railing and pause,
see images veiled as in damp gauze.
Two freighters, like specters emerging,
near dockside, gently converging.
Quite eerie — but peacefully serene,
with mist still billowing in between.
Quickly, tranquility disappears,
raucous engine sounds assault our ears.
A bright light breaks through the ghostly view.
Scruffy tug boat ably manned by crew.
Clamoring along, her red paint peeling,
Destination unrevealing.
Interrupted tranquil interlude,
Yet elevated our pleasant mood.

—Gerry Rothery,
Downey

COUNCIL

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-tract administration; and appropriated \$1,018,265 from the General Fund; *Awarded cash contract for the Downey Park Project at 12400 Clark Ave. in the amount of \$6,144,372 to the Griffith Company and appropriated \$1,515,537 from the Water Fund;

*Awarded cash contract for the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center project at 12400 Clark Ave. in the amount of \$7,139,000 to Tower General Contractors and appropriated \$3,245,545 from the proceeds of the Downey Landing Escrow (Fund 61);

*Approved an agreement with Black & Veatch for the development of a Water System Master Plan, in the amount of \$700,000;

*Approved City Council committee assignments for 2007, with the following minor changes: Councilmembers Mario Guerra and David Gafin switching assignments to the Chamber of Commerce board of directors; and Guerra (replacing Councilmember Cartozian) to act as alternate to Gafin on the GOOD board;

*Presented certificates of appointment (for District 2) to Steve Allen (Planning Commission); Camel Anderson (Recreation and Community Services Commission); James Ball (Water Board and Water Facilities Corporation); Kathi Bode (Art in Public Places Advisory Committee); Diana Hansen (Hospital Commission); Robert Kiefer (Traffic Commission); Cecilia Ordenez (Public facilities Financing Corporation); and Robert Buckley (Emergency Preparedness Committee); and (for District 4) Adam Christin (Water Board).

The next regular public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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All In Order

By Eric Pierce

It's only by pure coincidence that our front page this week features a photo of a crudely-drawn swastika and, below it, a Time Traveler piece on the Ku Klux Klan.

In case anybody thinks we were trying to be cute by tying them both together, the Time Traveler collection originally ran in the Downey Eagle starting in 1993. We're republishing those stories in the exact order they first appeared in.

The fact that the Ku Klux Klan story happens to fall on a week when a racial discord article is our lead story is, again, coincidence.

Now, as far as the picture of David Gafin with his pants down, we take full responsibility for that one.

Jokes aside, society is not as far advanced as we would like to think. Racism still thrives in many parts of the country where ignorance succumbs to hate. An underlying current of racial intolerance is evident in many parts of life (TV, radio, education, jobs) if you only take the time to look closely.

Racism is a fact of life that will be with us forever. But open dialogue and frank discussions may help remedy the situation, as touchy a subject as it may be.

Letters to the Editor:

Twenty million dollar question

Dear Editor:

This year, the City of Downey will be required to report, because of General Accounting Standards Board Statement 45, the amount of unfunded OPEB (other post employment benefits) owed by the City to retirees, amortized over no more than 30 years. This should appear in the Annual Financial Report for 2006-07.

Part of the current amount will be covered by the \$20,000,000 bond that the city voters passed last election, thereby indebting every man, woman, and child in Downey about \$175 to pay for the bureaucrats retirement. The financial report will show what is still unfunded after the monies from the twenty million dollar bond is applied, the normal cost, and the annual contribution needed. I believe this will be a significant amount of money that will be paid out of the general fund and have drastic effects on the services the City is supposed to provide.

This issue should be addressed by the city council who either didn't know about it or disregarded it so we don't end up in a situation like San Diego, Orange, and other cities that refused to confront it. I, for one, don't want to dig into my back pocket every two years to pay for another \$20,000,000 bond.

Finally, decisions made by civil servants should not be predicated on the need to pay these unfunded liabilities.

— R.V. Rankin Sr.,
Downey

A good bet

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you on behalf of St. Matthias High School, a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. We are a non-profit, all-girls' Catholic high school located in Downey. We are seeking donations of prizes for our Casino Night fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007. This fundraiser will help us to provide financial aid, new textbooks, and access to technology for our students.

Some possible suggestions for donations are gift certificates, DVD players, color televisions, CD players, small electrical appliances and monetary donations.

For \$20, attendees in a fun "Las Vegas" atmosphere receive \$200 in "gaming chips," which allow them to play table games such as craps, blackjack, and roulette for raffle tickets. The winners of the raffles receive the generous prizes you have donated.

With your donation not only will your company be recognized at our event, you will also receive two complimentary tickets so that you can enjoy the night with us.

As you are aware, your donation is 100 percent deductible. Our tax ID number is 95-212-2635. Should you have any questions regarding our school or the fundraisers please do not hesitate to call me at (562) 861-2271 ext. 1500.

On behalf of St. Matthias High School, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

— Margaret Meland,
Principal, St. Matthias High School

Overdue thanks

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to Jan Palen, senior librarian at the Downey City Library for her knowledge and dedication as a researcher.

She is exceptionally kind, considerate and helpful to anyone requiring these services.

We, the citizens of Downey, are truly blessed to have someone with her qualities as an important part of our Downey library.

— Jacqueline McEvilly,
Downey



A high price to pay

Dear Editor:

I also am glad that "one of the many ghetto used car lots in Downey" was removed. But the demolition of Harvey's shouldn't have been the price. (*The Downey Patriot*, 1/19/07)

Harvey's/Johnie's Broiler should have been turned into a historical landmark like the old McDonald's restaurant/museum. When we see demolition/construction being done by workers that look like they come from outside of Home Depot, get involved. Protect our neighborhood/America. Call Code Enforcement at (562) 904-2392 and ask if there's a permit to do such activities. Be ready to give the address. Your call will be anonymous.

— El Bee,
Downey

'City purchases Johnie's Broiler'

Dear Editor:

Acting upon the request from citizens from Canada, Germany, and other concerned citizens both within and without the Downey area who have no intention of ever spending any of their money to support this business, the Downey City Council invoked the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and purchased this property for \$5,000,000.00 from Mr. Smyrniotis. The owner has agreed to restore the property to its former grandeur.

Every adult citizen of the City of Downey will be taxed \$50 per year for the next 10 years to pay the costs of: purchase, interest, taxes, staff support, maintenance, and the yearly loss this business will continue to incur. At the end of this period of time, the City will form a "not-for-profit corporation" which will administer this fund. It will also study the feasibility of purchasing other historical buildings and sites for the world to view. The old airfield, where men learned to fly; North American Aviation, who built planes which helped win WWII; North American Rockwell, who built the space capsules which allowed astronauts to orbit the earth; the infamous duck farm on Lakewood Blvd.; and the old train station will undoubtedly be on their agenda, as well as Irv Gertler's famous Army/Navy surplus store on Firestone, east of Downey Ave. Another study will probably be commissioned to estimate how much additional tax dollars will be needed for this "pie-in-the-sky" program to continue.

In other words people, "get real." Fine the owner for not having the necessary demolition permits, then let him develop his property. He wants to employ more people, provide more services, and increase the city, state, and federal tax revenue. Any realtor will tell you that property should be put to: "its highest and best use."

Tax production is always better than tax increases.

— Don Souza,
Downey

It's all about the money

Dear Editor:

The people involved with the demolition of Johnie's Broiler knew exactly what they were doing.

Johnie's was nominated in 2002 for historic preservation but the owner never signed the papers for five full years because he had other plans for the property. By not signing there wouldn't be any rules or laws broken. So probably nothing will be done except for a few hefty monetary penalties for not having a permit for the demolition.

Folks, it's all about the money and we all know it.

— Mike Sandoval,
Downey

Johnie's at the bat

Dear Editor:

This (Johnie's Broiler) is all a very fundamental issue. The situation goes to the heart of our foundations.

Community, neighborly love, common courtesy, even baseball. These are fundamentals we build a good life on.

So, may I say, it is time to play a fundamental game:

It is the City of Downey vs. The Ol' Mighty Dollar.

It is the bottom of the ninth, two outs, and the count is three and two.

The city of "Future Unlimited" is down, by only one run.

It is time for a clutch hitter, to play fundamental ball in order to win.

Stay focused, keep your eye on the ball and hit the "sweet spot" on the bat.

And before you know...It is a victory, a win for all!

When it comes down to it, fundamentals and teamwork, not money, salaries or egos, is what wins the game. It is fundamentals and teamwork.

That is what gets the job done.

Now, let's go out and win!

— Kristie Wold,
Downey

Does crime in Downey pay?

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Brian Heyman's January 19 letter to the editor regarding the illegal demo of Johnie's Broiler.

Allowing the demolition to "regrettably" finish will give the 'mysterious tenants' of Johnie's, who are allegedly responsible for this crime, exactly what they wanted. A quick and easy way to circumvent the law and the aspirations of citizens and fans alike. To allow the demo to continue effectively sends a message that "hey, break the law, obscure the facts, pay a little fine" - crime in Downey pays.

Which is why Johnie's should be left, for the time being, as it stands - an eyesore. A testament to what happens when public and civic planning are ignored. Even if the demolition had been completely legal, a last minute oversight by a planning department without a preservation ordinance, a hole in the ground could be left in place of a building. There is no guarantee it would not sit for years. It has happened in cities with more stringent and strident enforcement.

Regarding the status of Firestone as a 'gateway' - Johnie's tenure as a used car lot hardly added to the aesthetics of what is essentially a forlorn stretch of urban landscape. The original Johnie's, however, added tremendous visual impact. It was a gateway icon. A restored Johnie's will be a place of interest and destination. "The World's Oldest McDonald's" attracts architecture buffs from around the world. How much more so would Johnie's, which is arguably a more original and significant mid-century commercial building?

The City Council has a chance to make this right. Hopefully they will not sweep this issue under the proverbial rug. The spotlight is on the eyesore. Let the spotlight shine. A lot more people are now paying attention. Other cities faced with the embarrassing demolition of historic properties have acted quickly to establish preservation ordinances and lists of historic properties. The other course of action is to rebuild. Anything less will validate the intent - which was to illegally circumvent and thwart the preservation process.

— Jason Swalve,
Downey

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On This Day...

January 26, 1988: "Phantom of the Opera", the longest-running show in Broadway history, opens at the Majestic Theatre. Andrew Lloyd Webber produces the musical.
1998: President Bill Clinton denies an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman."
2001: An earthquake off the coast of India kills more than 13,000 people.
2005: Condoleezza Rice is sworn in as Secretary of State, the first African American to hold the position.
2006: Western Union discontinues its telegram service.

Downey Community Calendar

Events For January/February

Sat. Jan. 27: **Downey Symphony Concert** at the Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Sun. Jan. 28: **Al Helsabeck** performs at the Moravian Church of Downey, 4:30 p.m.
 Wed. Jan. 31: **Downey Rose Float Association** votes on 2008 design, 7 p.m.
 Thurs. Feb. 1: **Diabetes Management Series** at DRMC, 6 p.m.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352** dinner, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
 9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
 12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.
 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.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
 Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
 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., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
 2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees, at Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

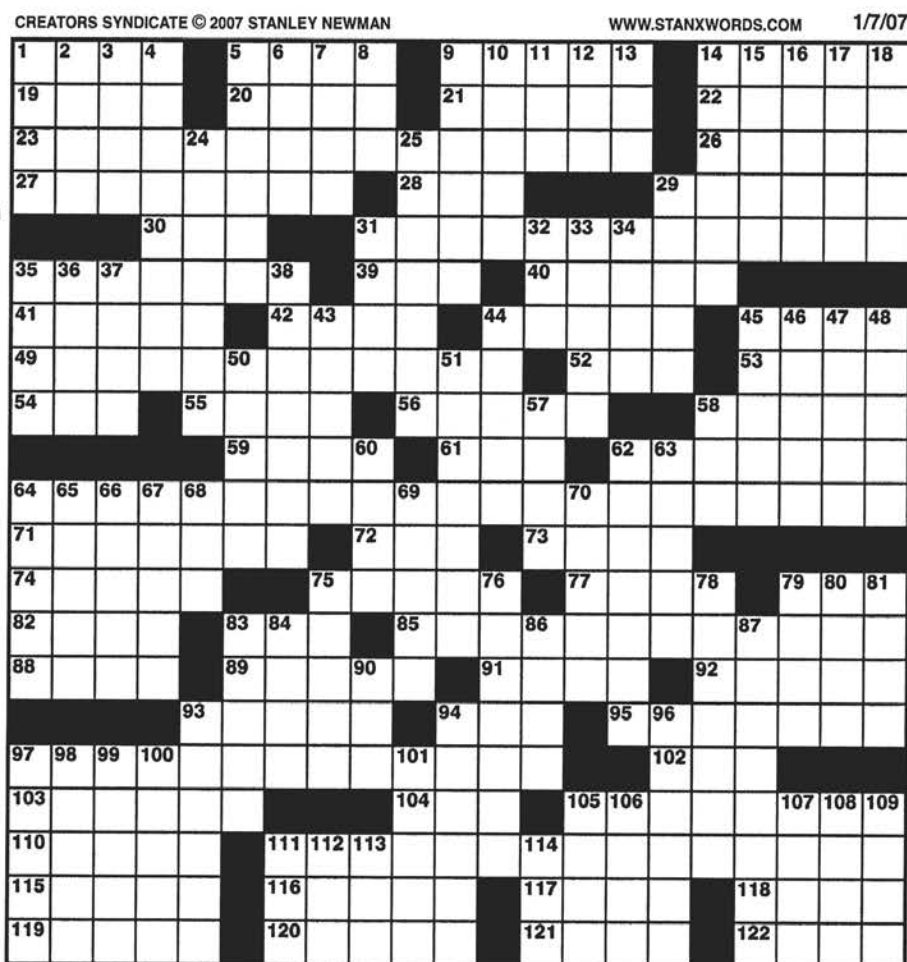
Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063
 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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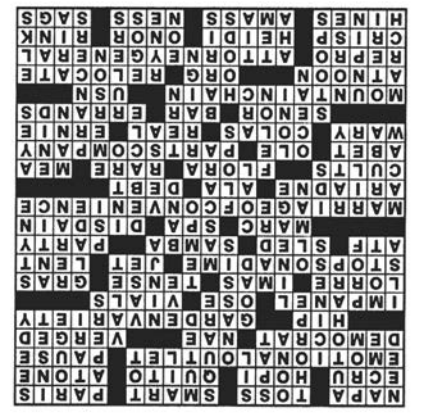
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Edmund Randolph was the first U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL (11 Across); Alberto Gonzales is the 79th. Jim Thorpe (5 Down) was a professional baseball and football gold medal winner, as well as an Olympic decathlete and pentathlete. The vernal equinox, which occurs on MARCH (9 Down) 21 or 22, is one of the two exactly above the equator and day and night are of equal length every-where on Earth.



Paging Dr. Alan Frischer...

BY DR. ALAN FRISCHER



Patients are often coming into my office saying "Doctor, I just don't feel good. Can you give me something?" My mind immediately travels to their personal health habits. These include sleep habits, nutrition, exercise, emotional well-being, alcohol, and, of course...smoking habits. Today, I am going to focus on cigarette smoking, because it is the major single cause of cancer mortality in the United States, and thus the most preventable cause of premature death in our country.

You may be astounded to learn that over one billion people smoke worldwide, nearly one in three adults. For a behavior that is purely voluntary, it has devastating effects on health. Cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs combined. It accounts for at least 30% of all cancer deaths. Smoking in pregnancy leads to under-developed babies, birth defects and even infant death. Women who stop smoking before pregnancy and even by the fourth month still reduce the risk of these complications. 440,000 people die each year from the effects of smoking cigarettes, and 3,000 more die each year from secondhand smoke.

As a physician whose goal is to help my patients become healthier, it is frustrating to realize that their worst enemies are often themselves. Cigarettes, cigars and pipe tobacco consist of dried tobacco leaves, as well as ingredients added for flavor and "improving the smoking experience." These additives include tar and nicotine. Nicotine is a highly addictive drug. In fact, more than 4,000 individual compounds have been identified in tobacco. Among them are more than 60 that are known carcinogens (cancer-causing agents). Once a patient has found their way to smoking, it is a tough road to reverse that process.

Here are some tips for quitting smoking:

- Make a list of your reasons for quitting and say them often.
- Set a quit date and tell everyone you are going to quit. This is not something you need to do alone. Remember, including your family and friend not only gives you much needed moral support, but raises your chances of quitting dramatically.
- Keep a supply of healthy snacks handy.
- Increase your exercise. Walk more.
- Make specific plans for what you will do when the urge hits. For example, take a deep breath, get up and walk around, call a friend for help, and keep your hands busy. Remember, the urge will pass in a few minutes.
- Remove all cigarettes, ashtrays, matches and lighters from your home, workplace, and car.
- Ask your doctor about medications such as nicotine products to help you quit.
- Contact your local American Lung Association or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

It pays to quit smoking at any age. Even someone who has smoked most of their life can improve their lungs and prolong life expectancy. Quitting smoking will also decrease the risk of lung cancer, heart attacks, stroke and chronic lung disease as compared to those who keep smoking. Remember, the health benefits of quitting smoking far exceed any risks from the average 5 pound weight gain or any short-term nicotine withdrawal.

Good luck to all smokers out there who are traveling on the road to a smoke-free life.

It's worth it.

Have a health question? Send it to Dr. Alan Frischer, c/o The Downey Patriot, 11525 Downey Avenue, Suite A, Downey, CA 90241. His columns appear the second and fourth Friday of every month. Frischer is former Chief of Staff at Downey Regional Medical Center.

DRMC hosts wellness fair, February 3

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center Cardiovascular Services will present a free "Wellness Fair" on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Speakers include DRMC medical staff member Dr. Richard Seidman, interventional cardiologist; Louann Shigaki, wellness center program manager; Nancy Stiles, rehabilitation services; Elsa Saucedo, diabetes educator; and Jennifer Miyagawa, dietitian.

The fair will be held in the lower-level conference rooms, where guests will find booths providing blood pressure checks, breathing tests, stroke screenings, peripheral vascular disease screenings, abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings and information about their community hospital.

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Insurance reduces cost of emergency transport

DOWNEY – The City of Downey has begun promoting their Emergency Transportation Program to residents, a supplemental insurance program that will eliminate any additional "out of pocket" expenses associated with emergency transportation services.

For an annual fee of \$30, an entire household is provided with unlimited emergency transportation services in the city of Downey without any additional cost. Non-subscribers are responsible for Advanced Life Support transport fees, which start at \$1,010, and Basic Life Support transport fees, starting at \$678.50.

The Emergency Transportation Program is optional and residents will still receive fire department and paramedic services free of charge.

Residents can also have the Transportation Program billed to their insurance carrier. Program coverage runs from March 1 to Feb. 28.

For more information on the program, call (562) 904-7254.

Women invited to free one-day heart seminar

WHITTIER – Realizing that heart disease continues to be the number one killer of American women, the Heart Center at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) will host a one-day seminar which will advise women of all ages on ways to take care of themselves and their hearts.

The "Women and Heart Disease Symposium" will take place on Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Flo and Frank L. Scott Conference Center at PIH in Whittier. The event is free and participants will have the opportunity to attend the following sessions:

9 a.m. "Stress Management for Women of All Ages"

10 a.m. "Embracing an Exercise Lifestyle"

11 a.m. "Taking Care of Your Heart at Every Age"

In addition, a master chef will provide a heart healthy cooking demonstration. A complimentary breakfast will be served and each guest will receive a gift bag with a heart healthy recipe book and other items. There will also be a drawing for prizes.

The symposium will also feature a variety of screenings, including: blood pressure, cholesterol, heart risk assessment, carotid artery, height and weight, and blood sugar.

Information will be available on such PIH services as: rehabilitation, senior health, Reiki therapy, Tai Chi, nutrition, education classes, the Heart Center, Care Force One, and the American Heart Association.

Reservations are requested by calling (877) 744-3627.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there a charge for paramedic services?

A: No, fire department firefighters and paramedics respond and medically evaluate members of the community free of charge when responding to a 911 call.

Q: Is there a charge for Emergency Transportation Service?

A: Yes, however, if you are a subscriber and you have medical insurance we will bill your insurance first. Your subscription will cover any unpaid balance. Non-subscribers will be responsible for all charges.

Q: What does the annual \$30 subscription fee cover?

A: The subscription covers 911 emergency transportation services provided by the City of Downey Fire Department.

Q: If I am a subscriber but my pick-up location was not in Downey, would I still be covered?

A: No. The program is only applicable when the pick-up location is within Downey city limits.

Q: If my household is subscribed, will I still receive an invoice?

A: Yes, our system uses one statement for all transports, regardless of subscription status. The first invoice will request a copy of your medical insurance information so we can bill your insurance directly. If you do not have insurance coverage and are transported, when you receive a City of Downey invoice please contact our billing office at (562) 904-7254. A letter stating that you have no insurance to cover this debt will be sent for your signature and return. Your subscription will then cover the unpaid balance.

Q: I gave my insurance information to the hospital and to the paramedic who transported me. Why are you requesting this information again?

A: Any insurance information given at the scene or at the hospital is for the hospital only. Due to very strict privacy laws they can not share that information with the city.

Q: Can I give my insurance information over the phone?

A: No. Again, due to strict privacy laws, we can not accept insurance information by telephone. It must either be sent by mail, or personally delivered to City Hall.

Q: I live in an apartment building/condominium complex; does the \$30 cover the entire complex?

A: No. Each unit or apartment must be enrolled individually.

Q: If I have visitors in my home who require emergency transportation, are they covered by my annual subscription?

A: No. Only the permanent residents listed on the enrollment form are covered.

Q: I used the First Department Emergency Transportation Service, but I did not subscribe. Can I subscribe now to cover that call?

A: No. Enrollment is not retroactive; you are responsible for those costs. You may, however, enroll for the remainder of the year at any time. Please call (562) 904-7254 for an enrollment form.

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Downey-Warren basketball preview

BY SCOTT COBOS
CONTRIBUTOR

Now that both teams have felt each other out, look for a better played game when Warren and Downey meet tonight at Downey High School. Here are some keys to victory for both teams.

DOWNEY VIKINGS

Pound the ball inside.

Downey's front line holds the size advantage over Warren and should be able to bully around the Bears' internal defense. Posting up and getting easy looks at the basket from the inside will help the Vikings chances in taking the rematch.

Pressure the ball on defense.

Warren has trouble bringing the ball up court when being pressured. Last game, they turned the ball over multiple times, leading to easy break away points. Downey should put guys all over Warren's ball handlers and force as many turnovers as possible.

Use their experience to their advantage.

Downey's team is chalk full of juniors and seniors who have played at this level. Downey should follow the lead of those with the experience and guide home a win.

WARREN BEARS

Take care of the ball and reduce the turnovers.

Warren, when taking care of the ball, run an efficient offense. If they can get the ball pass half court without panicking, they'll find someone on the floor to score for them.

Warren also plays a decent half court defense. It's impossible to play a half court defense when constantly chasing guards on fast break opportunities.

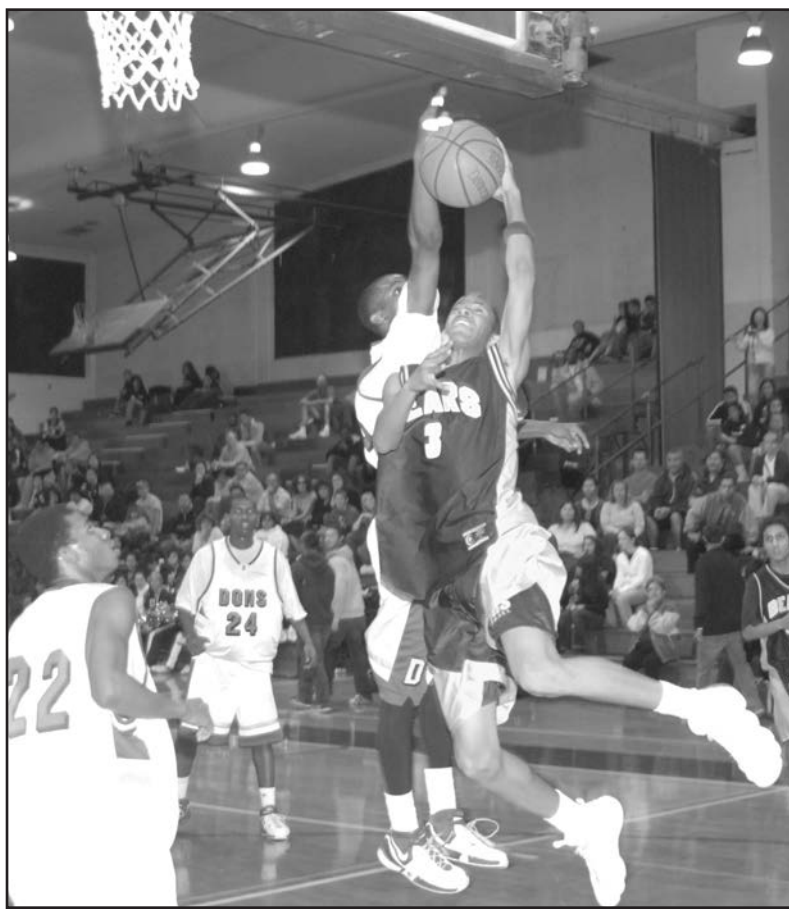
Get to the free throw line.

Downey will try to run with the ball after turnovers. A way to stop fast break opportunities is to force the issue on the offensive end. Getting to the free throw line will slow down the game enough to allow Warren to get back on defense.

Relax. Have fun.

Warren has a very young team. They look like they may play a little uptight at sometimes. When they loosen up and have fun, they're effective on both ends which will help keep the game close.

Game time for tonight's game is 7 p.m.



Warren was stuffed by Dominguez Wednesday, managing only two points in the first quarter on their way to a 78-45 loss. Photo by Art Montoya

Tennis courts resurfaced for public play

DOWNEY – The tennis courts at Furman and Independence Park have been resurfaced and are now open for public use, the City of Downey Community Services Department has announced.

Furman Park, located at 10419 Rives Avenue, features four courts. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Boulevard, has eight courts. Both parks have lights to play at night.

In addition, courts at Independence Park can be reserved Monday through Friday evenings starting at 5 p.m. by calling (562) 803-4982. The cost is \$5 per hour.

For more information on Downey parks, call Community Services at (562) 904-7238.

Turnovers prove costly as Warren loses to Dons

BY SCOTT COBOS
CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – Any team that plays Dominguez in basketball is faced with the daunting task of facing one of the strongest teams in the area. It was no different for the Warren Bears as they shot 33 percent from the field in a 78-45 home loss to the Dons.

The low field goal percentage reflected Warren's inability to protect the basketball. Warren turned the ball over 23 times in the game, allowing for Dominguez to break out into the open court for easy points.

In the first quarter alone, Warren turned the ball over 10 times. Dominguez's full court pressure did the Bears in, allowing only one basket in the first eight minutes of play. Warren's first basket came with 3:20 left in the first quarter. At the end of the first period, the score was 19-2 Dominguez.

Warren managed to shake off their case of the turnover jitters, taking better care of the ball and finding open shots. Warren's Jamal Brown set the pace for the offense, doing a good amount of his damage in the second quarter. Brown finished the game with 28 points, shooting just under 50 percent for the game.

Brown attacked the basket all night long, giving himself chances at easy buckets. Because of his persistence to get to the rim, he was awarded many free throws. From the line, Brown was 13 for 19.

Brown supplied the only fireworks for Warren. Dominguez stole the show, shooting over 55 percent from the field, highlighted with a couple drive-and-dunks to the basket. Going about their business, Dominguez managed to penetrate the Bears' zone for easy lay-ups, also allowing them to kick the basketball out to the perimeter for open jumpshots.

Dominguez really broke it open in the third quarter when they hit their first nine shots. For the quarter, they hit 10 of 13 field goal attempts. Dominguez put the game on ice at that point as they put their bench to work in the fourth quarter.



Proceeds from the First Annual Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, held at Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey, are presented to Kathy Fahey of the Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry. Presenting the check is, left to right: Gail Shine, husband Gene Miller, daughter Stephanie Dante, son-in-law Ryan Bethell, son Steven, grandson Hunter and daughter Tricia Bethell.

Cheer Clinic at Warren, February 3

DOWNEY – Warren High School will be hosting a cheer and dance clinic for girls ages 5-13 on Saturday, February 3 in the gym.

Participants will learn cheers and a dance that will later be performed at a varsity basketball half-time show.

The clinic is \$25 and is from 8 a.m. to noon. Same day registration is welcomed.

For information, email Kellie at warrencheeralumni@yahoo.com.

After-school soccer at Bernabe

DOWNEY – The after-school soccer season is starting this month at the Bernabe Community Center and sign-ups will continue until each team accumulates 15 players.

Registration is \$30 per player and sign-up forms are available at the community center, 10801 Fairford Avenue, in Downey. The kids will be playing with new 6 1/2 x 12-foot soccer goals bought with a grant awarded to the Bernabe Community Center by the Los Angeles Clippers.

For information on sign-ups, call (562) 863-1899.

NCAA recruitment meeting Jan. 30

DOWNEY – College Sports Quest will give a NCAA college recruiting presentation for student-athletes and their parents Jan. 30 inside the Warren High School library. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Tickets for Symphony concert going fast

BY JOYCE SHERWIN
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

The Downey Symphony season continues with its second concert tomorrow evening, January 27, in the Civic Theatre, but it has undergone a time, most emphatically, of Business Not as Usual since the death six months ago of the orchestra's artistic director and conductor, Thomas Osborn.

This has, instead, been a season of unfinished business, as a search committee appointed by the Symphony Board examined some 70 applications for the position of conductor, reduced that to single digits, and began the extended process of scheduling guest conductors to appear with the orchestra in our regular concerts and for the special ones given for the city's third- and fifth-grade students. From those conductors, who essentially are auditioning for the job, the Board hopes to appoint a permanent replacement.

That covers a lot of ground, a lot of work, a lot of business.

The title of tomorrow's concert, appropriately, is "Unfinished Business," a nod to the programming of Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 8, "The Unfinished," so called because the work is in two movements rather than the traditional four. Our soloist is the exciting pianist Norman Krieger, playing Brahms' First Piano Concerto, and the concert opens with that great crowd-pleaser, Von Suppe's "Light Cavalry" Overture. You'll recognize the theme and, while humming along is permitted, galloping out of the theater in a cloud of dust is frowned upon.

Guest conductor Sharon Lavery appears with the Downey Symphony for the first time, and our audiences look forward to enjoying the considerable experience and gifts that she brings to the conductor's podium. Ms. Lavery is currently resident conductor of the Thornton Symphony and Chamber Orchestra at the University of Southern California. She will give the pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m., the performance begins at 8, and tickets, priced at \$25, \$20 and \$10, are going fast.

A reminder that everyone in attendance is invited by the Symphony Board to submit an evaluation of this conductor, and all other guest conductors appearing with the orchestra this year. Your comments, along with those of the musicians and the Board's assessments, will eventually determine our new conductor.

"Unfinished Business," begins at 8 this Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd. at Brookshire. The box office opens at 6 p.m., nearby parking is free, and we have an offer from Taro's Tapas in the Embassy Suites Hotel - 15 percent off their delicious fare to concert-goers. For further information, please phone (562) 403-2944.

One last word. Tom Osborn got things done in a businesslike way, such as scheduling concert dates and soloists way ahead of time. It was Tom who selected Mr. Krieger to play for us again this month, who programmed the Unfinished Symphony, and who titled the entire performance, "Unfinished Business."

'Play On!' a comedic romp through a dress rehearsal gone bad

LONG BEACH - The Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theatre will present "Play On!", a backstage comedy by Rick Abbot, beginning Feb. 16.

The production revolves around a theater group trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty authoress who keeps revising the script. Act I is a rehearsal of the dreadful show, Act II is the near disastrous dress rehearsal, and the final act is the actual performance in which anything that can go wrong does.

When the authoress decides to give a speech on the state of the modern theater during the curtain calls, the audience is treated to a madcap climax to a thoroughly hilarious romp. Even the sound effects reap their share of laughter.

Ticket information is available by calling the Box Office at (562) 494-1014.



Sharon Lavery will lead the Downey Symphony as guest conductor at Saturday's concert at the Downey Theatre.



Mt. McKinley, located in Denali, Alaska, is the highest mountain in North America. It is just one of many U.S. parklands to be featured in a travelogue this Sunday at the Downey Theatre.

Army soloist performing free concert

DOWNEY - Al Helsabeck, a soloist in the United States Army Chorus, will give a free concert at 4:30 p.m. this Sunday at the Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Road, two blocks south of Florence Avenue.

Helsabeck will be accompanied by Army Chorus pianist Sergeant Joseph Holt. Both men performed at the recent funeral service for President Gerald Ford in Michigan.

The community is invited to the concert.

Enchiladas on sale at Moravian Church

DOWNEY - The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will be holding their annual enchilada sale on Jan. 27.

The enchiladas come two in a pan and are suitable for freezing. Meat and cheese combination enchiladas are \$4.50 per pan and cheese only is \$4.75 per pan. Enchiladas can be picked up at the church between noon and 5 p.m.

Call the church office at (562) 927-0718 to place an order or more information. The Moravian Church of Downey is located at 10337 Old River School Road in Downey.

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America's parklands explored this Sunday

CONTRIBUTED BY MARK KELLER
DOWNEY THEATRE

This Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28, the Downey Theatre will present the sixth film of its 2006/07 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series, "America's Parklands II," filmed and narrated by award-winning cinematographer Gray Warriner.

Warriner's previous appearance at the Downey Theatre was in January of 2006 with the well-received film, "Exploring the Colorado River - Journey into the Great Unknown."

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Bellflower art group studying watercolor

BELFLOWER - The Bellflower Art Association will welcome guest demonstrator Joseph Stoddard and his works in watercolor at its Feb. 13 meeting at Thompson Park from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The meeting and demonstration is free to the public. Thompson Park is located at 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower. For information, call Charlene Mueller at (562) 633-9011.

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Janet Ellen Welch lived in Downey for 53 years

DOWNEY – Janet Ellen Welch, Downey resident for 53 years, passed away Jan. 23 at the age of 86.

Welch was born on Feb. 12, 1920 in Cheyenne, Wyo. She married husband, Stephen, in 1946 and was later the CFO for the Stephen A. Welch Association. She was also an elementary school teacher in Livermore, Calif. and Coalinga, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, daughter Kathleen Roberts (Kelley Sr.); grandsons Kelley Jr., Scott and Christopher (Julie); and great-grandchildren Leann and Christopher Jr.

Donations can be made in her name to the American Cancer Association, 9901 Paramount Blvd. Suite 245, Downey, 90240.



Joseph Swaton Jr. was retired from Downey PD

DOWNEY – Joseph Norman Swaton, Jr., retired from the Downey Police Department, died Jan. 19. He was 78.

He was born in Los Angeles on Nov. 22, 1928. He graduated from USC and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanne Swaton; five children, Nancy Ryder, Susan DeSalvatore, Carol Carter, Norm Swaton and Jack Swaton. He also leaves behind 16 grandchildren and a sister, Yvonne.

Services were held Jan. 23. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1440 Eastlake Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

Liberty Tax Service hosting reception

DOWNEY – Liberty Tax Service, with the help of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

A champagne and hor'dourve reception will follow.

Liberty Tax Service is located at 8646 Florence Avenue, suite B, in Downey, next to the Speedee McDonald's.

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting.



Joe Commodore -- apparently a boxers kinda guy -- was a good sport in his performance last week of "Lie, Cheat & Genuflect", a fundraising production for Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis. **Bob Goldstein**, left, didn't drop his pants until later.

DeVera Harvey, 80, was hospital employee

DOWNEY – DeVera Harvey, a retired employee of Downey Community Hospital, died Jan. 13 at Federal Way, Wash. She was 80.

She was born in Story City, Iowa but had made Downey her home. She is survived by five daughters, Linda Kremer, Susan Rhodes, Barbara Evans, Sheila Christy and Victoria Culbertson; and seven grandchildren, Brian Rhodes, Kimberly Rhodes, John Evans, Brenda Evans, Seth Kremer, Tammy Hicks and Jason Culbertson.

Services were held last Saturday at Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel with Father Armando Leyva officiating. Burial was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

Gilbert G. Guerrero was Mason and Shiner

DOWNEY – Gilbert G. Guerrero, born in Sloan, Nev., on Aug. 29, 1926, passed away on Jan. 20.

He leaves behind a wife, Mickey; three daughters, Cheryl, Gloria and Mary; brothers and sisters, Jenny, Dolores, Ernie and Valario; and five great-grandchildren.

He was a Shriner, Mason and president of "The Club Latino" in Bell Gardens. He also served in the Army during World War II.

A wake was held Tuesday at Zrelak Family Mortuary. Services were Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey with burial at Calvary Cemetery in Whittier.



Lorraine Driscoll worked in Downey

PORTLAND, MAINE – Lorraine Willette Driscoll, a resident of Downey for 25 years, passed away in Portland, Maine in late November.

Driscoll was born in 1931 in Bangor, Maine to Joseph and Dorothy Willette. She attended schools in Portsmouth, New Hamp., and later moved to Portland, Maine, where she graduated from Portland High School in 1949. While in Portland, she was employed by New England Telephone and was involved in the Pythian Sisters and the Grange.

In the late 1960s, she moved to Downey to raise her son and was also employed by GTE for 25 years. After retiring in 1991, she moved back to Portland.

She is survived by her mother; sons Jay Adams of Essen, Germany and Loren Driscoll of Los Alamitos; grandchildren Ireland and Ian Driscoll; sister Gwendolyn Nichols of Portland, Maine; and brothers Kenneth Willette of San Antonio, Texas and Joseph Willette of Portland, Maine.



Dr. Paul Travis was longtime physician

DOWNEY – Dr. Paul Travis, a family physician in the Southeast district for over 50 years, and a Downey resident since 1951, passed away at the age of 86 of Jan. 21. He died, surrounded by family, from complications of pneumonia.

Born Aug. 29, 1920, he graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science in 1941, and a degree in medicine in 1946, and began his practice of medicine in Huntington Park in 1948.

A scratch golfer, he was a lifetime member of the Rio Hondo Men's Club, a member of the Wilshire Country Club for 35 years, and 1963 California State Amateur Golf Champion.

A voracious reader, he enjoyed going to the Downey City Library for his weekly supply of newly released books.

He was loved by his wife, Donna; children, Julie and Chris, and their spouses, Jim Brown and Diane Fitzwater; grandchildren, Jason and Valerie Brown, and Tyler and Stephanie Travis; his brothers and their spouses, Knight and Beverly, and Duane and Myla.



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KIRKWOOD

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least one-two levels above grade. Graduates who have gone on to college (and most of them do) invariably score at least 3.5 GPAs.

The program is an outgrowth of Bill's doctoral dissertation in the '70s at USC on "Self-Esteem." To this he added five other "affective continuums": investment of energy, value development, goal-directed behavior, responsibility, and independency. These would be the building blocks of character which, together with the program's seven vaunted curriculum levels (starting with learning colors, shapes, manipulatives, pencil skills, etc. to "advanced" history, geography, science, cursive writing, Christian Value Builders, etc., courses), would evolve into a unique system of education designed to "lay a solid and permanent foundation for every child to become successful through the development of Christian character and academic excellence."

The linchpin of the program is the so-called 5-Minute Hour, where the teacher spends time with the student reviewing her/her work, assists in planning the day's activities and otherwise smoothing out any issues bothering the child.

As the schools' name indicates, the unique program is undergirded by Christian values and spiritual growth. It welcomes children of working parents, and there is no selection factor in admissions. Preschool enrollment is maintained at a manageable 100 children; the elementary school accommodates 140 eager learners at a time. With a complement of 35 carefully selected teachers, who undergo continuous training, the preschool operates at a 8-10 to 1 ratio, the elementary at 15 to 1. There is, inevitably, a waiting list. Its day care program alone is a magnet to parents. A Rotarian, Kirkwood, who was a classmate and co-graduate (1960) at Downey High of world-renowned oceanographer Robert Ballard, retired dentist Ken Ferraro, and business executive Lonnie Records—all of whom are enshrined in the Downey High Hall of Fame—took his bachelor's in philosophy, "with multiple minors," at Long Beach State and his master's in clinical psychology at Pepperdine in the '60s. His Ph.D. at USC was in counseling (individual and group counseling, and research design). While taking his graduate studies, he worked for a number of years as a psychologist at the Metropolitan State Hospital and in Hollywood. It was while he was working on his Ph.D. that he wrote a Self-Esteem Test for an ethnically diverse L.A. Unified School District. It was used to test 10,000 students.

A stint at the Downey Unified School District saw him work with then Superintendent Dr. Bob Riley. Bill chaired the curriculum development and program implementation committee, solidifying his career focus on education.

At one time he was also involved in a long-running PBS TV series on art education, using a Walter Foster art book as a tool. Demonstrations at various art associations were not uncommon. Antedating this was Bill's promotion of the art gallery run by Zela Brumley on Downey and 3rd. It featured the works of artist William Alexander.

Bill has fond memories of his growing years. When he was born, his father's work as an electrical contractor caused the family to move to Washington. Back in Downey, David, his dad, wired both Warren High School and West Middle School when they were being built. Bill remembers working in the cafeteria when he was in elementary school. "And, of course," he chuckles, "when you work in there, you get a free lunch."

"I was an Eagle Scout when I was in 6th grade at East Middle School," Bill continues, "and I had the honor of running both California and U. S. flags up the flagpoles. I worked during the summers, and as a journeyman, I, along with other kids, earned enough money to satisfy our needs."

Apart from Rotary, Bill has maintained active memberships in the Chamber of Commerce, the Family YMCA (especially with its preschool, day care Character Development Program), and G.O.O.D. (Gangs Out of

Downey).

He points out that in 1965 he married the former Connie Downey who lived on Downey Avenue at the time. Besides Jennifer (the school's CEO), he has two other daughters: the oldest, who is married and has two children, resides in Tucson, AZ, with her husband who is connected with Medical Imaging; and the just married middle one, who is an attorney, an Orange County public defender, and is the school's COO.

Bill impresses even fellow Rotarians as quiet and reserved. Moreover, they may discern a far away look in his eye perhaps. But that's because, truth to tell, he's always thinking, always absorbed with his next book design, always mentally tinkering with his pedagogical program, every facet of which he originally conceived, meticulously researched and tested, and which, with the success of his school, has without question been repeatedly validated.

"I plan to do this for another 15-20 years," he says.

He walked me around the front yard of his two-acre estate on Tweedy Lane (where his 91-year old mother, JoAnn, and 90-year-old David occupy a separate dwelling) pausing to look at assorted marble statues of saints and angels and other objects we couldn't identify, and I learned he used to play golf. He said he gave it up when he realized his ability fell far short of the game's demands (even though he had an 11-handicap). Talk about acknowledging one's limits!

The picture of a true intellectual, Bill is now hard at work at what he says is the next stage of his vision: making his educational program accessible to young children all over the world via the Internet. He calls it the Distant Learning Program. He plans to launch it in 2009.

When friends and colleagues the next time behold that distant look in his eye, they'll know he's working. More precisely, he's cogitating.

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HILL

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having spots of blood on its surface. Blood was also found on the car's rear bumper.

"We are doing a DNA testing on the blood to see if it matches Hill, but one would certainly assume it's her blood," said Amormino.

An ADP security guard noticed the car in the employee parking lot last Thursday, finally reporting the vehicle on Tuesday to someone at the business, who immediately called authorities after recognizing the car from news reports, said authorities.

Hill was last seen at 6 a.m. on Jan. 9 leaving her graveyard shift at the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Downey. On Jan. 14, Hill's wallet, identification and car registration were found along a trail in Whittier.

Authorities are also investigating a sexual-harassment complaint at the plant to determine whether or not her role as a potential witness played a part in her disappearance. Hill and her husband Robert were also in the process of getting a divorce at the time of her disappearance.

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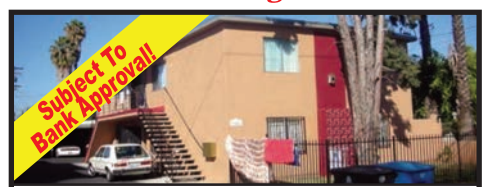
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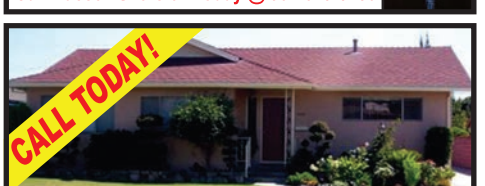
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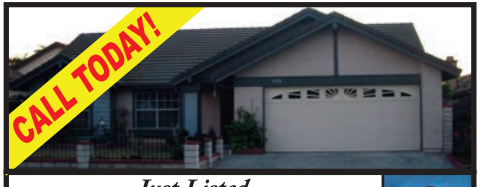
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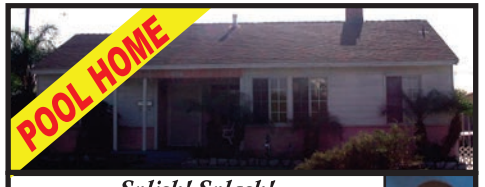
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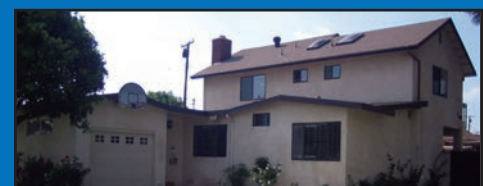
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