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After brief break, Welch ready for football return *Takes over 2-8 team*

By Scott Cobos

Jeff Welch remembers the good times when he was the head coach of Warren High School's football team. During his previous nine-year reign over the Bears' football squad, he led them to seven CIF playoff appearances. His most memorable moment during those nine years was when he coached a group of players who finished a year 2-8 then followed up the next year with the same group of kids finishing with a 9-3 record, taking them to the second round of the CIF playoffs. With all those memories in the rear view mirror, he's ready to make his move back to the head of Warren's football team.

Back to school

Welch resigned as head coach after his 2002 year to pursue a family-owned business. He took control of the Downey Christian School and helped his wife, Sandra, put together a blossoming program.

During his time as an administrator at the school, he helped construct a successful program for preschoolers to fifth grade. He says his greatest achievement at the school during his four years was building it up and watching it grow. According to Welch, when he and his wife took control of the school, there were only 38 kids in attendance. After years of hard work, that attendance jumped from 38 to 150 kids.

Welch credited the success of the school to the great teachers and staff that put in the time to make the school a place for kids to have an opportunity for a great learning experience.

During his years as head coach, Welch built a consistently competitive football program that was always looked upon as a top team in the San Gabriel Valley League. The league contains some of the tougher teams in the CIF division such as Downey High School and Dominguez High School, who are last year's Division III champions.

He cites his success to the great coaching staffs he's had in the past, the wonderful administration that has been there to support him, and most importantly, the commitment from players on his teams and the players' parents.

His philosophy toward the game has nothing to do with trick plays or a West Coast offense. According to Welch, winning games has everything to do with commitment and determination.

"You don't have to be the biggest or fastest, you just have to be committed," Welch said.

Looking ahead

His goals for this year's team follow his philosophy. He always aims to get players in the program determined, committed, loyal, and responsible on the field as well as in the classroom.

"Coach Welch loves the game of football and he always expected us to do our best on and off the field," said Mark Caswell, an ex-player of Welch's. "He always stressed to us how important it was to get an education."

Welch explained how this year he is implementing a study hall session in the morning for all his players. Academics should be a huge part to his players he believes. They were to him when he attended school.

Warren product

Welch attended and graduated from Warren High School before going on to college. While at Warren, he played football as a safety under Coach Randy Drake who is now coaching baseball at Warren. Welch says his inspiration to coach came from Drake.

Welch says Drake helped him as a player and as a coach. According to Welch, Drake helped him understand that being disciplined and committed is what it takes to be successful.

"He's a great guy to go to for advice," Welch said.

After graduating, he went on to Cerritos College where he also played some football. However, before transferring from Cerritos College, he was injured breaking a few ribs and collapsing a lung. It was after that accident that he decided to buckle down and focus completely on school.

After finishing at Cerritos College, he transferred over to Cal State Long Beach where he majored in Health Sciences. He said that he remembers the long nights in the library studying for exams. Welch graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from CSULB and attained his teaching credentials there as well.

Welch then started teaching at Warren where he has been for 17 years. It was now Athletic Director Steve Hill that helped him get into Warren as a Health teacher. According to Welch, Hill gave up some of his Health classes in order to allow him to start teaching.

Earlier in his teaching career, Welch also coached Warren's football team, but not as a head coach. He coached the lower levels before becoming the head coach of the program.

Welch and the rest of his coaching staff are looking forward to a hard fought but successful year. They are holding tryouts on campus looking for players for the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Frosh teams. They hope to implement their ideology into the team. The goal for this year is to make sure each player works as hard as possible as Welch hopes to pick up from where he left off.

2005 Warren football results:

at Northwood	Loss	31-7
Millikan	Loss	27-19
Tustin	Win	30-14
Beverly Hills	Loss	48-20
Los Altos	Loss	35-10
Paramount	Win	17-6
at Lakewood	Loss	35-7
Downey	Loss	35-14
at Dominguez	Loss	56-7
Lynwood	Loss	44-0



ENGAGED – Dr. and Mrs. Peter Mocciano have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina, to Paul Granata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Granata. Christina is a graduate of the University of Southern California and is currently finishing a Master's program for a career as a school psychologist. Paul is the owner of Granata's Restaurant. The couple will be married in July.

Tickets on sale for 'Nunsense' opening

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the opening weekend of "Nunsense" Feb. 23-26 at the Downey Theater.

Moode directs and Emmy-nominee Miriam Nelson choreographs with Steven Dahlke as musical conductor.

This award-winning musical features the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" putting on a benefit talent show. The cast includes DCLO veterans Brenda Cox, Robin La Valley, Milinda Meehan, Erin Rettino and Joan Perkins.

For tickets and information, call 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesday – Friday, 1-5 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. "Nunsense" continues March 3-5 and 10-12.

Arc Walk slated for March 25

DOWNEY – The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, will be held Saturday, March 25 at Downey's Stonewood Center near the Acapulco Restaurant.

Phillip Palmer of KABC-7 will be the master of ceremonies for this year's event, which drew over 2,000 supporters last year. The Warren High School Marching Band and the Mayfair High School Jazz Band will also be featured. Acapulco Restaurant will serve a free breakfast to all participants who participate in the walk.

The event includes two walking courses, a one-mile and three-mile course. Registration fee is \$10 and children under 10 are free. The walk starts at 8 a.m. outside Acapulco Restaurant on Firestone Blvd. in Downey.

Wescom Credit Union is the Platinum/Host Sponsor for this year's event with a gift of over \$7,000.

"We appreciate the vital work that Arc does for people with disabilities and we are proud to be associated with this fine organization," said Wescom President/CEO Darren Williams.

Wescom Credit Union was named Arc's "Employer of the Year" in 2005 for their hiring of an individual with a developmental disability.

To register for the Walk, call 803-4606 or e-mail arckmac@aol.com. On-site registration will also be available.

Kidsday Hall of Fame nominations now taken

DOWNEY—Community leaders, employers, teachers, coaches and parents are urged to nominate outstanding young people (grades 1-12) who are achieving academically, athletically or improving themselves and their community for election into the Kidsday Hall of Fame, by which the city honors the extraordinary achievements of Downey's youth.

Nomination forms, complete with instructions and criteria, are available at the Community Services Department at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., at the Downey City Library, and at all Downey city parks. Nomination forms are due back at City Hall on Monday, March 20 by 5:30 p.m.

All nominees are invited to the Kidsday Hall of Fame ceremony on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Downey Theater. During the ceremony, the top nominees (as determined by a neutral panel of community leaders) will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

All nominees and inductees will receive "goody bags" and special certificates of achievement. At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone in attendance is invited to a short reception in the Theater courtyard.

Second graders sing before School Board

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District heard a performance by the young voices of the Second Grade Class of Alameda Elementary as part of Tuesday's regular Board meeting. Board President Donald La Plante thanked the children for their wonderful voices and presence on stage.

The children crowded the school district Board Room. Apparently there was a mixed communication as to how many 2nd graders attend Alameda.

In other action, the School Board received the Audit Report on all funds and accounts for the 2004-5 fiscal year as prepared by Vavrinek, Trine Day & Co. (CPA).

*Received the Official 2006 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Ballot for Region 24, and voted for no more than nine candidates.

*Accepted with gratitude donations to the district from the private sector which included a \$5,000 cash donation for field trips at Lewis Elementary from the Lewis PTA; three cameras and a printer worth \$705 for instructional use at Price Elementary from Nelson and Sandra Rego; a cash donation of \$4,300 for field trips and admissions at Ward Elementary from the Ward PTA; a cash donation of \$1,000 from Payless Shoesource Foundation for use at Sussman Middle School; ceramic molds valued at \$6,000 for the art department at Downey High from Loretta Gillard; and a cash donation from the Employee Community Fund of Boeing California of \$7,000 to support the operation of the TLC Center.

*Authorized attendance and payment of expenses for Convention and Conference attendance.

*Ratified payments as submitted for several Special Educational Placements.

*Ratified Due Process/Fair Hearing Order for a case, settlement of which was for \$850.

*Approved proposed Adoption of BP and AR 2365, Steroids.

*Approved proposed revisions to AR 3111, Regular School Calendar and AR3111.1, Adult School Calendar 2006-07.

*Approved revisions to AR4141, Certificated Personnel Salary Schedule revisions.

*Approved proposed revisions to AR5260, Senior Management Positions.

*Approved Part II of the consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs and submitted the application to the State Department of Education.

*Approved the 2006 Elementary Summer School proposal.

*Approved the 2006 Secondary Summer School Program.

*Ratified purchase orders by the Purchasing Department.

*Ratified the issuance of Payroll Orders for Hourly, Overtime, Civic Center work by Classified Personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of December, 2005.

*Ratified authorized warrants incurred by law or district policy for the month of January 2006.

*Ratified an agreement Between Downey Adult School Care and Education Center and Dr. Sheri Carnegie to provide office skill internships.

*Ratified an agreement between Downey Adult School Career Education Center and Adult to Dawn Urgent Care to provide office skill internships.

*Ratified the agreement between the Adult School Career and Education Center and La Familie Medical center to provide skills externships.

*Ratified agreement between the Downey Adult School Career and Education Center and Dr. Renee Patel, M.D. to provide office skills and externships.

*Ratified the agreement between Downey Adult School Career and Education Center and Tweedy Medical Clinic to provide office skills and externships.

*Ratified an agreement between Public Economics, Inc to provide a residential and commercial fee justification study, effective Feb. 1, 2006.

*Ratified an extension of the current contract with Wal-Mart to offer externships to Downey Adult School students through Jan 31, 2007.

*Approved the contract with Axiom Management Advisors and consultants for SARC Select services including Spanish translation for publication during the 2005-06 school year.

*Accepted and awarded a package 20 low voltage system-telenet vop for classroom modernization building at Warren High by Telenet Vop of Los Angeles in the sum of \$688,000 to be charged to the Bond funds.

*Awarded bid 10 for work at Downey High School building to PW Construction of Glendora in the sum of \$9,998,300 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 1 to purchase order with Harcourt School Publisher of Lewisville, Texas in the increased sum of \$3,409 to be charged to the Categorical Fund.

*Approved change order 21 for new stadium construction at Downey and Warren on electrical work by Mel Smith Inc. of Stanton in the increased sum of \$150,000 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

*Approved change order 16 lath and plaster and drywall work by Church and Larson of Irwindale for work on the two stadiums in the increased sum of \$10,209 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 3 for modernization work at Unsworth Elementary by P.W. Construction of Glendora in the increased amount of \$61,525 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

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Downey girls going for the State Cup

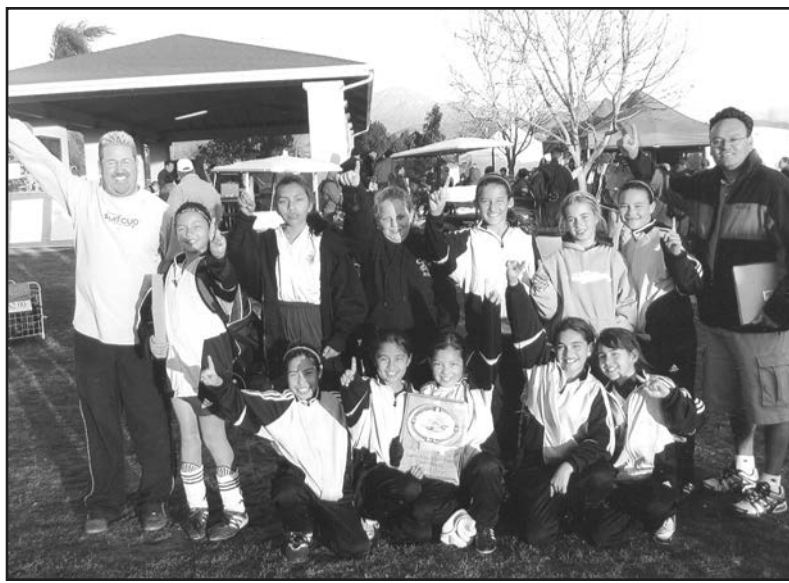
DOWNEY – Five Downey girls are among a team of soccer players who will be competing in the championship round of the California State Cup.

The girls are part of the Cerritos Regional Soccer Club's Infinity team, which features girls under the age of 10. The Infinity are one of four remaining teams in the tournament which originally included more than 60.

Infinity forward/mid-fielder Gaby Arellano, forward Lauren Guerra and defenders Bianca Posada, Natalie Ramirez and Breanna Velazquez are all from Downey.

The Infinity edged the number one seed San Diego Surf 2-1 in overtime to advance to the Elite 8. They next beat Santa Clarita 5-4 in another overtime game. That victory put the Infinity into the State Cup. The team is coached by Nick Posada and assistants.

The Infinity team previously won the Celtic Cup in January. The State Cup championship date was not announced.



CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND – The Infinity soccer team, which features five Downey girls, will soon compete for the California State Cup championship.

Workshop to cover homeland security

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School Principal Roger Brossmer has announced that registration is open for the new "Preparing Makes Sense – Get Ready Now," Homeland Security Workshop, scheduled for Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The workshop will cover the necessity of preparing to take care of yourself, your family and pets in case of a disaster or emergency. Learn how to prepare a personal easy-to-carry evacuation kit and how to plan your seven-day shelter-at-home supplies. The instructors are Harriet Paine, former 1980's City of Downey Family Disaster Preparedness instructor and seminars for U.S. Department of Civil Defense officials, and Susan Paine, a member of the Downey Community Response Team (CERT).

The class is free and printed materials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Southern California Earthquake Center will be supplied. One member of every family and all seniors are encouraged to enroll.

To register or for more information, call Downey Adult School at 940-6200.

Storytime Festival tomorrow at mall

DOWNEY – The Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey invites children of all ages to their annual Storytime Festival, Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Fountain Court of Stonewood Center.

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. storytellers will bring books to life with costumes, props, and puppets. Over 800 books will be given away free to students who attend. Face painting will also be available.

Plans underway for next 'Relay for Life' in June

DOWNEY—Interested team leaders and event planners for the upcoming American Cancer Society-sponsored *Relay for Life* scheduled June 10-11 in Downey are invited to the meeting Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Rio Hondo ACS Unit, 9901 Paramount Blvd., #245, in Downey (Tel. 562-776-0201).

More than 200 of Downey residents on June 10 and 11 will take turns walking or running around a track to raise funds for much-needed cancer research, community education, legislative advocacy and patient service programs. *Relay for Life* is a 24-hour event that empowers the community to take part in the fight against cancer while honoring the survivors and remembering loved ones lost to the disease.

The American Cancer Society says you, too, can make a difference in the fight against cancer by taking part in the event. To find out how you can get involved otherwise, visit www.cancer.org.

Pre-School grand opening/ribbon cutting

DOWNEY—Children's Academy of Success (CAS), located at 10839 La Reina Ave. in Downey, will have its grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony at noon Tuesday, Feb. 28, with an assist from the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement describes its role: "The Children's Academy of Success is no ordinary pre-school, and it's definitely not a day care. Their goals and standards are higher. They use a blend of the world's most successful and scientifically proven teaching methods; tailor-made to suit each individual child's needs. Meanwhile, their warm and nurturing environment will instill discipline, structure and positive values while providing ample opportunities for childhood fun and exploration."

CEO David Sarinana says the pre-school is now accepting applications. For information, call (562) 923-2191.

Ard makes WSU president's honor roll

PULLMAN, WASH.—Washington State University student Sherrie Ann Ard of Downey was one of some 50 students who have earned recognition on the President's Honor Roll for the fall 2005 semester, according to the registrar's office.

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

Library offers PowerPoint instruction

DOWNEY—"Introduction to PowerPoint," which gives the basics of making computer presentations, is a workshop offering of the Downey City Library slated for tomorrow, Feb. 25 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the computer lab.

The free workshop will help students organize and design professional presentations using graphics and text. Participants must be familiar with using a computer mouse and Microsoft Windows.

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

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Schools

*Approved change order 2 final cleanup work on new stadiums at the two high schools in the increased sum of \$3,500 to Ultimate Maintenance to be charged to the Bond and/or General Fund.

*Accepted as complete fencing work on a bid by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$73,058 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

*Accepted as complete various projects with paving and repairs by Tarra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$6,738 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete repair work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$19,599 to be charged to the General and/or Bond funds.

*Accepted as complete electrical work at the two new stadiums at Downey and Warren by Mel Smith of Stanton in the sum of \$2,732,870 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete Lath, Plaster and Drywall at the two stadiums by Larsen and Church of Baldwin Park in the sum of \$2,765,600 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete the final cleanup bid on the two new stadiums by Ultimate Maintenance Services of Lawndale for the final sum of \$42,434 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund restricted budget to reflect the decreases in the underbalance.

*Approved an adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund unrestricted balance to reflect the decreases in funding.

*Approved the sale of surplus personal property by Nationwide Auction and abate the income to the General Fund.

*Ratified the establishment and abolishment of several positions corresponding to current classifications.

*Reviewed proposed change to AR 1221, use of school facilities.

*Reviewed proposed BP and AR 2630, District Wellness policy for adoption.

*Adopted the proposed 2006-07 Course of study for middle schools and high schools.

*Reviewed proposed changes to AR 1105 uniform complaint procedure.

*Reviewed proposed revisions to BP and AR 2108, intradistrict enrollment.

*Reviewed proposed changes to AR 3126, Graduation.

The next public meeting of the Downey School Board will be Tuesday, March 7 at 5 p.m. at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

Casino Night fundraiser March 11

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation #426 and Knights of Columbus Council #3697 are sponsoring a Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, March 11 from 6-10 p.m. at Knights' Hall, 11231 Rives Ave. in Downey. All profits from the event will go to charitable organizations.

Cost to participate is \$25 per person, which includes \$200 Play Money, hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket.

To reserve a spot, call Cas Lombardo, 862-3797 no later than March 6.



OPENING TONIGHT – Marsha Moode directs "Nunsense" at the Downey Theater.

Diabetes Health Fair at Downey Regional

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, invites the community to a free Diabetes Health Fair to be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the lower level conference rooms.

Cardiologist Dr. Kaushai Tamboli will speak on "Diabetes and your Heart" at 9:30, followed by a GlaxoSmithKline representative's presentation on "Medicare Part D and the Value of Medicine" at 10:30. Endocrinologist Dr. David Berger will present "Diabetes Update" at 1 p.m.

From 9 to 11 a.m., visitors can receive free screenings for glaucoma, glucose, stroke and blood pressure. There will also be an "Ask the Doctor" opportunity.

Numerous area healthcare vendors will have tables at the Fair, including Abbot Diabetes Care, Alliance Pioneer Medical Group, Aventis, Bayer Healthcare, Downey Select IPA Medical Group, GlaxoSmithKline, LifeScan, Mini Pharmacy, Novo Nordisk, Pioneer Medical Group, Roche Diagnostics, Victory Drug and Surgical, and Zweber Pharmacy.

For information, contact the DRMC department of education, 904-5580.

OLPH annual wine tasting fundraiser

DOWNEY—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School invites the community to its annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 25 from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. The event will be held at the school hall located at 10441 South Downey Ave. in Downey.

In addition to enjoying great wines, the event will feature hors d'oeuvres, gourmet beer, carbonated beverages and other drinks.

Funds raised at the event will benefit the school's programs and students. A \$30 donation to the fundraiser will admit one adult to the event; a \$50 donation will admit one couple. For ticket information, call the school office at 869-9969.

Granata's to hold golf tournament

DOWNEY – Granata's Italian Villa will be holding its third annual golf tournament to benefit Gangs Out of Downey on June 28. Sign-ups are being taken at Granata's, 11032 Downey Ave.

For more information, call Paul Granata at 861-2997

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Effort to clarify Part D for seniors

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department announced last week that the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center in conjunction with the Health Counseling Advocacy Program, will schedule public informational appointments on the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit which began in January.

The appointments will be held in the Riley Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Additional topics will include how Medicare works, Supplement Long Term Care Insurance and Health Maintenance Organizations. To schedule an appointment, call the Center at (562) 904-7223.

Local student wins honor for award-winning art

DOWNEY – A local student has received recognition for her creative work in the AAA National School Traffic Safety Poster Contest.

Rebecca Costa, a fifth grader at St. Raymond School in Downey, earned a 3rd place award and \$50 for her poster depicting the traffic safety theme "Helmet Safety." Her teacher is D. Rush.

"Traffic collisions are the leading cause of death among children and young people," said Hend Hasrouni, manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California's Downey office. "During 2004 in California, 154 young people ages five through 14 were killed and 21,668 were injured in traffic collisions. For teen drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists ages 15 through 19, there were 38,422 killed or injured in auto crashes. The contest allows kindergartners to 12th graders to use their creativity to interpret safety messages that could save many lives."

The Auto Club reproduces some of the winning posters and distributes them free of charge to schools throughout Southern California to remind students about traffic safety issues.

"Thousands of students enter the poster competition every year," Hasrouni said. "And all of the students help AAA bring important but often overlooked traffic safety messages to the forefront. The competition emphasizes the essential role education plays in these issues."

The joys of reading celebrated March 2

DOWNEY—"Read Across America," the national celebration of reading which was started nine years ago by the National Education Association to promote literacy by encouraging adults to read to children and to help students improve their academic performance, will be celebrated in California Thursday, March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. On this day, the California Teachers Association (CTA) and local teachers' associations will orchestrate reading events in schools and communities across the state.

Theme this year continues last year's theme of "Happy Readers Come from California...got books?"

Among the dedicated partners and supporters working in tandem with CTA to promote the 'joys of reading' are Barnes and Noble, the California Library Association, California Professional Firefighters, the California School Library Association, the Dairy Council of California, the Dodgers Dream Foundation, Hilton Los Angeles Airport, the Los Angeles Times, Northland Publishing/Rising Moon, and Scholastic.

All subscribe to the notion that 'learning to read is one of the most important things a child will ever learn to do.' Moreover, they agree that "the more children read, the better they read. And the more they read outside of school, the better they do in school. Continued exposure to reading and vocabulary encourages learning and the expansion of new ideas."

Keys they recommend to helping a child become a good reader include: starting them early, surrounding your child with a reading-rich environment, talking with your child, and teaching your child while you read aloud.

To receive a Read Across America packet or other materials/information (which offer a fuller exposition of the above ideas), contact Sheri Miyamoto, (562) 942-7979, or e-mail smiyamoto@cta.org, or visit www.cta.org.

Soroptimists' Academy Awards gala March 5

DOWNEY—Major attractions at the upcoming Academy Awards gala fundraiser Sunday, March 5 sponsored by Soroptimist International of Downey include being able to view the awards ceremony on a 15-ft. projection screen and the chance to win prizes for guessing the winners of many of the categories, as well as bid on a silent auction.

The event will be held at the Rio Hondo Event Center, starting at 4 p.m. with appetizers and drinks. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Cost for what organizers say will be a 'night to remember' is \$60 per person.

Soroptimist International of Downey, which is this year celebrating over 50 years of service to the community, is a women's service organization that is part of a larger, worldwide organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and children. SI of Downey prides itself in not only providing scholarships to students and women, but in helping other local organizations each year perform service to the community.

For more information, call Dorothy at 927-9908 or Carol at 904-7159 or Jan at 806-3701.

Recipes sought for community cookbook

DOWNEY – Downey residents are invited to submit their favorite recipes to the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for possible inclusion in a community cookbook.

Up to two recipes per person are allowed and the submitter's name will be included beneath each recipe. Recipes may also be submitted on behalf of a deceased family member or friend.

Deadline for submissions is April 1 in anticipation of the cookbook's publication before Christmas 2006. Recipes should be mailed to Paula Mayfield, 9107 Lemoran Ave., Downey, CA 90240. Include full name, address and phone number – as well as age if contributor is a child – in all submissions. Call 923-3518 for more information.



DONATION FOR THE 'Y'—Janis Simon, left, and Orlandus Waters of Downey Federal Credit Union present Dr. Wendy Doty with a donation for the Downey Family YMCA. Doty, Downey Unified School District superintendent, is the team leader the YMCA's annual fundraising campaign. The donation will help fund youth programs at the local Y.



50 HOPEFULS—Are vying for this year's Miss Downey/Miss Teen Downey March 18.

Miss Downey contestants announced

DOWNEY—A total of 50 contestants are vying for this year's Miss Downey/Miss Teen Downey title. They are:

Maria Aguilar, Amy Aguirre, Brigitte Alvarez, Jennifer Andrade, Shadae Arechiga, Megan Casey, Stephanie DeLeon, Anessa Enslin, Maria Garcia, Grecia Gonzalez, Kelly Halley, Denisse Hernandez, Jessica Hernandez, Cassidy Jackson, Jennifer Jobling, Carina Lopez, Alexis Luna, Tania Manchenkov, Melissa Munoz, Christina Ramos, Whitney Rysavy, Chantelle Sanguily, Kimberly Scott, Lindsey Sherman, Stephanie Solis, Maggie Stanley, Connie Torres, Jessica Tovar, Carla Verdusco, Alicia Winter, Elizabeth Zaragoza, Brianna Alvarez, Roxy Arteaga, Denise Antillon, Carli Ciatti, Tabitha Colacion, Kristine DeLa Torre, Sarah Del Rio, Rosalinda Diaz, Katie Guzman, Breanna Hoskins, Maritza Orozco, Minta Ramey, Crystal Schonviesner, Katarina Schweitz, Amanda Timoney, Katlyn Wheeler, Kandace Zamora, Marilyn Zamora, and Stephanie Zuniga.

Crowning takes place Saturday, March 18. Interested sponsors or those desiring tickets should call the Director, (562) 824-7172.

World Day of Prayer observed March 3

DOWNEY—The Southeast unit of Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer Friday, March 3 with a service held at the Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Road. The community is invited.

The service at 10 a.m. will be preceded by coffee fellowship at 9:30 a.m. For information, call the church office, 927-0718.

'Drawing & Painting for Kids' begins

DOWNEY—The "Drawing & Painting for Kids" (ages 7-14) class sponsored by the city of Downey Community Services Department begins today, March 24 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

The drawing class is offered from 4-5 p.m., the painting class from 5-6 p.m. In drawing, students will learn perspective, light logic and composition, with the first two weeks focusing on developing technical skills. The painting class is an introductory class into painting using acrylic and egg tempera. Course projects include still life, portraits and landscaping.

Fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. For information/to register, call 904-7238.

After-school tennis starts March 6

DOWNEY—The city of Downey Community Services Department offers both Intermediate and Beginners tennis "after school" for youth ages 8-18 at Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd. in Downey. The classes will be conducted Mondays/Wednesdays (for Intermediate/Advanced) and Tuesdays/Thursdays (Beginners) starting Monday, March 6.

The classes will provide participants with efficient tennis techniques, proper movement and the basics of match play through the professional instruction of a Certified Professional Instructor. The fee for each session is \$100 for six weeks, from 3:30-5 p.m. For information/to register, call 904-7238.

OASIS program meets every Monday

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's OASIS program (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meets every Monday for a dinner and educational presentation in the campus's cafeteria, with weekly topics ranging from legal and medical news to art appreciation.

Dinner tickets are \$3.50 but visitors can attend the program only at no charge. Programs begin at 4 p.m. but doors open an hour earlier.

Past program topics have included consumer issues, nutrition, cooking tips, financial advice, shopping ideas, travelogues, music programs and safe and fraud protection advice. There is a new speaker every week.

Harriett Paine is the resource instructor for OASIS. Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

The poets' corner

Anaheim Hills Fire 2006

today a blaze has broken out
where no smoke from back fires has been seen for days
something underground must be smoldering

thirty miles away in Downey
citizens cough and brush away the flakes that fall like snow
from the heavy clouds that drift in the winter blue sky

up in the Cleveland National Forest
where flames are charring the dry chaparral
sage-scrub quail beat their wings breaking cover

joining the desperate wasps and skippers crowding the air
with hawks and merlins and horrified pygmy owls
each trying to stay one flutter ahead of the stifling smoke

a stand of tecate cypress gets closer to extinction
one specimen incinerates the next one
slowly turns into an orange torch

puffy white seedbeds of coyote bush
burn with the brilliance of woodpeckers' wings
a thrush's nest becomes a cinder cup of leaves

roots that seemed lifeless
but not dead yet
have come to flame

—Lorine Parks,
Downey

Free immunizations for children March 8

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District and St. Francis Medical Center are once again sponsoring free immunizations for children ages 4-18 Wednesday, March 8 from 3-7 p.m. at the Price Elementary Cafeteria, 9525 Tweedy Lane in Downey.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, bringing with them the child's immunization record.

For information, call 904-3575.

West Middle launches new Parent Academy

DOWNEY—West Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd. in Downey, will host its first annual Parent Academy Tuesday, Feb. 28, in honor, according to school principal Craig Bertsch, of the "outstanding parents who support us in our efforts to provide an exemplary education for our students" and thus further strengthen "the strong relationships we have developed and maintained with parents in educating students."

The Parent Academy will be open to the greater community, and to accommodate as many families as possible, two conferences will be offered: morning sessions will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. and end at 9:45 a.m., and the evening workshops will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents can attend two workshops and receive a wealth of information.

A sampling of topics that should prove useful to parents includes:

- *Technology
- *Homework assistance/academic reading
- *Parenting tips
- *Helping your English learner at home
- *College readiness/awareness

For information, call (562) 469-6500, ext. 4680.

Dr. Seuss storytime at library Feb. 28

DOWNEY—A special storytime has been scheduled from 10:30-11 a.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., to enable preschool children and their parents to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. They will hear their favorite books by Dr. Seuss, enjoy games, music and birthday treats. The program includes a special prize drawing.

For information, contact Children's Services, 904-7360, ext. 4.

OASIS presents barbershop quartet

DOWNEY—The "Four Guys and a Song Barbershop Quartet" will sing lots of old and new harmonies when they perform "The Winning Combination" at Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday, Feb. 27.

The class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m., and, after the program, a full-course dinner is served at 5 p.m. For information, call 940-6200.

Christian Club to explore antiques

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet March 8 at 11:45 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club for their lunch meeting, where the special feature will be "Antique Items Over 75."

Diana Yingling will speak on "From Brokenness to Wholeness" and Diana Oki will provide the music.

Everybody is invited to the lunch, including men, which costs \$12. Reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at 927-8488 or Delores at 868-7135.

Little League in search of alumni

DOWNEY – Northwest Downey Little League is searching for alumni who played in the 1950's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's to help with Opening Day ceremonies on March 5, when the organization celebrated its 50th anniversary. For more information, call Rich Gibson at 861-2333.

Special prayer time on Ash Wednesday

DOWNEY – Messiah Lutheran Church will have a special prayer time from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 1. The church will be open for prayer for members and anyone in the community who would like to spend time in prayer. The pastors will be available to place the ashes on the forehead of anyone who wishes.

Ash Wednesday worship will be begin at 7 p.m. in English and 8:15 p.m. in Spanish.

SCAG gets grant for growth planning

LOS ANGELES—Through a competitive grant process, the state of California has awarded the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) a \$1.25 million in Regional Blueprint Planning grant to conduct comprehensive regional growth scenario planning. With the state awarding a total of \$5 million in Blueprint grants, the SCAG award was the largest amount provided to a single metropolitan planning organization. The grant will support Southern California Compass, SCAG's ongoing growth visioning effort, to foster consensus by regional leaders, local governments and stakeholders on a preferred growth scenario — or "blueprint" — for a 20-year planning horizon.

The grant will help SCAG work with local communities to deal with future housing, congestion and air quality challenges, driven by population growth, changing demographics, economic and environmental concerns. Prior to the grant award 28 cities, counties, councils of government and other organizations submitted letters to the state indicating their support for the SCAG grant application.

"Awarding the Regional Blueprint Planning grant to SCAG indicates the state's strong support for SCAG's efforts to improve Southern Californians' quality of life with better land use and transportation planning that lead to more effective transportation infrastructure, housing, economic development and environmental quality," stated Toni Young, Port Hueneme City Councilmember and SCAG president.

SCAG recently started enlisting cities and counties in Southern California to become "2 Percent Strategy Demonstration Projects," receiving technical resources and services to develop planning strategies in accordance with SCAG's Compass "2 Percent Strategy" growth visioning initiative. The Compass 2 Percent Strategy is a regional growth visioning concept intended to provide improved mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability for all Southern Californians by reorienting development around existing and planned transportation infrastructure on just 2 percent of the region's land area. Cities such as Ontario, Rolling Hills Estates and Montclair have successfully gone through SCAG's selection process to undertake "2 Percent Strategy Demonstration Projects" due to their interest in exploring forward-thinking sustainable development solutions that fit local needs and support shared regional values.

The \$1.25 million grant will enable an increasing number of cities and counties to access the Compass services and support being provided by SCAG. In addition to expanding the number of demonstration projects SCAG can accommodate, the Blueprint grant will increase SCAG's educational outreach to local communities about transit-oriented land use development.

SCAG is continuing to receive requests from cities in its region to become 2 Percent Strategy Demonstration Communities. Demonstration projects may include such tactics as infill development, urban enhancements to downtown districts, multi-family housing, mixed-use development, transit oriented development, affordable housing and pedestrian infrastructure. Most demonstration projects will consist of sites that have the potential to make a significant impact on part of the community's physical form. Projects can help local governments explore new development techniques that find creative and beneficial ways to accommodate development. Types of projects could include portions of a general plan update, specific plans, feasibility studies, visioning workshops, redevelopment return on investment analysis, and visualization techniques.

Letters to the Editor:

Upcoming council meeting important

Dear Editor:

The Downey Homeowners Alliance would like to encourage all Downey residents to attend the Downey City Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Council will be listening to public comments on the subject of "Mansionization," so we urge everyone to plan on attending this important event. People should remember, it's not just talk about bulk and mass of residential projects; it's also about good design. A well-designed home will hold its value for future Downey residents to enjoy.

—George Redfox,
Chairman, Downey Homeowners Alliance

Family needs help

Dear Editor:

David Aguilliar, 7, was struck by a car while crossing the street late Friday afternoon (Jan. 27) on Western Ave. in Downey. He was rushed to UCLA Medical Center where he was pronounced brain dead. After it was determined that there was no chance of recovery, doctors let David pass on Sunday evening. His mother, two siblings and other family members were present.

The Aguilliar family is in desperate need of donations to help with expenses. Donations can be sent to the Downey Federal Credit Union, in the name of David Aguilliar, 8237 third Street, Downey, CA 90241. (Phone: (562) 862-8141. Fax: (562) 862-7782.)

For information, contact Dolores Goble, Rio Hondo Elementary School, 904-3568.

John Zander,
Downey



Letters to the Editor:

Illegal aliens and Wal-Mart

Dear Editor:

The unparalleled horde of illegal aliens coming across our borders has caused the jamming of our freeways, hospitals closing from non-payment, a strain on our utilities to keep up, and the growing problem of enough water to supply homes and crops.

There is another problem that seemingly has gone unnoticed. With the wealth of non-union low-cost labor, Wal-Mart has become a virtual terrorist to local businesses, and suppliers, who can't compete with Wal-Mart's cheaper products made in foreign countries by virtual slave labor. In Las Vegas, 8,400 employees in one company alone lost their jobs when Wal-Mart moved in.

Under the guise of helping American housewives and those on fixed incomes, Wal-Mart is raping America's middle-income jobholders that buy houses, new cars, etc., and causing their jobs to go to China, Japan and Korea. In addition to the huge number of stores they already have, Wal-Mart has announced they will open 1,000 new giant locations with grocery supplies that will wipe out more local businesses, and suppliers, and they are forcing Sears, Macy's, Target, and others, to import 90 percent of their goods and employ low-cost bilingual labor, to compete. If left unchecked millions of middle-income union-protected jobs will be a thing of the past.

—J. Hawkins,
Downey

The single life for me

Dear Editor:

Re: Eric Pierce's Valentine's Day column (The Downey Patriot, 2/17/06). Eric, Eric, Eric. You have it all wrong regarding your opinions on being single on Valentine's Day.

Being single, for as long as you may be, is wonderful. Go where you want, do what you want, and have dinner out as often and with as many different smart, intelligent friends you have who have chosen the single life too. If you're as good looking as Jerry Brady, you should have no trouble attracting lots of chicks to take to the beach, mountains or desert for a long leisurely lunch among beautiful settings. What's this about waitresses wearing just ties and where did they put those strawberries? Your friend who lined up a trip to the zoo, wow! A turkey looking at chimpanzees! Those geezers you mentioned, we have lots of those around, usually located where they have those stone markers with names printed on them.

Let's do lunch, Eric, and I'll teach you how to get a life.

—Shirley (tongue in cheek) Johnson,
Downey

Will someone explain?

Dear Editor:

Would someone please explain to me why there were three school holidays in February — the shortest month of the year? Also, what holiday is Feb. 3rd? And they wonder why kids are not learning anything.

—Doris Hannon,
Downey

Supports Tseklenis' suggestion

Dear Editor:

I was very pleased when Harold Tseklenis wrote the article about using solar energy and air quality for the new Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center now under development (The Downey Patriot, 2/17/06). His article was very encouraging. Harold is very knowledgeable about solar energy and air quality.

After talking to Harold, who is also a Downey Rotarian, he was of the opinion, and I agree, that the committee should consist of two City Councilmen, a lawyer such as Bob Brazelton, and maybe my old golfing buddy, Eric Lempke, who is very knowledgeable about air pollution, and other qualified citizens of Downey.

I am very excited about his suggestions and am looking forward to the Downey City Council forming a committee with haste.

—William G. Greene,
Downey

In praise of good work

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the article on my late husband, Gordon, in The Downey Patriot's Feb. 10 issue.

His Hawaiian relatives were at the house Saturday (Feb. 11) and we gave them copies to treasure forever and to copy for the others in Hawaii and elsewhere.

This is a most wonderful community and you play a big part in that. Your loving care regarding children and your coverage of the goings on at the District Board meetings keep the focus on children. Children are not only our future. They are the weakest voice in society — basically they cannot yet voice an opinion and get needs met appropriately. You are an advocate for them. Being an advocate for the least among us makes you a giant of a man in my eyes and in the eyes and hearts of countless others.

Also, your staff is just so darned nice and fun! I truly enjoyed my times in there with Robert and Linda and the others. We had some good belly laughs.

I'm glad Gordon met you and knew how highly you are regarded and number one in my book.

—Martha Sodetani,
Downey

Bus heading to Festival of Books


DOWNEY—Good news for those who enjoy great books, best-selling authors, good food and entertainment—the Friends of the Downey City Library are sponsoring a free bus trip to the UCLA Festival of Books Saturday, April 29.

The festival offers lectures, book reviews, storytelling and writing workshops by over 400 authors. Also featured will be book signings by some of today's leading authors. In addition, there will be poetry readings, as well as cooking demonstrations.

The trip would be ideal for book lovers who want to avoid the hassle of driving and parking on the Westwood campus. The bus will leave the city of Downey parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. and arrive back in Downey at 5 p.m. Bus transportation and festival admission are free, but some events require advance tickets.

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

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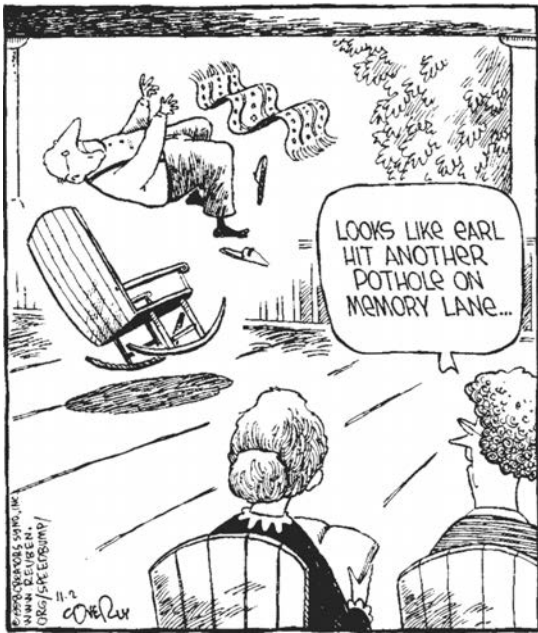
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Fri. Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.: **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.
 Fri. Feb. 24, 8:00 p.m.: **"Nonsense"** musical comedy presented by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. Also Saturday and Sunday. For tickets and information call 923-1714.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st 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 Carol Pearce at 622-1425.
 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 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.
 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., 7:30 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.
 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 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 Joe Becker at 869-1414
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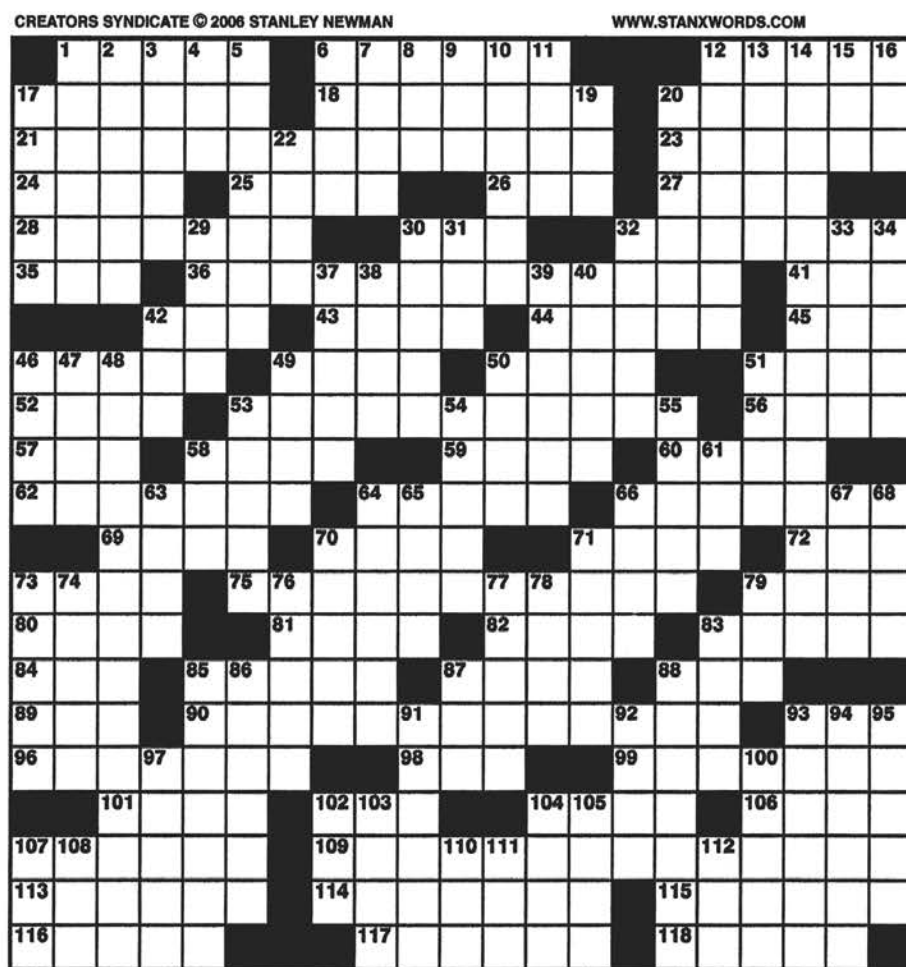
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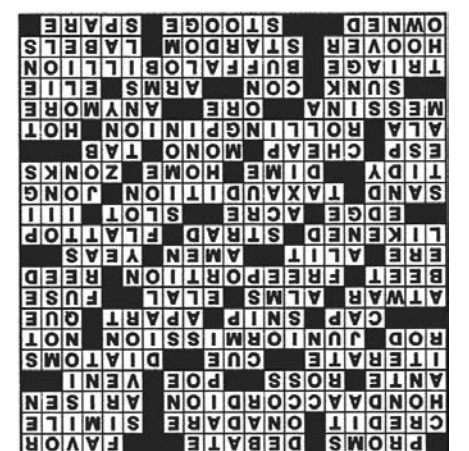
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 EXTRA CHARGE: With appropriately altered endings
 by Patrick Jordan

- ACROSS**
- 1 Some spring dances
 - 6 Argue formally
 - 12 Partygoer's souvenir
 - 17 Cite
 - 18 Because one was challenged
 - 20 "Pretty as a picture," e.g.
 - 21 Squeezabox from Japan?
 - 23 Out of bed
 - 24 Sweeten the pot
 - 25 Friends role
 - 26 Creator of the Ushers
 - 27 Start of Caesar's boast
 - 28 State again
 - 30 Stage signal
 - 32 Plankton particles
 - 35 Lightning attractor
 - 36 Making it to the 12th grade?
 - 41 "Batteries ___ included"
 - 42 Pop-bottle topper
 - 43 Sound in a salon
 - 44 Separate
 - 45 "¿_pasa?"
 - 46 Exchanging hostilities
 - 49 Charitable donation
 - 50 National airline since 1948
 - 51 Firecracker cord
 - 52 Redness exemplar
 - 53 Gratus serving?
 - 56 One of two in a bassoon
 - 57 Poetic preposition
 - 58 Dismounted
 - 59 Grace finale
 - 60 Proponents' votes
 - 62 Compared
 - 64 Rare violin
 - 66 Aircraft carrier
 - 69 Piece for a fringe
 - 70 Square-mile fraction
 - 71 Piggy-bank feature
 - 72 Sundial numeral
 - 73 Cement ingredient
 - 75 IRS agent's trial period?
 - 79 Author Erica
 - 80 Sizeable, as a sum
 - 81 Where to see FDR
 - 82 Sherwood Forest, to Robin Hood
 - 83 Let's Make a Deal booby prizes
 - 84 Mentalist's claim
 - 85 Chintzy
 - 87 Stereo predecessor
 - 88 Key above Caps Lock
 - 89 Bit of French on some menus
 - 90 Gear in motion?
 - 93 Sweltering
 - 96 Sicilian city
 - 98 It's mined and refined
 - 99 Nowadays
 - 101 Out of luck
 - 102 Swindler's setup
 - 104 Tentacles
 - 106 1986 Nobelist Wiesel
 - 107 ER procedure
 - 109 Huge herd on the Plains?
 - 113 Mining engineer who became President
 - 114 Understudy's dream
 - 115 Can wrappers
 - 116 Held the deed to
 - 117 Stapstick trio member
 - 118 A bowler may pick it up
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Italian phone greeting
 - 2 Became a tenant
 - 3 Less everyday
 - 4 Maureen O'Sullivan's daughter
 - 5 Fledgling business
 - 6 GPs, jocularly
 - 7 Son of denat'
 - 8 Cheers setting
 - 9 Utter parenthetically
 - 10 Chiang Kai-shek's capital
 - 11 Slangy suffix
 - 12 Biting insect
 - 13 Make ___ (reap big profits)
 - 14 "Are you nearsighted?," e.g.?
 - 15 Matador adorer's cry
 - 16 Friend of Stimpy
 - 17 Run, as a meeting
 - 19 Compass reading
 - 20 Rescuer
 - 22 Ethan or Joel of Hollywood
 - 29 Short of being shut
 - 30 Briskly cold
 - 31 Ref's counterpart
 - 32 Summon the operator
 - 33 Squeaky pest
 - 34 Gallant galloper
 - 37 Spot in a stream
 - 38 End of a generous declaration
 - 39 Sprinkled NaCl on
 - 40 The Prado's locale
 - 42 33 Down pursuer
 - 46 Genesis shepherd
 - 47 Actress Hatcher
 - 48 Saturday/Sunday hobby?
 - 49 Rain-deprived
 - 50 Humorist Bombeck
 - 51 Group with pins and pledges
 - 53 Bunch of battleships
 - 54 Took part in a regatta
 - 55 Stocking stuff
 - 58 Director Lee
 - 61 Gulp down
 - 63 Whirlpool
 - 64 Shrimp dish
 - 65 "I can't deny that"
 - 66 Seagoing ice sheet
 - 67 Sty cry
 - 68 Sty denizens
 - 70 Of a rotational line
 - 71 Broadway Bound writer
 - 73 Prepare soft-shell clams
 - 74 Path between grocery shelves
 - 76 Journalist ___ Rogers
 - 77 Optimistic expression
 - 78 Singer Tennille
 - 79 Nine-to-five's concern
 - 83 Like the Marx Brothers
 - 85 Shrank in terror
 - 86 Noisy goose
 - 87 Dept. store VIP
 - 88 Lumps in the throat
 - 91 Like some yogurt
 - 92 Metrical foot
 - 93 More hallowed
 - 94 Maryland's state bird
 - 95 Betty and Veronica, for two
 - 97 Smooth in style
 - 100 Peach ___
 - 102 **CSI: Miami** network
 - 103 Inning's sextet
 - 104 Sleep like ___
 - 105 Vatican City surround
 - 107 Even if, briefly
 - 108 Theater-ticket number
 - 110 Back the other way
 - 111 Wasteful bother
 - 112 NASCAR circuit



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DIATOMS (32 Across) are an important food source for fish and mollusks. Among the many literary works set (at least in part) in the Sicilian city of MESSINA ("Much Ado About Nothing" and Boccaccio's "Decameron" and Brothers Ethan and Joel COHEN/ directors of such films as "Fargo" and "Kissing Arizona."



Great Western Tours includes Nevada trip

DOWNEY—On the current Great Western Tours schedule sponsored by Downey Adult School is an extended tour of Las Vegas and Lake Mead Tuesday-Thursday, April 18-20, which will take tour passengers to a springtime Lake Mead Cruise aboard the Desert Princess (the pride of the Lake Mead Cruise fleet), taking the group right along the top of Hoover Dam, topped off by a visit to the Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum, located in the historic Boulder Dam Hotel.

Hotel accommodations are at the 4-Diamond (AAA) Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino located in downtown Vegas. Tour escort is Harriett Paine.

The three-day, two-night (\$209 Double Per Person/\$269 Single) Nevada tour includes: transportation, 2-nights Hotel Accommodations, one Breakfast Buffet, Welcome Cocktail, Lake Mead Cruise with Boxed Lunch, Self-Guided Tour of Hoover Dam, admission to Boulder/Hoover Dam Museum, driver's gratuity, tax, and baggage handling.

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. Call 940-6213 for additional tour information.

Hartley's solo show to run thru April 2

SHERMAN OAKS—Mariette Hartley's bittersweet, funny and deeply moving solo show, *If You Get to Bethlehem, You've Gone Too Far*, in which she portrays 11 characters, has extended its previously announced run through April 2 (there will be no performances the week of March 24-26) at Whitefire Theatre, 13500 Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks.

If You Get to Bethlehem, You've Gone Too Far is based on the Emmy Award-winning actress' best selling memoir, "Breaking the Silence." En route to the Abbey of Regina Laudis to visit starlet-turned-nun Dolores Hart, Hartley gets lost in rural Connecticut, near her childhood home. As she travels the winding, country roads trying to find her way, she revisits and comes to terms with a troubled family legacy of alcoholism and depression, finding a solace that has previously eluded her.

Hart, the prioress at the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut, will be in Los Angeles this spring for the first time in 40 years, and plans to attend the April 2 matinee.

Performances are on Fridays at 8 p.m.: Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 31 (dark March 24); Saturdays at 8 p.m.: Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18; April 1 (dark March 25); Sundays at 3 p.m.: Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19; April 2 (dark March 26). General admission tickets are \$25; student, senior, and group discounts available, by calling (866) 811-4111 or visiting www.theatermania.com.



MONA KING—Is appearing as Sister Leo in "Nunsense" which opened yesterday and runs through March 12 at the Downey Theatre. Call (562) 923-1714 for information and tickets.

Beverly Garland 1-woman show April 2

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, which is celebrating its 77th year of continuous operation, will present a one-woman show, "Beverly Garland's First 50 Years in Show Business" at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 on the Playhouse Mainstage.

The legendary star of 41 movies and nearly 700 TV shows candidly shares highs and lows of her Hollywood experiences, including dating Frank Sinatra, as Fred MacMurray's wife on *My Three Sons*, as Bing Crosby's wife on his TV series, as Kate Jackson's mother on *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*, losing the Emmy Award for Best Dramatic Actress to Dame Judith Anderson's *Lady MacBeth*, plus her fun with and foibles of 20 of her leading men, from Charles Boyer to Vincent Price.

She is appearing by special invitation. All proceeds realized from the special event will benefit various programs of the Long Beach Playhouse. Ticket prices are \$25. Performance includes a reception with Ms. Garland.

Box office hours are 3-6 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday and 3:30-8 p.m. Thursday thru Saturday. The Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, across from Recreation Park. Information (including ticket info): (562) 494-1014.

'Alumni Improv Show' March 3-12

NORWALK—In celebration of Cerritos College's 50th anniversary, its Department of Theater and the Associated Students will present the "Alumni Improv Show: Bring Them Back Alive," starting March 3 and continuing through March 12.

Tickets (general admission \$12, students and senior citizens \$10) may be purchased online and at the box office.

The March 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 performances are at 8 p.m., while that of March 12 is at 2 p.m. Performances will be at the Burnight Studio Theater, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk. F

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Church to hold March 'soul-winning' conference

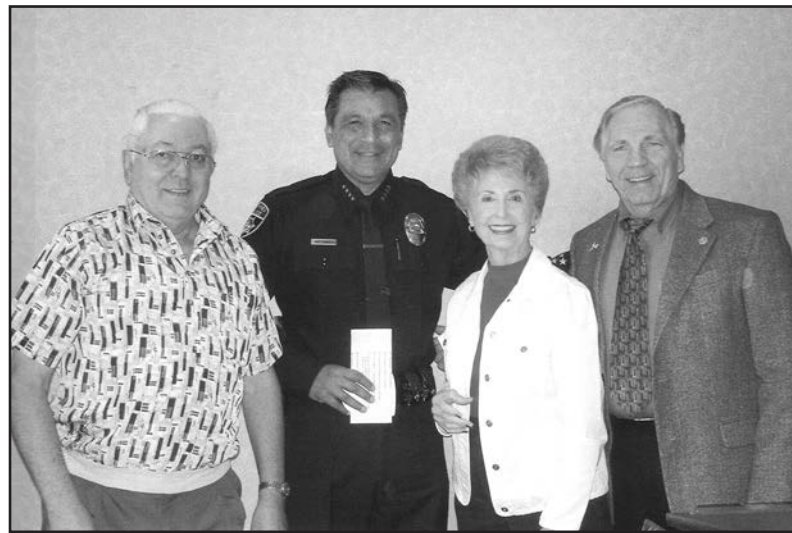
DOWNEY—Bishop Leon and Jacqueline Martin and the Love, Peace and Happiness Family Church, 11022 Old River School Rd. in Downey, invite the community to their first annual Soul Winning Conference Wednesday-Sunday, March 1-5. The conference, whose theme is "Look Out on the Fields, the Harvest is Ripe," is designed to "equip you with the necessary tools for witnessing to others and bringing in the harvest to help build your local church."

Evening workshops will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; general sessions follow at 7:30. There will be a "Hands-On" Training Session for all attendees on "Saturday, March 4 at 9 a.m. Topics will include: "How to Lead a Soul to the Lord," "Dropping the Net," "Door-to-Door Evangelism," "Follow-Up & Visitation," and more.

Registration is required. For information/to register, call (562) 806-9890.

Model A lovers meet at Gallatin

DOWNEY – The Downey Model A Club gathers at the Gallatin School cafeteria the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 928-4132.



DOWNEY POLICE CHIEF – Roy Campos spoke to Citizens for Downey at a recent meeting at the Rio Hondo Country Club. Pictured, from left, are Ed Hare, Campos, Terry Lambros, and Mike Prokop. Citizens for Downey meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 a.m. at Rio Hondo. The public is invited to attend.

Learn English close to your home

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School is offering free English classes and free babysitting to anyone who wants to learn English. The classes are held in the mornings at four different school sites:

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Alameda Elementary	Mon & Wed	8:00 - 11:30
Rio Hondo Elementary	Tue, Thu, Fri	8:00 - 11:30

You may enroll anytime; all levels of English instruction are offered. You need to go to one of the above school sites and ask someone in the front office where the CBET classroom is located.

For information, call Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, (562) 940-6200.

Shabbat services held at Temple

DOWNEY—Shabbat Services are held every Friday evening at 7:30 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow conducts the service with Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, and Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

Following the worship service Kiddush is held—wine and challah are included. Oneg follows, and refreshments prepared by the Temple's Sisterhood are served.

Cancer support group at DRMC

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Viewing today for Guy F. Morris, Jr.

DOWNEY—A viewing will be held today, Feb. 24, from 4-7:30 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary for Guy F. Morris, Jr., who died Feb. 21 in Norwalk after a brief illness.

Services will be held tomorrow, Feb. 25, at noon, also at Miller-Mies. He was born to Guy and Elizabeth H. Morris on July 30, 1917 in Pittsburgh, PA. An avid hunter and fisherman, he grew up in Bayfield, WI and Chicago. He graduated with a BA in Chemical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1939.

He married Frances Helen Hill on April 12, 1947 and moved to California in 1949. They settled in Downey in 1953 and had resided here ever since.

He was a member of Downey Royal Arch Masons. After retirement from Northrop in 1982 he and his wife enjoyed many years of travel.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances; daughter Patricia Anne Morris-Denes (Larry); and grandchildren Catherine Elizabeth, Wesley Guy and Alexis Leigh of Downey.

The family acknowledged the staff of Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital.

Morning mass today for Anthony 'Nino' Bertolone

DOWNEY—Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today, Feb. 24 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, for Anthony "Nino" Bertolone of Downey, who passed away on Feb. 20.

He resided in El Sereno for 40 years before settling down in Downey. He is survived by daughters Deanna Bertolone and Mary Anne (Joe) Iriarte; son Gary (Irene) Bertolone; grandchildren Joanna (Randy), Eric (Priscilla), Amanda (John), Ernie, and Dominic; and great grandchildren Madelyn and Audrey.

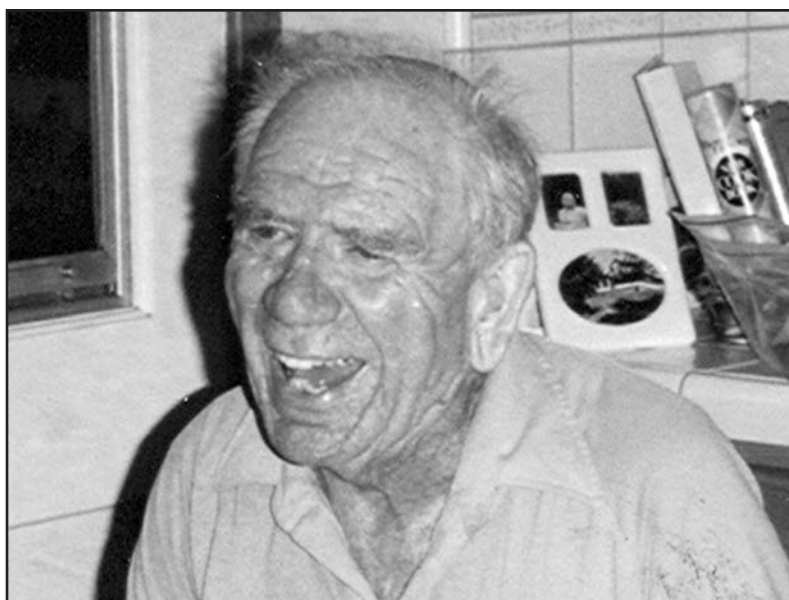
The family has requested donations be made to the Cathedral High School Alumni Association, 1253 Bishops Road, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Funeral services Feb. 27 for Michael W. Bruce

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held Monday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church of Downey for longtime (53 years) Downey resident Michael W. Bruce, who was born in Compton and died in Gilroy on Feb. 17. He was 61.

Officiating at the funeral services is Pastor Dave Smith. He is survived by his aunt Betty Krumvieda; and cousins Kay, Rob, Mary and Kristy.

Interment is at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. In lieu of flowers, it was requested that donations be made to: Exceptional Children's Foundation, 8740 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232. Handling arrangements is Miller-Mies Mortuary.



GUY F. MORRIS, JR. — A traveler retired from Northrop, he died Feb. 21.



GENE FINLEY—A resident of Downey for 52 years, she was a former Dancin' Grandma and performed in "The Show Stoppers" shows at the Downey Theatre.

Gene Finley tap-danced with Dancin' Grandmas

DOWNEY—Gene Finley, who worked many years at Community Pharmacy in Downey and became part of the Dancin' Grandmas tap-dancing group in her later years, has died. A resident of Downey for 52 years, she died on Feb. 21. She was 87.

She was born in Great Falls, Montana. She fell in love with tap-dancing after taking classes from Janet Baker here in Downey. She performed in "The Show Stoppers" shows at the Downey Theatre. The Dancin' Grandmas performed at art senior centers and churches, as well as "The Time of Your Life Expo" and made several TV appearances including "Hour Magazine" hosted by Gary Collins.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, James; sons, Jim and Steve; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral mass held for Maria De Jesus Jimenez

DOWNEY—A funeral mass was held on Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for Maria De Jesus Jimenez, who was born Jan. 1, 1918 in San Clemente, Mexico and died in Huntington Park on Feb. 6.

She is survived by husband, Rafael Jimenez; and sons, Javier (Evangelina) and Jesus (Maria Del Ref.) Jimenez; grandchildren (8), Genoveva Gomez, Rafael Jimenez, Laura Jimenez, Noe Jimenez, Clara Jimenez, Xochilt Alvarez, Anabelle Nunez, and Lizzette Pelayo; great grandchildren (14), Gladys Gibson, Allen Gomez, Bree Jimenez, Kimberly Jimenez, Andrew Shaaman, Alex Shaaman, Amber Shaaman, Alondra Jimenez, Diego Jimenez, Drae Jones, Gracen Alvarez, Joshua Alvarez, Arren Nunez, and Raven Nunez; and 1 great-great grandchild, Ethan Allen Gibson.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Arrangements were by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

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SEAACA accepting toy donations for distressed pets project

DOWNEY – The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), 9777 Seaca St., is accepting donations of toys for their animal population, part of their ongoing program called Environmental Enrichment.

The program's goal is to reduce the stress of newly arriving pets. Call 803-3301, ext. 223 or 221, for more information.



MAXINE GAUDETTE—Was 88 when she passed away on Feb. 19. Owner of Gaudette Realty, she was past president of the Downey Board of Realtors and the first woman president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in 1974-75.

Maxine Gaudette was active on many fronts

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey resident Maxine Gaudette, who owned Gaudette Realty and was involved in many Downey organizations, has passed away. Born Aug. 21, 1917 in Powell, Wyoming to Orville and Hattie Dick, she died on Feb. 19. She was 88.

She was the first woman president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, holding office in 1974-1975. A past president of the Downey Board of Realtors, she belonged to the Downey Sister Cities Association, Downey Rose Float Association, and the Downey Historical Society, to name a few. She was also active with the Downey Community Hospital Auxiliary; she made all of the stuffed animals that were given out at the Gift Shop.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Vince, and daughter, Zandra. The Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary performed private burial services at the Inglewood Park Cemetery. Memorial services were pending.

Reatha Louise Ganser worked for school district

DOWNEY—A 55-year resident of Downey and a member of First Christian Church for the same period, Reatha Louise Ganser passed away early in the morning of Feb. 15 at the Southland Care Center in Norwalk. She was 90.

A service was conducted at her church, followed by private interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 9, 1915 in Lexington, Nebraska. Shortly after the family moved to California in 1941, she became employed by the Downey School District, until her retirement. She was a longtime third-grade Bible School teacher for many years, a Vacation Bible School leader, and an active participant in women's programs.

She was an avid seamstress and a prolific crochet artist, as well as an accomplished gardener.

She is survived by a sister, Evelyn Campbell of Kearney, Nebraska; children, Donna (George) Boose, Kenneth (Jan) Ganser, and Gayle (Norm) Smith; seven grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Marvin Ganser.

Graveside services held for Marlene Olson Feb. 2

DOWNEY—Graveside services were held on Feb. 2 at Rose Hills Memorial Park for longtime Downey resident Marlene Olson, who was born in Missouri in May of 1931 and passed away on Jan. 28 at Promise Hospital in Paramount after a year-long battle with uterine cancer.

She was an avid gardener and doll collector, and had many friends. She is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Bill Olson of Downey; her son, Mark (Margie) Olson of La Palma; two grandsons; and other close family members.

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Experts answer common home improvement questions

By Bert Sandman,
Chair, California Contractors State License Board

Q: My house is 10 years old and I have never replaced the roof. I know roofs last for a long time, but how long can I really rely on my roof to last, and continue to adequately withstand the winter weather?

A: The age of your roof is usually the major factor in determining when to replace it. The average life of a roof is 15 to 20 years, which means your roof is probably not in need of being replaced, assuming it was properly installed to begin with. Most roofs last many years if properly installed and often can be repaired rather than replaced.

You must evaluate the condition of your roof to determine if it needs any repairs or work. For example, if there are small isolated leaks, you can simply have them repaired. If the damage is more extensive, you may consider getting bids from licensed contractors to actually replace the roof. Before making any roofing repairs or hiring someone to replace your old or damaged roof, you should visit the CSLB web site at www.cslb.ca.gov to find a licensed roofing contractor and verify their license status. You can also find publications such as *What You should Know Before You Hire a Contractor*, *Ten Tips for Making Sure Your Contractor Measures Up*, and *Tips for Hiring a Roofing Contractor*.

Q: I'm not satisfied with the job my contractor did while fixing damage to my house from a recent storm. He finished the job a week ago, what should I do? Is he required to fix the work he's already done, if I'm unhappy with the outcome?

A: Call your contractor and talk to him about the concerns you have. Many times they will work with you and make the corrections willingly. However, if this is not the case, you should do the following:

- *Notify the contractor in writing of your dissatisfaction of work done
- *Gather all papers relating to your home repair project, including contracts, change order(s) and any cancelled checks
- *Take photographs of the problem(s)
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If your complaint falls within the Board's jurisdiction, the Mediation Center may help resolve the matter. However, the case could also wind up in the Board's Investigation Center if further investigation is needed. You may also take your contractor to Small Claims Court.

Q: Does every contractor need to carry commercial general liability insurance? If so, how can I check to see if the contractor I'm hiring has it?

A: No, contractors are not required to carry general liability insurance. However, the CSLB recommends that you hire one who does. Home improvement contractors are required to tell you whether they are covered or not. This insurance protects you against third-party bodily injury and accidental property damage. However, it doesn't necessarily cover the contractor's work. When making the decision to hire a contractor, you should determine in advance what the risks are to your family and your home when home improvements are performed. Then decide if you will require your contractor to carry liability insurance. To check your contractor's general liability insurance, ask for the contact information of their liability insurance carrier. Then call the insurance company to ensure the contractor's insurance will cover the work being done on your home.

Nominations for DHS Hall of Fame taken

DOWNEY—Downey High School is looking for distinguished alumni who wish to be considered for induction into the school's Hall of Fame.

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BUSINESS TO BUSINESS – Members of Pro Networkers of Downey are seen at a recent breakfast meeting. Pictured (from left) are Debbie Hernandez of All California Brokers, Joe Keays of Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning and David Gomez of Stewart Title. The group meets every Friday at Mimi's Cafe to network and exchange business leads. For information, call membership chairman Joe Becker at 869-1414.

Support for youth educational program

DOWNEY—Downey-based Financial Partners Credit Union has joined Los Angeles-based nonprofit ByDesign Financial Solutions, which is "dedicated to helping individuals and families learn how to prevent and solve financial difficulties," in supporting *Financial Firsts*, a financial literacy program which prepares soon-to-be emancipated 18-year-olds who are leaving the federal foster care system.

Financial Partners assisted with funding for the program to prepare participants with the skills they need to live successfully on their own, without falling into financial straits during a typically vulnerable time. Stated Financial Partners CEO Nader Moghaddam: "As a member of the community, Financial Partners is dedicated to contributing to the betterment of the areas we serve. We saw a critical need for financial education for these young people and are proud to be a part of the solution. It's through community financial education and the service we provide that we can assist people in achieving financial independence and eventually their financial dreams."

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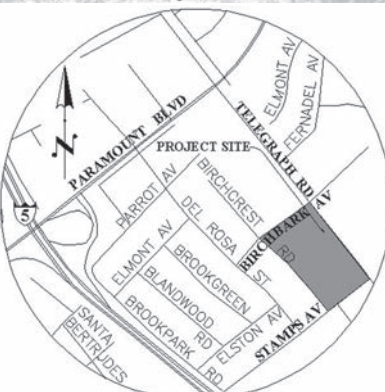
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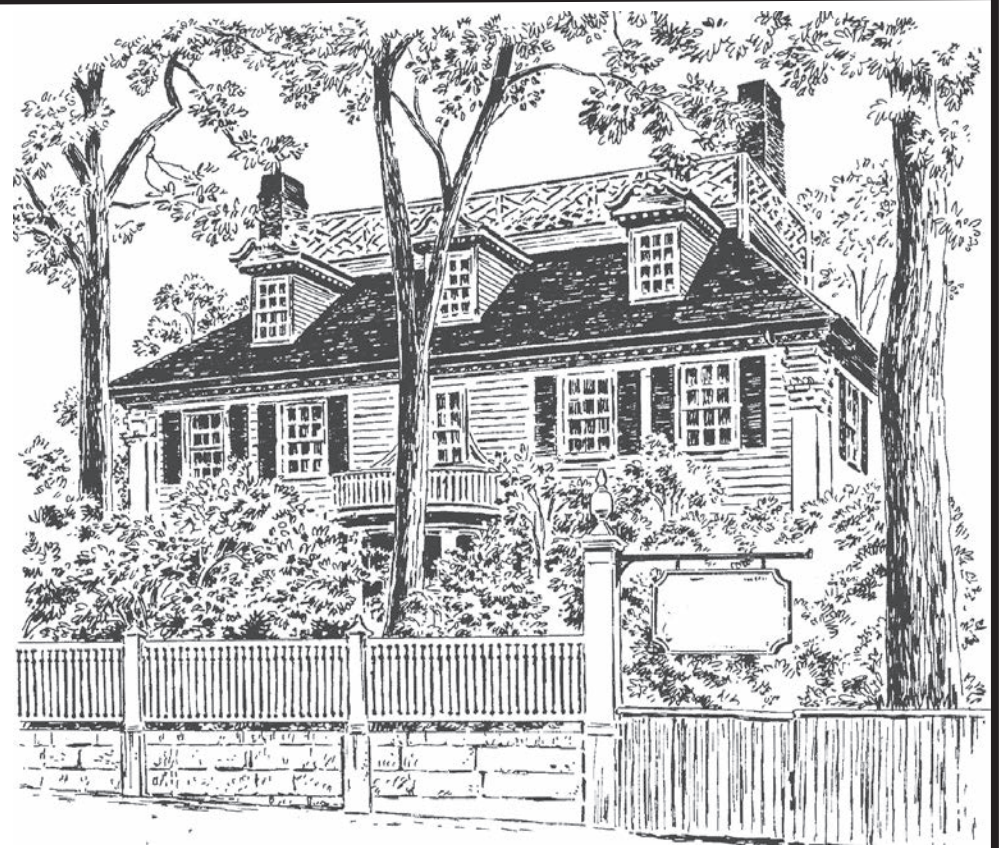
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