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5th graders get classical boost

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—The doors of encouragement spread a little wider — most invitingly a couple of weeks ago when Downey's fifth graders trooped into the Civic Theater for the annual "Pied Piper" Concert, presented by the Downey Symphony Orchestra.

These 10-year-olds were encouraged to think about learning to play an instrument when they go to middle school next year, participating with friends to create music.

They were encouraged to discover how much fun it is to hold one of those intricate things, clarinet for instance, and blow unacceptable sounds through the mouthpiece. And then want to get better at actually playing it.

The seeds are planted

Or to understand something about the wonders of orchestral sound and literature, so they can be knowledgeable, appreciative audiences for the future. They don't think in those terms about all of this, but the seed has been planted, beginning in kindergarten through the Music in the Schools programs and leading right into this day's special excursion.

The young students know conductor Tom Osborn from frequent appearances in their schools and from the orchestra's concert in the same theater when they were in third grade. Now, in music by Berlioz, Handel and Mussorgsky, Tom guides their ears to discern the various sections of the orchestra and individual instruments.

Young soloist

He tells them today's soloist started to play as a kid just as all the musicians in the orchestra did. "So we want to show you what a young person can do. Here is Brooke Parker, a junior at Long Beach Poly High School." Tom raises his baton, Brooke lifts her violin, the orchestra awaits the downbeat, and they simply tear into the dazzling Carmen Fantasy by Sarasate/Bizet. It is a confident and thrilling performance.

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Large turnout expected for GOOD luncheon

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 highlights the tremendous work being done by this community-based organization.

The special luncheon 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; or Barbara Lamberth, CEO, Downey Federal Credit Union at (562) 862-8141, ext. 223.

Character Counts Series Perseverance

By Sabrina Vidrio

3rd Grade, Unsworth Elementary

"When life gets you down, do you wanna know what you've gotta do? Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming." I think this famous quote means you should always try and try again. If you fail at something and don't try again, you won't learn how to do it. You also will not be able to ever learn how to do new things. You should always try to do your best on everything. For example, math test at school, reading or homework. Trying harder will make you smarter. Instead of watching television all day, you should challenge yourself to do something new. This could make you into a person who tries to succeed, instead of being a quitter.

In my life, I was always nervous about learning how to play softball. When tryouts came around, I was afraid I wouldn't make the team. My mom said, "Just try you best, you'll see, it will be fun." So I tried my best and in time I got better. My family was so proud of me when I made the team. Because I kept persevering, I learned many new things in softball. I can catch fly balls and hit really well. Not only is my family proud of me, I am proud of myself.

I've learned to keep trying even if things are hard to accomplish. So remember, "When life gets you down, do you wanna know what you've gotta do? Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming." It is always good to keep trying new things and never give up. Who knows what you might be good at?

This is the second in a series of student essays adjudged the best by each school in the Downey Unified School District on the theme, "Character Counts."



THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE—With all its 3,000 miles will be explored at this Sunday's "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series at the Downey Theater.



NATURAL WONDERS—The Continental Divide covers thousands of miles through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. Filmmaker Gale Worth recorded his trip, which will be presented Sunday at the Downey Theater.

'Great Divide' screens Sunday

An 'Armchair Adventure'

DOWNEY—Travel with filmmaker Gale Worth through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana as he follows the Continental Divide for 3,000 miles when the Downey Theater continues the "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series this Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. with the film "Along the Continental Divide."

From the Grand Teton to the Bison of Yellowstone the camera's eye never caught grander vistas.

Tickets

Tickets for "Along the Continental Divide" may be purchased on the day of the performance only at the Downey Theater Box Office. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Cash or check will be the only methods of payment accepted. For information call the Theater Box Office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Last of series

The final film of this 2005-06 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series is "Inside Ireland" filmed and narrated by Clint Denn, presented at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23 at the Downey Theater.

Faith Temple, 92, led very active life

DOWNEY—Faith Temple, one of Downey's most active women, passed away from a stroke on March 30 at the age of 92, in Katy, Texas. She was the wife of Scott Temple, who was one of the original Downey City Councilmembers when Downey was incorporated in 1956. The couple lived in Downey 57 years, before moving to Texas to live near their son.

Services were held at 10 a.m. yesterday at St. Marks Episcopal Church in Downey, where she was a member of the Alter Guild. A private family burial followed at San Gabriel Cemetery where she was laid to rest with her husband, Scott, and her son, Roger.

Faith was active in many Downey organizations including the Downey Museum of Art, Historical Society, Rose Float Association, Sister Cities Association, Second Century Foundation and many other charitable activities such as PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization). While in Texas, she continued to be active in PEO as well as other local organizations.

Surviving son, Walter, resides in Katy, TX with his wife Kay and their four children. Surviving daughter, Marilyn Hunt, resides in Lehi, UT with her husband Ken and their five children. Son Roger (with three children) had predeceased her. Faith also leaves 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS—Unsworth Elementary fifth graders, like Sebastian, above, were treated to the classical sounds of the Downey Symphony Orchestra at its annual Pied Piper Concert.



CONGR. ROYBAL-ALLARD—(In white shirt), leads the Pledge of allegiance at the 10th annual Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County's "Walk for Independence."

Fashion show to benefit students

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club's upcoming fashion show, "Bloomin' Spring Fashions," scheduled Monday, May 15 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club and presented by "Nena's Fashions of La Habra," will feature door prizes by Downey merchants. The proceeds will help the club award three scholarships to the local Downey high schools as well as to support the Rose Float Association, P.T.A. Helps, and Arc.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 each. The event will begin with a Social Hour at 10:30 a.m., then lunch consisting of filet mignon, followed by the fashion show at 12:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are recommended, as the event always sells out.

For tickets, contact Melba Willbanks, chairman, at (562) 862-2799.

College to open 25-year-old capsule

NORWALK—Cerritos College will open a 25-year-old time capsule on Tuesday, April 18, as part of the college's 50th birthday celebration.

The capsule, which was originally sealed in November of 1981, is currently on display at the Wilford Michael Library on campus and will be opened at 4 p.m. It will then be examined and resealed for another 25 years.

The ceremony and unsealing will be at the Cerritos College Student Center. A reception will follow. For information call (562) 860-2451.

Eaters Anonymous meetings held

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

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Resident granted a taste of life in Eastern Europe

DOWNEY — Downey resident Kelley Roberts will leave next week for a month-long tour of Eastern Europe, part of a five-person team departing to develop personal and business relationships abroad while offering their own take on life in the United States.

The trip was coordinated and is being funded by Rotary International, which created the Group Study Exchange program for men and women ages 25-40.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how people live and work in other countries," said Roberts, who just last year journeyed to the Arctic Circle for a weeklong hunting trip. "I'm looking forward to the overall experience of it."

Roberts, 37, applied and interviewed for the program last October and was accepted over an undisclosed number of applicants. As part of the program, he will write a report upon his return and discuss his experience at various Rotary meetings throughout the area.

He will be part of a five-person team (two men, two women and one group leader) that will travel together through parts of Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Slovenia. Rotarians in each country will serve as host families, providing for meals, lodging and travel within their district.

Roberts, who works as a ride maintenance supervisor at Knott's Berry Farm, will meet with professionals who do the same type of work. His itinerary also has planned trips to wineries, museums, and even a prison.

A 27-year volunteer with the Downey Rose Float Association, Roberts plans to share some of those experiences overseas as well.

Roberts leaves for his trip on Monday.

'Relay for Life' seeks all cancer survivors

DOWNEY—The American Cancer Society is calling on all cancer survivors "who [surely] have a compelling story to tell" to come forward and participate in the "Relay for Life" they, in tandem with Downey Adult School, are sponsoring Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, in Downey.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour event in which Downey residents take turns walking or running around a track, to raise funds for much-needed cancer research, community education, legislative advocacy and patient service programs. The event is thus meant to empower the community to take part in the fight against cancer while honoring its survivors and remembering loved ones lost to the disease.

To find out how you can get involved, call Downey Adult School's Bernice Madariaga at (562) 940-6213, or the American Cancer Society's Downey Rio Hondo Unit at (562) 776-0201.

Lodge to honor local schools, students

DOWNEY—Worshipful Master Rory Richardson of Downey's local Masonic Lodge invites all Downey residents interested in what the local schools are doing, to its Public Schools Night Thursday, April 13 at the Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St.

The evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. dinner, and the lodge will honor four local schools and four students in the program that starts at 7:30 p.m. The celebration will be held in the Lodge Room.

Reservations for the dinner and program are a must, by calling (562) 862-4176 no later than Tuesday, April 11, leaving your number and number of people expected to attend.

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DRMC SPECIAL CARE NURSE—Sharon Ray, second from left, is cited for 30 years of service at recent Service Awards Banquet. Also cited are Special Care Nursery colleague Kami Conover (5 years), extreme left, and Family Birth Center's Laura Prieto, RN, (15 years) extreme right. Standing tall and all smiles as well is Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell.

Special Care nurse singled out for praise

DOWNEY—Downey resident Sharon Ray, a Special Care Nursery nurse at Downey Regional Medical Center who has devoted the past 30 years to caring for the community's young patients, was one of 75 employees who achieved service milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years, and who were honored at a recent semi-annual DRMC Service Awards Banquet.

As a 30-year service awardee, she received the lion's share of praise. Her Nursing director, Ranie Hamilton, spoke of her thus: "Sharon has been a registered nurse for more than 40 years. She came to work at Downey when the hospital here on Brookshire opened in 1969, and worked in pediatrics for several years. She took a year off for 'mom duty,' then came back in 1975, working in the newborn nursery. Sharon transferred to Special Care Nursery when we opened the Family Birth Center in the early 90s, learning an entire new set of intensive care nursing skills. The staff and patients' families love her. I love her. She's a dependable, skilled, easy-to-get-along-with nurse. Sharon works full time, doesn't call in sick, smiles, and I wish we could clone her."

Sharon and her husband, John, have four sons and seven grandchildren, and are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this year. Asked what career she would have chosen aside from nursing, Sharon replied, "Ever since I was a little girl I wanted to be a nurse. Back then girls became teachers, nurses or secretaries; there weren't as many opportunities. But I still wouldn't have chosen anything else."

Victorian fashion show at Woman's Club

DOWNEY—The Woman's Club of Downey is finalizing plans for its Victorian Tea Fashion Show scheduled Saturday, April 8, at the Woman's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey. The fashion show will display unique teapots filled with bright spring flowers at each table.

Doors open at 10 a.m. There will be vendors with jewelry, handbeaded articles and other items with their displays. Victorian Tea luncheon will be served at 11 a.m., followed by Nena's Fashions at noon.

The afternoon also includes a \$100 door prize—each guest will receive a ticket for the drawing with a chance to win the \$100.

Tickets are \$25, and for reservations, call 869-3848, or mail checks to the Woman's Club of Downey.

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THE DOWNEY NEWCOMERS CLUB'S —Regular meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, April 10 at Maggie's Pub will again feature a "Parade of Hats" contest in three categories: Most Beautiful, Most Comical, and Most Original. Each category winner will receive a free lunch. Photo shows last year's participants. For reservations, call Paula Lou, 861-2545.

Churches offer Good Friday services

DOWNEY — Messiah Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches of Downey will hold Good Friday services at Messiah Lutheran on April 14 for workers and residents in the community. The Reverend Norman Stoppenhagen of Messiah will lead the service at 12 p.m. and the Reverend Lewis Busch of Good Shepherd will serve as the officiant for the 12:30 p.m. worship.

The worship will include a message on the meaning of the cross and special music.

"These services are in response to requests from people in Downey who miss the opportunity that was provided in former years to worship on Good Friday over the lunch hour and to reflect on the blessings of the crucifixion for them," said Pastor Stoppenhagen.

Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 10711 Paramount Blvd. at 6th St. For more information, call 923-1215.

Volunteer/donor breakfast tomorrow

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library is honoring its volunteers and donors at its 22nd annual Volunteer & Major Donor Recognition Breakfast tomorrow, April 8 at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10607 Old River School Road, Downey. It takes place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The event, which includes awards presentations and entertainment, is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

Networkers meet at Nordic Fox April 11

DOWNEY—Downey Chamber of Commerce members Amanda Easterland of American Career Colleges of America and Jorge Gonzalez of Mijo's Printing & Design are the speakers at the Tuesday, April 11 meeting at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., of the Chamber's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group.

The group meets at 7:30 a.m. RSVP: 923-2191.

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CONCERT

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When it's finale time, Tom really stacks the deck. The ending of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture calls for huge Russian church bells clanging in jubilation (chimes work well indoors), a battery of cannon, for heaven's sake (base drummer is very busy), and every instrument letting loose to celebrate a great victory. It's a stunner in itself, but today there is a Plus. Before the eyes of these 10-year-old kids, the curtains of the theater's side stages rise and wow—on one side, 17 brass and wind players from Downey High School, on the other side, the same from Warren High School.

Miracles of coordination

These concerts are simply miracles of coordination, and we want to run some credits (drumroll, please). Imagine hundreds of fifth graders arriving in a fleet of buses on the dot, filing into the theater to their seats on the dot, then multiply the scene times three, because the whole thing, concert and all, everyone in, everyone out, has to be done three times to accommodate more than 1,683 children, and you understand that it has required a bit of planning. The coordination springs from the office of Denise Takano, Director of Elementary Education at the Downey Unified School District, and Mrs. Takano is quick to hand accolades to her staff, particularly to Ana Thorne, "the brain behind this morning," to the theater staff, and to the 5th grade teachers for classroom preparation. "It is a nice cooperative effort."

Credits also to Janice Luna, Brooke Parker's teacher; and to the Hoag Foundation's for funding the Pied Piper Concerts. Without the Foundation's generosity and commitment to enhancing the learning experience of youngsters, the Pied Pipers would not happen.

50th anniversary for couple

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey residents Guido and Miriam Acquistapace, who met for the first time on a blind date in Huntington Beach and began a courtship that included mutual interests in classical music and literature, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month at the Embassy Suites.

She arrived in California from Ohio (having been raised in a more rural environment, and a desire to move west with her brother). After marriage, they settled in Downey and began raising a family. Theresa was first, followed by Thomas, then, Timothy.

He began a career in electronic engineering at Rockwell International, where he contributed to the Apollo and Gemini missions, as well as the fledgling space shuttle program. Most of his work was focused in the department of Flight Simulation Laboratories where the astronauts trained to use various instrumentation and navigate a variety of potential scenarios.

Once retired, Acquistapace began a serious pursuit of cycling. Currently, at age 79, he and four other 70-plus teammates hold the record for cycling across the U.S.A. He is also the president of S.C.O.R.E., a cycling club comprised of older individuals with heart conditions and those just riding for fun.

In her spare time, Miriam Acquistapace donates hours and insight with a local E.H.A. (Emotional Help Anonymous) chapter.



SOROPTIMIST CLUB OF DOWNEY — Held its annual Women of Distinction (WOD) breakfast meeting recently. Pictured from left are club president Ellie Eck; Bev Mathis and Joan Frey, WOD honorees; Despina Niapis, Violet Richardson Award winner; Diane Lumsdaine, club member; Betty Ferraro, guest speaker; Judy McDonnell, event chair; Cleo Latimer and Pauline Hume, WOD honorees; and Brooke Stephens, Governor of Soroptimist International Camino Real Region.

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 Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Learn about healthy eating and nutrition for the whole family. Andrea Giancoli, MPH, RD, will teach this class, co-sponsored by the DRMC Department of Education and the Volunteer Corps. Information on weight loss will be provided, along with tips and ideas for healthy meal and snack planning for all family members -- especially children and teens. Participants will have a chance to ask questions.

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'Eggstravaganza' egg hunt at 4 parks

DOWNEY—The city of Downey's annual "Eggstravaganza" Egg Hunt, which offers a morning of free family fun, takes place Saturday, April 15 at Apollo Park, Dennis the Menace Park, Furman Park and Golden Park.

Free activities such as craft and face painting will be conducted from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Egg Hunts will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., and will be divided into three age groups for 12 years old and under. The Easter Bunny will be on site to visit and to take pictures for a fee of \$1.50. Members of the Miss Downey and Miss Downey Teen Courts will volunteer at the sites.

For more information, contact the Downey Community Services Department at 904-7238.

Spring boutique at Christ Lutheran

DOWNEY—Christ Lutheran Church is holding a Spring Boutique Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Vendors will be providing items such as crafts, jewelry, baked goods, scrapbooking, etc. for sale. There will also be lunch items available for purchase.

There is no admission charge and parking is free.

For vendor or more specific information, call Mary Holster at (562) 862-2141. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 7707 E. Florence Ave. in Downey (near corner of Rives & Florence).

Spring Fling Fashion Show April 12

DOWNEY—Downey Christian Women's Club will present its Spring Fling fashion show at its next meeting Wednesday, April 12 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The show starts at 11:45 a.m. and the community, including men, is invited to attend.

Also at the meeting will be Judith Scharfenberg, who will speak on "Rising above the challenges with a joyful heart." Tonya Deberaux will provide the music.

Cost is \$12, which includes a buffet lunch. Reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at 927-8488 or Delores at 868-7135.

Class on healthy eating for whole family

DOWNEY—A new class focusing on healthy eating and nutrition for the whole family will be held monthly at Downey Regional Medical Center, starting Wednesday, April 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Andrea Giancoli, MPH, RD, will teach the class, which is co-sponsored by DRMC's Department of Education and the Volunteer Corps. Information on weight loss will be provided, along with tips and ideas for healthy meal and snack planning for all family members—especially children and teens. Participants will have a chance to ask questions.

Classes are free; advance registration is required by calling (562) 904-5580. DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey near Firestone Blvd.

Nurses needed for disaster preparedness

WHITTIER—The Red Cross Rio Hondo Chapter in Whittier, which serves various local communities including Downey, needs nurses to volunteer toward preparedness for a major disaster.

For information contact Rosina Smith, RN, at (562) 864-7842.



CELEBRATING 26 YEARS -- Of donating medical books to China, with Dr. Jordan and Mary Phillips (seated) at recent dinner in Chinatown are fellow Rotarians, from left, Dr. William Kirkwood, Harold Tseklenis, Carol Pearce, Mike and Christine Pohlen, and Frank and Edith Hall.

Medical Books for China marks 26th year

DOWNEY—Downey Rotarians recently celebrated the 26th anniversary of Medical Books for China International with founder and Rotarian Dr. Jordan Phillips and his wife, Mary Phillips, enjoying with other MBCI supporters a traditional Chinese banquet in Los Angeles' Chinatown.

Special guests

Guests included the Vice Consul of the People's Republic of China's Consulate, Madam Huang Xiao Jian, who thanked the couple and stated, "The Phillips are great friends of China. They have contributed to the thousands of medical libraries with the books donated by friends like you. They have also traveled 78 times to visit different areas of China to teach and lecture. Establishing and renewing friendships are their main goal now. We the people of China can only express our gratitude for their selflessness."

Also in attendance were UC-Irvine dean of the School of Medicine, Thomas Cesario, M.D., and his wife, Mary. There have been exchanges of students ever since the sister relationship of UCI with Tianjin Medical University was established five years ago.

Principles

Carol Pearce, president of Downey Rotary, saluted the Phillipses for MBCI's 69th container shipment of medical books, and their adherence to "living the Four Way Test" and "Service Above Self," permeating principles of Rotary.

YMCA searching for volunteers

DOWNEY—The Downey YMCA is in need of volunteers for both morning and evening hours. Call 862-4201 for more information.

The poets' corner

Easter

As we are in the Lenten way
We serve God each and every day

As we come near Christ's resurrection
We can't help but feel His persecution

Easter Morn found Him arisen
To his Father in heaven

We sometimes forget about Easter's true meaning
As we concern ourselves with eggs and a bunny

We wear new clothes on our way to church
But sometimes we leave God in a lurch
So on this Easter let us pray
That God be with us in every way!

—Don Davis,
Downey



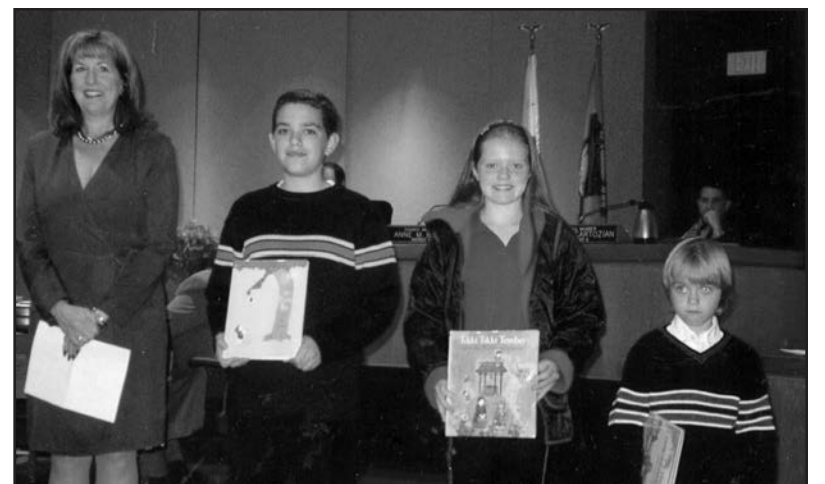
CONGR. ROYBAL-ALLARD—Reads "Hooray for Diffendooper Day!" to 4th and 5th graders at Old River on Dr. Seuss' 102nd birthday anniversary.

Roybal-Allard spends time with children

DOWNEY—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) recently celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with 4th and 5th grade students at Old River Elementary School in Downey, as part of the National Education Association's annual Read Across America event, which this year coincided with the beloved author's 102nd birthday.

The congresswoman spoke to the students about the importance of reading as a way of broadening their minds and encouraged them to always do their best in school.

The congresswoman's Los Angeles staff members also took part in the celebration by reading to students in classrooms throughout the 34th congressional district.



JANICE ALLEN—Chair of the Library Advisory Board, accepts National Library Week proclamation with Eugene Bourgeault, Lafleche-Marie Bourgeault and Eri-Daniel Bourgeault.

Children accept library week proclamation

DOWNEY—A City Council proclamation celebrating National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006, was presented at the March 28 Downey City Council meeting by Mayor Meredith Perkins, providing an occasion to cite siblings Eugene Bourgeault, 13; Lafleche-Marie Bourgeault, 11; and Eri-Daniel Bourgeault, 7, for their reading achievements. The children, representing the Downey City Library, were accompanied by their parents, Eugene and Lafleche Bourgeault of Downey.

Eugene is an 8th grader at East Middle School and a voracious reader with a 4.0 GPA. He is a member of the school Chess Club, the Tech Club, the Multicultural Club, and plays clarinet in the district Honor Band. Lafleche-Marie, a 6th grader at the same school, also maintains a 4.0 GPA. She has been named "Student of the Month" and received a Mary Stauffer Scholarship award for her grades last year. Eri-Daniel, a 1st grader at Ward Elementary, is said to always achieve his monthly reading goals and has received several "Good Citizenship" awards.

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A very good man

By John Adams

I am dedicating this column to my uncle, Alfred Baalas, who died in his sleep at his home in Port Hueneme on Sunday, Feb. 28.

He was 94, and lived a full life.

He attended UCLA and worked in the motion picture industry most of his life as cinematographer. During his many years making movies he found himself in some fabulous locations, including Africa for "King Solomon's Mines," and later toward the end of his career, the Marlon Brando version of "Mutiny on the Bounty." He and Brando hit it off well and the two were often seen together on the deck of the ship in Tahiti deep in discussion.

Brando always liked to take the side of the underdog, in any argument or discussion, which must have made the conversations quite lively since my uncle was a dedicated Republican.

He grew up near a river, and was always handy mechanically. He built his first car from spare parts.

He had a habit of picking up odd objects such as radiator caps and saving them until he found something that they fit.

In terms of motion pictures he was a genius who saved Technicolor when it was in danger of going under by simply reversing the claws used to advance the film. Before Al, the claws had torn the edge of the film, jamming the camera. Technicolor never paid for this saving breakthrough.

Al was not tall, nor was he hefty, but he would scramble around the rafters of an old garage looking for long-ago stored items.

He was a close friend and confidant of U.S. Congressman Elton Gallegly.

He was fascinated by my profession of journalism, and would spend hours on the telephone discussing the problems of the day. He received a copy of The Downey Patriot each week by mail, and read it cover-to-cover.

He always led off our phone conversations by asking, how many pages?

I will miss him.

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, call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

Healing Field opens in Downey April 19

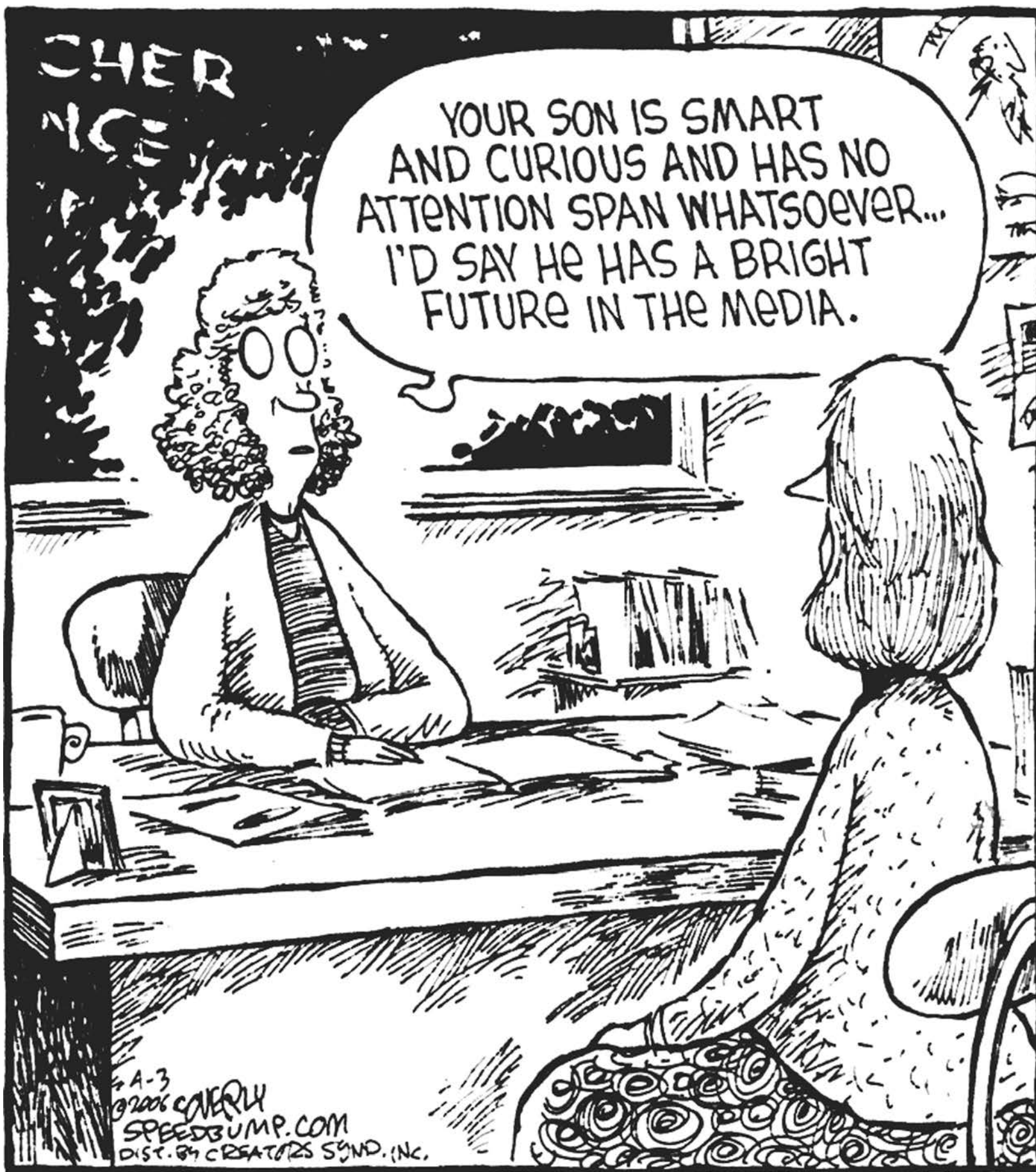
DOWNEY—The Healing Field, a dramatic display of more than a thousand American flags to symbolize the numerous deaths from child abuse of children across the nation in the last year, will for the second year be presented by the Exchange Club Family Support Center at East Middle School (corner of Woodruff and Florence Aves.) April 19-22.

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.

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.



Letters to the Editor

More questions than answers

Dear Editor:

The article announcing Mario Guerra's candidacy left me asking if he is running for school president, or an important office (*The Downey Patriot*, 3/31/06). It read like a resume, minus the achievements he has made for his neighbors and why I should vote for him. Missing are answers to generic questions like: What is the city doing that can be done better or more efficiently? What should the city stop doing? What is the city not doing that needs urgent attention?

Among the items of interest to me are: Is he aware that we do not have a Neighborhood Watch program to address crime, and wouldn't this structure be needed in an earthquake or general disaster?

Is he aware citizens can not walk their dog in city parks? This little-known ordinance ignores the Neighborhood Watch effect increased traffic would have in suppressing vandalism—particularly if coordinated with police patrols. (Section 10110. Animals.) What is his position on Sheriff Lee Baca's early-release program from county jails, and its impact on Downey crime?

—Gordon Lundene,
Downey

Illegals invading our country

Dear Editor:

Kudos must go to Richard McAllister for his eloquent letter (*The Downey Patriot*, 3/31/06).

We have been invaded by 11 million illegal immigrants since 1986, the year of the last amnesty.

—Frank Myers,
Downey

Saddened at Faith Temple's passing

Dear Editor:

This past week I was saddened to hear that former resident Faith Temple passed away.

Scott and Faith were one of the first people I met when my husband Jim and I moved to Downey 43 years ago. My life changed as I grew to know and love them. They were such wonderful people and set such good examples for me. I soon became involved in and with the community.

When Downey Second Century Foundation was formed at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 1973, Faith was appointed Secretary and remained in that position until she and Scott moved to Katy, Texas just a few years ago. Faith was a loyal and responsible person and always took her position seriously. She enjoyed all the city celebrations and the many other community activities.

My work with her in Downey Coordinating Council was fun and interesting because her husband Scott (a four-term mayor and served 14 years on the City Council—no term limits then) would attend with her to keep her company and as he would always say, "I just attend to find out what is happening in my community with all these organizations."

I have many fond memories of Scott and Faith and will cherish all the events and activities we shared together. Faith will be greatly missed by all of us.

On behalf of Downey Second Century Foundation and Downey Coordinating Council our love and condolences to Walt and all the family members.

—Lois Buchanan,
President, Downey Second Century Foundation

Some people just plain lucky

Dear Editor:

One of our freedoms is that we can openly disagree with one another. I am glad that Kathy Beemer's and Sally Wray's children receive the services they need without any advocate (*The Downey Patriot*, 3/31/06). Unfortunately, my children have not been as lucky.

After waiting three years for the district to provide services, an advocate then seemed to be the only way my children would get the services they need. I hope their children continue to receive the services they need to succeed and they never need an advocate.

—Ellen Arbuckle,
Downey

Congresswoman commends Arc

DOWNEY—As guest at the recent 10th annual Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County's "Walk for Independence" at Downey's Stonewood Center Mall, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) congratulated the walk's participants and presented Arc's Executive Director Kevin MacDonald with a congressional certificate of recognition in honor of the organization's 50-year anniversary of working on behalf of people with mental retardation.

The kick-off ceremony for the 1- to 3-mile "Walk for Independence" included the congresswoman's following remarks:

"I...congratulate Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County on its golden anniversary—its 50 years of excellent advocacy and service for people with developmental disabilities. Arc's leadership, dedication, and commitment to providing a wide variety of programs and services for the residents of our Southeast communities is truly commendable...I also thank all of the parents, volunteers and service providers whose love, support and determination give people with disabilities the strength to strive for independence and to reach their full potential. I thank all of you for being here this morning. Your support of today's event helps to generate greater interest and awareness of the needs of people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities. But equally as important, if not more so, your participation offers hope and sends a clear message to the developmentally disabled, that they are valued and have the potential to realize their dreams for a better future and quality of life."

Constituent service office hours added

LOS ANGELES—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard announced a new schedule of constituent office hours in the cities of Bellflower and Bell. The congresswoman's constituent office hours at the other locations in the 34th Congressional District remain unchanged.

Casework office hours and locations are as follows:

2nd Wednesday of each month: Bellflower: 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Dr.; Bell: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Ave.

1st Thursday of each month: East Los Angeles, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Salazar Park Senior Ctr., 3864 E. Whittier Blvd.; Bell Gardens, 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Bell Gardens City Hall, 7100 South Garfield Ave.

2nd Tuesday of each month: Downey, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Barbara Riley Community Ctr., 7810 Quill Dr.; Maywood, 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Maywood City Hall, 4319 E. Slauson Ave.

3rd Thursday of each month: Huntington Park, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, Huntington Park City hall, 6550 Miles Ave.; Commerce, 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Commerce City Hall, 2535 Commerce Way

4th Tuesday of each month: Boyle Heights, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Lucille Beserra Roybal Ctr., 2130 E. First St., Suite 300; Cudahy, 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Cudahy City Hall, 5220 Santa Ana St.

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DRMC welcomes new vice president

DOWNEY -- Kenneth R. Strople joined Downey Regional Medical Center on April 3 as Executive Vice President (EVP) and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Strople's experience in acute care hospitals spans nearly 30 years. For the past 20 years he has served with Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura, since 2004 as Senior Vice President-Operations. While senior VP at the non-profit, 240-bed, community-owned regional hospital, he concentrated on expanding its service area, partially by developing an extensive outpatient clinic system and a bariatric surgery program.

He implemented laboratory computer systems and radiology PAC systems to improve ancillary services; worked to ensure a smooth transition to a new CEO, and coordinated plans for a replacement hospital.

His career in healthcare began as a clinical laboratory technologist. His B.S. degree in Zoology came from San Diego State University. Mr. Strople earned an M.S. in Medical Technology from California State University Dominguez Hills, and a Master of Business Administration from California Lutheran University.

Downey Regional Medical Center is a 199-bed, non-profit hospital serving southeast Los Angeles County since 1920.

Dentist offering new laser gum treatment



JOHN MCCALLISTER

DOWNEY—Downey dentist John McCallister, D.D.S., recently announced he is one of only six dentists in Los Angeles County to be fully trained and licensed to perform Laser Periodontal Therapy—an FDA-cleared and patented laser gum therapy that greatly reduces the pain and recovery time associated with traditional gum surgery. He says he is the only dentist in the area using the laser procedure called PerioLase MVP-7, deemed the first ever *digital* laser technique in the U.S. marketplace used in the breakthrough LPT process.

The combined use of PerioLase and Laser Periodontal Therapy in the treatment of periodontal disease, according to him, thus does away with scalpels or sutures: treatment areas enhanced include the so-called *Gingival Index* (GI) – involving the “quality, quantity, and severity of disease”; *Gingival Bleeding Index* (GBI) – “reduce bleeding from the gums”; *Probe Depth* (PD) – “reduce the depth of the periodontal pocket”; and *Tooth Mobility* (TM) – “lessen loose teeth.”

“And this doesn’t cost any more than conventional gum surgery procedure,” he says.

McCallister, who has been practicing dentistry for a number of years—four in Downey, at his current location at 10917 Paramount Blvd.—is on the board of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and active in other community activities.

1-day super clothing sale April 12

DOWNEY—Admission is free to the TLC (True Lasting Connections) Family Resource Center’s one-day Super Clothing Sale fundraiser at the Griffiths Middle School cafeteria, 9633 Tweedy Lane, Wednesday, April 12 from 3 to 8 p.m.

TLC is a program of the Downey Unified School District that provides a variety of support, free of charge, to DUSD’s children and families.

The super sale will feature new, top quality women’s, men’s, and children’s designer apparel overstock from leading national department stores at discounts up to 90 percent off the original retail. The clothing is all-new with hang tags. There will be over 3500 items to choose from at the sale.

Choose from fashions by Ralph Lauren, Jones New York, Calvin Klein, DKNY, Anne Klein, Kenneth Cole, Tommy Hilfiger, Liz Claiborne, Maggy London, Le Suit, Tahari, BCBG, Donna Ricco, Spenser Jeremy, Kasper, Rampage, XOXO, Sean John, Phat Farm, RocaWear, and many others.

The items will come in all sizes (0-3X), and all styles, from casual to career to evening wear. Fitting rooms will be available.

Payment may be made by check, cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover cards.



ANNUAL FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON – San Antonio Guild is honoring the Downey Unified School District at the fashion show luncheon to be held June 11. School Superintendent Wendy Doty will be one of the models as well as Martha Sodetani and school principals, teachers and students. Pictured are San Antonio Guild President Janet Molinaro and Tony Garcia, owner of Diana’s Boutique, who will be providing the gowns for the fashion show.

Spring Vacation Day Camp set April 17-21

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a Spring Vacation Day Camp for children ages 6-14 from April 17-21 at Wilderness Park, 19999 Little Lake Road.

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 3:30p.m. to 6 p.m. is \$35 for one child and \$30 for each additional child.

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Entertainment set for 13th annual Street Fair

DOWNEY—The much-anticipated 13th annual Downey Street Faire, produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will take place Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along three blocks of Brookshire Avenue north of Firestone Boulevard. An appearance by the Downey High School Marching Band kicks off the event at 9 a.m.

Entertainment

Entertainment will include the 'Southland Harmony Chorus' singing at 9:30 a.m.; 'On Stage Dance Center' performing at 10:15 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. 'Class 6' Band; 12:45 p.m. 'Flashpoint' Band; 3 p.m. 'Bless' d'; and 3:45 p.m. 'All About Me' Band. In between acts, 'Avianna, Daughter of Isis,' will be entertaining.

The Street Faire includes over 200 vendors along Brookshire Ave., a Kid's Zone and Food Court located on Downey High's south parking lot, and a Classic Car Show located on Downey High's north parking lot near the pool. There is ample free parking and no charge for admittance.

This year's sponsors are: *Platinum* – Colin Clarke, Century 21-Jervis & Associates; *Diamond* – Downey Regional Medical Center; *Gold* – CalMet Services, Inc. and First Baptist Church of Downey; *Silver* – Countrywide Home Loans, Talbert Medical Group and Wescom Credit Union; and *Bronze* – All American Home Center, California Health Plan, Downey Savings & Loan, Gallatin Dental Group, Norm's Restaurant, Alon Ofir, DDS, Pacific Western Bank, Pioneer Medical Group, Inc., and World of Decor.

OASIS 'Swing, Swing, Swing!' program

DOWNEY—Dr. Thom Mason, professor of jazz studies at the USC Thornton School of Music, is back by popular request at the OASIS program Monday, April 10, as he presents what resource instructor Harriett Payne says is another of his entertaining multi-media presentations from his series titled "Jazz from A-Z." A nationally recognized educator and jazz performer, Dr. Mason will include recordings, rare photos, film clips, anecdotal stories and live jazz demonstrations in his 4 p.m. presentation he calls "Swing, Swing, Swing!"

Downey Adult School's OASIS starts at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment. A healthy, full course dinner, very reasonably priced at \$3.50, is available at 5 p.m. Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

For information, call 940-6200. Downey Adult School is located at 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey.

Afternoon bingo with Woman's Club

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey meets for bingo every Thursday afternoon at their headquarters, 9813 Paramount Blvd. Call 927-3000 for information.



STILL GOING STRONG – Rob Syphax entertains with popular hits on acoustic guitar and vocals every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd., Downey. For information, call 869-1414.

Civic Light Opera auditions

DOWNEY – Try-outs for the next production of Downey Civic Light Opera, "Hello Dolly," will be held Monday, April 24 and Thursday, April 27 at First Baptist Church, 8348 Third St., Downey. Dance call will take place between 7 and 8:30 p.m. and auditions between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

"Those auditioning should bring a photo and resume and be prepared to sing 16 bars. We prefer a song from the show," stated Marsha Moode, executive producer of the local group.

"Hello Dolly" will be staged June 1 through 18 at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire.

Choralaires Barbershop spring show April 22

LA MIRADA—The Choralaires Barbershop Chorus presents its 56th annual spring show at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

This year's production, entitled "Barbershop Americana," will feature traditional American music, including gospel, patriotic, and Broadway selections, all performed by the chorus and their quartets, in their unique four-part, "barbershop-style" harmony.

Jazz tunes

For jazz aficionados, the headliner guests will be "Ready, Willing, & Mabel," a mixed quartet whose vocal harmony has been described as a "cocktail for the ears!" The critically-acclaimed vocal jazz group features such old standards as, "For All We Know," "This Can't Be Love," "Puttin' On the Ritz," and others, all performed in what has been described as "dangerously close harmonies."

The Choralaires, under the direction of Stan Sharpe, are well-known in the area for their family-oriented entertainment, and are looking forward to bringing a different musical sound to barbershop fans, and welcoming vocal jazz followers in the southern California area.

Tickets for the show, now on sale, are \$22 for premium seats, \$18 for regular seating; for seniors, children, and groups of 12 or more, tickets will cost just \$14 per person. There will only be one performance, and all seats are reserved, so for best results, you are advised to order your tickets now. For ticket information, contact Bill or Medea Niemand at (562) 923-5951, or visit the Choralaires website at www.choralaires.org.

New musical comedy season set

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the shows for the 2006-07 season.

They include "Guys and Dolls," Oct. 5 through 22; "The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd," Feb. 22 through March 11, 2007; and "Oliver," May 31 through June 17, 2007.

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Downey resident Anale Ruth R. Hawes was 83

DOWNEY—Anale Ruth Robinson Hawes, a Downey resident and an honorary member of the Southland Harmony Chorus-Sweet Adelines, has died, in Downey, on March 27. She was 83.

Born Oct. 24, 1922 in Missouri, she worked in food service for 39 years. She was a sorority sister (10 years) of Delta Chi Sigma, Delta Pi Chapter, and a supporter of Working Wardrobe.

She is survived by daughters Janet Lewis of Utah and Gail (Brent) Groza of Illinois; son Richard (Mary) Hawes of California; 14 grandchildren; 15-1/2 great grandchildren; and her lifelong friend, Lucille Landgreen.

Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey was in charge of cremation. A private immediate family service has been scheduled at a later date.

DRMC employee counts her blessings

DOWNEY—Downey resident Behija Kolak, food service worker at Downey Regional Medical Center and graduate of Downey High School, became a U.S. citizen on March 22, along with her sister, Mehida, and brother, Mehmed.

Behija, her parents and two siblings immigrated from Bosnia five years ago. She has returned to Bosnia to visit family every year, and is looking forward to visiting this summer and spending time with her cousins. "I remember Bosnia as beautiful, but there are also bad memories because of the war, which started when I was 5 years old and is why we came here," says Kolak. "It's everyone's dream to be in California, and it's very beautiful here, too."

DRMC director of dietary services Nancy Hipp stated, "Behija was so happy when she told us she had become an American citizen, and her coworkers were delighted to congratulate her."

Kolak began working at DRMC just over a year ago. She learned to speak English while a student at Downey High, and plans to continue her education.

'Healthy Heart' nutrition class April 12

DOWNEY—Healthy food habits that can help reduce three of the major risk factors for heart disease—high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and excess body weight—will be taught Wednesday, April 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey (near Firestone Blvd.).

People with high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend the class, taught by a registered dietitian. Classes are free; advanced registration is required by calling (562) 904-5580.



BEHIJA KOLAK—Food service worker at DRMC, is an immigrant from Bosnia and graduated from Downey High. Along with a sister and a brother, she recently became a United States citizen.

Coordinating Council salute to volunteers

DOWNEY—The Downey Coordinating Council will hold their 52nd annual Salute to Outstanding Volunteers and Installation Banquet Thursday, May 11 at the Rio Hondo Event Center, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Applications have been sent to local organizations to nominate an honoree from their organization, for recognition at the banquet. Contact Lois Buchanan at (562) 927-9790 for more information.

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DOWNEY JV SOFTBALL – Took first place at the recent Lakewood Tournament, beating Lakewood 11-0 in the championship game to win the title. The Vikings went undefeated during the two-week tournament, allowing only two runs. Front row, left to right: Melissa Escobar, Giselle Ponce De Leon, Brandy Naranjo, April Aldrete, Amanda Paris and Courtney Grana. Back row: Coach Karzen, Dorothy Makepeace, Roxana Benavides, Ashley Ross, Bridget Ramirez, Amanda Arellano, Raelynn Garcia, Hillary Michael and Monica Martin.



CHAMPIONS AGAIN – Team USA went undefeated in the All-American Basketball Tournament last month to win the tournament championship. Top row, left to right: Coach Gallegos, Deiter, Gabriel, Robert, Ricky, Ryan, Jessie and Michael. Bottom: Lenin, Richard, Willie, James, Geo and Meme. The championship was Team USA's 25th tournament title since it began competition in 1998.

Downey, Warren inching their way up standings

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – Warren is starting to climb in the San Gabriel Valley League standings, improving their league record to 3-0 after a huge upset win against the defending league champion Gahr Gladiators two Fridays ago.

The Bears defeated the Gladiators 5-2 behind senior pitcher Joey Nino. Nino pitched 6 2/3 innings, disrupting the Gladiators offensive rhythm. Gahr was only able to muster up one earned run. Nino now leads the Bears in innings pitched this season.

The Bears played the Paramount Pirates last week and lost a close game 3-4. Warren is currently half a game behind Gahr for the lead position in the league. They take on Lynwood today at Lynwood at 3:00 p.m.

The Downey Vikings are sticking around to possibly play the spoiler role as they are currently a game back of the lead in the SGVL and one game back in the loss column of their neighborhood rivals Warren Bears. Last week, the Vikings took care of business by shutting out Lynwood 9-0 and beating Dominguez 10-1.

The Vikings take on Gahr today at Long Beach City College starting at 3 p.m. The league is now in the second round of games where each team will play each other back-to-back games during the week. Warren will be taking on Downey Tuesday and Friday of next week. The first game will be at Downey and the second game will be at Warren.

Carnival of Champs coming April 29

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District will offer one of the community's most colorful events, the annual Carnival of Champions, that brings together young athletes from the district's nine elementary schools in competition from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at Warren High School, 8141 DePalma.

Fourth and fifth graders vie in the following events, with scoring kept

by team representing each school:

50 yard dash; 100 yard dash; baskets in one minute; softball throw for distance; standing long jump; four-member team 440 yard relay; and mixed coed relay.

Teams are scored on a 10-8-6-4-2 basis for first through fifth place.

Each elementary school is also represented by friends, parents and relatives who cheer mightily from the stands.

The public is welcome and the event is free. An estimated 600 boys and girls compete annually. This is the Carnival's 48th year.

1st Maude Price annual golf tournament

DOWNEY—Maude Price Elementary School will conduct its first annual Golf Tournament Monday, April 17 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Supporters may attend just the lunch and dinner, for a \$35 fee, or sponsor a hole, or donate raffle prizes. Cost to participate otherwise is \$125, which covers green fees, golf cart, BBQ lunch, buffet dinner, and more.

The people to contact for more information, are: Nancy Valdez, 927-6039; Lisa Purdy, 879-9425; or Janice Hobson, 904-3575, ext. 2880.



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FAITH TEMPLE—Who, with her late husband Scott Temple (one of the original Downey City Councilmembers at the city's incorporation in 1956) had moved to Katy, TX, died of a stroke last month at the age of 92. See story on Page 1.

Funeral mass held for Joseph E. Lee

DOWNEY—A funeral mass was held on April 4 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey for Joseph E. Lee, who was born in Wishawaka, Indiana Nov. 19, 1927 to Earl and Rose Lee and passed away on March 27. He was 78.

Joe, as his wife called him, was an accountant for the Ducomon Metal Supply Company until he retired in 1989.

He was a member of Unico National and the Catholic Alumni Club.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and his brother, Richard (Betty). Many, many friends share their loss.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations in his name be made to a charity of their choosing. Services were entrusted to Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

OASIS program for older adults

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.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.



F. G. LINDSAY BURTON—Was 81 when he passed away.

Funeral tomorrow for F.G. Lindsay Burton

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, April 8, at the LDS Downey 3rd Ward Chapel at 10511 Paramount Blvd. in Downey for retired dentist F. G. Lindsay Burton, 81, of Downey, who passed away in his home on April 1 after a lengthy illness. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Viewing is scheduled for today from 5p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Allen English & Estrada Mortuary, 6435 S. Eastern Ave. in Bell Gardens, and one hour prior to the services at the LDS Downey 3rd Ward Chapel in Downey. Interment will be at Rose Hills Cemetery.

He was born April 24, 1924 to Fielding Garr and Melba Lindsay Burton in Salt Lake City, Utah and was the oldest of five children in a family of musical performers. He played the saxophone, clarinet and the cello.

During WWII, he served in the Navy and received officer and college education in Utah, Colorado, and California. He graduated from the USC dental school in 1947. During the Korean War he served as an Army dentist in Seattle.

He married his high school sweetheart, Larene Toone, on March 28, 1945 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They were married 61 years. They raised six children: Frank (Marilyn) Burton, Kristie (Larry) Larsen, Bob (Dixie) Burton, Lindsay (Lori) Burton, Mary Burton, and Sue Burton.

He is survived by his wife; six children; 16 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and siblings Luella Mathusek, of Dumont, NJ, Rulon (Jo) Burton of Draper, UT, Warren (Alta) Burton of Providence, UT, and Elizabeth Burton of South Jordan UT.

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JIOH “GEO” BYUN – Has joined the staff of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate in Downey. He said he joined the office because of its reputation for exceptional training and support. To contact Byun, call (562) 861-7257.

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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, 469-6554, with questions.

Passover Seder celebrated in Whittier

WHITTIER—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey has been invited by Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier for the 2nd Night Passover Seder, which will be held in Whittier at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13. It will be a traditional Passover Seder, and the donation is \$36 for adults and \$18 for children under 13.

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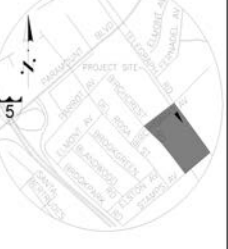
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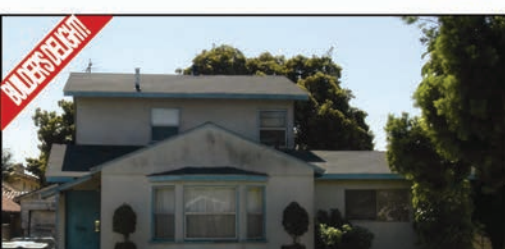
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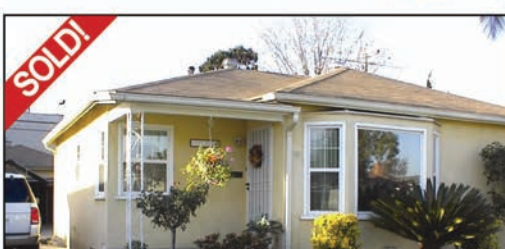
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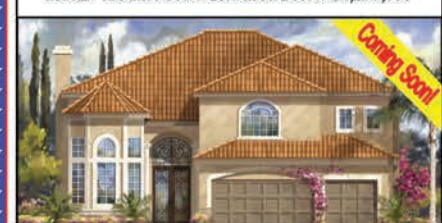
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2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Downey with new kitchen, including granite countertops, new cabinets, and tile floors. Also features remodeled bathroom, newer windows, hardwood floors under carpet, and freshly painted interior. With a large backyard, a 2-car detached garage, and long driveway with new concrete, ... this property is a must see! Price: \$519,900
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Act Fast!
2 bed + den (could be 3rd bedroom), 1.5 bath Downey home on an immense 8550 sq ft lot in a cul-de-sac. The 1478 sq ft home boasts hardwood floors throughout, living room with brick fireplace, very large den, and kitchen with Corian counter tops and breakfast nook. Also features copper plumbing, 2 car detached garage, automatic sprinklers front and back, and green house adjacent to garage. Price: \$599,950
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New Construction in North Downey!
5 bedroom, 3 bath, 3700 sq.ft North Downey home built in 2006! Home includes granite counter tops & stainless steel appliances in kitchen and travertine flooring throughout spacious living room with high ceiling & formal dining room. The upstairs has a 2nd family room and master suite features retreat, balcony with view of pool/spa/BBQ, and modern full bathroom. Price \$1,349,000
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Happy Ever After
This 4 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 story home has a fantastic floor plan. Features a formal living room, large family room with fireplace, and a remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets (cherry wood finish), tile counter tops, and new tile in kitchen, entry, and all bathrooms. The private backyard has an enclosed patio and grass area. The home also includes a large master bedroom, forced air/heat, individual laundry room, newer windows, 2 walk-in-closets, & much more. Price \$ 719,950
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Colonial Home in Orange Estates
This North Downey home near Furman Park includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, guest house with kitchen and bath, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa. The home features an elegant formal living room, formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, a playroom, and a solarium. The master suite has a walk-in closet, retreat area, full bath, and fireplace. 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-1 Neighborhood!
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath NE Downey home with spacious bedrooms, living room with fireplace, light & bright kitchen with eating area, and inside laundry room. The property has a heated pool & spa with a separate sauna room in the backyard. Other features include newer roof, central air & heat, and alarm system. Owner says sell it! Price: \$999,950
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Nice Area! Nice Price!
Remodeled pool home! 4 bedroom, 2.75 bath pool home on a large lot with circular driveway near Furman park in Orange Estates. The living room and family room with fireplaces & never sliding doors overlooks the large covered patio, pool, and gazebo. Some of the amenities include solar heated pool, replastered pool, granite counter tops in kitchen, water softener, central air & heat, and hardwood floors. Price: \$825,000
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