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PLAYOFF FEVER—Downey hosts St. Paul High School tonight in the opening round of CIF playoffs. The Vikings are winners of four straight, including last week's victory over Paramount, which Ryan Kirkpatrick and Sean Wheeler are shown celebrating above. Tonight's game time is 7:30 p.m. *Photo by Art Montoya*

Simulated disasters test Downey hospital

■ 6.5 earthquake destroys freeways and levels OLPH School in disaster simulation.

DOWNEY — A simulated 6.5 earthquake leveled the 5/605 interchange, collapsed local school Our Lady of Perpetual Help and brought 80 patients to Downey Regional Medical Center, which sustained structural damage.

Dubbed by L.A. County officials as Operation Doubleheader, the disaster drill expanded with a downtown Downey terrorist explosion. City police and fire departments and a hospital-wide response ensued.

Rob Fuller, DRMC COO and incident commander, called the exercise necessary and valuable for intensive emergency response, and congratulated the staff at the drill's conclusion for a well-coordinated effort.

"I know how full the hospital is and I'm very proud of the work you are doing to ensure our patients' and community's safety," he said. Fuller also thanked the 120 volunteers lending time to strengthen community preparedness.

Downey Regional ER Nursing Director Deb Gale coordinates periodic disaster drills at the hospital.

"Knowledge is power, not only for emergency responders but for everyone" she stated. "The more community members make provisions in case of an earthquake or other disaster the better. For example, everyone should have on hand at least one gallon of water per person per day for seven days, and a three-week supply of water is ideal."

The Los Angeles City Fire Department's Earthquake Preparedness Handbook states, "During an earthquake, stay away from heavy furniture, appliances, large panes of glass, shelves holding heavy objects, and masonry veneer (such as the fireplace). These items tend to fall or break and can injure you.

Usually, a hallway is one of the safest places if it is not crowded with objects. Kitchens and garages tend to be the most dangerous. Also, know the safest place in each room. It will be difficult to move from one place to another during a severe earthquake."

The entire LAFD Earthquake Preparedness Handbook is available online at <http://www.cityofla.org/lafd/eqindex.htm>.

Elderly driver crashes along Downey Avenue

DOWNEY — A 75-year-old Downey resident drove his vehicle over the sidewalk and into a business on Downey Avenue last week, before driving away and colliding three parked cars and a pedestrian, Downey Police said.

Julio Garcia was backing his 1999 Honda Accord out of a parking stall last Thursday at about 3:39 p.m. when he drove in reverse into the business at 11012 Downey Avenue, police said, injuring 24-year-old Pamela Yon of Bellflower.

Garcia then drove away and hit three parked cars and a pedestrian, Rafael Arevalo, 63, of Downey.

Both Yon and Arevalo sustained minor injuries and were treated at the scene by Downey Fire Department personnel. Arevalo was later transported to a local hospital.

Police said the incident is still under investigation.



IN PRAYER — Visitors to last week's 21st annual Downey Mayor's Prayer Breakfast bow their heads for a moment before hearing an address by Rick Hicks, police chief of the Cypress Police Department. Darrell Jackson presided over the meeting. *Photo by R.D. Salyer*

Downey kids say the sweetest things

By JOYCE SHERWIN, DOWNEY SYMPHONY

Everyone likes fan mail. Maybe especially the board members and musicians of Downey's Symphony Orchestra, who get a lot of highly-regarded fan mail this time of year.

That is because the orchestra has just completed concerts for every third-grader in the city, and as soon as those kids, nearly 1,800 of them, returned to their classrooms, you can bet the teachers were handing out



THE OVERACHIEVERS—Downey High School group was number one in their region in recent blood drive for the Red Cross.

DUSD salutes its young overachievers

By HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education Tuesday heard two presentations about overachieving students and teachers in the district.

Tom Houts, Downey High School principal, was profuse in his praise for Gordon Weisenburger and the DHS staff and students, especially the latter, for their achievement in the most recent blood drive for the American Red Cross. The school pulled all the stops, collecting 281 pints of blood, tops in their region. Weisenburger said he hopes the school goes over the 300-pint mark next spring.

West Middle School principal Craig Bertsch next honored faculty member Karlin La Porta with the Vision Award in the area of instruction. In prepared remarks, Bertsch cited her professionalism and said: "Every lesson she teaches is well-planned and exhibits research-proven strategies that promote student learning of the California Content Standards and important life skills. Every lesson maximizes instructional time and is differentiated to meet the unique needs and learning styles of our diverse student population."

La Porta, he proudly pointed out, is also West's Title I coordinator, responsible for "developing, monitoring, and implementing intervention programs for over 400 students that struggle in the areas of reading and math." La Porta, who holds a master's in reading and is a language arts specialist, is also a nationally certified trainer in SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) an innovative program aimed at Limited English Proficient students. She has presented in San Antonio, Texas and in Manila, in the Philippines.

"If I were a parent of a West Middle School student," said Bertsch, "I would want my child to have Karlin as a teacher."

In other action the board:

*Gratefully accepted donations to the district from the private sector, including a donation of three PC computer systems, with a total value of \$4,500, for instruction and teacher use at East Middle School, from

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Council tackles driveway, offstreet parking issues

By HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—After hearing arguments primarily from two impacted residents appealing the denial of a zone variance that would retain an oversized driveway and permit excessive concrete paving in the front yard setback property at 7537 Calmcrest Drive, zoned R1-5000, members of the City Council said they would follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the matter, and voted down the appeal.

In enumerating the reasons for the veto, the Council said there were no special circumstances that could be applied to the property in question, and that granting the request would confer a special privilege to the applicant, and this might open another can of worms.

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Time Traveler Downey as it was in the last century

By JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

The Dismukes House which has been moved and beautifully restored in Apollo Park behind the Historical Society, is typical of the early settlement homes of early Downey.

Built in 1887 it was somewhat more luxurious than were earlier structures, but still representative of the style and methods of construction. Walls were usually pine or redwood with pieces of tin nailed over the knotholes. Spaces between the boards were chinked or battened, then the whole sealed with whitewash.

Most homes were two main rooms and a kitchen. Windows were usually shuttered to keep out the driving rain.

John Downey organized the Downey Land Association in 1874. It operated a tract of about 100 acres of what had been Rancho Santa Gertrudes. Some 300 homes were built here on Downey tract lands.

An old picture of the Dismukes home shows a man and a woman with two children. The woman holds the children while the man holds the bridles of two horses. The value of the animals cannot be fully appreciated in our own mechanized times.

In the 1870s and 1880s a horse meant transportation and the ability to work the fields, an ability that meant a good living could be wrung from the fertile soil of Downey's plain.

It was an atmosphere in which hard work could win a family a living from the land, and even the promise of something extra.

In addition to the Dismukes home, a clue to old Downey are fire insurance ledgers found in an attic of a building that was scheduled for demolition here.

One of these lists the business of the Commercial Union Insurance Company, Limited, of London, England. The dates cover 1884 to 1906.

The Daily Fire Report form for the company which is dated 1906

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Broadway musical coming to Downey

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Light Opera will present the Anthony Newley-Leslie Bricusse musical, “The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd” from Feb. 22 through March 22, 2007.

The musical, a Broadway hit in 1965, is a stylized Laurel and Hardy set to music.

“The Roar of the Greasepaint” is an exuberant, laugh-out-loud tale of how class differences can ultimately make way for mutual understanding, according to reviews.

A follow-up to “Stop the World, I Want to Get Off,” “The Roar of the Greasepaint” ran for 232 performances and generated numerous hit songs, including “A Wonderful Day Like Today,” “Look at that Face,” “The Joker,” “Feeling Good,” “Nothing Can Stop Me,” and the wonderful ballad, “Who Can I Turn To?”

The *New York Post* called the show a “delightfully freshly imaginative show with a most haunting score.”

The Downey Civic Light Opera box office will be open Dec. 12 from 1 to 5 p.m., where holiday gift certificates will be available. For tickets or information, call (562) 923-1714.

‘Cheers to Christmas’ luncheon Dec. 2

DOWNEY – The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women’s Guild will have their “Cheers to Christmas” luncheon at the Rio Hondo Events Center on Dec. 2, starting at 11 a.m.

Tickets to the festive occasion are \$30.

For reservations, call Sheila Peck at (562) 923-2024.

Holiday boutique at community center

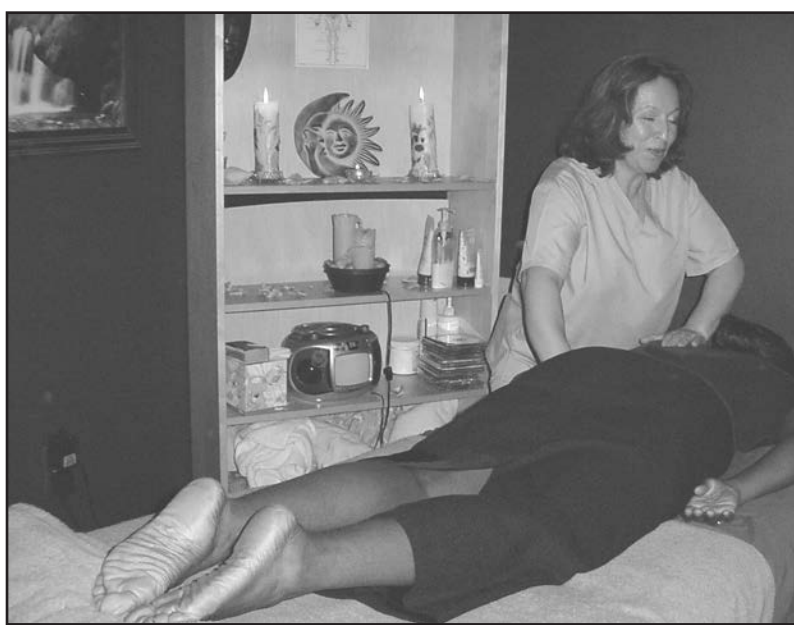
DOWNEY – The 8th Annual Holiday Boutique, a unique local event offering only hand-crafted items made by community members, will be held Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

The City of Downey Community Services Department is sponsoring the free event, which is open to the public.

The boutique is a local tradition with Downey residents and offers over 50 tables of holiday craft items for sale. Breakfast and lunch will also be available for purchase.



REASON TO CELEBRATE – Helen Pautsch, center, receives congratulations from her daughters, Sheila, left, and Shawna. Helen is celebrating 40 years as a nurse at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.



AHH, THAT’S THE SPOT – Sandra Montoya, licensed massage therapist, gave out free massages at a “Spa Day” celebrated recently at CHER Chiropractic Clinic. The day also featured free facials by Charlotte Ashford of Mary Kay Cosmetics. For information on the chiropractic services or massage therapy, call (562) 776-1727 or visit CHER at 7444 Florence Avenue, #H, in Downey. Photo courtesy of Co-Op Cache Consulting.

40 years of nursing and still going strong

■ Nurse puts in 40 years of work with spinal cord injury patients at Rancho Los Amigos.

DOWNEY – Downey resident Helen Pautsch could tell you countless stories about her experiences as she celebrates 40 years of service at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Most of those years have been as a nurse and nurse practitioner to spinal cord injury patients.

And while some people would quit after lesser years of service as a nurse, some are dedicated to the people they serve. Pautsch is one of those dedicated individuals.

Fresh out of Presentation College of Nursing in Aberdeen, South Dakota, Pautsch has worked for Rancho Los Amigos since coming to California in 1964 with her late husband, Larry. She’s gained much experience over the past 40 years, and has been influential in setting standards for the care of patients with spinal cord injuries.

In fact, Pautsch was one of the pioneers of the Nurse Practitioner Program and the Comar Clinic for Spinal Cord Injuries.

“Rancho has changed over the years, but the care that Helen’s patients have received has not,” said Pautsch’s daughter, Sheila Pautsch. “She is passionate about nursing and helping the physically challenged live full and independent lives.”

Christmas musical quite ‘extraordinary’

DOWNEY – Combine a type-A business man, a group of less than honorable salesmen and a young with a challenge that will change the world and what do you have? “An Extraordinary Christmas,” a holiday musical to be presented Dec. 8-10 at First Baptist Church of Downey.

The original musical looks at the Christmas story as it relates to ordinary people and how their involvement in this event altered history. The originally-scripted musical includes a 45-voice choir, drama, dance and special effects.

The musical is child-friendly, as many of the major players are children. Original costumes designed for the musical is a highlight of the musical.

Performances are Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 4 p.m.

Complimentary tickets can be ordered by calling (562) 923-1261, ext. 275 or online at www.fbcdowney.org.

People born in December of ’56 sought for birthday celebration

DOWNEY – If you were born when stamps were three cents, minimum wage was 75 cents and “Hot Diggity” by Perry Como was the top hit, the Downey Secondary Century Foundation is looking for you.

The Foundation is searching for people – and businesses – born in December of 1956 to help celebrate Downey’s 50th birthday party. Birthday forms are available at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

In addition, Century 21 My Real Estate is having a “Happy 50th Birthday Downey Coloring Contest.” Entries can be picked up at Century 21 My Real Estate, Downey City Hall and Downey City Library and are due December 1 at Century 21 My Real Estate.

For information regarding the above events, contact Laurie Mac Isaac at (800) 641-2111.

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'Hello! Louisiana' showcased Sunday

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
DOWNEY THEATRE

DOWNEY – "Hello! Louisiana" is the next film of Downey Theatre's 2006/07 Armchair Adventure Series, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Sunday, November 19. Join travel film producers Monty and Marsha Brown, residents of Louisiana for over 20 years, as they take the audience on an exciting journey through their home state.

Travel along with the Browns on a trip around this exotic "third world country", where the Caribbean meets the Old South; where the Red River joins the mighty Mississippi; where French and Spanish flags flew over a steaming land of cotton and sugar cane, forming a heady brew of music and cuisine to delight and amaze the whole world. It's cypress trees and Spanish moss and poetry.

Where would we be without Louisiana? No Cajuns, Zydeco, Mardi Gras, pirogues or fais-do-do's. No Uncle Earl, Huey Long, Leadbelly, Jelly Roll or Professor Longhair. No "Hadalco Boogie", "You Are My Sunshine" or "Goodnight Irene". No Satchmo or Marie Laveau. Where else do you find the French Quarter, the Louisiana Hayride, and the birth of jazz? Louisiana, the starting point for Elvis and the end for Bonnie and Clyde.

Visit the oldest European town in the entire Louisiana Purchase (Hint: It's Natchitoches, not New Orleans). And yes, we'll visit the Big Easy, too, where Carnival thrives all year long! And that's just skimming the surface. It's Louisiana, a world of its own! Let it haunt you. You won't want to leave. As the song says, "Goodbye bayou, see you in my dreams."

Monty and Marsha Brown live in Louisiana, have an extensive background in theatre, television, and film, and have written many songs together, including two – "Would You Fly?" and "Cajun Christmas" – which were used in the movie *Steel Magnolias*.

They spent over a year working for the Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, where they produced the music and publicity of the 1989 Folk Festival. In Shreveport, they organized the regional Film Commission, which attracts Hollywood to the Bayou country. Marsha became the first Executive Director of the Commission. Meanwhile, Monty was announcer and Arts Producer for regional Public Radio in Shreveport, producing a weekly folk music program as well as many live concerts and radio articles on the Arts. In 2000 they changed careers and became travelogue producers. Their films include *La Belle France*, *It's Great! Britain*, and *Hello! Louisiana*. In 2005, the Travel Adventure Cinema Society awarded them the "Rising Star" honor, given to new artists in the travelogue field.

"Hello! Louisiana" is the fourth "Armchair Adventure" of a 10-film series. The series features full color, feature length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer. All films are on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in the Downey Theatre.

For information on season subscriptions please call the theatre box office, (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets for individual films may be purchased on day of performance only beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the theatre box office. Adult tickets are \$7 and senior/student tickets are \$6 (cash or check only).



JUST LIKE VEGAS – Tiny's Troupers will present "Broadway LIVE" this Monday at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. The show is free and starts at 3:45 p.m.

Concert highlights city's birthday party

DOWNEY – The Wonderelles will perform a free concert outside City Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 5, part of the city's 50th anniversary celebration.

The concert will be held in the cul-de-sac west of City Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. Featuring pop music of the 1950s, the Wonderelles will sing Happy Birthday at 3:40, 4:40 and 5:40 p.m. Cake and refreshments will be served at these while supplies last.

In addition to live music, visitors will also receive a commemorative giveaway. The program will also include announcement of the "Happy 50th Birthday Downey" coloring contest winners (3:45 to 4 p.m.) and recognition of residents and businesses also celebrating their 50th birthdays (4:45 to 5 p.m.).

Kids ages 3 to 12 can enter the coloring contest by picking up an entry form in City Hall at the Community Services Department located on the second floor. Entries for the contest are due by Dec. 1.

Residents and businesses wishing to be recognized at the event should call City Hall at (562) 904-7286.

Tiny's Troupers bring Las Vegas-style fun

■ Tap-dancing ladies will perform 'Broadway LIVE' at Apollo Park. The concert is free.

DOWNEY – The popular Tiny's Troupers will present "Broadway LIVE" on Monday, Nov. 20 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center starting at 3:45 p.m., part of Downey Adult School's OASIS program.

The group of tap-dancing ladies in elaborate costumes will provide an hour of Las Vegas-type professional entertainment, with Slim Tanner serving as Master of Ceremonies. The group of dancers includes Tiny Todd, Flora Deans, Helen Hansen and Vicki Carnavale.

The OASIS program is directed by Harriett Paine. Class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m. at no cost. An optional dinner ticket can be purchased for \$2 before 3:45 p.m. Dinner is served after the program.

Downey Dial-A-Ride can provide transportation to the event. For information, call Downey Adult School at (562) 940-6200.

Salvation Army looks to community for help

DOWNEY – The Salvation Army has issued a call to Downey residents for donations of cash and non-perishable food, as well as volunteers to help with meal service during the Thanksgiving holiday.

As the number of disadvantaged families continues to rise in Southeast Communities Corps Center (the Salvation Army's local chapter), the need for support from the public becomes essential. The growing demand has spurred staff and volunteers to focus on ways to generate an increase in donations to help purchase food, clothing and other items.

"We are so grateful to the members in our community who have stepped forward with faithful support for families and individuals struggling to make ends meet," Lt. Gilbert Reyes of the Southeast Communities Corps said. "Unfortunately, that number keeps escalating. In fact, a recent report from the Center on Hunger and Poverty stated that nearly one in eight U.S. households do not have access to enough food to meet their basic needs."

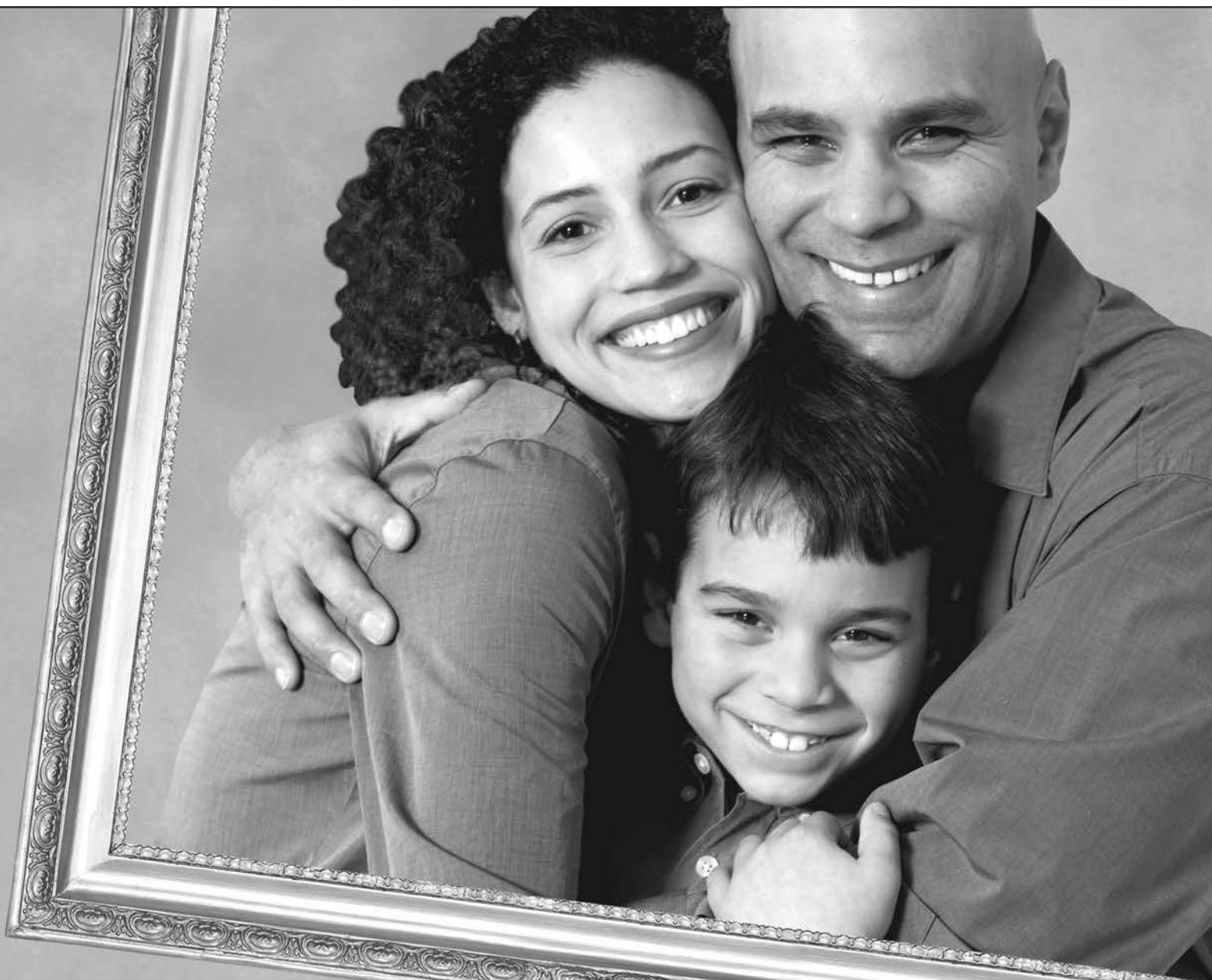
"Over 40 percent of low-income children live in households that are hungry or at risk of hunger. And the amount of public support for us to help those in need is not keeping pace."

Economic factors such as an increase in utility costs and mortgage rates have contributed to the local shortfall, Reyes said. Donors' discretionary income has been adversely affected, reducing the dollars that can be allocated towards nonprofit organizations such as the Salvation Army.

Reyes said the Salvation Army is hopeful that the community can help lend a hand to those who need it most.

For more information about the Salvation Army's programs, call Reyes at (323) 587-4221.

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Holiday Lane Parade entering 55th year

■ Annual tradition will take place Sunday, Dec. 3. Expect street closures.

DOWNEY – The Holiday Lane Parade, a yearly Downey tradition enjoyed by young and old alike, will proceed down Downey Avenue on December 3, starting at 1:30 p.m., the Downey Chamber of Commerce announced this week.

“Every year, our committee of hardworking members wonder if it will happen as we wish it to,” said parade chairman Maria Larkin. “Then the last few weeks everything comes together as it should. And the miracle happens! The Downey Chamber of Commerce, producers of the parade, and Downey Regional Medical Center, major sponsor, are pleased to provide this event for the community.”

The parade, now entering its 55th year, starts at Lexington and Downey Avenues and continues south on Downey to Third Street, where it turns left and then disbands near City Hall.

Trophies and awards will be given at a ceremony in front of City Hall. Certain streets will be closed on Dec. 3 for the parade, starting at approximately 11:30 a.m., including 10th and 11th Streets between Brookshire and Birchdale; Lexington Avenue between Downey and Brookshire; and Brookshire between Florence and Cherokee.

Those streets should be open by approximately 3:30 p.m. Fifth Street between Brookshire and Downey will be closed between noon and 5:30 p.m. Downey Avenue will close at noon as well.

Other sponsors joining Downey Regional Medical Center are Financial Partners Credit Union, Santa Claus sponsor; Washington Mutual Home Loan Center, parade marshal sponsor; Planet Acura and Honda World, honorary grand marshal co-sponsors; Paramount Auto Center, characters sponsor; Andrews Rancho Del Norte, luncheon sponsor; Re/Max Online, banner carrier sponsor; and Downey Federal Credit Union, publicity sponsor.

In addition to these sponsors, over 25 businesses and residents have donated money to fund the parade.

‘It’s Christmas Time’ at club meeting

DOWNEY – ‘It’s Christmas Time’ is the title of the next meeting of Downey Christian Women’s Club, whose next luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 13 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The day’s special feature will be “Jewelry and Ponchos by Victoria.” Lillie Knauls will provide music and speak on “Songs of Songs.”

Men are invited to the meeting, which starts at 11:45 a.m. The price is \$12 for the buffet lunch and reservations are requested by calling either Ginnie at (562) 927-8488 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.

KIDS

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lined thank-you paper and printing some tough, key words on the chalkboard: “symphony,” “instruments,” “orchestra,” “Beethoven.”

The students bent to their work, and soon the first fat manila envelope landed in the Symphony’s post office box. It was from Ward Elementary, each letter beginning with “Dear Downey Symphony.” Here are samples: “I liked the concert. It was the best concert ever. Thank you for letting us go for free and plus I liked your music. I liked the harp. It was soft and nice. I liked the violin because it can go loud and soft at the same time. I really enjoyed your music. Your friend, Albert.”

“It was terrific to be there. You guys were very good. I liked all the instruments and the instruments have very good sounds. My favorite instruments were the harp [and] the kettle drum. The songs made me remember about what happened in my life. I also liked the song of Beethoven and he really was deaf. Did you ever play something? I hope that you had a wonderful time with all those schools. Your audience, Kelly.”

“Thank you for inviting us to the Downey Symphony. It was very wonderful to be there and hear really good music also from good musicians. My favorite instrument was a harp, flute, cello and bass. I really liked the show and hope to see you guys again. Your fan, Brittany.”

“Hi! It was nice of you to let us go to the concert. I liked when you played the 1812 Overture...The conductor was funny...I liked the harp...It was super fun to hear the fantastic music in the Downey Symphony! Your friend, Anaiz.”

“My favorite instrument was the cello. The music made me remember about Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. It was very exciting and I had a wonderful time. Your fan, Angela.”

“I liked the Beethoven song. The funny joker conductor. The concert was cool. The sound of the cannonball. They presented all the four families. The nice looking harp. Your friend, Gustavo.”

“Thank you for playing music to us. I really enjoyed being there. I liked how you talked about the four families. My most favorite instrument is the violin, my second is the tympani. I thought it was very fun to listen to. Your fan, Amanda.”

“Thanks, your show was grate [sic]. My favorite instrument is the xylophone from the percussion family. I would like to be a conductor but also want to be a baseball [player] too. What do you think I should do? The end. Your fan, Adrian.”

“Thank you for inviting us to the Downey Symphony. It feeled [sic] very wonderful to be there. You were all terrific and wonderful. My favorite instrument was the xylophone because it sounds very sweet. I had a really good time. I hope I go again. You fan, Nadia.”

We hope you go again too, Nadia. The same musicians you heard playing for you will perform twice again during this school year, on January 26 and March 24, 2007. And you and all your classmates are invited to the same beautiful theater when you are grown-up fifth-graders – you’ll hear another free concert that will know your socks off, promise.

This year’s concert for third-graders, under guest conductor Clyde Mitchell, was funded by a generous grant from Downey Savings and Loan, with particular encouragement from Director Emeritus Art Morris.

The Downey Symphony can be reached by calling (562) 403-2944 or at P.O. Box 763, Downey 90241.

Free immunizations for children

DOWNEY – St. Francis Medical Center, in cooperation with the Downey Unified School District, is sponsoring a free immunization clinic for children ages 4 to 18 on Nov. 29 at Alameda Elementary School.

All immunizations are free and no appointments are necessary. A parent or guardian must accompany children.

Parents should also take the child’s official immunization card with past immunization history. For information, call the school at (562) 904-3589.

The Poets’ Corner

In My Garden

Among the flowers and leaves of green,
I came across a terrible scene –
A yellow jacket unaware
Was snared by a spider lurking near.

The bee put up a gallant fight,
But the big green spider held him tight.
With its legs so long and very thin,
No way could the bee ever win.

I know that this is nature’s way,
And this occurs most every day,
But in my garden so serene,
I don’t care to witness such a scene.

– **Martha J. Morrissey,**
Downey

Yard sale to benefit brain tumor victim

DOWNEY – Friends and family of T.J. Peacock, an 18-year-old graduate of Warren High School, are planning a yard sale this weekend to help raise money for rising medical costs associated with chemotherapy treatment he is currently undergoing.

Peacock was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 14 and has undergone three brain surgeries. He’s currently in the midst of chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

The sale will be at 12101 Julius in Downey from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TRAVELER

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reads, “Never insure property that is not profitable to the owner. Never insure a stranger without full investigation and satisfactory evidence as to his antecedents.”

In 1890 and again in 1905 agents were asked to shun certain risks, including bakeries, broom factories, Chinese and buildings occupied by them, glue factories and woolen mills.

What the Chinese residents had done to alienate the insurance company is not detailed.

Between 1884 and 1905 buildings in Downey included an agricultural implement store, a bakery, beer parlor, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, citrus packing house, dental office, hotel, liquor store, livery stable, millinery shop, paint shop, post office, school, saloon and billiard hall, fraternal club, general stores, grain warehouse, social and athletic club, and the insurance agency.

The warning about not insuring bakeries proved to be right. It burned on May 17, 1900.

Domestic items listed as insured in the ledgers included organs, books, art, pianos and sewing machines. There were at least four pianos in town. Three were in the homes of F. L. Floyd, W. C. Smith, and a Mrs. Benbrook, and a fourth was in the Los Nietos Lodge #197, IOOF.

Our source of information ends due to the San Francisco Fire of 1906, which caused the insurers to close their office. A note read, “Owing to the conflagration in San Francisco, most of the records of our office have been destroyed. Agents will oblige by sending us at once copies (on daily report blanks) of all the risks in force at their agencies.”

The great quake and fire proved too much. The London based firm, and many others too, suffered such massive setbacks from the disaster that they were re-grouped. But their ledgers were left behind to reveal valuable details of the history of old Downey.

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Ann and I would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the support, prayers and friendship you have given us...It has been an incredible journey and we have been so blessed to have lived it and enjoyed it with so many of you.

We are humbled, honored and excited by the support we received. Your vote of confidence and endorsement for our issues, qualifications, dedication and history of serving Downey is very appreciated.

I promise to serve all of our citizens with equal representation and I will do so using the principals of **Character Counts:....Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.** I will use my financial and business expertise but will always be lead by the moral value of serving others.

Thank you...I am proud to be your elected council member and I will be accessible to you all...One great Community...Our home...Our City: Downey

Contact me anytime at Mario@Marioaguerra.com... Again, thank you!



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Changes

By Eric Pierce

One of the worst things about growing older – especially when you're in your 20s – is that people develop at different rates. And that can wreak havoc on friendships and relationships that were once so strong.

What I mean is, there comes a point where you grow tired of chugging beers and going to nightclubs until all hours of the night. It's a gradual change, but eventually you settle down and start to appreciate how much fun having coffee at Starbucks with a close friend can be.

And that's a good change, I think, unless your friends are not changing with you, and then all of a sudden you find yourself home alone on a Friday night.

Surprisingly, not all fun needs to revolve around alcohol and self-degradation.

So what are you supposed to do when you miss your friends but not necessarily what they do?

I suppose the only thing to do is wait until your friends grow up a little. But I wonder how long a wait it's going to be and what I'm going to do in the meantime.

COUNCIL

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Meanwhile, also after a public hearing, the City Council introduced an ordinance approving code amendment No. 060-22, amending section 9150.08(d) of the Downey Municipal Code, relating to off-street parking in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) and R-2 (Two-Family Residential) zones, adopting a negative declaration.

This, said Councilman Kirk Cartozian, should lead to a "leveling of the field" and urged staff to take a closer look at all the properties in the city that stand to be affected.

In other action, the City Council:

- Approved a professional services agreement with APA Engineering in the amount of \$58,170 for the preparation of plans and specifications for residential street pavement rehabilitation;
- Rejected all bids and granted authority to re-advertise for bids for the 9255 Imperial Highway Vapor Extraction System project;
- Approved plans and specifications and authorized bids for City Hall's heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrade;
- Set a public hearing for November 28 for a zone change, that would convert C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-15000 (Single Family Residential) designation for property located at 11915 Downey Avenue;
- Approved carry-forward appropriations in the amount of \$1,793,038.86 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006;
- Approved the renewal of an agreement with Leymaster Environmental for on-call consulting services;
- Approved the implementation agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) for the preparation of the Interstate 710 environmental impact report/statement and appropriated \$25,000 from gas tax funds;
- Appropriated \$160,000 in Federal Homeland Security grant funds and \$25,000 in asset forfeiture funds for the purchase of police car radios;
- Appropriated \$25,000 in asset forfeiture funds for the purchase of digital communication lines for police radio infrastructure upgrade;

After-school programs

- Approved in-kind participation in the amount of \$35,715 as part of the After-School Safety and Enrichment (ASES) grant application to add seven after school sites to the Aspire program;
- Approved the acceptance of Department of Justice community-oriented policing services (DOJ-COPS) grant in the amount of \$50,000 and the appropriation of funds for Fire and Police department Communications Center improvements;
- Adopted a resolution approving the final subdivision map of Parcel Map No. 65058, at 9489 Raviller Drive, approving an agreement with the subdivider and accepting a subdivision improvement cash deposit as surety;

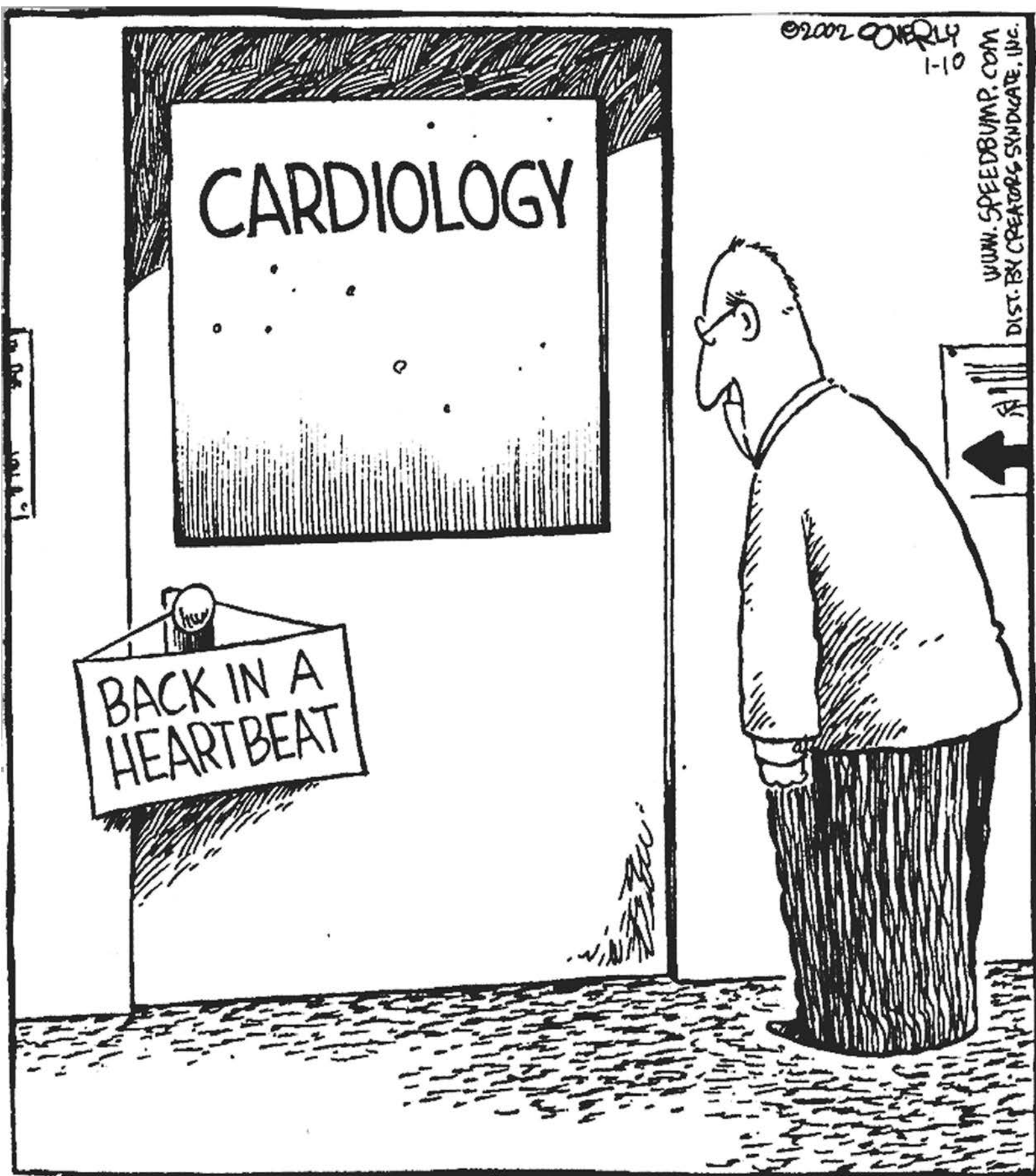
Zone denial

- Adopted a resolution denying general plan amendment No.06-77 and zone change No. 06-78 for property located at 12850 Woodruff Ave. (close to Calvary Chapel property);
- Adopted a resolution approving the appointment of Lee Ann Sears to the Recreation and Community Services Commission for Council District 4;
- Adopted an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Old River School Road;
- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Patton Road;

Birthday party

- Appropriated \$12,000 for costs associated with hosting Downey's 50th birthday party on Dec. 5; and
- Accepted a Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMCA) grant in the amount of \$44,000 and approved the contract for reimbursement of the Fire Department equipment purchases and training costs.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Preserving our city

Dear Editor:

Downey's citizens have something to celebrate. This is our 50th year as an incorporated city. Back in 1956 our forefathers laid-out and incorporated the city, forming Downey as we know it today.

In actuality, Downey started way back in the 1870's if not before, with the little town of Gallatin which was located at the corner of Paramount and Florence. But it wasn't until the train came to town that things really started to happen. Today if you look around, there are very few reminders of what we once were. But that doesn't mean they have all vanished.

About a year ago, I did a little research with the help of the Downey Historical Society and found out that they had a list of sites that were considered "historic." There were twenty-three sites on the list which was compiled about 10-15 years ago. I was curious to see how many of the structures still remained. I was saddened to learn that only eleven of them remain today.

There were also some well-known landmarks that were not on the list. This was probably due to the list being incomplete. In the past fifty years we have had many accomplishments in our city that we can be proud of. In fact, if it wasn't for Downey, we may have never have made it to the Moon.

A couple of weeks ago I received the Downey Communicator Magazine which stated "Celebrate Downey Fifty Years of Progress." The cover was graced with many fine photographs of days gone by. I am sure that in the coming months there will be a lot of hype from the city about how important our landmarks really are. But are they really that important? Is the city going to protect our landmarks, culture and homes from the developers that don't care about our history and culture?

At this point in time I would have to say, "no." There is no ordinance to preserve any of our history here in Downey and this is unacceptable. According to a survey sent out by the city, historic and neighborhood preservation ranked high on the minds of many of the respondents. In fact, it was such a significant amount, that within the newly completed General Plan there is a section that addresses the concerns of the people of our city in regard to historical, cultural and neighborhood preservation. I know this to be true because I was the co-chair of the committee.

We listened to the people of our city and looked at the surveys that were returned. Historical and neighborhood preservation ranked high, along with concern for the lack of quality restaurants, over-night parking on residential streets and various traffic problems. The committee addressed these concerns, and created programs and policies that were written into the General Plan which was approved by the City Council for each of the previously mentioned.

Downey is in the process of celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year, but will it really mean anything if we don't have any landmarks left to celebrate? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to show your children and grandchildren the places that make Downey a great place to live? The places that give it a sense of feeling, a sense of place, and a sense of home. Unless the city takes immediate action, there will be nothing left except for "McMansions" and out-of-place mini malls.

In closing, wouldn't it be nice to give Downey a real gift? The gift of preservation, so that the next time we have a party there is still something left to celebrate. To really make a difference, perhaps the council should enact a meaningful historical preservation ordinance, which will make it easier for our city to preserve it's cultural and historical landmarks.

There are also many historical neighborhoods and homes throughout our city that should be able to form historic preservation zones. Historic

zoning does not only raise property values, it promotes restoration which in turn creates jobs.

It is my hope that the City Council would find the time to write down some of their comments and ideas about historical, cultural and neighborhood preservation and send them to the editor of the Patriot. We – the community of Downey – would like to know how they feel about these topics.

If you are interested in becoming involved in preserving Downey's historical landmarks, please feel free to contact me at preservedowney-homes@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from you!

— George Redfox,
Downey

Missing flags

Dear Editor:

I felt very sad when I drove around Downey on Veterans Day and didn't see flags on many of the homes.

Displaying our flag to honor our veterans is not a sign of being pro or anti war, it's to honor our veterans.

I have a father and two brothers that are veterans and I'm very proud of them. One brother received the Purple Heart when he was wounded in Iwo Jima. They were proud to serve their country and I'm proud of our veterans.

— Sally Taylor,
Downey

Message from the 1956 football team

Dear Editor:

In 1956, some of us had the opportunity to play for the Southern California CIF football championship in the Los Angeles Coliseum. There were 41,383 people there to watch Downey and Anaheim play to a 13-13 tie. We will never forget that experience.

You will never be able to duplicate this time in your life so take advantage of it. Make as many friends as possible and get involved on campus. Then you will always have great memories as a Downey Viking.

We think back on our memories from high school and the "Big Game" and that gives us the excuse to get together more often.

We hope that all you Vikings will have fond memories of your time at Downey High School.

We will always have good memories!

— Lash Stevenson,
Member Downey High School 1956 football team

Local photographer has work exhibited

DOWNEY – After winning two awards in the recent Open Art Competition sponsored by the Lakewood Artist Guild, Downey photographer Alan D. Williams will have his work showcased at the El Dorado branch of the Long Beach Public Library through Nov. 28.

The showing includes competition winners in both painting and photography.

One of Williams' pieces won both an Honorable Mention and Vendor Award from Tuttle Cameras of Long Beach. His work differs from that of other photographers in that it resembles abstract painting.

While he uses a computer and the Web to showcase and sell his photo-abstractions, Williams does not use any digital manipulation to create them, preferring to utilize only and optical image control.

The library is located at 2900 Studebaker Road in Long Beach. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Examples of Williams' work can be found online at www.adwphoto.com.

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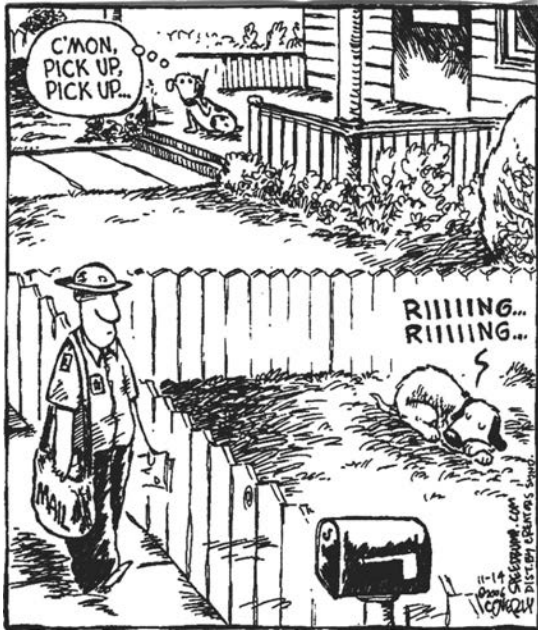
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Sat. Nov. 18: **8th Annual Holiday Boutique** at the community center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 19: **'Hello! Louisiana' travelogue** at Downey Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 21: **Thanksgiving storytime for kids** at Downey City Library, 10:30 a.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 923-9464.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square, for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

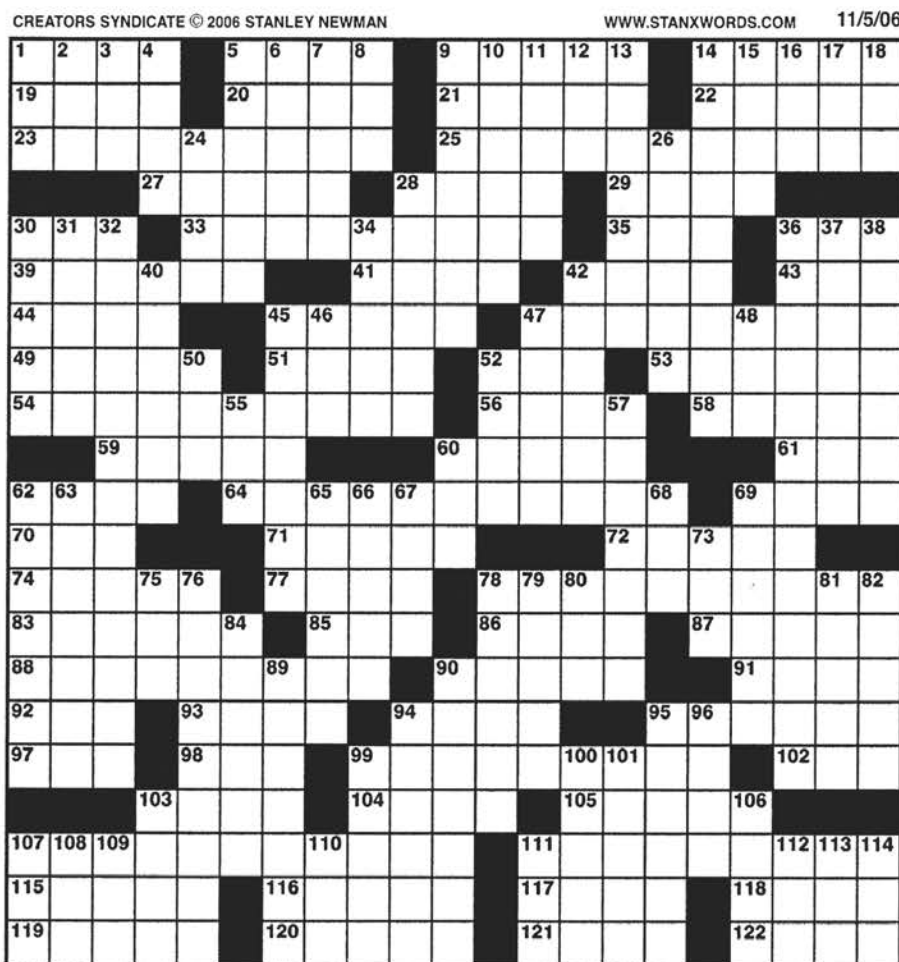
On This Day...

November 17, 1968: NBC preempts the final 65 seconds of an American Football League game between the Oakland Raiders and New York Jets, causing millions to miss a thrilling last-minute comeback by Oakland.
1970: Douglas Engelbart received the patent for the first computer mouse.
1973: U.S. President Richard Nixon tells a gathering of 400 Associated Press editors, "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."
2003: Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as California's 38th governor.

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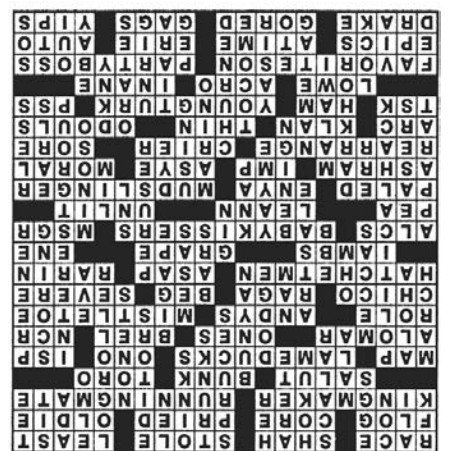
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Freddie Prinze costarred as CHICO (49 Across) Rodriguez from 1974 through 1977 in the sitcom "Chico and the Man." Town CRIERS (90 Across) date back to ancient Greece, where they were called heralds and spread news of war and peace. Originally named DC Stadium, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, or RFK (1 Down), turned 45 years old on 10/1/06.



Vio-fonik opens New Music series

Trio opens a series of regular concerts at Downey Museum of Art. Next concert date is December 7.

CONTRIBUTED BY KATE DAVIES
DOWNEY MUSEUM OF ART

DOWNEY – The Vio-fonik string trio opened the New Music series at the Downey Museum of Art last week to an intimate group of music fans.

One of the favorites of the evening was a Scorzo composition entitled Rives Park about Harry's love of the park he always thought was Rives Park, actually known as Furman Park. Scorzo, a longtime Downey resident and a professional musician in the entertainment industry, is curating the new music series at DMOA as a gift for the community and for his love of Downey and the museum.

The next concert is December 7th.

Vio-fonik

Violin/composer Harry Scorzo studied violin privately with Mary Ann Ringold and master teacher Noumi Fischer, and at East Los Angeles College and Immaculate Heart College Conservatory. Additionally, he studied composition with Walter Carr and Dorance Stalvey, and conducting with Robert Cole.

Scorzo is currently a working violinist in the Los Angeles area, as well as a composer/arranger, contractor, and producer, and has over 30 years of professional experience. His violin solos can be heard in the recordings of "Bongo Logic" (RycoDisk, Rhythm Safari, and Montuno Records) as well as in the motion picture soundtracks to "Envy", "Rushmore", "Rocky and Bullwinkle", and "Welcome To Collinwood".

His playing has been featured in many television programs and commercials, including: "The Mind of the Married Man", "Resurrection Blvd.", and MTV's "The Osborne's". He is considered the "Swiss Army Knife" of session violinists, filling the chair whenever the unusual is needed.

Christopher Garcia, percussion, was born, raised, and still resides in East L.A. His background includes performances in a wide variety of musical settings including: Jazz, Rock, World Music, traditional Mexican music, pre-Hispanic music, percussion ensemble, soundtracks, and cartoon music.

He attributes his musical growth to his studies with Professor John Bergamo, Pandit Tarnath Rao, Swapan Chhadhuri and Leonice Shinemann where he studied tabla, while attending California Institute of the Arts on a full scholarship. Chris was also a member of the award winning Cal Arts Percussion Ensemble in 1979.

He attributes his "style" to listening to *everything*, logging in thousands of hours, practicing, rehearsing, performing and touring constantly with musicians interested in stretching and reinventing themselves throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Southeast Asia. His drumming is unusual in that it incorporates not only the standard rhythms and their permutations, but also a fluency with odd time signatures and sonic textures, which he seamlessly incorporates into his playing.

Garcia performs in several groups including the Grande Mothers, a band made up of member's of Frank Zappa's band Mothers of Invention that is currently in Sarajevo for the Jazz Festival.

Alan Mautner, cello, grew up in Downey, and his family still resides here. He has been playing cello professionally in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas for the last 20 years.

He received his Bachelor of Music Degree from California State University, Fullerton and has performed with several local orchestras including the Pacific Symphony, Redlands Symphony, Riverside Symphony, and the Indian Wells Desert Symphony.

He currently is the principal cellist for the Mozart Classical Orchestra, the La Mirada Symphony, and the Valley Cultural Chamber Orchestra. In addition to his symphony work, he has been in back-up orchestras for entertainers including Dionne Warwick, Dennis de Young, Jon Tesh, The Gatlin Brothers, Barry White and Phil Collins.

Mautner has also performed with jazz artist such as Teddy Edwards, Terry Gibbs and McCoy Tyner.

His experience in chamber music has taken him abroad on several occasions. He toured with his string quartet "The California Strings" to Europe in 1983, and his piano trio "Trio du Bois" performed at the American University in Cairo, Egypt in 2000.

In addition to his performing, Mautner has received critical praise as a conductor. He is currently on the faculty of the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts where he is the conductor of the Symphony Orchestra, String Ensemble, and coaches String Chamber Music. He is also the cello professor at Concordia University in Irvine and in 2005, he joined the faculty at California Polytechnic University, Pomona as the director of their string ensemble.

This fall, Mautner will also be on part time faculty with California State University, Los Angeles as professor of cello.

Violinist Robin Cecil received her BA in Music at California State University, Long Beach, and was a member of the honored University String Quartet, the Debut Symphony, and American Youth Symphony. She went on to teach Instrumental Music for the Long Beach School District and worked as String Director at the Orange County High School of the Performing Arts where she conducted string and chamber ensembles.

Cecil has performed many works for orchestras and ensembles in the Southern California area including work for Disney, Opera Pacific, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Crystal Cathedral, Orchestra of Santa Fe, and the Mozart Classical Orchestra. She has appeared in and recorded several movie scores and music videos for pop, classical, and jazz celebrities and is often requested to perform live with artists such as Rod Stewart, Alicia Keys, Reba McEntyre, Josh Groban, and latin artist Juan Gabriel.

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— **Shaina Marie C. Sta. Cruz, Downey**

Frozen Layered Pumpkin Pie

(Makes 6-8 servings)

- 1 nine-inch pie shell, baked and cooled
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 3 Tbs. chopped crystallized candied ginger
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 cup (8 ounces) whipping cream

1. Stir ice cream to soften. Mix in ginger.
2. Spread in cooled pie shell. Freeze until firm.
3. In medium bowl, stir together pumpkin, sugar, spice and salt until thoroughly dissolved. Add nuts.
4. Whip cream and fold into mixture.
5. Pour over ice cream layer. Cover with plastic wrap or foil and freeze for several hours or days.
6. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving for easier cutting.

Recipe submitted by **Harriett Paine, instructor, Downey Adult School**

Cornbread Bake

- 1 box Jiffy cornbread mix
- 1 stick butter (melted)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 can corn (drained slightly)
- 1 egg

Combine ingredients in bowl and mix well. Pour into ungreased 9 x 9 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Enjoy!

Recipe submitted by **Susy Karli**

Sparkling Mock Red Wine

1. Choose stemmed wine glasses or tall slender glasses.
2. Pour each glass half full of very cold diet lemon-lime carbonated soda or similar beverage.
3. Fill the glass with very bold cranapple juice.
4. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

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3 Tbs. sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted

Filling:
16 ounces cream cheese (two 8 oz. packages) softened
3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
3/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix crumbs, pecans, sugar and melted butter; press into bottom and sides (1 1/2 inches up side) of nine-inch round springform baking pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Set aside.
3. Beat cream cheese, sugar, vanilla, and spices at medium speed with mixer until well-blended. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well each time. Add pumpkin; mix well. Pour filling to pan with crust.
4. Bake 55 minutes.
5. Loosen cake from rim of pan with knife. Cool well before removing rim of springform pan. Refrigerate.

Recipe submitted by **Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)**

Cranberry Fruit Mix Bread

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 3/4 orange juice
- 2 Tbs. shortening
- 1 Tbs. grated orange peel
- 1 egg, well-beaten
- 1 1/2 cup cranberries (fresh or frozen) coarsely chopped
- 1 3/4 cup nuts, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Combine dry ingredients in mixing bowl, add orange juice, shortening, orange peel and egg - mix well. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Spread in well-greased 9"x15" pan. Bake 55 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on rack 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Potato Vegetable Soup

- 6 Idaho potatoes, peeled and chopped in quarters
- 6 carrots, peeled and cut in bite-size pieces
- 2 leeks, cut in half down center - washed thoroughly - diced in large chunks.
- 1 brown onion, diced

Put all ingredients into large stock pot. Cover with water. Add:

- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 stick butter

Put on low heat

- 2 Tbs. black whole peppers
- 2 Tbs. salt
- 1 tsp. graded nutmeg

Simmer one hour. Add:

- 1 cup chopped parsley
- 1 lb. chopped button mushrooms

Cook until carrots and potatoes are done (on low heat), approx. 1-1/2 hours. Add:

- 1 lb. frozen peas and puree with hand-held blender. Check to taste. Serve immediately with croutons. Unused portion can be frozen up to six months.

Recipes submitted by **Laurie Marks, Laurie's Personal Pet & House Sitting**

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Frozen Roasted Turkey, Stuffing & Dressing

(Makes about 16 servings. Allow ¾ pound turkey per person with leftovers. Designed to be prepared days in advance.)

- 1 unstuffed turkey (14 to 18 pounds)
 - Water or chicken broth
 - ½ cup flour
 - Salt and pepper
 - 1 tsp. liquid browning-seasoning sauce
 - 2 stalks celery, cut in 3-in. pieces
 - 1 onion, quartered
 - 2 cups water
 - ½ cup (1 cube or 4 ounces) butter or margarine
 - 2 stalks celery, chopped
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 1 package (12 ounces) seasoned bread dressing mix
 - 1 turkey size plastic cooking bag
1. Clean turkey; remove and clean giblets, neck and tail.
 2. Roast turkey by your favorite method to picture perfect doneness. Remove turkey from roaster and allow to cool completely, covered loosely. (About 2 to 3 hours.)
 3. Measure drippings from roaster. Add water or broth to make 4 cups. Pour into medium saucepan.
 4. In small bowl, mix 1 cup water and flour until smooth. Add to saucepan; place over medium heat and cook 3 to 4 minutes. Season gravy with salt, pepper and browning sauce. Pour into freezer container. Freeze.
 5. While turkey is roasting, place giblets, neck and tail in saucepan or pressure saucepan. Add celery, onion, water and seasoning as desired. Cover and cook until very well done.
 6. Allow to cool. Remove and discard skin and bones. Place meat, vegetables and stock in blender container. Process until pureed. (Should have about 2 cups.)
 7. In large skillet, melt butter. Add celery and onion; sauté 2 to 3 minutes. Add dressing mix and toss together. Stir pureed stock, adding enough so that dressing can be pressed into a ball in your hand, yet it will crumble apart.
 8. Place dressing in greased 8x8-inch baking pan; cover tightly with foil. Freeze. (Dressing ingredients may be doubled and baked in a 13x9-inch baking pan.)
 9. When turkey is cooled, place whole bird in cooking bag. Press air out of bag and close tightly. Freeze.
- To serve:** Defrost turkey in the bag, gravy and dressing allowing 2 to 3 days in the refrigerator. Place turkey in the bag on shallow baking pan. Cut 3 or 4 slashes in top of bag. Bake turkey and pan of dressing 325 degrees oven for 1 hour. Heat gravy in saucepan over low temperature.

Hint: The advantage of cooling the whole roasted turkey is that all the bubbling juices distribute through and remain in the meat, making it succulently moist. It slices beautifully. Not only is it carefree for the cook, the clean-up crew is happy; no roaster and gravy pan mess the day of the dinner.
Recipe submitted by Harriett Paine, instructor, Downey Adult School

Apricot Sparkle

In advance, place unopened 12 oz. cans of apricot nectar or juice in the freezer. At serving time, open both ends of the can and push frozen juice into a large pitcher. Add one quart of room temperature ginger ale or similar carbonated beverage. Allow it to melt and thaw completely - stirring to blend. No ice is needed.
 Note: Both drink recipes eliminate the refrigeration of large containers which is a help during holiday times when tall bottle space is at a premium in most refrigerators. The ingredients are very portable also.
Recipe submitted by Harriett Paine

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving we have a great feast
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 —David Donne,
 Downey

Pumpkin Smoothie

- Put in a blender:
- ½ cup of unsweetened canned pumpkin
 - 8 ounces of skim milk or fat-free soy milk
 - Dash of pumpkin pie spice
 - Honey to taste

Blend until smooth... Yum yum and only 150 calories!

Turkey Chili

- 1 ½ lbs. ground turkey
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped about 1 cup
- 3 Tbs. chili powder
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 can (14 ½ oz.) fat-free lower sodium chicken broth
- 1 can (14 ½ oz.) diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 can (19 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed, drained
- Sour cream and sliced scallions

Heat pot over medium-high heat. Add turkey; cook stirring until browned, 5 minutes. Stir in next six ingredients; cook 5 minutes. Stir broth, tomatoes with juice and paste. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium low; cook 12 minutes. Add beans; cook until heated through. If desired, serve with sour cream and scallions.

Recipes submitted by Anne M. Bayer, Downey City Council

Chicken Artichoke Heart Rice-A-Roni Salad

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 ½ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- 1 ¾ orange juice
- 2 Tbs. shortening
- 1 Tbs. grated orange peel
- 1 egg, well-beaten
- 1 ½ cup cranberries (fresh or frozen) coarsely chopped
- 1 ¾ cup nuts, chopped
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Combine dry ingredients in mixing bowl, add orange juice, shortening, orange peel and egg - mix well. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Spread in well-greased 9"x15" pan. Bake 55 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on rack 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Recipe submitted by Dorothy Pemberton for Soroptimist International of Downey

While The Downey Patriot trusts the various sources of the above recipes, these recipes have not been tested and are not endorsed by The Downey Patriot.

Brown Gravy

Blend together, to a smooth paste, cold water and flour. This may be done with a spiral metal whip in a bowl or in a covered jar by shaking vigorously. Use double amount of water to flour (example: 2 Tbs. water to 1 Tbs. flour or 1 cup water to 1/2 cup flour). Try to estimate - allowing more than you'll need as it is very little waste to discard the extra.

Remove meat from pan drippings. Pour the meat drippings or stock in a sauce pan to make gravy. Add liquid (water or other) to this to make amount and richness desired, scraping brown from pan. (The water drained from boiled potatoes may be used for the added liquid.)

Gradually stir in flour paste. For smooth gravy, cook and stir over medium heat using a spiral whip until it thickens. Simmer about 3-5 minutes so that the flour cooks. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Gravy thickens on standing. Add hot water if it becomes too thick when reheated. Add commercial gravy browning if need, such as Kitchen Bouquet.

Recipe submitted by Downey Adult School

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Junior Midgets fall short in conference playoffs

By Mike Baumann
Downey Youth Football

DOWNEY – The 2006 Downey Razorback Junior Midget team (9-0 on the season), played in the semi-final game against the 9-0 Lawndale Cardinal in the PCC Conference Championship Playoff last Saturday. These were the only two Jr. Midget teams in the conference to be unbeaten at this point.

The game was a replay of last year's Conference Championship game in which Lawndale overwhelmed the Hogs. However, this year's game was an exciting see-saw contest in which both teams moved the ball on long scoring drives over and over again. The contest was tied at 14 and at 22 points before the game ended. The difference in the game was that the Cardinals were able to stop Downey twice inside the 5 yard line.

The Razorbacks needed to keep the ball out of the hands of the much faster and larger Cardinals, and for the most part did just that. The Hogs opened the game with an 80 yard drive using six of the 10 minute quarter. Alex Solis scored the TD on a short dive. Eddy C. Moreno added the two point conversion and Downey shocked the Cardinals who had not been scored upon in several weeks.

The Hogs held Lawndale on fourth and one at the Cardinal 20 yard line and drove to the two where they fumbled. Lawndale responded by using their size and speed advantage with a 91-yard TD run by the fullback. Lawndale scored another TD in the second quarter to lead at the half 14-8.

Downey opened the second half with a successful inside kick, and with the strong running by Shane Baumann, Solis and Devon Samuels drove to the 1 yard line where they were stopped short of the goal line. The Hogs denied Lawndale a first down in the ensuing series, and the ball went over to Downey. This time Downey punched the ball into the endzone with another Solis plunge.

With the score tied at 14, Lawndale came back with a nice drive of their own for the TD and the lead.

Samuels returned the kickoff to midfield where the Razorbacks tied the game at 22 on two passes from Andrew Magana to Ryan McFadden, and runs by Baumann and Darius Powe, along with another PAT by Eddy C. With 4:36 remaining in the tied game, Lawndale's fullback once again sprinted into the endzone for the final score of the game.

Final score was 28-22.

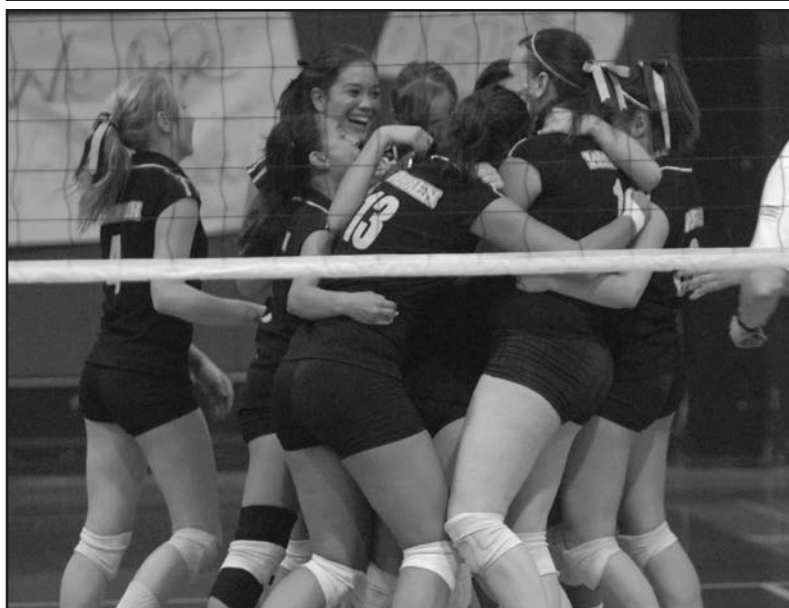
The Conference Championship games will be held at Downey High School tomorrow, November 18. Games begin at 8 a.m. There are six contests which will crown the conference champions and determine the conference representative at the Regional (San Diego) and National AYF Championships (Tampa, Florida).

Basketball sign-ups at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – The Downey Junior Athletic Association will take sign-ups for the 2007 basketball season Saturday, Nov. 18, at Apollo Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and a report card or school I.D. The league is open for children in grades 2 through 8.

Call the DJAA Message Center at (562) 861-3727 with questions.



Warren High School's girls varsity volleyball team, which features 12 players, seven of them freshman, beat La Reina of Thousand Oaks 25-22, 23-25, 26-24 and 25-15 Wednesday to advance to the CIF Finals at Cypress College this weekend. Chelsea Cabrajac is shown serving the ball in the top photo while Warren celebrates their victory over La Reina in the bottom picture.

Photos by Art Montoya

Playoff time: Downey hosts St. Paul tonight

■ Winners of four straight, Downey needs a win tonight or season is over.

By Eric Pierce
City Editor

DOWNEY – Exciting as it was, it turns out Downey's late-season victory over rival Warren High School isn't going to be the Vikings' biggest game of the season after all.

Downey will host St. Paul tonight in the opening round of CIF playoffs, hoping to stretch their season-best winning streak to five games while advancing past the first round for the first time in recent memory.

Standing in their way are the Swordsmen, a private school team who finished the season at 5-5, a deceptive record for the reason that St. Paul competes in Mission League, a competitive notch higher than Downey's San Gabriel Valley League.

Whether the Vikings advance to the second round of playoffs will probably be determined by how St. Paul handles Downey senior running back Darren Tubbs, who will be relied upon heavily again by the Vikings. Downey's unquestioned force on offense, Tubbs has rushed for 1,740 yards this year and 18 touchdowns.

No one else comes close to that kind of production for Downey: Joshua Higgins is second on offense with 337 yards and five touchdowns, and Downey might even be without him after he was reportedly suspended for unspecified reasons.

Tubbs has propelled Downey to four straight wins since October 20; the Vikings haven't lost in more than a month, when they were defeated by undefeated champions Dominguez.

Good news for Downey is the blossoming play of junior quarterback Anthony Moreno, who was thrust into the starting quarterback position at the start of the season.

Moreno's game has been on a steady upswing during the latter part of the season. Not the most polished passer to begin with, Moreno has thrown six touchdowns the last five games and only two interceptions.

St. Paul, in contrast, doesn't boast the same offensive firepower as Downey, but they do possess valuable experience against hard-hitting teams. They made easy work of St. Francis just last week, defeating them 21-9. They've also beaten Alemany of Mission Hills and Banning High School.

But the Swordsmen are far from perfect. They were crushed by Notre Dame, 59-7, and St. Bonaventure, 36-6. In both games St. Paul failed to get their offense in gear and fell behind early.

Containing the St. Paul offense will be the work of the entire Downey defensive team, but particular responsibility falls to Scott Miranda and Vincent Huitt. Miranda collected 101 tackles for the Vikings this year while Huitt leads the team with 6.5 sacks.

Other Downey players have helped solidify the defense as well, including Nick Hildreth, Sean Wheeler and Giovanni Garcia.

If Downey wants to play again after Friday, a good performance by the defense will be critical in order to compliment Tubbs' running game.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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Nicholas David Palermo owned local business

DOWNEY – Nicholas David Palermo passed away Halloween night at the age of 65.

He was born in South Gate on Nov. 16, 1941 and served in the Army during the Korean War.

Palermo owned and operated Nick's New and Used Merchandise in Downey since 1963.

Palermo is survived by his sister, Rosalie Peters and her husband, Densell Peters; nephews Mark and Michael Coryell; niece Julie Coryell; and two grandnieces, Stephanie and Vanessa.

A viewing was held Nov. 12 at the Downey Family Zrelak Mortuary. Funeral services were Nov. 13 with burial at the Memory Garden Cemetery in Brea.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked for donations to be made to the MS Foundation.

Health plan gains approval for 2007

DOWNEY – Home visit after a hospital discharge, routine podiatry care and free transportation as well as inpatient hospital (worldwide coverage) are some of the 2007 benefits of Citizens Choice Healthplan, a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan that will expand its service area to include all of Los Angeles County and Northern Orange County commencing January 1, 2007.

The plan contracts with hundreds of Downey physicians as well as Downey Regional Medical Center.

Citizens Choice Healthplan's 2007 benefits have been approved by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Open enrollment for the Medicare Advantage Plan begins November 15 through December 31 for a January 1, 2007 effective date.

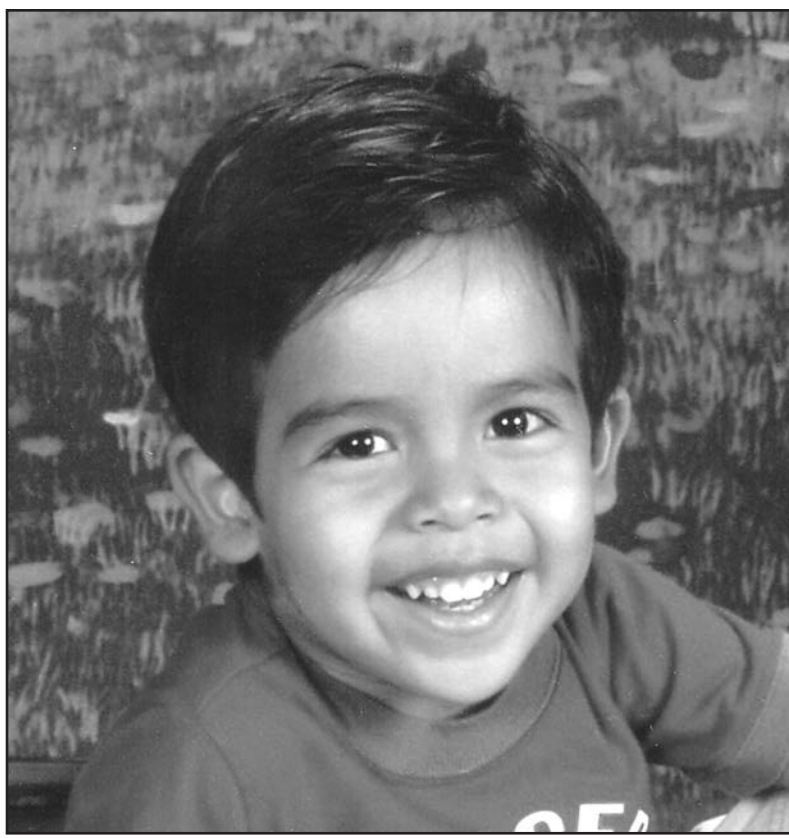
Plan enrollees will have access to more than 1750 physicians and specialists through its current network of 24 medical groups and 31 area hospitals, including Downey Regional Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center.

Citizens Choice Healthplan's benefits for 2007 include benefits during the Medicare Part D coverage gap for both formulary brand and generic prescription drugs (no donut hole).

Additional plan features include \$0 monthly plan premium, \$0 deductible, \$0 inpatient hospital copay, \$0 copay for outpatient services, \$0 doctor office visits, \$0 copay for specialists and \$0 copay for transportation to and from medical appointments. The healthplan also offers \$3 copay for generic medications, \$15 copay for preferred brand name medications and \$20 copay for non-preferred brand name prescriptions. There is no deductible, donut hole or premium for Part D medications.

"One special benefit for members is the \$15 reduction to their Part B premium, which will provide them with a \$180 annual rebate," said Paul Kahen, CEO of Citizens Choice Healthplan.

Citizens Choice Healthplan can be reached at (323) 728-7232 or at www.citizenschoicehealth.com.



NATHANIEL ALEC SANTIAGO – Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 20 at Calvary Chapel in Montebello.

Nathaniel Alec Santiago mourned by family

DOWNEY – Nathaniel Alec Santiago, born Jan. 12, 2003, died last Saturday, Nov. 11, just two months short of his fourth birthday.

Nathaniel is survived by his parents, Ivan and Teresa Miriam; 5-year-old brother, Isaiah; the Barragan Family and the Santiago-Lopez family.

Viewing will be Saturday, Nov. 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey. The funeral will be held Monday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Chapel in Montebello with burial to follow at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier.

Edward S. Konkol popular at preschool

DOWNEY – Edward Stanley Konkol, born in Chicago, died recently one month short of his 83rd birthday.

After serving in the Navy in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during World War II, Konkol relocated to Los Angeles where he worked in construction, helping to build many of the skyscrapers in the L.A. Basin.

In retirement he donated most of his time to the needy and helping preschool children. He enjoyed playing pool and passing time at the VFW in Norwalk. He was often seen around town sporting his famous feather hat. Konkol is survived by his wife, Julie; two daughters and their husbands; five grandchildren and many friends and children at Ready Set Grow Preschool.

A Mass of Christian Burial with military honors was held at St. Raymond's Catholic Church. Services were entrusted to Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be made in his name to Ready Set Grow Preschool, 10225 Old River School Road, Downey, 90241. Inquiries can be made at (562) 927-0116.



EDWARD S. KONKOL



NICHOLAS DAVID PALERMO

Jason Anthony Gabel services at Rose Hills

DOWNEY – Jason Anthony Gabel, son of Anthony and Janice Gable of Downey, passed away on Nov. 3. He was 35.

Gable is survived by his parents; sisters, Susan and Kari; daughter, Ariana, and her mother, Jenell.

He was a skilled catch-and-release fisherman and had a love for animals. Family members also described him as gentle with a great sense of humor.

Services will be held Friday, Nov. 17, at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, in the Memorial Chapel. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to noon with a memorial service at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Los Angeles Mission or Fred Jordan Mission, (800) 964-FOOD.

Seniors invited to celebrate Christmas

DOWNEY – The Downey Senior Citizens Recreation Club will celebrate Christmas with a banquet at the Rio Hondo Country Club on Dec. 11.

The banquet, one of the club's three of the year, will feature music by Linda and Roland and will also include the installation of officers for 2007. A lunch, 50/50 drawing and various raffles will also be enjoyed.

The event is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is open to all seniors 55 and over. Price is \$5 per person for members and \$11 for non-members. Reservations are due by Dec. 4 by calling Nadine at (562) 923-9422.

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Envision Direct, Inc.; a donation of 9,000 student gift certificates, valued at \$65,250, to be used as incentives for the district's elementary students, from Frantone's Pizza; and donations to the TLC Family Resource Center that included a cash donation of \$10,000 (for lab services) from Kaiser Permanente, \$1,052.06 from the Warren High School Associated Student Body, and \$250 from the Warren High School PTSA; and a donation worth \$750 of CHARACTER COUNTS! pens from the Downey Federal Credit Union;

- Approved payment of expenses and fees for conferences and conventions;
- Ratified general agreements with California United Service Provider, LLC, Hillside Education Center, Speech and Language Development Center, Zinsmeyer Academy, and Devereaux Texas Treatment Network for the 2006-07 fiscal year effective retroactive to July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007;
- Ratified payments for several Special Education Placements;
- Approved the appointment of Noe Avila and Cordella Cox to the SELPA Community Advisory Committee to serve a two year term from Nov. 15, 2006 through Sept. 30, 2008;
- Approved purchasing orders prepared by the Purchasing Department;
- Ratified payroll orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the months of September and October;
- Ratified several warrants issued for payment of authorized purchases or obligations incurred by law or district policy for the month of October;
- Ratified an agreement with Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc. for the 2006-07 fiscal year effective retroactive to July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007;

Internships

- Ratified agreements between Downey Adult School Career and Education Center and Centro Medico Urgente, Clinica Maria Medical Center, and Loyola Medical Center, to offer externships to Office Skills Center students;
- Ratified an agreement for facilities and services, as well as child care program, with the Downey Family YMCA, effective July 1, 2006;
- Ratified contracts with LACOE for data processing services and participation in marine education programs;
- Accepted the Social Program Grant of \$75,000 from the county of Los Angeles for the TLC Center, and approved the Social Program Grant agreement;
- Approved the change orders for various work on both the Warren High School classroom and modernization project and the new Downey High School building ("C"), involving increased funding, to be charged to Bond Funds;
- Accepted as complete backhoe projects provided by Terra Pave, Whittier, in the amount of \$3,806, as well as paving and repairs costing \$45,200.13, to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds, and to the General Fund and/or Bond Funds, respectively;
- Accepted as complete improvement projects provided by 3D Concrete, Downey, in the sum of \$27,009, to be charged to General and/or Bond Funds;

Unsworth expansion

- Accepted as complete the expansion of Unsworth Elementary School, undertaken by Toby B. Hayward, Inc., Monrovia, in the final amount of \$2,032,431, to be charged to Bond Funds;
- Accepted as complete electrical trade projects provided by Spike Electric, Anaheim, for \$92,518.62, to be charged to the General Fund and/or Bond Funds;
- Accepted as complete fencing work provided by McCullah Fence Co., Bell Gardens, in the amount of \$75,280.14, to be charged to Bond and/or General Funds;

Money transfer

- Approved the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Deferred Maintenance Fund;
- Approved the transfer of \$4,994,625 from the unrestricted General Fund to the restricted General Fund (Special Education) for the 2006-07 Special Education ADA contribution;
- Approved the transfer of the maximum allowable amount of Block Grant monies into other eligible categorical programs for the 2006-07 fiscal year;
- Approved the adjustment of the 2006-07 Adult School restricted budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the amount of \$368,599;
- Approved the adjustment of the 2006-07 Adult School unrestricted budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the amount of \$57,3205;
- Approved the adjustment of the 2006-07 General Fund restricted budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the amount of \$42,202;
- Approved the extensions of the 2006-07 budget for all funds to reflect the 2005-06 ending Unaudited Actuals in the 2006-07 beginning budget;
- Approved the declaration and sale of district surplus property by Nationwide Auction Company, and abated the income to the General Fund, and/or pick up by a local e-waste recycler for proper recycling;
- Approved the purchase of listed equipment, in accordance with established purchasing policies and regulations;

Teacher assignments

- Authorized the services of the teacher assigned to a subject area not listed on his teaching credential for the 2006-07 school year;
- Authorized the services of teachers/instructors at various schools, for various hours, according to their applicable classifications;
- Approved the proposed changes to the Schedule of Regular Board Meetings (BP 8510);
- Received the 2005-06 annual report, which drew raves from just about everybody;
- Adopted the Supplemental Counseling Program Plan for middle schools and high schools pursuant to AB1802;
- Received initial bargaining proposals for the successor agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 746;
- Held a public hearing to hear public response, if any, to initial bargaining proposals for reopeners from the CSEA, Chapter 746; and
- Approved the taking of appropriate action on several student cases in closed session.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



MIXER EVENT – George Navarro of George's Restaurant speaks at a Downey Chamber of Commerce event he hosted last week. Miss Downey Teen Princess Carli Ciatti is at right. Photo courtesy Co-Op Cache Consulting.

Impressionist artist demonstrates work

DOWNEY – Betsey Woodford, an award-winning artist for over 20 years, will be the guest demonstrator at Downey Art League's Nov. 19 potluck luncheon at Progress Park. The community is invited.

Woodford is a fourth generation Californian. She draws her inspiration from the land of her heritage, where "capturing the beauty of the land in a way that can lift the human spirit" provides the basis for her paintings.

She is said to have a strong sense of composition, using broad shapes, colors and brushstrokes to form the foundation of her impressionistic renderings.

Woodford has been an artist in various media for over 20 years and currently uses colored oils with thick brushstrokes in her impressionist style. A number of her works have been shown in galleries.

The luncheon starts at 1 p.m. and visitors should take an appetizer, salad, vegetables or desert to share. Meat, bread and drinks will be provided at the meeting.

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Limon next president of realtors association

DOWNEY – Downey area realtor Phil Limon, president of Re/Max Online, will be installed as the 2007 president of the Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors at a ceremony scheduled for Nov. 18 at the City Club at Bunker Hill in Los Angeles.



Limon

Limon served as president-elect of the association this year and as chairman of the Membership and Education Committee, according to Margie Heavener, executive officer of the group. Limon also represented the association as a director to the California Association of Realtors for the past three years.

"Phil Limon has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities time and again," Heavener said. "He has a fine grasp of the issues and responsibilities real estate practitioners face. His leadership abilities are especially evident by the productivity of the meetings he chairs."

Limon said real estate has been his passion since he left high school, and when he opened Re/Max Online six years ago, he called it the fulfillment of a long-held dream. He said he infuses his agents with his same passion for the real estate business.

"Attitude filters down from the top," Dick Purvis, regional director for Re/Max of California & Hawaii said. "Phil Limon has received well-earned accolades for his incredible achievements at Re/Max and we also applaud his election as incoming president of the Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors."

Re/Max Online serves the southeast Los Angeles area with offices in Downey, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera and South Gate. The brokerage handles residential resale properties, as well as income and investment opportunities and offers mortgage and escrow services.

For more information about Re/Max or potential career opportunities, contact Limon at (562) 904-8844.



ROMAN G. GONZALEZ – A 2006 graduate of Downey High School, Gonzalez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, Gonzalez studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. He is the son of Miguel and Luz Gonzalez of Downey.

Church needs help serving dinner

DOWNEY – The Breath of God Christian Fellowship Church, in conjunction with the Aggressive Community Training and Services (ACTS) Foundation, is searching for volunteers to help work their annual Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, this year planned for Friday, Nov. 17, at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Volunteers are also needed for the Thanksgiving Basket Project, when food baskets are distributed to needy families in Downey. Thanksgiving Day is on Nov. 23.

At the dinner, volunteers will help serve dinner to families from local shelters and missions.

To volunteer or donate food items for the baskets, call the church office at (310) 767-9620. Donations can be made to Breath of God, P.O. Box 39903, Downey, CA 90239.

Tennis classes for the community

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering tennis classes, both beginning and intermediate levels, for the community at Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Boulevard in Downey.

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Beginning classes: Monday, Dec. 4 - Jan. 22 (no class on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ages 13 and up.
Saturday, Dec. 9 - Jan. 13, 11 a.m. to noon. Ages 8-12.

Intermediate class: Monday, Dec. 4 - Jan. 22 (no class on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 13 and up.
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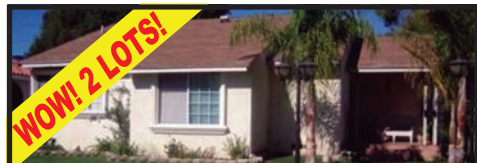
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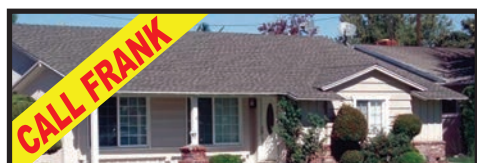
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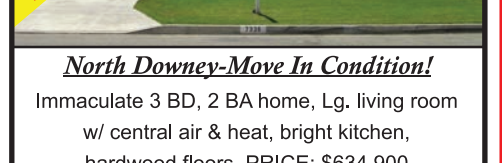
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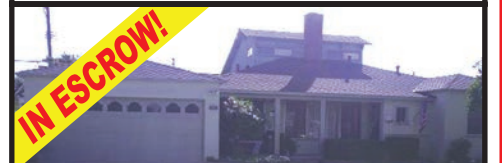
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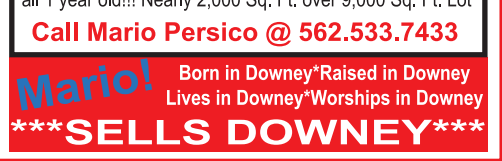
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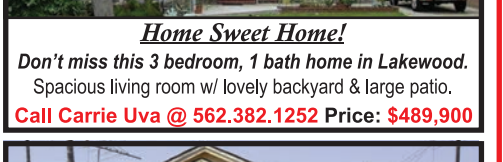
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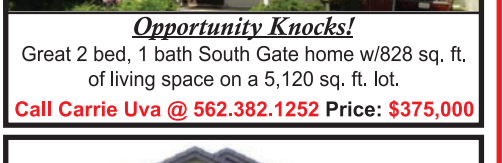
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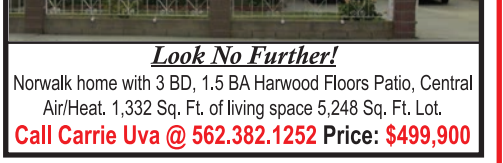
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