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Scratching for a chance at millions

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – Jonathan Fox likes to scratch.

Ask him, he'll admit it. Ever since he turned 18 three years ago, he's been a scratcher. It's gotten to the point where he cannot go one day without one good long scratch.

Aaaaah!

But it's not like it sounds. Jonathan plays the lottery, more specifically, the Scratchers. He doesn't play for the "big one," although that would be nice, but smaller, more realistic payouts that help subsidize his salary as a production designer for the *Downey Patriot*. And for the most part, he's done alright: he claims that in three years of legal gambling, he's actually ahead.

But still, when he scraped at the Big Spin Scratchers last December and learned he had won an opportunity to win up to \$3 million on the Big Spin television show, he was shocked. So shocked, he says, he managed to get out only two words, none of which were suitable for this family newspaper.

Fox visited the Big Spin Show two weeks ago and while he didn't come away with the \$3 million jackpot, he did win \$2,000.

The show is set to air tomorrow, March 18, at 7 p.m. on Channel 9.

Fox bought his winning ticket shortly before Christmas at the Sunrise Liquor store on the corner of Imperial Hwy. and Brookshire Ave. It was part of his daily habit of buying one lottery ticket, usually a \$1 ticket, but sometimes a \$5 Scratchers. On this day, he purchased a Big Spin ticket, along with a Caprice fruit drink. (It was an unusually warm December, if you can remember.)

The Big Spin Scratchers is played by scraping away at six potential prizes. Match three like prizes, which range from \$3 to a chance to go on TV and become a multi-millionaire, and you win that prize.

Fox stepped outside, grabbed a penny and got to scratching.

Scratch one: \$10 (a decent start)

Scratch two: TV SHOW (now we're talking)

Scratch three: \$3 (things are not looking so good)

Scratch four: TV SHOW (this happens a lot, a tease like this)

Scratch five: \$50 (at this point, Fox's only chance of winning anything is for the final prize to read "TV SHOW" but what are the chances of...)

Scratch six: TV SHOW

Bingo! Fox was on his way towards 15 minutes of fame and possibly a lot of money. Lots of thoughts went through his head; strangely, the whole "mansionization" talk sweeping the city suddenly interested him. He envisioned a new Dodge Magnum replacing his rickety Toyota Camry and a new computer that didn't come from a Dell outlet store. And the video games. Oh, the video games! Fox was like a modern-day Charlie & the Chocolate Factory.

But then Fox came back to reality. He knew the odds of hitting the jackpot were slim; heck, all he had won was the chance for a chance at the

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FULL-SIZE AMERICAN FLAGS—Representing children who died from child abuse across the nation in the last year, will again be flying on the Healing Field at East Middle School April 19-22.

Healing Field opens in Downey April 19

DOWNEY—The Healing Field, a dramatic display of more than a thousand American flags to symbolize the numerous deaths from child abuse of children across the nation in the last year, will for the second year be presented by the Exchange Club Family Support Center at East Middle School (corner of Woodruff and Florence Aves.).

An additional 20 flags will be flown on the field to represent the children who have died in Downey and surrounding cities in the past five years.

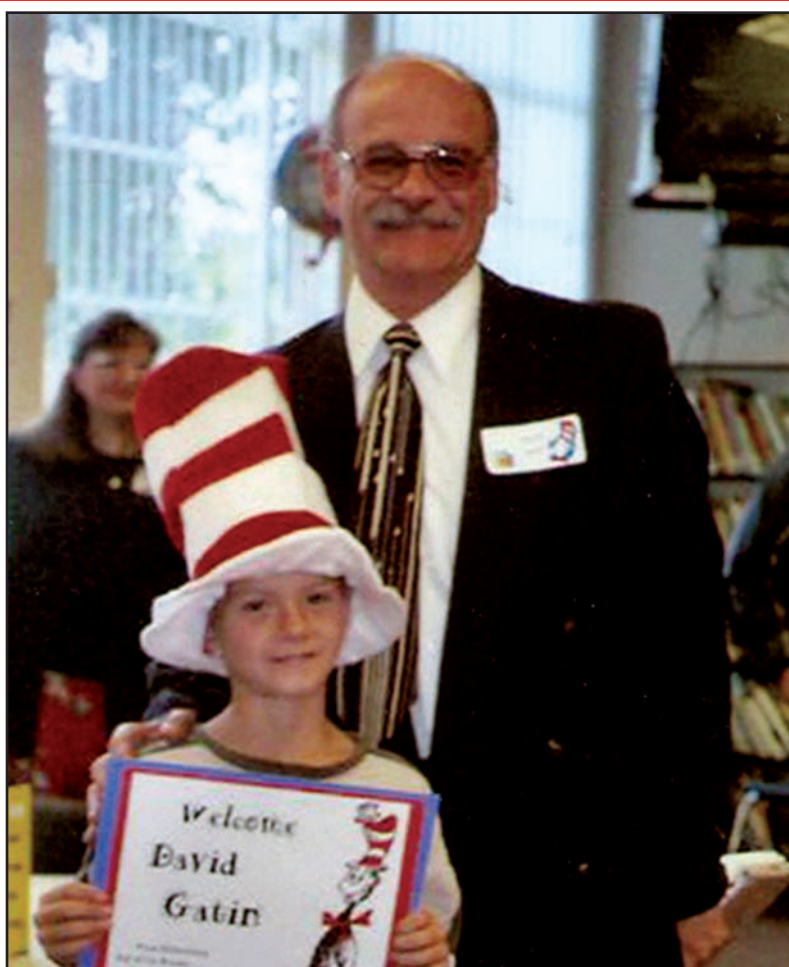
The tribute to America's lost children, and what is in fact a jarring reality check on the prevalence of child abuse in the United States, is scheduled in Downey from April 19 through April 22. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Exchange Club Center welcomes volunteers as they play a huge part in the four-day affair. At the same time, the Center encourages members of the community to sponsor a flag and take a part of the Healing Field home.

Opening ceremony is at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. The field will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 19-22, to allow everyone to experience the Healing Field. Information booths will be open until 9 p.m.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22, disassembly will begin, and flags may be picked up between 2 and 5 p.m.

To volunteer/sponsor a Healing Field flag(s), contact the Exchange Club Center, (562) 904-9590, or visit www.healingfield.org/downey.



DOWNEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER—David Gafin was among the community leaders and DUSD administrators who visited Ward Elementary recently to read to students and to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Others included: DUSD board member Tod Corrin, DUSD assistant superintendent Jerilyn King-Brown, DUSD's Dr. Robert Jagielski, Downey City Library Chief Librarian Thad Phillips, True Lasting Connections Case Manager Luz Perez, Downey Police Department's Scott Loughner, and Mike Hollon, who represented Assemblyman Hector De La Torre. Leading the welcome was Ward principal Roxann Davis.

'Horns-a-Plenty' is symphony feature

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY— "Horns-a-Plenty" is a great title for the next concert by Downey's Symphony Orchestra. The date is Saturday evening, March 25, at 8 p.m., at the Downey Theater, on Firestone Boulevard at Brookshire Avenue.

No less than four horns will be featured, four glorious, gleaming, cantankerous instruments that involve miles of brass tubing wound around and around that you have to blow into just right.

Local talent

And Conductor Tom Osborn has four virtuoso horn players tackling the job, the orchestra's specialists, Mary Stupin, Jean Marinelli, Ronald Applegate and Danielle Onlarza in a work by Robert Schumann.

The credentials for these performers include an impressive array of accomplishments. They perform regularly in orchestras throughout Southern California. They are studio musicians, they have recorded, they have worked with many leading artists, both in classical and contemporary music.

You will enjoy reading about them in the program notes.

Completing the program on the 25th are the Overture to Der Freischutz by Weber, the Serenade for String by Dvorak, and Hungarian Dances 5 and 6 by Brahms. Mr. Osborn's preview discussion will begin at 7:15.

In the Special Added Attractions Department are two items of interest. The winner of last year's Baton Auction, Pauline Hume, will not conduct but will sing a variation on the usual theme; and after the concert all are invited to an informal reception in the patio with punch and lots of delicious cookies.

Tickets to all this are \$20 and \$25, with students \$10. The theater box office will be open Wednesday Afternoon, March 22, from noon to 4 p.m. and on performance night. For information call (562) 403-2944.



HORN SOLOISTS—(From left), Horn soloists Mary Stupin, Jean Marinelli, Ronald Applegate, and Danielle Undarza.

City moves to limit mega-homes

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The City Council, after another public hearing on how to control the 'mansionization' of one family homes, which are being bought, then rebuilt to the maximum structure allowable under the present code—usually a two story mega-giant with less than aesthetic appeal, has introduced an ordinance aimed at ending the abuse.

The action wraps up more than a year of debate over how to control the monster mansions, which have already destroyed the beauty and balance of neighborhoods both here and in other areas such as the San Fernando Valley where residents have rallied to resist the mega-giants.

The cost of the new structures is made practical by the ownership by several families which then share the property, often causing a community problem in terms of parking.

The City hired an expert consultant, Mark Brodeur of Downey Solutions to do a study. After lengthy public input at two public meetings, he advised a revised ordinance that was hoped would settle such issues as providing a grandfather clause on existing limits on footprints, whether to consider garage areas and required parking areas as part of the ratio of first floor to second floor area, and the like.

The public hearing Tuesday addressed these and related issues, and resulted in a further finetuning of the proposed ordinance, with a deletion of a word or two here and there, and otherwise sharpening definitions and provisions such as:

*The garage areas and required parking areas will form part of the FAR (floor area) ratio, between the first and second floors;

*The 0.65 and 0.70 FAR ratios will apply to R-1/5,000-8,500 sq. ft. houses, and to more than R-1/10,000 sq. ft. houses, respectively;

*The ceiling height of houses will be maintained at 30'.

The majority of the some 17 citizens who spoke agreed that much progress "in the right direction" has been accomplished in hammering out the revised ordinance, and that given close application of future design guidelines set by a designated Design Review Board—always striving to maintain the distinctive "character and charm" of neighborhoods—the outlook for Downey looks good.

The proposed ordinance goes back to Council for adoption in the next Council meeting.

In accordance with the State Environmental Quality Act, staff prepared a declaration of negative environmental impact.

In other action at Tuesday's meeting the Council:

*Acting as the Community Development Commission, authorized a request for proposals for a new security service for City Parking Structure.

*Proclaimed March as Mental Retardation Awareness Month.

*Certified appointment to the newly-formed Art in Public Places Advisory Committee of Vivian Dirkee, District 1; Katherine Bode, District 2; Harold Tseklenis, District 3; Robert Goldstein, District 4; and George Redfox, District 5.

*Presented a certificate of appointment naming Luis Marquez to the Cable TV Advisory Committee, from District 1.

*Approved a cash contract for \$41,921 for a storage tank -removal at 9255 Imperial Highway, and awarded the job to Jem Industries.

*Approved an agreement with Siemens Energy and Automation for the development of advanced software for a traffic management system, maintenance and support.

*Approved the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board.

*Referred to the Planning Commission initiation of a code amendment to allow residential properties within the single family and two-family residential zones that have an existing one-car garage to provide additional off-street parking by increasing the allowable driveway width.

*Approved the purchase of new radios for the Fire Department ambulance and appropriated \$8,700 to pay for them.

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Colorful Downey Street Fair May 6

DOWNEY—The colorful Downey Street Fair complete with clowns, cartoon personalities, vendors and fine food will be offered by the Chamber of Commerce Saturday, May 6 on Brookshire Avenue between Firestone and Civic Center Drive.

The day-long event is free.

Features of this year's fair include an even bigger Food Court and Kids Zone located in the south parking lot at Downey High School. More than 200 crafters and businesses will offer display and sales goods on Brookshire, and a big stage at Firestone with offer continuous music with belly dancers and characters wandering through the audience.

Meanwhile, at the north end, a fabulous expanded Car Show featuring the Old Memories S.G.V. Car Club will offer prizes.

Sponsors of the annual event include Platinum Sponsor Colin Clarke of Century 21 Jervis & Associates; Diamond Sponsor Downey Regional Medical Center; Gold Sponsor CalMet Inc.; 1st Baptist Church of Downey; Silver Sponsor Talbert Medical Group; and Bronze Sponsors All American Home Center; CareMore; Downey Savings and Loan; Alon Ofir, DDS; Pacific Western Bank; UPS Store and World of Decor.

The Chamber also wishes to thank the City which volunteers police, fire and maintenance department hours to ensure the event's success.

The event is free and the public invited to enjoy one of the community's finest outdoor shows.



MEETING FOR BREAKFAST – Pro Networkers of Downey gather every Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe, Firestone and Brookshire, to network and exchange business leads. Pictured (from left) are members Harry Sacks of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Myra Benjamin of Budget Blinds and Diane Ryan of South Gate Auto Collision. For information on the group, call membership chairman Joe Becker at 869-1414.

20th annual Amistad Gala set for April 29

DOWNEY—The 20th annual Amistad Gala, a black-tie dinner affair that benefits the outstanding programs and services of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel. It's presented by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, the nonprofit, public benefit corporation that conducts fundraising activities to support research, education, equipment, and patient care at the world-renowned rehabilitation center.

Theme of the gala affair this year is "We've Only Just Begun." The more than 500 guests expected to attend the annual event include leaders in healthcare, government, business and community.

Those receiving the 2006 Amistad Award, Rancho's highest honor, include: community leader Charles Coniglio, who will receive the Amistad Award for Individual Achievement; world-renowned physician Salah Rubayi, M.D., who will receive the Amistad Lifetime Achievement Award; Rancho volunteer and Amigos Fund president Richard Daggett, who will receive the Amistad Friend Award; and AT&T, which will receive the Amistad Community Service Award.

Previous Amistad honorees include: actress Betty White; Olympic champion Rafer Johnson; civic leader James C. Hankla; the Port of Long Beach; The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; community leader Carmen O. Perez; legendary physician Jacquelin Perry, M.D.; and Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe, who will serve as master of ceremonies. Each of the previous awardees will be recognized at the event in a special 20th Anniversary tribute.

The reception at 5:30 p.m. is followed at 7 p.m. by the dinner, program and entertainment.

Bocce every Tuesday at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – Downey Bocce Club meets at Apollo Park for games on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Join the group by calling (714) 761-4439.



THEY'RE NUMBER 1 – The Infinity girls soccer team, featuring five Downey girls, were honored with a trip to Sea World recently for winning the 2006 California State Cup. The team will be entering the Gold bracket of the upcoming season for girls under age 11. They have also been invited to various top-level tournaments featuring teams from throughout the United States. The Downey girls include Gaby Arellano, Betty Gomez, Bianca Posada, Natalie Ramirez and Breanna Velazquez. The team is coached by Nick Posada and Los Angeles City College Coach Alex Carmago. The team practices at Los Angeles City College and is looking to add four additional Downey girls. For more information, e-mail CRSCAC@aol.com and reference GU11. The team practices every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Luncheon to highlight anti-gang activity

DOWNEY—Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), which has gained national recognition for its determined efforts to combat gang activity in the community of Downey, will hold its annual luncheon Wednesday, April 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey.

The luncheon, which is attended by well over 400 community leaders and supporters year after year, highlights the tremendous work being done by this community-based organization. GOOD has received the President's "Points of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

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

The Downey Police, City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District are recipients of funds raised by GOOD.

For more information to make reservations, contact Brent Shubin, East Middle School Principal/GOOD President at (562) 904-3586, ext. 4080; Barbara Lamberth, CEO, Downey Federal Credit Union at (562) 862-8141, ext. 223; or Stan Hanstad, Assistant Superintendent, Downey Unified School District, at (562) 469-6541.

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MAUDE PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Welcomed the Cat in the Hat as it joined schools across the nation during Read Across America Week Feb. 27-March 3 to celebrate reading as one of the most important and life-enriching skills that students will ever learn. Dr. Seuss storyteller assemblies and a Community Read-In were just two of the many reading activities the students enjoyed during the week.

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 this year's Platinum/Host Sponsor with a gift of over \$7,000.

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

Philly's Best ribbon cutting March 28

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce is assisting another new business in Downey, Philly's Best, formally open its doors Tuesday, March 28 with a 1 p.m. grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony. Philly's Best is located at 12008 Lakewood Blvd., at Downey Landing.

Proprietor Nick Adams says all of Philly's Best ingredients come direct from Philadelphia from their signature Amoroso's rolls and Dietz & Watson meats, tasty 'kakes,' Frank's & Hank's Sodas and Pennsylvania Dutch birch beer. This is Adams' first business in Downey. For information, call 923-2191.

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Attempted robbery thwarted, man shot

DOWNEY—One man was listed in serious condition from bullet wounds suffered in an exchange of gunfire during an attempted robbery at First Class Auto, 8856 Rosecrans Ave., and three others linked to the holdup effort, that occurred about 11:28 a.m. Thursday, March 9 are being sought.

Witnesses told police three males and a female entered the business. One of the men, identified only as Salvador Ramos, approached a sales clerk and brandished a gun. The clerk, fearing for his life, also produced a gun and fired at the suspect. The store owner also produced a gun and fired. A second suspect produced a handgun and began firing. The second suspect and man and woman then exited the store and fled the scene in a red pickup or SUV.

Ramos was found on the floor of the store suffering from multiple gunshot wounds and was listed in serious condition at a local hospital. He faces charges of attempted murder.

The other suspects are described as a male Hispanic 25-30 years of age, 6 foot 3 inches, 230 pounds, wearing jeans, a pullover shirt and with a large medical bandage on his neck. The female suspect is Hispanic, 24-25, medium height and weight, wearing jeans and a sweater. The fourth suspect is described only as a male Hispanic.

Anyone with information is urged to call Downey Police Detective Steve Aubuchon at (562) 904-3361, or Detective Sam Garfield at (562) 904-2391.

Federal employees to meet at Furman

DOWNEY—The National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) will hold its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, March 22 at Furman Park (West Bldg.), 10419 S. Rives in Downey. New members are welcome.

Chapter president Bob Knerr will lead a discussion on NARFE PAC and Chapter recruitment. Coffee and cake will be served. For information, call Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

Carnival this weekend at Good Shepherd

DOWNEY – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is hosting a community carnival beginning tonight, March 17, through this weekend. There will be rides, games, food, prizes, vendor booths, entertainment, dance performers, music and other fun available.

The carnival will be open tonight from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The church is located at 13200 Clark Avenue, just north of Carpenter School. For more information, call 803-4459.

Toastmasters Club to have open house

DOWNEY – Toastmasters Club 587 is holding an open house on Tuesday, March 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey, Room 116. For more information, call Rene Estrada at 949-5581.

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PICTURED HERE ARE – Linda Haines, Development Services Director, Jessica Flores, Economic Development Analyst and John Godlowski, Downey's new City Planner. Staff members of Downey's Planning and Development Dept. made an informative presentation at a recent Citizens for Downey meeting. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 a.m. for breakfast at the Rio Hondo Events Center. The public is welcome.

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LOTTERY

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jackpot. All he was guaranteed was a visit to the Big Spin television show, where he would compete against 10 other hopefuls in a game of Aces High, a game of chance where only one player advances to spin the Wheel.

Still, the excitement was building. Fox called 30 family members that day to spread the good news, including his mom, who works doing make-up at Disneyland. Apparently, working at The Happiest Place on Earth gave her a thick skin, because she didn't believe him.

Fox enlisted his sister to fill out the submission form because he didn't trust his own shaky handwriting and made a computer scan of his winning ticket before shipping it off to lottery headquarters in Sacramento.

And then he waited. Approximately 10 weeks he waited, when he received a telephone call informing him that he was to appear on TV on Feb. 26. Filming was at KCET Studios in Hollywood.

Fox and his family spent the previous night at the Glendale Hilton, courtesy of the California Lottery. The morning of the taping everybody was bused to the studios and for the first time in a long time, Fox was alone, taken to a small room where he was given game instructions and the opportunity to compose his thoughts.

This is when the nervousness set in, Fox admits. Even if he hit big, he promised himself, he wouldn't quit his job — he enjoyed what he did too much. (He would, however, take out a weekly full-page ad with his smiling picture.) He also wouldn't move. Why should he, when he's happy living at home with his family? And if he were to put \$1 million into a saving account earning 4 percent interest, he could make \$40,000 a year on interest alone. Yes, he would be responsible with his money, if he only had the chance to prove it...

But he never got that chance. After taking part in the highest-staking card game he would probably ever be involved in, Fox had to settle for \$2,000. But in true-to-self fashion, he remained upbeat. After all, he says, that's \$2,000 he didn't have three months ago.

And while that may not pay for a new Dodge Magnum, it was just enough for a celebratory lunch with his family and a new transmission on his rickety Toyota Camry.

And, for Jonathan Fox, that was perfectly OK with him. Watch Jonathan Fox on the Big Spin Saturday, March 18 at 7 p.m. on Channel 9.



ENTERTAINING DONATION — The Rotary Club of Downey recently presented five TV's, five DVD players and five Sony Playstations to Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey. Pictured back row are Darren Dunaway, Jorge Montero, Ernest Caldwell (10-20 Club) and Past District Governor Bill Bowermaster. Front row are Rotary President Carol Pearce and Los Padrinos Superintendent Reaver Bingham. For information on joining Downey Rotary, call Pearce at (562) 622-1425.

Breakfast to honor distinctive women

DOWNEY—Soroptimist International of Downey are honoring the following "Women of Distinction" at their breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 23 at Rio Hondo Event Center: Joan Frey, Pauline Hume, Cleo Latimer and Beverly Mathis. Also to be honored is Despina Niapas, winner of the Violet Richardson Award.

Guest speaker is Betty Ferraro, former Downey Unified School District Board Member.

For reservations, call 928-3826.

T-ball sign-ups taken at Apollo Park

DOWNEY—T-ball sign-ups are being taken by the Downey Junior Athletic Association at Apollo Park. Players must be currently enrolled in kindergarten or first grade in a Downey school.

Deadline to register is April 1. For more information, call 861-3727.

Good Shepherd School open house

DOWNEY—The public is invited to an Open House and Science Fair at Good Shepherd School, 13200 Clark Ave., Downey Tuesday, March 28 starting at 6 p.m.

A free hot dog dinner will be given, then a tour of the classrooms will follow. Good Shepherd School is an educational ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

For more information, call 803-4918.

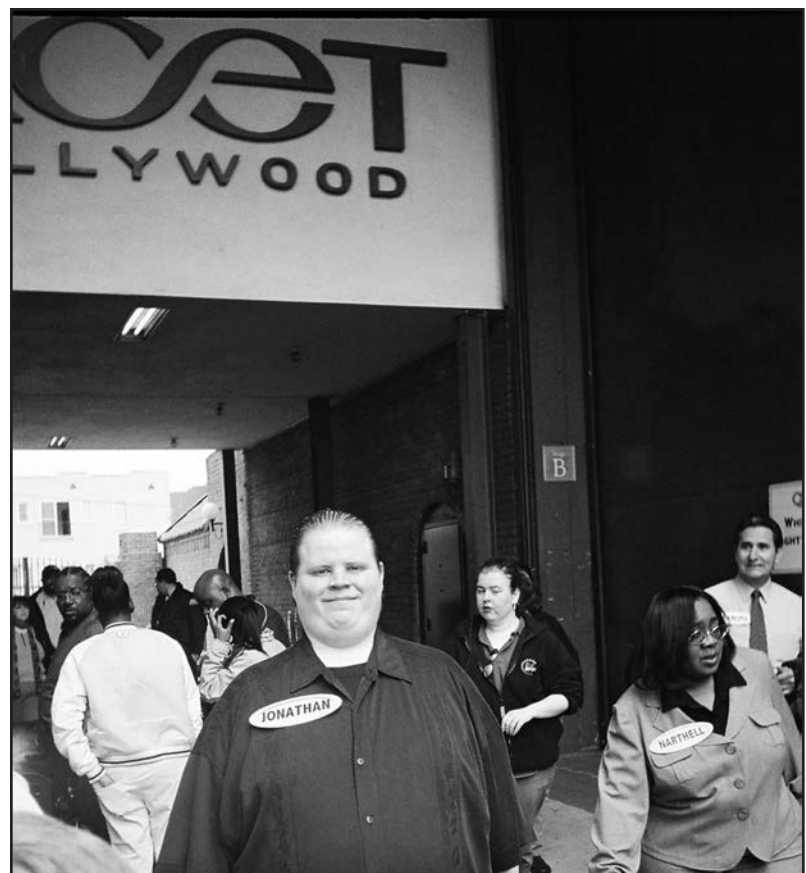
Native plant tour includes local garden

DOWNEY—The Downey native plant garden of Robert and Catherine Waters has been selected for the third annual Theodore Payne Foundation Native Plant Garden Tour, a two-day tour of over 30 Los Angeles native plant gardens and landscapes which use no pesticides or chemicals, and designed to save water and attract birds, butterflies and insects.

It takes place Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost for the entire two-day garden tour is \$10.

The Waters' native plant garden is the only one on the tour selected from this area of Los Angeles County.

Registration can be done online. Tour, registration and garden information are online at www.theodorepayne.org or by calling the Foundation at (818) 768-1802.



LUCK COMES HIS WAY — Jonathan Fox was one of a lucky few to participate on the Big Spin television show.

The poets' corner

April

What a magical month—
Not just time on a calendar
But a time of surprises and pleasures,
Like turning a key and opening a door
To sunshine and showers
To rainbows and flowers

To fluffy white clouds
Slowly floating through the sky,
A time to love,
A time to plan.

It is a time to feel free and young again
Relate and cherish
Bluejays bathing in the fountain
Tulips swaying in the breeze

Warm sunshine and gentle showers
These are precious memories
Do not pass them by

Everything in life goes full circle,
How sad for those who have deceived.

The world was not made for taking,
It was made for giving.

Therapy for walking the last mile,
You know who you are, enjoy every step.

Believe in yourself and your spirit will soar.

—Janice Reed,
Downey

COUNCIL

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*Approved the permit allowing the Street Fair on May 6 on Brookshire Avenue.

*Adopted a resolution approving the appointment of Richard Molinaro to the Health and Environmental Sanitation District, from District 3.

*Introduced an ordinance approving the first amendment to the ground lease between the City and Downey Landing.

*Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3188 of the Downey Municipal Code regulating speed limit on Washburn and Regentview.

*Discussed the future of property of the South Campus of Rancho Los Amigos which could become another Downey business center. It was decided in the end to receive and file the report on future development plans.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Zinberg to give talk on 'Nifty after Fifty'

DOWNEY—Dr. Sheldon S. Zinberg, founder and chairman of CareMore Medical Group and author of "Win in the Second Half: A Guide to Better Aging and Fitness," will give a humorous and educational lecture, "Nifty After Fifty," about the wonderful world of fitness and strength therapy Monday, March 20 at the OASIS meeting held at Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

A full course dinner (\$3.50) is served at 5 p.m. after the program proper at 4 p.m. The class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m., with Dr. Robert Flynn providing piano entertainment. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. For information, call DAS, 940-6200.



MISS DOWNEY AND MISS TEEN DOWNEY — Sharing what they both called a wonderful experience are Miss Teen Downey 2005 Jacqueline Mejia (left) and Miss Downey 2005 Robyn Guggiana. The 2006 Court will be selected tomorrow, March 18, at the Downey Theater.

Red Skelton tribute OASIS program

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's OASIS program at 4 p.m. Monday, March 27 will be "A Tribute to Red Skelton." Jim Jackson, who has a background in puppetry, cartooning and stand-up comedy and is a member of both the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, portrays the great comedian. His presentations include stories, pantomimes, sight gags, jokes, and characters from the life and experiences of Red Skelton, whose career spanned more than 70 years of dispensing wholesome laughter in vaudeville, radio, motion pictures and television.

The class begins at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment and purchase of \$3.50 dinner ticket. At 5 p.m., a healthful full-course dinner is served. Call 904-7215 for information. Downey Adult School is located at 12340 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

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SCAG presses priorities with state legislators

SACRAMENTO—Local elected leaders representing the six-county Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region met March 8 with state legislators to advocate for high priority Southern California transportation improvements in the pending state infrastructure bond measures. In addition to relieving congestion and improving air quality, the SCAG delegation argued that investments in the region's infrastructure would yield significant economic returns to the state in the short- and long-term.

At the request of the state's Business, Transportation and Housing Department, SCAG submitted a consensus Goods Movement Plan last year to help the state identify Southern California's transportation and infrastructure priorities. The state infrastructure bond measures are expected to reflect many of the priorities in this plan. SCAG presented seven infrastructure priority issues to legislators:

- 1) Project Funding – Ensure the equitable distribution of highway and transit funds, with priority given to projects providing environmental mitigation. Funding for goods movement should be assessed based on freight volume and performance.
- 2) Expedited Project Delivery – Allow design-build and design-sequencing with early assistance to promote private sector participation and conduct environmental reviews.
- 3) Prop. 42 Funds – Ensure that gasoline tax revenues are fully protected behind a full firewall from diversions to non-transportation spending.
- 4) Financing Tools – Employ a business plan model to create transportation systems and implement different financing schemes that promote public-private partnerships.
- 5) Transit/Rail – Provide funding for high-speed rail to connect regional airports and give priority to transit-oriented and mixed-use housing.
- 6) Housing – Provide priority funding to areas meeting fair share housing under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program, allocate funds based on regional planning allocation formula and promote 20-year housing planning.
- 7) CEQA Efficiency – Promote and encourage implementation of regional planning initiatives and protect open space and other environmental resources.

"California's economy is largely based on our ability to move goods," said Toni Young, Port Hueneme City Councilmember and President of SCAG. "The state must support efforts to improve our transportation systems and infrastructure or our economy will come to a halt."

More than 40 percent of the nation's trade volume uses Southern California's ports, but the current transportation infrastructure required to deliver cargo is not adequate to handle anticipated trade growth without increasing traffic congestion, air pollution and other detrimental impacts on the local communities. Key transportation infrastructure investments are needed to improve the state's goods movement system or it may lose billions of dollars in future economic growth. With federal funding at an inadequate level to accommodate the region's trade growth, state funding in is a critical financing mechanism.

In addition to SCAG president Young, the SCAG Southern California delegation included Calabasas Mayor Dennis Washburn; San Gabriel Councilmember Harry Baldwin; SCAG Executive Director Mark Pisano; David Ryu, staff for Los Angeles County Supervisor; and SCAG First Vice President Yvonne B. Burke.

The group met with a number of the state legislators and transportation leaders, including Sen. Alan Lowenthal, Chair, Transportation Committee, and Assemblymember Betty Karnette, Transportation Committee member.

For more information about SCAG's legislative program, call Don Rhodes, Manager of Government Affairs, (213) 236-1840.

Senior Citizens Club celebrates anniversary

DOWNEY – The Downey Senior Citizens Recreation Club will celebrate its golden anniversary on April 24 at Los Amigos Country Club. Dancing will begin at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

The club was formed on April 29, 1956, by a group of senior citizens at Imperial Park. H.M. McGuckin was elected temporary chairman, who appointed an officer nominating committee. A set of by-laws was soon established and the club celebrated with an organized potluck dinner.

Since its beginning, the club has met weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Downey Community Center, 7810 Quill Drive. The 3 Notes, a live three-piece band, provides music to waltz, fox trot, polka and line dance to. A short meeting is held at 11:15 a.m. followed by a light lunch. A separate room is made available for seniors who wish to play cards.

There is an admission fee of \$2 per week and an initial membership fee of \$3 per person and \$4 per year thereafter.

The club also gets together the third Saturday of each month for a dance from 7:30 to 10 p.m., in addition to various planned trips.


For more information on joining the club, call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

Business guide on city's website

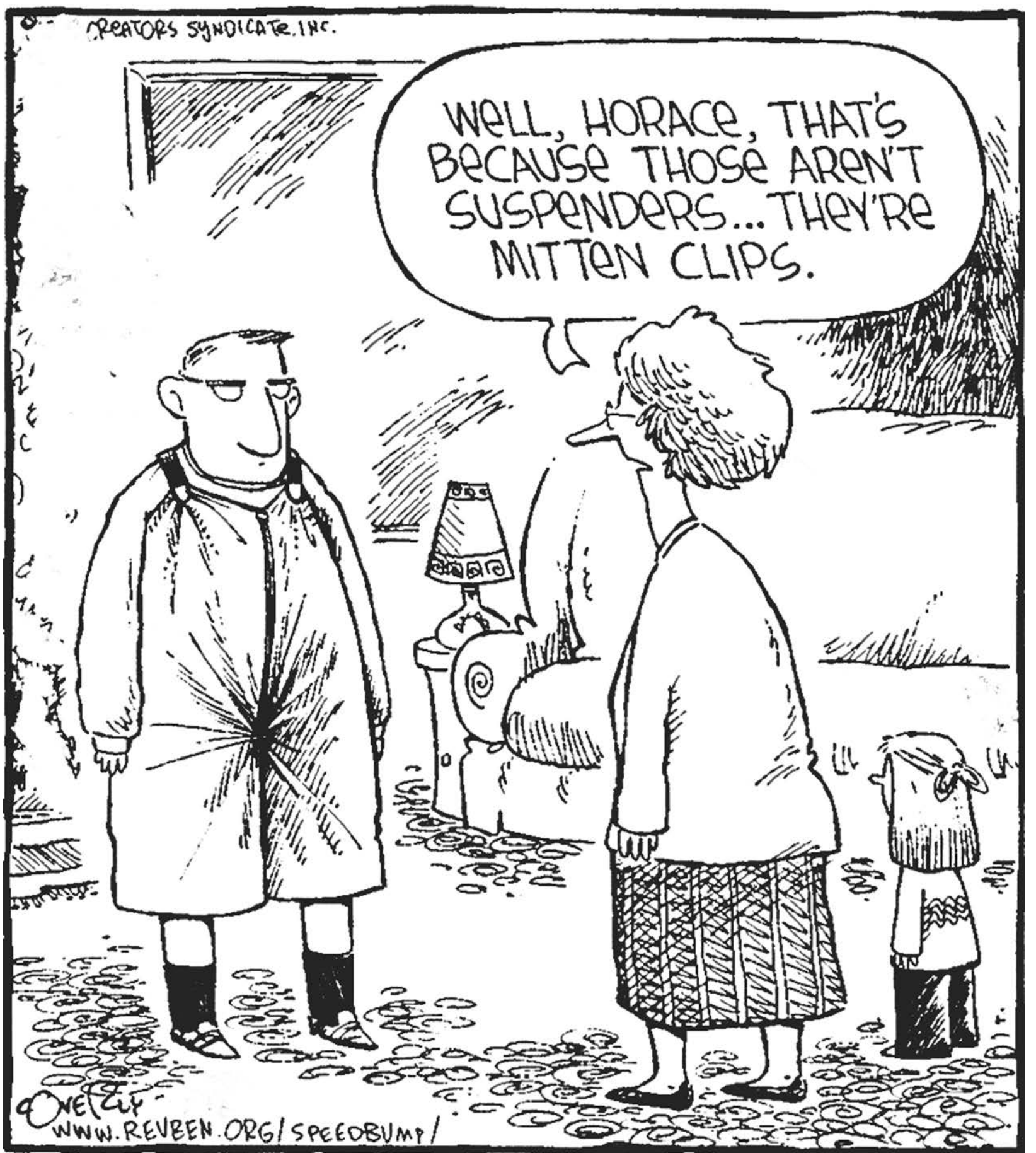
DOWNEY – The City of Downey website, www.downeyca.org, offers a step-by-step guide on starting a business in this city.

The guide provides general information, from choosing a name to specific required permits and licenses. The guide is free.

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Letters to the Editor

To be commended

Dear Editor:

Downey Museum of Art (DMOA) Director Kate Davies is to be commended for her adoption of "Green Design" for the envisioned Museum and Center for Contemporary Art and Culture in Downey, and advocacy of green design for museums. Every institutional and governmental building being designed or contemplated today must incorporate the use of solar energy technology as a museum. So should responsible developers of commercial and even residential buildings. It is not only the right thing to do from ecological considerations but even more so for economic reasons. Photovoltaic technology today has reached the point that it is economically on lifecycle basis.

With the available state and federal incentives, not employing solar energy technology is tantamount to wasting resources. Smart private industry has recognized this and has taken advantage of it. Simply for economic reasons, governmental, social and institutional entities would be derelict if they did otherwise.

—Harold Tseklenis,
Downey

Borders a major gateway for terrorists

Dear Editor:

Much has been said about the need to control the illegal flow of Mexicans across our borders, but the borders are also a major gateway to terrorists.

Law enforcement officials captured 49,545 non-Mexican illegal aliens in 2003, and in 2005 they apprehended 155,000, more than three times as many. In 1999, an alert customs officer arrested Ahmed Ressay as he was entering Port Angeles with plans to attack L.A.X. The Canadian border poses an even greater threat—it is estimated that there are 50 known terrorist organizations who have cells in Canada, and we are reminded that 14 terrorists crossed from Canada into the U.S., and hijacked 4 airplanes, two of which crashed into two World Trade Center buildings, one crashed into the Pentagon, and fortunately passengers on the fourth caused the plane to crash in Pennsylvania.

Unless we do something to control the borders now, 2006 may be a year we experience terrorist suicide bombers that will kill thousands.

—James Hawkins,
Downey

Wingate Escrow plans ribbon cutting

DOWNEY—Wingate Escrow, with support from the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will have its ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 23. The escrow company, Lucy Felix's first business in Downey, is located at 11455 Paramount Blvd., Suite J. Felix says Wingate Escrow's specific focus will be customer service, even as it provides "the highest quality of great teamwork, professionalism, quick turn around time and reasonable escrow fees."

For information, call (562) 923-2191.

Stroke Support Group meeting at DRMC

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., welcomes stroke survivors and caregivers to its monthly Stroke Support Group meeting Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. To register, call Joanne at the Stroke Hotline, (562) 904-5162.

Students allowed to apply at school of choice

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District will be conducting its annual School of Choice open enrollment during the month of April for the 2006-2007 school year. Downey students wishing to attend a Downey school out of their attendance area may apply during the month of April only.

Students may pick up an application beginning April 3 at any Downey school or at the Downey Unified School District Office during the open enrollment period.

It is recommended that new students, including Kindergarten students entering a Downey school for the first time and wishing to apply for school of choice, should also register at the school in their assigned attendance area. This will guarantee registration in the District for the new school year.

Applications must be submitted to the Downey School District Office by the closing deadline of April 28 at 4 p.m. Applications are not processed on a first come first served basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on a School of Choice waiting list for the 2006-2007 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting lists according to priority, but only if space is available.

Call the Office of Pupil Services at 469-6554 with questions.

Caregivers' resources shared at church

DOWNEY—A Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center (LACRC) representative will give a free presentation at 7 p.m. Monday, March 27 at Downey First Christian Church, sharing information about community resources on all aspects of caregiving. This will include the following:

- *Providing an overview of what, where, and how you may be able to access community resources available;

- *Explaining how to assess your needs and personal situation;

- *Describing the community care options available, including information and referral, adult day care, case management, transportation services, nutrition programs, home care, support groups, and other options.

It is estimated that nearly one out of every four U.S. households is involved in care to persons aged 50 or over, and that 85 percent of all home care is provided by family members and friends.

LACRC provides information and community resources on all aspects of caregiving. They provide fact sheets and articles on caregiving issues, provide referrals to existing support groups and assist in establishing new groups, provide assistance for caregivers in resolving current caregiving issues and planning for immediate long-term care, as well as innovative educational programs teaching caregivers the skills they need to take care of themselves and to feel more confident in the care they provide.

For information/reservations, call First Christian Church, 862-2438, or visit www.newstreetchurch.com.

Labor and employment laws discussed

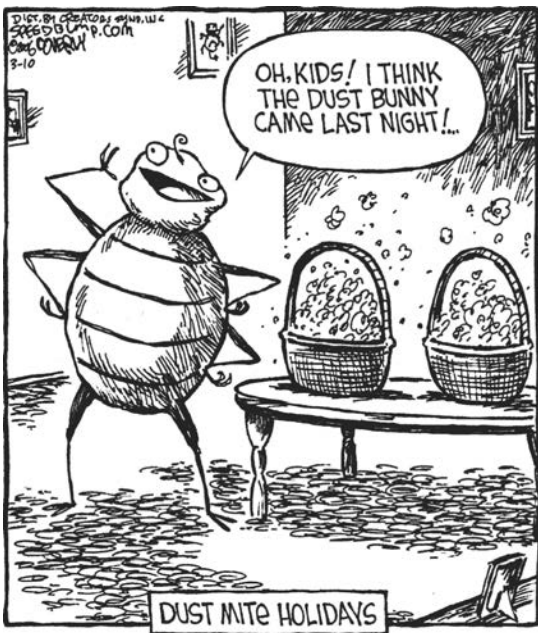
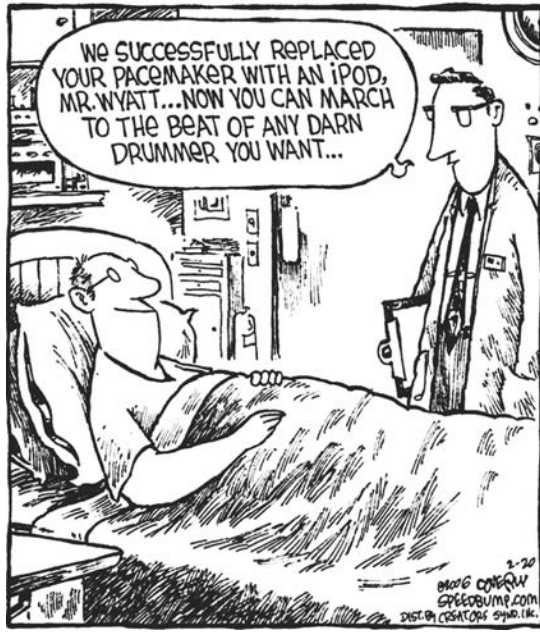
DOWNEY—The Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's meeting Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., will have Jonathan A. Goldstein of Goldstein & Petito as guest speaker. Goldstein's topic is "Labor and Employment Law."

The meeting provides an occasion for Downey Chamber of Commerce members to promote their products/services among themselves. RSVP: (562) 923-2191.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Sat. Mar. 18, 9:00 a.m.: **Diabetes Health Fair** featuring speakers, free screenings and health care vendor tables at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-5580.
 Sat. Mar. 18, 6:45 p.m.: **Interfaith Multi-Cultural Songfest** with free admission and free parking at Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 12425 Orizaba Ave. For information call 861-8450.

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.
 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 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.

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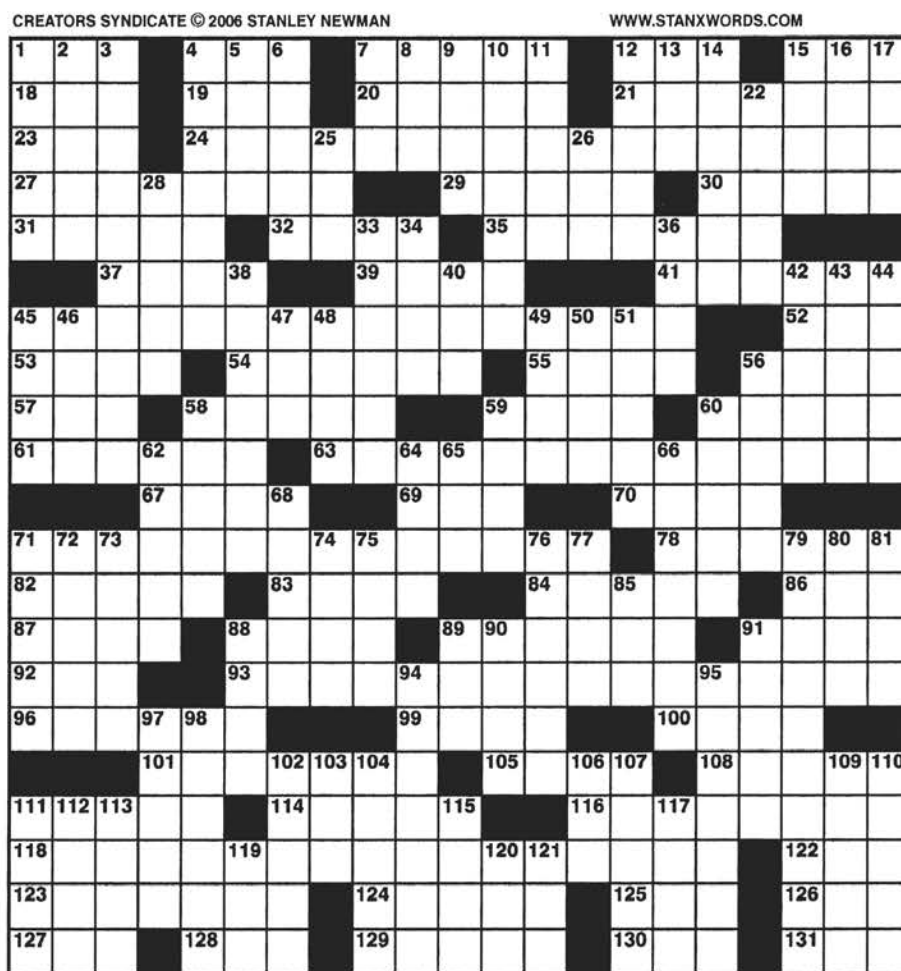
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414
 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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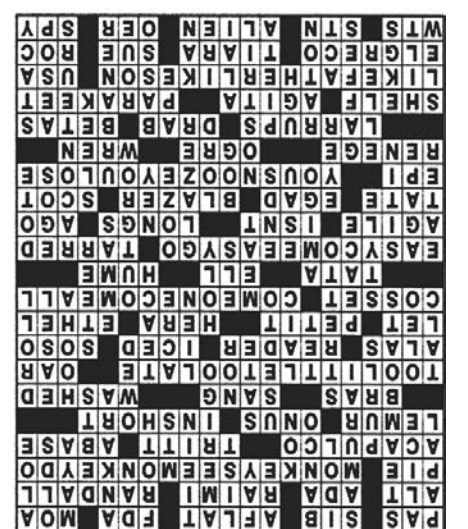
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You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

Prior to 1930, the FDA (12 Across) was known as the FDIA (Food, Drug and Insecticide Adminis- tration). In bridge, a RENEGE (96 Across) is a failure to follow suit when possible. Michel NEY (85 Down) fought in the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars.





PIANIST FELIX TAO CHANG—Vianna da Motta grand prize winner, in recital tonight at Cal State Long Beach.

'Move Over, Mrs. Markham' presented

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, will present "Move Over, Mrs. Markham," a farce by Ray Clooney and John Chapman, March 31-May 6 at its Mainstage Theater.

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Pianist Felix Tao Chang in CSULB recital tonight

LONG BEACH—CSU-Long Beach is presenting a guest artist recital at 8 p.m. tonight, March 17 in the Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall, featuring pianist Felix Tao Chang, the first Asian to win the Vianna de Motta International Piano Competition (in July, 1997) and who was awarded a special prize for the best performance of a Chopin Nocturne. The program will include masterworks by romantic composers Busoni, Chopin, and Schumann.

Chang, who also became the first winner of the J. N. Hummel Piano Competition in the Slovak Republic in 1996, has performed numerous solo and chamber recitals in London, Paris, Toulouse, Vienna, Budapest, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Singapore, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Brazil, Portugal, as well as the United States. In the fall of 1998, he played three debut recitals, at Carnegie Hall in New York, Wigmore Hall in London, and at the Salle Pleyel in Paris. Upcoming engagements include a concert celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday featuring his Piano Concertos, with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, as well as master classes in Hong Kong, Macau, and Singapore.

Chang began to study piano at the age of nine. From 1988 to 1992, he studied at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts under the tutelage of Gabriel Kwok and received his Advanced Diploma in piano performance with high distinction. He furthered his study with Distinguished Professor Sequeira Costa at the University of Kansas and where he received his Doctoral degree in piano performance. Chang is a recipient as well of several scholarships and other distinctions. His first debut CD on the VMF label, "Tao Chang in Concert," was released in 1999.

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Looking for Miss Downeys

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association is looking for former Miss Teen Downeys, Miss Downeys and former members of the courts for a reunion prior to the Miss Downey/Miss Teen Downey Pageant scheduled on Saturday, March 18.

If you are a former title holder, or if you know how the Association can get hold of former Miss Downeys or members of their courts, you are urged to call Julie Swender at (562) 833-3000 or Carrie Redfox at (562) 869-3698.

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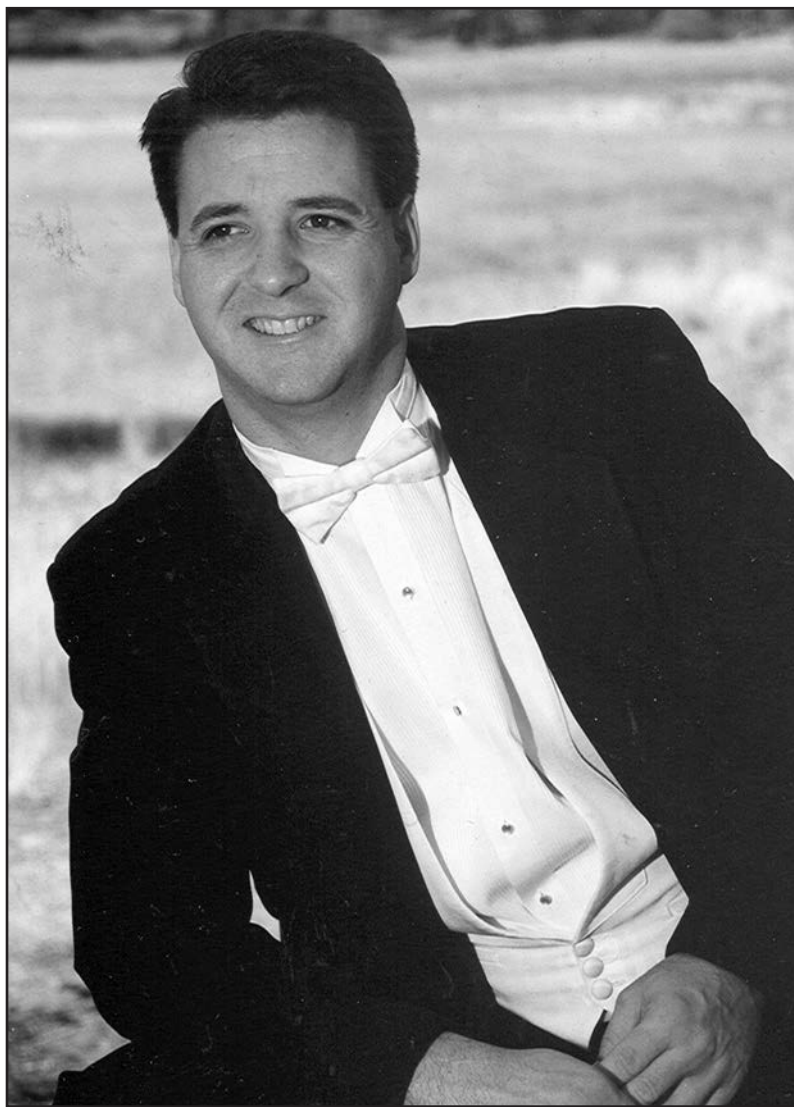
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FRANZ ANTON RICHARD SEIFERT—A Warren High and CSU-Fullerton grad, died on his 40th birthday, March 2, while snowboarding. He will be remembered at a memorial mass Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, Downey.

Catered Shabbat dinner at Temple

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, will have a catered Shabbat Dinner (a complete dinner with soup, entree, veggies, salad, choice of dressing, rolls, and beverages) on Friday evening, March 24 at 6 p.m.

Services will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow, Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, and Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

Prepaid reservations are a must. There is a donation of \$11 per person for the dinner; the community is welcome. RSVP by March 20. For information/reservations, call the Temple office at 861-9276.

Memorial mass for Franz Seifert

DOWNEY—A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, for Franz Anton Richard Seifert, who was born March 2, 1966 in Huntington Park and passed away, also on March 2, while pursuing one of his many passions, snowboarding. He was 40. The celebration of the mass will be done by family friend Monsignor Helmut Hefner.

He graduated from Warren High School in 1984 and from CSU-Fullerton in 1989, where he was a member of the Omega Pi Lambda fraternity, with a degree in business administration. He had many affiliations, including his business 24 Karat Sound, the American Disc Jockey Association, the North Tahoe Firefighters Association, his time spent as a teacher of computer science at North Lake Tahoe High School, his membership in a local Subaru club, and many years as HAM radio operator.

He is survived by wife Kimberly and daughter Amber Seifert of Reno, NV; parents Franz and Maria Seifert; sister and brother-in-law Ingrid and Bob Johnson, nephews Mitchell, Gregory, Kevin and Scott Johnson; sister and brother-in-law Mary and David Lubetski, niece Layne Lubetski, nephew Mark Lubetski, and great nephew Justin Lubetski, all of Downey.

Dorothy L. Ervin survived by many

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service officiated by Fr. Vivian Ben Lima was held March 15 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Dorothy L. Ervin, a 56-year resident of Downey who was born in Pennsylvania and passed away at Southland Home on March 1. She was 89.

She was employed by Sav-on Drug Store and was a member of the Mother Setton Mission Circle, Sister Theresa of the Little Flower, and Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by daughters Bev Spalsbury, Frances Yzabal, Gail Floyd, and Teri Lindstrom; sister Caroline M. Mackay; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Miller-Mies Mortuary handled arrangements.

Class on self-massage taught March 19

DOWNEY—The Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment, 1000 Paramount Blvd., Downey, is sponsoring a class on self-massage and grounding Sunday, March 19 from 1-4 p.m. It will be presented by Sophia Grace Torres, MA, licensed therapist.

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PIH Auxiliary celebrates 50th year

WHITTIER—Members of the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) Auxiliary will celebrate the group's 50th anniversary on Sunday, March 19 with a High Tea to be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Patricia L. Scheffly Breast Health Center on the hospital grounds.

The program includes tributes to the Auxiliary's "vision and dedication to support Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in its mission of providing high-quality health care to Whittier and surrounding communities."

The PIH Auxiliary began in 1956 when a group of women from the community came together to form a fundraising arm for a new hospital for the city of Whittier. PIH opened its doors to patients three years later, thanks in part to the efforts of the volunteer group whose membership in the meantime had swelled.

For information, call (562) 698-0811, ext. 2000.

Downey Police and Fire bowling party

DOWNEY—The Downey Police and Fire Foundation invites the public as it hosts the annual Bowling Party fundraiser Sunday, March 26 at Del Rio Lanes, 7502 Florence Ave.

The foundation was founded for the protection of Downey police officers and firefighters injured in the line of duty. The foundation is also available to extend assistance to families and contract employees. Through employee contributions and civic donations the foundation awards scholarships to family members.

The \$20 adult and \$15 donation will provide two games of bowling, shoes, pizza, and soft drinks. The party starts at 2 p.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

For information, contact the Downey Fire Department at 904-7350.

Musical entertainment at Songfest tomorrow

DOWNEY—The 14th annual Interfaith, Multi-cultural Songfest sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held Saturday, March 18 at the church's south Downey facility at 12425 Orizaba Ave. (bet. Downey Ave. and Paramount Blvd. and immediately north of Imperial Elementary School). Prelude music will begin at 6:45 p.m., and the nine-act program of religious music will begin at 7 p.m.

Admission and parking are free.

"It is our pleasure to again offer an evening of music and togetherness to the people of Downey and neighboring communities," said Lois Buchanan, Community Relations Director for the Downey Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and coordinator of the event. "It is also a great opportunity to meet as friends from various religions and from different cultures to promote understanding and friendships. May we continue to build upon the love and respect for one another throughout our communities. Everyone is invited to this free evening of musical harmony."

For information, call (562) 861-8450.

Bernabe awards ceremony tonight

DOWNEY—Bernabe Community Center, 10801 Fairford Ave., is having an Awards Evening tonight, March 17, at 7 p.m. to celebrate the completion of its basketball season. All players will receive a trophy. For information, call 863-1899.



THIS GROUP OF LADIES — Are past presidents of the Woman's Guild at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. A St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was held in their honor at the Rio Hondo Events Center this month.

Genealogical group meets March 19

LONG BEACH—The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach conducts its monthly meeting at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, cor. Cherry and Carson Streets. Speaker at 2:30 p.m. is Allan Jones, on "Evaluating Your Family History Evidence."



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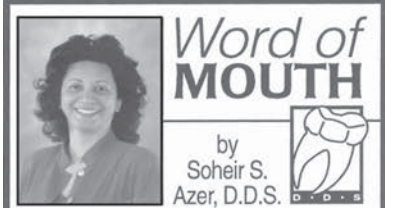


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Spring Vacation Day Camp set April 17-21

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The camp offers children the opportunity to meet new friends, build strong bodies and learn new activities while parents can feel comfortable their children are at a safe place to play. Camp will be conducted by trained personnel and the fee of \$75 includes materials, supplies, a daily lunch beverage and an excursion. Campers must bring their own sack lunch daily.

The fee is \$70 for an additional family member and extended care (7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) and/or 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. is \$35 for one child and \$30 for each additional child.

Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information and registration call (562) 904-7238.

YMCA Easter trip to Lake Mohave

DOWNEY—The Downey Family YMCA is offering their annual Easter caravan to Lake Mohave and the Colorado River April 16-22. The trip is open to boys in grades 6-9.

For more information, call 862-4201 ext. 1740.



ANA DECHACON – A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, is currently in college studying business. “We are always happy to welcome a dynamic professional to the team,” said Angie Pierce, general manager. To contact Dechacon, call (562) 927-2626.

‘Quality of Light’ opens at Playhouse

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, opens its 40th season with the world premiere of “The Quality of Light” by Richard Martin Hirsch.

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For tickets/information, call (562) 494-1014 or visit www.lbph.com.

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.

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By Colin Clarke
If Trees Could Talk!

Many buyers wisely include a satisfactory home inspection as a requirement of their purchase. However, there is another property feature that is often overlooked when making a purchase decision - the landscaping. That's right - landscaping is more than just a neatly trimmed lawn and a few flowering bushes. It's a window into the home's very condition. A careful look at the property around the home can yield valuable information, illustrating potential soil problems, pest infestation, drainage problems and even structural instability. Pay extra special attention to ponds or fountains, retaining walls, fences, decks and railings, windows and doors, and trees around and near the home. Try to imagine where all the water goes after a heavy rainfall, and look for signs of its journey around the house. If there are mature trees in the yard, strongly consider having them professionally analyzed for their appropriateness in your climate zone, their potential age and lifespan, and any problems that may develop from their proximity to the house. While real estate agents are perfectly capable of diligent visual inspection of a property, they don't act outside their area of expertise. An agent may help point out a potential problem, but that's no substitute for a professional landscaping analysis. The agent is there to be sure that the buyers are educated and able to make an informed decision.

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Seniors hope to push Downey over the hump

Downey baseball preview

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – Downey Vikings baseball looks to improve from their third place finish in last year's San Gabriel Valley League standings, finishing the year 10-5, 16-11 overall, just one game back from their arch rivals Warren High School.

The Vikings' record did get them into the CIF playoffs as a number three seed. They lost in the first round to La Quinta in a heart breaking 1-0 loss.

With 12 seniors on the team, they look to jump up and over the Warren Bears and hopefully give last year's champion, Gahr High School, a run for the top spot in the highly competitive league.

So far this year, the Vikings have a record of 4-3 after playing in the Loara Tournament. They beat Artesia twice and Katella and El Modena once a piece.

Their offense is being led by senior John Ortega who is atop the leaders in all offensive categories hitting .364 with one homerun and four runs batted in.

Ortega is also among the team leaders in ERA allowing 1.75 runs a game. Senior Jamil Acosta is leading the team in pitching with an ERA of 1.08. He has pitched 13 innings and has struck out 15 of the 54 batters he has faced this year.

The Vikings open up their SGVL schedule at Gahr today. Game time is 3 p.m. Vikings coach Jess Gonzalez was unavailable for comment.

Downey High School Baseball 2006 Schedule

March	17	at Gahr
	18	at Redondo Tournament
	21	at Warren
	24	Paramount
	28	Lynwood
	31	at Dominguez
April	4	Gahr
	7	at Gahr
	11	Warren
	13	at Downey
	25	at Paramount
	28	Paramount
May	2	at Lynwood
	5	Lynwood
	9	Dominguez
	11	at Dominguez

All games 3 p.m., except tournaments (TBA)

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 Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino.

The three-day, two-night (\$209 double per person/\$269 single) Nevada tour includes: transportation, two-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.

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Ask the Contractors Board

By Bert Sandman,
Chair, California Contractors State License Board

Q: I am considering hiring a contractor who told me he is "self-insured" for general liability insurance. What does that mean, and is it safe to hire him?

A: If a contractor is "self-insured" he or she has made a decision to be responsible for losses normally covered by insurance. Before hiring, ask yourself "if something went wrong, would this contractor be able to cover the costs?" If the answer is "no," then find a contractor with general liability insurance through an established company. While licensed contractors are not required to carry general liability insurance they must include information in your written contract about whether or not they carry general liability insurance and that it will protect against third-party bodily injury and property damage.

If uninsured the contractor should be able to explain how they could cover losses that would ordinarily be covered by insurance. Because the CSLB recommends contractors have general liability insurance, most carry it. But, if your contractor damages your property and doesn't carry general liability insurance you or your insurance policy could end up paying for damages. Be sure to visit the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov to check the license of a contractor before signing any contract.

Q: I have identified asbestos in my home. It's an older home, so I am not surprised, but I need to get it removed. Where do I start?

A: Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber that has been used extensively in construction and many other industries. Nearly every building contains asbestos in some form. It has been widely used because of its special properties. For example, asbestos is very resistant to destruction by heat or chemicals, and its fibers are extremely durable. These characteristics led to its use in wall insulation; paint; sprayed- or troweled-on surfacing materials; ceiling and flooring materials; pipe, boiler, and duct insulations; cement filler; and a variety of other products.

Because asbestos is a health hazard, it is important to carefully select a licensed contractor to remove it. Before choosing a contractor, get bids from at least three licensed contractors to perform the job. Request work plans detailing the schedule each would follow while performing the work. Then, visit the CSLB website to confirm the contractor has a certification to remove asbestos.

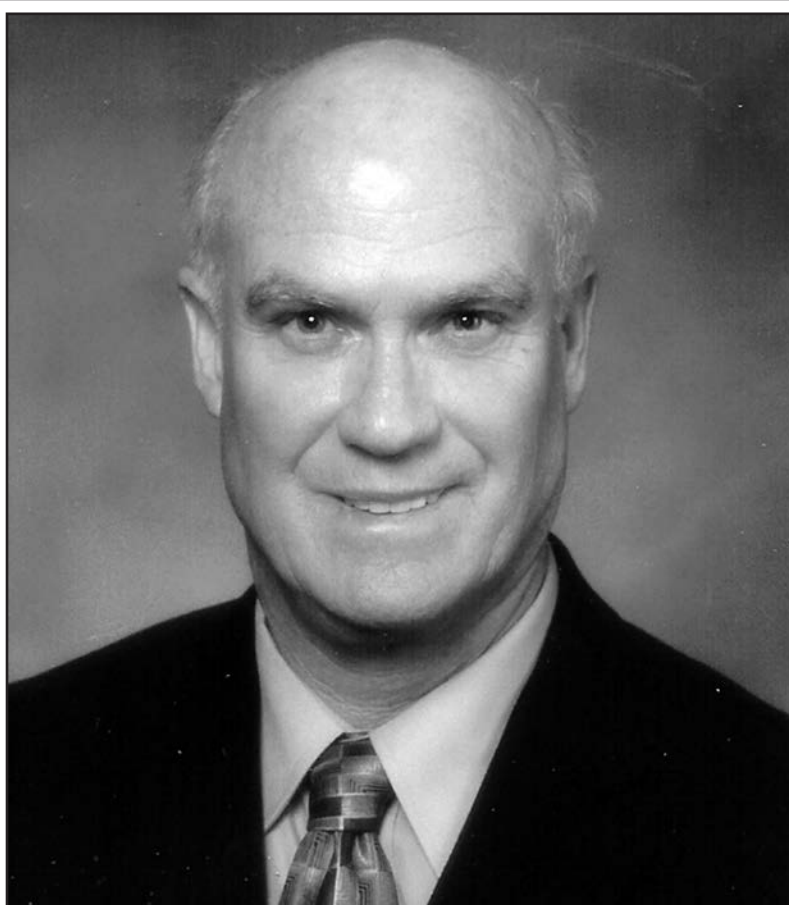
Next, make sure the contractor has all the appropriate tools, training, and licensing and certification necessary to comply with the law and to protect you from unnecessary exposure to asbestos fibers. Finally, call Cal/OSHA to make sure the contractor has current registration as an asbestos abatement contractor. Other important requirements your asbestos removal contractor should meet include:

- *Copies of notification materials for the EPA and Cal/OSHA
- *Job site log-in sheets
- *Monitoring reports for air and personnel
- *Accident reports
- *Hauling and disposal information and permits
- *A final air monitoring report

For more information on asbestos removal, download your free copy of *A Consumer Guide to Asbestos* from the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov. This useful publication outlines information about the specialized skills and equipment required for the services of registered and certified asbestos abatement contractors.

Q: I know I am encouraged to verify a contractor's license through the CSLB before they start work on my house, but I am also interested in finding out about suspensions or other legal actions taken against them. Are they required to disclose this information to me, just as they do their license status?

A: A contractor who has had his or her license suspended or revoked due to disciplinary action two or more times within an eight-year period must notify consumers prior to entering into a home improvement contract for a residential property. This notice is required whether or not the revocation or suspension was stayed. This notice must include information on any citation, license suspension or license revocation during the last four years, resulting from any violation by the contractor or legal action taken against the contractor. Complaint information about a license is disclosed after the complaint has been fully investigated and has been referred for legal action.



JAMES HANNA – A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, has served in the military and works with United Airlines. "James is determined, motivated and committed to bringing professionalism and excellent service to his clients," stated Laurie Mac Isaac, vice-president of marketing. To contact Hanna, call (562) 927-2626.

Genealogical Society meets March 18

WHITTIER—The Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier.

Speaker will be Thelma Montgomery who will present "Write Your Own Story." She teaches a popular life writing class in the area.

Visitors are always welcome at these monthly meetings. For information, call (562) 695-5431 or (626) 919-1713, or see <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>.

L.B. Embroiderers meet March 24

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. meets Friday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 East Willow St. in Long Beach, featuring a demonstration by Chris Higgins. Social Hour begins at 10 a.m.

Guests are welcome (they are requested to pay a \$2 donation) to these monthly meetings, which are held every fourth Friday of the month. For information, call up Vicki Young, (562) 421-6975.

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New Construction in N/E Downey!!!
This gorgeous 3,202 sq. ft. custom built home features 3 bedrooms including dual master suites, 4 full spa-like baths, exquisite custom kitchen, granite, marble and hardwood throughout, distinguished interior details, stunning heated pool and spa, custom built patio and BBQ, prestigious Downey schools. Priced to Sell at: \$1,295,000.

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This 3 bedrooms, 1.75 bath Downey home features Spacious living room, dining room & master suite, hardwood floors & ceramic tile, covered patio & a 2 car garage all on a 6,384 square foot lot.
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3 bedrooms, 2 bath home in North Downey (Orange Estates) near Furman Park. The Home includes a master bedroom, living room, family room & enclosed patio. The property also includes a 3-car garage & guest room. Exterior has been freshly painted & has a new roof-iron fence, while the interior has a remodeled kitchen & bathrooms, hardwood floors, Italian tile, central air & heat, & copper plumbing throughout. All this for \$ 849,950
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This magnificent, colonial-style home includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, large guest house, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa on an impressive 11,625 sq. ft. lot. The home features an elegant formal living room with crown molding & fireplace, spacious formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, spacious bedrooms, a playroom, and a solarium. You'll love the private master suite with its cedar-lined walk-in closet, large bathroom, retreat area, and fireplace. The pool & spa, with its automatic cover, can be used year round. Price: \$1,175,000.
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Spanish Style Beauty
Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home rebuilt in 1993 in the wonderful NE section of Downey. The property has a 2 car det. garage and large pool-size yard that's perfect for entertaining. The custom-built home has an impressive living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room and den, and a downstairs master bedroom with large bathroom. The upstairs has another master bedroom, 2 other bedrooms with Jack-&-Jill bath, and bonus room (or 5th bedroom). Price: \$1,075,000.
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A Rare Find!
5 bedroom, 3 bath Downey home built in 2001 set on a very large 9,150 sq. ft. lot with covered patio and built-in BBQ. The home opens into a large living room with a cathedral ceiling, marble floors, formal dining room with fireplace, remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops & built-in appliances & a cozy family room with fireplace. The master suite has a fireplace and a large bathroom with 2 showers & a separate tub. \$1,099,000
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