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Shelter gets a leg up on puppy smuggling

■ Downey SEEACA shelter assists in statewide task force targeting illegal puppy smuggling into U.S. from Mexico.

DOWNEY -- For the second consecutive year, the Border Puppy Task Force (BPTF), comprised of 17 California animal law enforcement agencies, including Downey's Southeast Area Animal Control Authority, spent two weeks at the Otay Mesa and San Ysidro ports of entry gathering statistics on the animals being transported from Mexico to the United States. Task force officers were at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa border crossings from Nov. 27 through Dec. 10. Although final statistics were not yet available, the findings show that the number of underage puppies smuggled in from Mexico to the United States appears to have dropped from last year.

Still, several underage puppies were seized in the operation and transported to the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services, which provides animal control services to the affected border areas. The puppies ranged in age from one week to three months old.

"Even though the number of underage puppies seized during the operation dropped from last year, the issue is still relevant and we are concerned that smugglers are finding new ways to bring puppies over," said County of Los Angeles Deputy Director Michelle Roachel. "The only way to truly end this problem is for consumers not to purchase puppies at swap meets, parking lots, or answering ads."

Thousands of underage puppies, many toy breeds, are brought into the U.S. for re-sale via the border crossing stations annually. Many are later discovered to be sick, potentially creating a health epidemic for animals and people in the U.S., officials said.

Task force workers also cited inhumane breeding and transportation issues as adding to the problem. People may spend thousands of dollars on veterinary bills for a puppy in very poor health, which oftentimes dies.

Officials also said there is the threat of rabies, zoonotic diseases that can be transferred to humans, new disease epidemics, inhumane living and transportation conditions, and fraudulent business transactions by dealers and brokers with unsuspecting buyers.

During the two-week operation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Time Traveler

Lady from Downey was quite a pilot

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

Dorothy Ruether flew her biplane out of a Downey cow pasture when they referred to flying a plane as "piloting by the seat of your pants."

There are none like her today.

It was 1934 when Dorothy got tired of watching her husband and his friends having all the fun darting about the skies and then bragging about it on the ground and got her own pilot's license.

Of course, there was a minor delay when her instructor, who was supposed to administer her final flying test, didn't show up. It seems he was helping Amelia Earhart check out her plane in Los Angeles in preparation for an assault on the coast-to-coast speed record.

Dorothy didn't meet Amelia until 1936, but when she did the two had a good laugh over the episode of the missing flight instructor.

Dorothy flew an OX-5 "Eaglerock" with her husband, Lloyd. The plane was based in the mid-1930s at an airfield (actually a pasture) owned by the Ardis family. The land was rented to a dairy which sublet portions that were used as an airstrip. What the cows thought of all the goings-on is pure conjecture. The "airstrip" ran between Clark Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard north of what is now Somerset. Access was by way of a now defunct road called Cerritos.

The pilots who used the field called themselves the Clearwater Flying Club, and called the pasture Vultee Field.

The Ruethers later both flew out of Long Beach, but they always had a soft spot in their hearts for the old pasture.

When World War II arrived Lloyd flew for the 6th Ferrying Group, transporting military aircraft from point to point across the U.S.

Dorothy went to work for Douglas and temporarily gave up flying. But after the war ended she resumed her air career and maintained her flying license until 1958.

She was also a member of the 99 Club (all women fliers), to which

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PUPPY LOVE – Captain Aaron Reyes of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority, based in Downey, plays with one of his shelter's many creatures, which, incidentally, are available for adoption. Photo by Art Montoya

officers directed drivers with animals to the secondary inspection area where humane and animal control officers interviewed people and gathered statistics on their animal cargo. Drivers were asked to provide veterinary health records and depending on the circumstances, were either cleared for entry, sent back to Mexico, or the animals were relinquished by owners.

In severe inhumane circumstances, animals were impounded.

The findings from the two-week period will be reviewed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and San Diego Quarantine station for potential health risks. Officials said the task force will be following up on contacts made during the border operation and are exploring the feasibility of maintaining a long-term presence working alongside border patrol agents to monitor puppy smuggling.

The BPTF worked with the CDC, California Department of Health Services and Los Angeles and San Diego County Health Departments during the investigation.

Harold Tseklenis: a man for all seasons

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—You can pick any point at random along Harold Tseklenis' journey through life and you will find something intriguing, something interesting, something compelling strewn along his path.

At MIT, where he got his civil engineering and construction management degree in 1953, he took Economics 101 under Paul Samuelson, the "unassuming" professor's universally-used basic economics textbook still in mimeographed form; breezed through calculus under Norbert Weiner, the father of cybernetics; tackled sophomore physics under Ernest Lawrence, after whom the famed Lawrence Livermore Laboratory at UC-Berkeley is named; and had Carl T. Compton (of the "Compton Effect") as a lecturer in nuclear physics. (Harold later completed graduate courses in refinery and nuclear engineering at UC-Berkeley).

In his 42-year career with Fluor Corporation, where he earned a reputation as an authority on LNG (liquefied natural gas) projects (LNG is an alternative, cleaner source of fossil-based fuel), his job as one of its mainstay Managers of Projects took him, his wife, Anna, and son, David, to such far-flung places as Algeria, Australia, Indonesia, Kalimantan (Borneo), the Sakhalin Islands, the Middle East, and Iran. Work required him to actually live (min. stay: ten months) in the Caribbean, the Virgin Islands, Brazil (where he remembers overseeing the feeding of some 2,000 workers in a specially-built mess hall), Spain, Holland, Sweden (three years), Norway, England, the North Sea, Germany, France, and Africa. His duties entailed traveling to Venezuela every month for four years.

All this travel and residing in different places and cultures necessitated that he learn French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish, at the very least. His early training in Greek and Latin grammar and syntax as he was growing up in Pirgos, in the Greek Peloponnese, proved to be handy in this regard. He also oversaw work projects in Japan, Norway, England and Spain.

Fluor's in-house magazine early on had him profiled on its back cover and described his path-breaking assignments thus: "After taking his engineering degree from MIT, Tseklenis began his career in Fluor's Construction Division in 1953. In the intervening years, as he moved from construction to project management, Tseklenis handled a number of major jobs in the United States and abroad. The tasks (at first) ranged from

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'Springtime Treasures' wins Founders' Trophy

BY BROOKE KARLI
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

DOWNEY – A live audience of thousands, with millions more watching from home, cheered and applauded as over 40 rose floats graced the streets of Pasadena in the 118th Tournament of Roses Parade. Of those floats, Downey's very own "Springtime Treasures," one of six self-built floats, was awarded the Founders' Trophy.

The Founders' Trophy named Downey's entry the "Most Spectacular Built & Decorated by Volunteers from a Community or Organization." And in case you did not see it, it was deserving of such a title.

The float was a beautiful portrayal of a sunny spring day complimented by blooming flowers and growing grass. With vibrant colors such as pink, purple, yellow and green, the float brought the nature of hummingbirds and butterflies to life. "Springtime Treasures" took over eight months to complete and was designed by Jason Redfox, Kelley Roberts and Jared Sweeney.

The float was completely funded, constructed and decorated by the Downey Rose Float Association, a nonprofit organization established in 1952. With the help of fundraising, donations and hundreds of volunteers, the association is able to produce spectacular floats year after year, collecting numerous awards along the way.

For more information about the Downey Rose Float Association visit their website at www.downeyrose.org.



Downey's rose float is currently on display in front of the Embassy Suites, but time is running out to see it up close. Photo by Art Montoya



Contest winners, from left, back row: Frances Arehart, Patsy Roman, Donald Bearse and Sandra Disco. Front row: Betty Verhoon, McKayla Mercado and Margie Gutierrez. McKayla is Gutierrez' niece and the subject of her winning photo.

Contest winners a picture of success

DOWNEY – Winners have been announced in Downey Adult School's first annual Digital Photography Contest. The contest was produced by the adult school's Digital Imaging class last month and featured the categories Nature, Holidays, People and Digitally Mastered Photos.

The winners were Frances Arehart, Patsy Roman, Donald Bearse, Sandra Disco, Betty Verhoon, McKayla Mercado and Margie Gutierrez.

Two-day digital photography classes begin at Downey Adult School beginning Jan. 10 for \$35. The courses are listed in the senior section of the 2007 Downey Adult School winter class schedule but are open to people of all ages.

The course teaches students how to buy a digital camera, learning its basic functions, learning more advanced functions, how to use digital camera software, how to print your own pictures, how to use a kiosk machine and how to order prints online. The art of taking quality photographs will also be covered.

Class dates are Jan. 10 and 17; Feb. 15 and 22; and March 13 and 20. All classes are from 6:30 to 9:10 p.m.

For more information, call Downey Adult School at (562) 940-6200.

Miss Downey applications available at local schools

DOWNEY – Applications for Miss Downey are now available at local high schools and middle schools, in addition to the Downey City Library, Downey Chamber of Commerce and online at www.downeyrose.org.

Applications will be accepted through Jan. 14. An orientation will be held that day at the Woman's Club of Downey for pageant participants.

Completed applications must be submitted with a \$15 fee to DRFA, Attention: Pageant, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241. Applications can also be turned in at the orientation.

For more information, call Pageant Director Susan Domen at (562) 824-7172. The pageant will be held on March 17.

Christian Club celebrating the New Year

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will celebrate the New Year with a meeting Jan. 10 at Los Amigos Country Club in Downey. The day's special feature will be given by Renata's Fantasy Flowers. Judy Ramos will provide music and Sharon Simonian will speak on "What is a Category Three Gift?"

The meeting starts at 11:45 a.m. with a buffet lunch. Price is \$12 and men are encouraged to attend.

Reservations are requested by calling Lou at (562) 861-9425 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.

Library needs tutors for literacy program

DOWNEY – You can make a difference by helping an adult learn to read through the Downey City Library's Adult Literacy program. Training sessions for volunteer literacy tutors will be given on Jan. 11, 18 and 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tutors will receive a total of 12 hours of training and may attend ongoing literacy support meetings.

By volunteering two or more hours per week, volunteers can give an adult the skills they need to become a successful worker, parent or citizen.

For information and registration, call the Literacy and Training Office at (562) 904-7360 ext. 23.

Temple holding regular Shabbat Services

DOWNEY – Shabbat Services are held every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Boulevard, in Downey. Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill conduct the services with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

Kiddush is held after the worship, with wine and challah included. Oneg Shabbat follows in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments prepared and served by the Temple's Sisterhood.

Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is a Reform congregation and the community is welcome. For information regarding services or membership in the Temple, call (562) 861-9276.



Cj Sambach will give a free concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Jan. 26.

Organ performer in free show at Good Shepherd

■ Accomplished organist giving free concert for kids at church. Community is invited.

DOWNEY – Concert artist Cj Sambach, an Organ Performance graduate of Westminster Choir College in New Jersey, will present a program especially geared for kids at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Downey on Jan. 26.

Scheduled as field trip programs for area school children, the programs are open to the public. The Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and St. Gregory's Episcopal Church are helping organize the event.

A resident of Brick, New Jersey, Sambach is known for his "audience appeal" programs. Combining bits of humor with interesting explanations and quality musicianship, he makes music and the organ fun for people of all ages. His two programs will explore the organ's vast tonal resources, present captivating musical compositions, and explain the many facets of "The King of Instruments."

The Good Shepherd performance is at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sambach will also perform Jan. 28 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Long Beach at 4 p.m.

People of all ages are invited to both shows, though the churches recommended kids be ages 8 or older.

Democrats will provide new direction for U.S.

COMMENTARY BY CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (CA-34)

In the historic election of 2006, voters entrusted Democrats with the majority in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. With their votes, the American people asked for change. They cast their ballots in favor of a New Direction.

Throughout the 2006 campaign, Democratic candidates laid out commitments that we would fulfill if the American public entrusted us with the majority. Americans called for greater integrity in Washington, and Democrats pledged to make Congress more ethical. Americans called for common-sense proposals to improve the everyday lives of all Americans and Democrats put forward a "Six for '06" agenda that addressed critical economic, health care, and educational concerns of ordinary families.

Now, in the first 100 legislative hours of the new 110th Congress that convenes in January, Democrats will begin by living up to the commitments we made on the campaign trail. In those first 100 hours, you will see a people's Congress, a Congress that will pass legislation to make the American people safer, make our Congress more honest and open, make our economy fairer, and build a better future for all of America's children.

We will adopt an ethics reform package that will make this the most honest, ethical and open Congress in history. This ethics reform package begins to sever the link between lobbyists and legislation, by banning gifts and travel from lobbyists, and ending the abuses connected to privately-funded congressional travel. The package also brings civility to the legislative debate - committing to a fair and open process for amendments, guaranteeing time to read legislation, and ensuring that the minority can participate in Conference Committees during which compromises are reached between House and Senate negotiators before legislation is finalized.

We are also going to change the House rules to restore pay-as-you-go budgeting - which will begin to reverse the record budget deficits that are passing on trillions in debt to our children and grandchildren. In addition, we will also end the abuse of special-interest earmarks.

Then, we will pass the elements of our "Six for '06" agenda to meet the everyday needs of all Americans. We will make America safer by implementing the recommendations of the 9/11 commission; make our

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Sign-ups and tryouts for little league

DOWNEY – Sign-ups and tryouts for West Downey Little League will be held tomorrow, Jan. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Middle School. Players must have a certified birth certificate (no abstracts) and three forms of proof of residence.

Registration for t-ball (ages 5-6) is \$55. Rookie, A, AA, AAA and Major League is \$85 with the third child half-off and fourth child free. All children over the age of 8 must try out.

Sign-ups and tryouts will also be held Jan. 13. Visit <http://eteamz.active.com/westdowneylittleleague>.

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Church hosting classes on personal finances

■ Saturday morning classes cover investment options, retirement, estate planning, and more.

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church is hosting a series of discussions of personal finances: what you should be doing now, how to save, get out of debt and how to grow your wealth over time.

The courses will discuss many of the common financial topics that everyone must answer at some time. There is a one-time cost of \$10 to help cover expenses, but the church says instructors sell nothing and receive no commissions from the class.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Elements of a Family Financial Plan
- Financial Priorities & Some Bumps to Avoid
- What Services Can You Expect from your Bank
- Real Estate for Home and Investments
- Insurance & How Do You Know What You Need
- Taxation on Various Types of Income
- Retirement Income – Social Security, IRA's, etc.
- Six Key Financial Risks in Retirement
- Market Returns & What You Can Count On
- Asset Allocation, Diversification & Re-balancing
- Some Issues of Estate Planning
- Some New Stock Market Investment Options

The classes will run Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 20. They conclude March 31.

Leading the classes will be industry professionals, including Diana Calhoun, a chartered financial analyst, investment consultant and past managing director and partner with Lombardia Capital Partners; Dr. Donald Calhoun, a tax, estate and financial planning consultant and registered CTEC Registered Tax Preparer in California; Cindy Kovach, assistant vice president and branch sales manager at Downey Savings in Downey; John McKinsey, owner, Manor Insurance Agency in Downey; Jim Rodriguez, CEO and owner of Home Loans of America; and Connie Rodriguez, owner and manager of 42 multi-family apartment units and previously a CPA for Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse.

Jim Wilkinson is facilitating the classes. He serves as an elder for Downey First Christian Church and works as an Information Technology Manager specializing in Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing for the County of Los Angeles.

For questions or more information on the classes, call the church at (562) 862-2438.

Living to 120 topic at meeting

DOWNEY – Bob Earl, a researcher of good health lifestyle, will present "Living to be 120" at the Jan. 10 meeting of Citizens for Downey. Earl has long been involved in the Downey community.

Everybody is invited to the meeting, to be held at the Rio Hondo Events Center. A breakfast buffet will be available at 7 a.m. and the meeting starts at 7:15. No reservations are required.



Patients at Brookfield Healthcare Center received a visit from Keller Williams Realty employees who, along with Santa Claus, delivered gifts, food and carols.

Brookfield patients get special visit

DOWNEY – Over a dozen real estate agents from Keller Williams Realty in Downey celebrated the holidays with residents of Brookfield Healthcare Center in Downey recently.

The patients were serenaded with Christmas carols and Santa Claus passed out gifts to all the patients present. As a bonus, patients were also given a stuffed toy.

Patients unable to walk received a visit from Santa at their bedside.

"What a great way of giving back to the community," Devi Kokaram of Keller Williams said. "The management of Brookfield expressed their sincere gratitude to Keller Williams Realty for taking time off their busy schedule to think about the less fortunate of Downey lending a helping hand."

Concert this Thursday at Downey Museum of Art

■ Trio will perform songs ranging from classical to swinging jazz as part of New Music Series.

DOWNEY – The Downey Museum of Art will host the third concert of its New Music Series this Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Performing will be Unbande, a trio comprised of Danny Seidenberg (electric viola) of the Turtle Island String Quartet, Novi Novog (electric viola) of Doobie Bros and Prince, and Larry Tuttle (Chapman Stick) of Freeway Philharmonic and String Planet.

The trio will perform a light-hearted concoction of classical, rockin' pop, swinging jazz world beat and original compositions.

Admission is \$10 or \$5 for students, museum members and seniors. For more information call (562) 861-0419.

The Downey Museum of Art is located at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

Free-throw championship for kids

DOWNEY – The Knights of Columbus #3697 will host a free-throw championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 Jan. 13 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School gym from 9 a.m. to noon.

For information, call Pat Rooney at (562) 923-5352 or (562) 923-1932.

Class on 'How to Buy a Computer'

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will offer a class for consumers interested in purchasing their first home computer. The free class will be given Jan. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Cormack Room.

"How to Buy a Computer" is ideal for those who want to make an informed purchase but are confused by computer terms such as RAM, processor speed and graphics capability. Students will learn about the different types of computers available and the advantages of a laptop or desktop model.

The class will also give a basic introduction to operating systems and computer memory as well as simple definitions of computer hardware and software. To register, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

Fly Fishers to give free fly-tying classes

DOWNEY – The Downey Fly Fishers are again this year offering free fly-tying classes, starting Jan. 10 and continuing each Wednesday for the ensuing six weeks at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center in Downey.

No experience is necessary, instruction materials and equipment will be provided free of charge. Students are encouraged to attend all classes as each lesson is based on the previous week's learned skills.

Fly-tying demonstrations will be given by Master Fly Tier Don Mayo and students will receive individual hands-on instruction.

For information, call John Barnett at (562) 924-9697 or Bob Stuart at (562) 691-7878.

Downey Fly Fishers meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The community is invited.

Classes offered for expectant parents

DOWNEY – Expectant parents are invited to a "Stork Tour" Jan. 13 courtesy of Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), where visitors can learn more about the hospital's Family Birth Center.

The program includes an overview of important information regarding the hospital, a question-and-answer period, and a guided tour. The Stork Tour is free and registration is required.

Another class being offered is a breast feeding class on Jan. 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The class will provide expectant parents information on how to successfully breast feed their baby and how to overcome common breast feeding challenges.

Advanced registration for this class is required and there is a fee of \$10.

Lastly, a four-week Lamaze class will be offered Monday evenings beginning Jan. 22. The class will give the expectant mother and her partner important information on how to prepare for childbirth. Topics will include signs of labor, relaxation techniques, pain management, and what to expect during pregnancy and delivery.

Classes usually fill up quick, so expectant parents are asked to register in their fifth month of pregnancy. Cost is \$75 per couple.

For more information or to register for any of the classes, call DRMC's Education Department at (562) 904-5580.

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New person in charge of county vector control

SANTA FE SPRINGS – The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is ringing in the New Year under new management.

Joseph Sanzone took the helm as the new district manager Dec. 29. Sanzone's appointment to the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County and one of the largest districts in California wraps up an intense eight-month search for a permanent manager by the District's 35-member Board of Trustees.

"I'm very excited to be here and take charge of a program that is well respected and provides excellent services," Sanzone said, whose district works at protecting public health and guarding against mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus.

West Nile virus is now endemic to California and working to guard against future outbreaks is a high priority for Sanzone, he said.

"We will continue to provide comprehensive disease surveillance which serves as an early warning system and helps us protect the public," Sanzone said.

Surveillance allows the District to locate and identify potential vector-related health threats. Once a threat is identified, control efforts target the problem area and educational information is disseminated to the local public.

As new manager, Sanzone will be working closely with the District's Board of Trustees.

"I am pleased to find the governing board to be very responsive to our mosquito control objectives," Sanzone said. "I look forward to working with the Board to improve our services to the public."

Sanzone is an accomplished board-certified entomologist with long-term success in the management and direction of effective vector control

programs, according to the District. He was formerly the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) in St. Paul, Minn., one of the largest vector control programs in the United States. In that position, the District says he developed and directed mosquito and black fly control programs for seven counties, covering approximately 3,000 square miles and servicing 2.4 million residents.

At MMCD, Sanzone managed a staff of 55 permanent and 200 seasonal employees. He currently serves as president of the American Mosquito Control Association, an international professional association of mosquito and control professionals, industry partners, and academia. He also maintains a memberships to the Entomological Society of America and the Society of Vector Ecology.

Sanzone replaces interim manager Randy E. Narramore, a former Chief of Police and professional manager whose accomplishments at the District include modifying the organizational chart for greater efficiency and balancing the fiscal year 2006-07 budget.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a California government and public health service agency dedicated to reducing populations of vectors (mosquitoes, black flies and midges) and preventing human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases. The District was established in 1952 and serves more than four million residents in a 1,300 square mile area of Los Angeles County, including Downey.

For more information on vector control services, call (562) 944-9656.

Healthy heart class at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center is hosting a Healthy Heart Nutrition Class on Jan. 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to which the community is invited. People with high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend.

Classes are held on the second Wednesday of every month. Classes are free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-5580.

The Poets' Corner

Welcoming the Stars in Fall

Orion stands up in the sky at dawn,
And that comes later now.
The window where all summer long
I saw the palm trees as I shaved
Has turned to black.

The earth that inhaled summer heat
Now exhales cool refreshing air
That turns the leaves a golden brown
Before they fall.

The sun betrays the season too
By choosing not to rise too high
But lazily traverses low
Down in the southern sky.

All this a breath in its slow course
Much slower than the sun spots' ebb and flow
A billion years of pure white
Will pass before this summer season goes.

It too will take an orange glow
And gradually increase its girth
So that then its fall finally ends
It's swallowed up our charming earth.

I breathe the cool air in the dark.
On days like this you want to stay in bed
But being up I can give welcome to
The stars that I can now see overhead.

— Frank Kearns,
Downey

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Carrow's
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Wed, Jan 10th
11:30 am
Sizzler
10315 Lakewood Blvd
Downey

Mon, Jan 15th
3:00 pm
Mimi's Café
8455 E Firestone Blvd
Downey

Tue, Jan 16th
3:00 pm
Geezers
12120 Telegraph Rd
Santa Fe Springs

Wed, Jan 17th
9:00 am
Hometown Buffet
6257 Atlantic Ave
Bell

Wed, Jan 17th
3:00 pm
Sizzler
11835 Imperial Hwy
Norwalk

Fri, Jan 19th
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Downey

Tue, Jan 23rd
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Wed, Jan 24th
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Downey

Mon, Jan 29th
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Mimi's Café
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Downey

Mon, Jan 29th
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Hometown Buffet
6257 Atlantic Ave
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Tue, Jan 30th
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Geezers
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Wed, Jan 31st
3:00 pm
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Respect & Beauty

By Eric Pierce

I'm not sure how many teenagers read this newspaper (I think the number is relatively small but growing gradually) but I hope more than a few are reading this today.

Part of growing up is respecting your body, both through the way you dress and the way you treat it. Respect your body by covering up; beauty goes way beyond plunging necklines, bare bellies and low-riding jeans. Beauty is intelligence, confidence, kindness.

Respect is not letting somebody dance too close to the point where it becomes increasingly uncomfortable. Respect is saying 'No' when it gets to that point and pulling away without an ounce of guilt.

Beauty is looking after your friends to make sure everybody is happy and secure.

Beauty is respect. Respect is beauty.

Drunk driving: Over the limit, under arrest

By Glenn Birch, National President of MADD, and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

The time between mid-December and New Year's is traditionally one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving. New estimates out last week show that nationally, more than 500 people will likely be killed on our nation's roadways by a drunk driver this holiday season. That's 500 families whose lives will be forever changed by a preventable tragedy.

With \$3.7 million of special funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for this past holiday season, the California Highway Patrol and a coalition of local law enforcement agencies worked diligently to reduce the number of drunk driving deaths and injuries on California's roads through strong enforcement. Throughout California, law enforcement were out in full force to find and arrest drunk drivers. The California Department of Transportation is joining in with messages for motorists on their billboards.

This effort is building upon the national crackdown: "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." led by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

While we have made great strides to reduce the threat of drunk driving, progress has stalled in recent years. In California, fatalities involving a drunk driver (those with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above) have decreased 45 percent since 1982. However, since 2000, drunk driving fatalities have increased 27 percent. More than 1,200 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in 2005. Two steps forward, one step back.

Fortunately, there is good news. Years of work in this area have led us to develop a proven model that decreases the number of deaths due to drunk driving through tougher laws, strong enforcement, and strict sentencing for offenders.

We can significantly reduce the number of drunk driving deaths and injuries by focusing on strong enforcement.

The federal government is dedicating \$29 million a year for the next three years to publicize impaired driving and safety belt mobilizations. The crackdown uses a proven model of paid advertising and aggressive public education efforts to get the word out to potential offenders that if they drive drunk, they will be arrested.

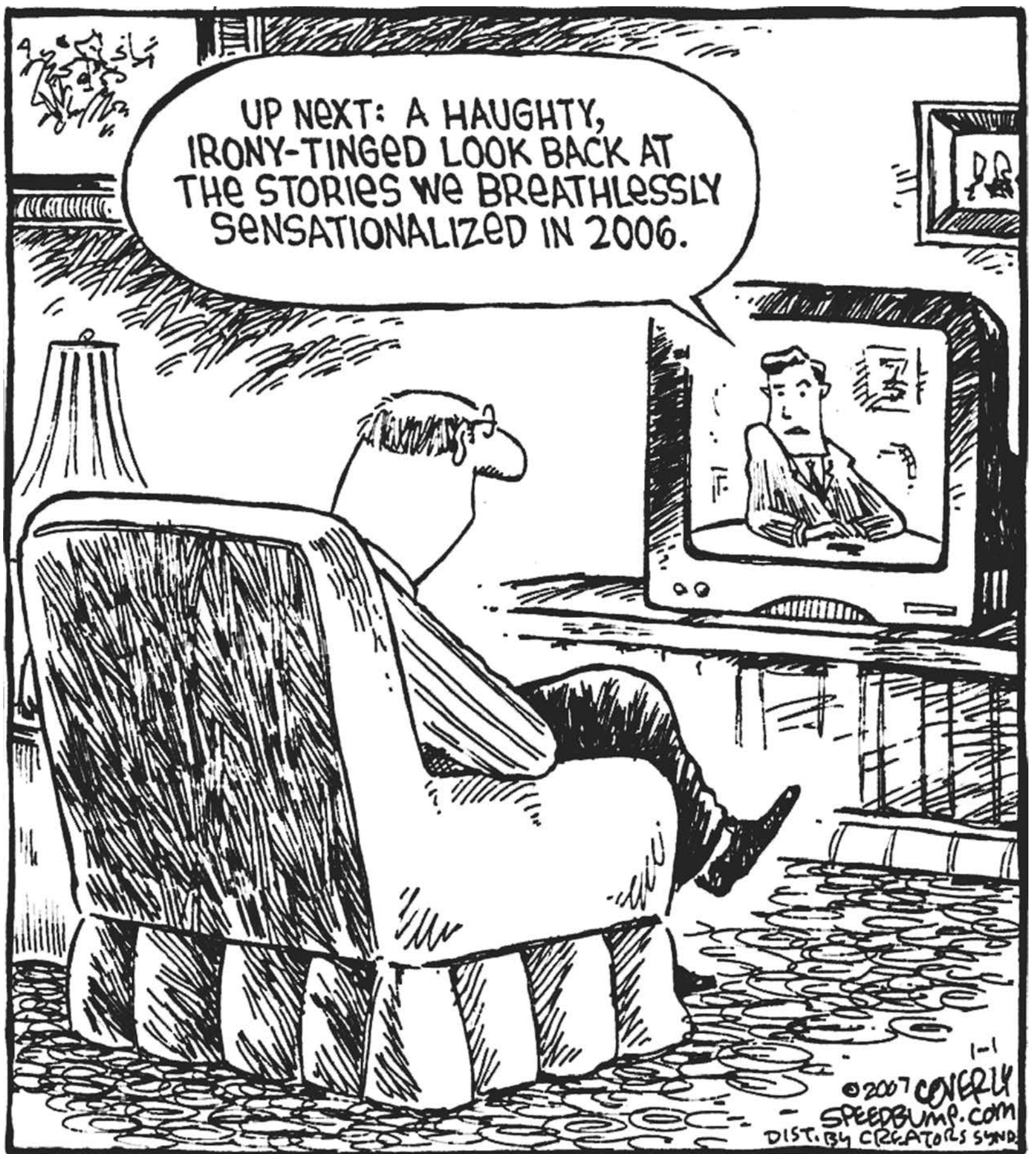
"Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." delivers on the promise of arrest by working with law enforcement to plan highly visible and publicized enforcement activities such as sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols to find and arrest, and ultimately deter, drunk drivers.

These efforts are proven to save lives and prevent injuries: research has shown that highly publicized, highly visible, and frequent sobriety checkpoints reduce fatal alcohol-related crashes by up to 24 percent. They not only detect offenders who drive drunk, but also serve as a powerful deterrent - 80 percent of Americans agree that sobriety checkpoints would discourage them from drinking and driving.

"Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." is one component of MADD's four-part plan to eliminate drunk driving in the United States. The Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving combines intensive, high visibility law enforcement such as the holiday enforcement crackdown with three additional elements - the full implementation of current alcohol ignition interlock technologies, the exploration of advanced vehicle technologies, and the mobilization of grassroots support - to eliminate drunk driving once and for all.

From across the country and on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., we are hearing from our constituents and our colleagues that they will no longer tolerate drunk driving.

The holiday crackdown on drunk driving was the first step forward in our efforts to ultimately eliminate the threat of drunk driving all together, here in California and across the country. We applaud the law enforcement officers who were out in full force cracking down on drunk drivers to save lives and ensure safer roads. We encourage everyone to do their part to keep America's roads safe and secure.



DEMOCRATS

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economy fairer by raising the minimum wage; make college more affordable by cutting the interest rates on student loans; improve health care by requiring Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices and promoting stem cell research; and take the first step toward achieving energy independence by repealing subsidies to Big Oil and investing the savings in renewable energy.

These items are not just the Democratic agenda; all of them enjoy broad bipartisan support. Democrats will work with members of both parties to secure their passage, because progress will not be a victory for any one party, but for all of the American people.

Furthermore, in this historic election, nowhere was the call for a new direction clearer than in the war in Iraq. In addition to the verdict of the voters, the recent report of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group concluded that the President's Iraq policy must be changed. Months ago, Democratic leaders suggested to the President that he implement one of the Study Group's chief recommendations - to change the primary mission of U.S. troops in Iraq from combat to training and support, which would enable the redeployment of U.S. forces to begin. Now that the Study Group has endorsed this proposal, we hope that the President will recognize that he must take our policy in Iraq in a new direction.

Democrats do not see our congressional majorities as the end point in a long and hard-fought campaign, but rather a starting point - an opportunity to work on behalf of all Americans.

The American people - many Republican and independent voters among them - entrusted Democrats with their hopes and aspirations for themselves, their families and their future. We will honor that trust. We are prepared to lead and ready to govern.

Letters to the Editor:

Congratulations, Downey

Dear Editor:

The Downey Rose Float Association has brought home another winner. It's a fitting gift to our city's 50th anniversary celebration. How fortunate we are to have the Redfox's, the Roberts', and all the dedicated people that work year after year to show the world that we are proud of our community. To compete with multi-million dollar float builder's entries, to be an association who has to raise our own funds, design, construct, and decorate an all-volunteer effort is a monumental task.

Thank you, Downey Patriot, for the great coverage. It was wonderful to see the Patriot's owner, Jennifer, working side-by-side with the volunteers flowering "Springtime Treasure."

Lest we forget, Marie Weber celebrated her 96th birthday on January 3. She and Bob Weber were instrumental in getting me involved with the Rose Float. Marie's first \$1000 started our Building Fund. She encouraged me to start our Rose Float Association Newsletter and it was her idea to begin the Ice Cream Social in the park, a major fundraiser for the Association. The Downey Rose Float Association has had many caring volunteers over the years.

Thanks to Rancho Los Amigos and Don Knabe's office, we have been able to use an abandoned warehouse on Rancho's grounds for the past two decades. We're still in search of a permanent home.

Meanwhile, happy 96th birthday, Marie, and Happy New Year to our Downey community.

— Doris Patterson, Downey

Going crazy with palms

Dear Editor:

What has happened to Downey? Did I miss the memo that said we were supposed to change our landscape to reflect a tropical environment? When did the palm tree suddenly stage a coup d'etat in the realm of trees? This summer, I watched in horror as new owners on our block cut down a wonderful magnolia tree that had graced our area for 60 years. Why? I can only guess - to be replaced by palm trees. I wanted to cry.

The very next day, other neighbors gathered their family together, got our their saws and proceeded to cut down three shade trees that had adorned that property for over 30 years. These aged trees added charm and character to our neighborhood. What adorns their 2 1/2 year botched and still unfinished remodel (and, yes, that is another story!) are ugly stumps. I do see that they have plans for their front yard's future. Nestled away on the side of their house are palm trees waiting to be planted in their front yard. Again, Downey's newest version of landscaping.

They may well have been inspired by yet another neighbor who put in a lovely sod lawn punctuated every six feet (literally) by palm trees - no planters, just sod and palms...lot's of palms. Mind you, a palm tree can be a lovely adjunct to a landscape, but our beautiful jewel, Northeast Downey, is becoming a lackluster, non-descript tree farm.

Twenty years ago, we remodeled our home and in the process our lawn died. It was not long before the city gave us a notice that we must "green up" our lawn. We rose to the occasion, hired a professional architectural landscaper and proceeded to implement his plans. My husband and I planted fragrant trees that bloom throughout the spring and gorgeous deciduous trees which grace our neighborhood with brilliant reds each autumn. We filled our planters with a variety of colorful perennials and annuals. I know that our choices not only added to the beauty and value of our city, but also benefited the environment by cleaning the air.

My question is, can the city create some type of incentive program to educate some of our newer residents about attractive landscaping, teaching them how to use a variety of plants and stressing the environment and aesthetic value of preserving our older trees? I am afraid that if something is not done, the charm of our lovely city will be lost forever.

— M. Felix, Downey

Not happy with Time-Warner

Dear Editor:

I, among many, have not been happy with the unannounced change from Comcast to Time-Warner cable service. Now, however, I am totally disgusted!

While browsing through the new stuff on "On Demand," I was surprised to find a CNN Showcase. Guess I shouldn't have been since Time-Warner owns it. But, when I went further to Lifestyle, there listed was "Iraqi Sniper Video." Yes, it's true. This video actually shows the Iraqi sniper killing U.S. Marine Corporal Joshua D. Pickard.

Corporal Pickard, Merced, California, was killed on December 19, 2006 while conducting combat operations in Al-Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Is this what we want in our city? I don't. I hope our city council takes action to stop this nonsense and to give us good, reliable service from a company that respects the American people and way of life.

—Maggie Allen, Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

Sat. Jan. 6: **West Downey League** sign-ups and tryouts at West Middle School, 9 a.m.
Wed. Jan. 10: **"Living to be 120"** Seminar at the Rio Hondo Events Center, 7 a.m.
Sat. Jan. 13: **Free-Throw Championship** for kids at OLPH gym, 9 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 928-2658.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square, for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

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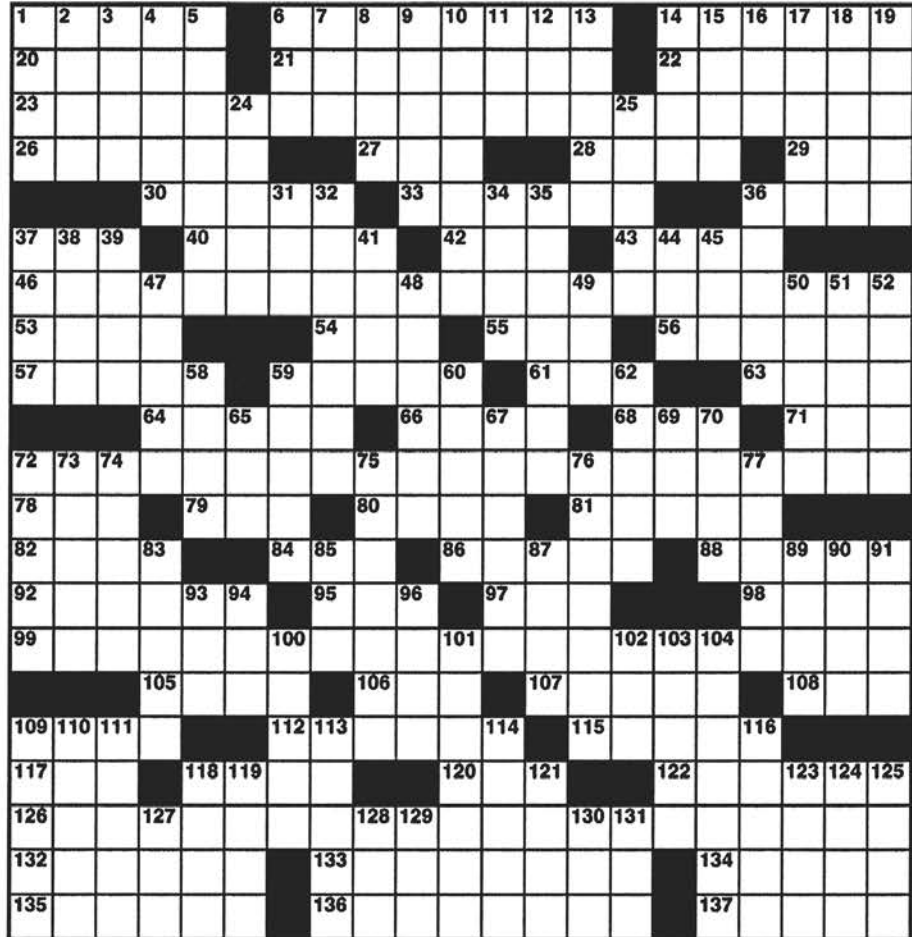
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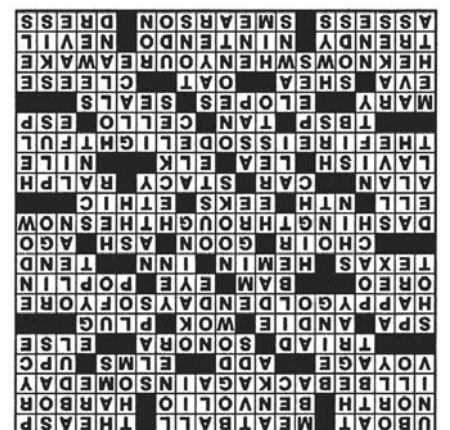
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The first item placed under a UPC (29 Across) scanner in a retail store was a pack of Wrigley's gum in an Ohio supermarket on June 26, 1974. Yo-Yo Ma's \$2.5 million 1733 Montagnana CELLO (107 Across) from Venice, Italy, made worldwide headlines in 1999 after he left it in a New York cab. SHEA Stadium (118 Across) was named for attorney William Shea, who was instrumental in the birth of the Mets.

Downey sports could use a few resolutions

By SCOTT COBOS
CONTRIBUTOR

With the ball dropping this past Sunday evening, we welcomed the New Year. This past year was called the year of the scandal by reporters on ABC. Besides that, the year was filled with many memories and special events.

Reporters and entertainers on television shared reflections of the year that was and expressed excitement for the year that will be. Goodbye 2006, hello 2007.

Resolutions were also shared with audiences. For a list of cliché resolutions, please refer to *Downey Magazine's* letter from the editor. For a list of the *Patriot's*, stop looking. There isn't one, trust me.

For a list of sports resolutions, stay tuned to this bat time and this same bat channel.

First, we'll look back at the year that was. Let's stick with this current school year and Fall sports. This past Monday, the Rose Bowl was played. USC and Michigan locked up in a battle that was supposed to be lost by Southern Cal.

The game itself was very reminiscent of the Downey Warren football game that took place this past year. Two respected teams met on the field in an over hyped game.

What happened on the field between the two teams is exactly what happened in the Rose Bowl. The team in red won. USC took over the second half just like the Downey Vikings did to the Warren Bears.

Downey then proceeded to prove that it was the better team that night just like USC did to Michigan.

Although the win against Warren was a big emotional victory, it wasn't enough to capture a league championship nor was it enough to capture post season momentum as the Vikings were a one-and-out team.

Downey football was led by running back Darren Tubbs all year, but one player isn't enough. Teams started stacking the line, looking for Tubbs to run the ball on almost every down.

With Tubbs graduating this year, a dominant player in the offense will have to step up. If that doesn't happen, it might be a hard next year for the Vikings. Head Coach Grant Warhurst's resolution this year: balance the offensive attack of the Vikings.

Warren started off the football season hot, thinking they had a chance at the SGVL crown this year. With returning Head Coach Jeff Welch back in the mix, you could see an optimistic spring in the Bears' step. Going in to their rival game against Downey, they had high hopes of building major momentum if pulling off an upset.

This was not the case as the loss sent the Bears into a devastating spiral, knocking them out of playoff consideration. After the Vikings, the Bears let a game slip away against an undermanned Dominguez, losing their standout running back Jose Green to a side injury in the process, then rolled over against a beatable Lynwood team.

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Welch's new years resolution: reinstall confidence to a young, deflated football team.

Warren's football team wasn't the only group of athletes grabbing attention this past Fall on campus. The Bears' girls' volleyball team found a fire within during the CIF playoffs as they fought their way to a championship game appearance to only lose in three games to Valencia.

Warren's girls' volleyball new years resolution: find that missing piece and bring home a long-awaited CIF championship.

Basketball season is just around the corner. Pre-season rankings have been posted and tournaments are currently being played. This year, the Vikings and the Bears seem to have their work cut out for them as Dominguez and Gahr are preseason favorites over the two Downey schools.

Downey coach Larry Shelton and Warren coach Josh Buell resolutions: get the teams ready for a fast, physical season.

Later on in the semester, baseball practices will start. Warren will be introducing their new baseball manager Ariel Gutran to the highly competitive SGVL. Gutran is already preparing his team for this season by implementing a high energy practice routine that calls for his players to lift weights before school starts and practice during the sixth period of the day.

Gutran's new years resolution: bring back an abandoned baseball program to its winning tradition.

Well, I guess I should make a resolution too. Let's see, my resolution for this year will be to continue bringing you unbiased, deep, and accurate sports analysis. That and to figure out why coaches won't talk to me after their respective teams have lost.

Was it something I said?

Good luck and good health in 2007.

Emblem Club traveling to Pechanga

DOWNEY – Downey Emblem Club #309 will make the trip to Pechanga Resort & Casino on Jan. 17. The community is invited.

The bus will depart from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot on Woodruff Avenue at 8 a.m. Bingo will be played coming and going and everyone will receive a \$5 voucher to use any way they wish.

For more information, call Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003.

TRAVELER

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Earhart also belonged. And Dorothy was a charter member of the Aviation Breakfast Club.

As a member of the OX-5 Club she often flew her Eaglerock to Santa Paula where owners of classic aircraft gathered each year.

Flying in the 1930s had its bizarre moments. Dorothy often told of how an engine cylinder once fell off and bounced down a highway below her plane. There were several "dead stick" landings she accomplished when something went wrong with the engine. Once the wheels fell off after take-off and she had to make a belly-landing.

If that wasn't enough, she once sold a Fairchild she owned to a private party. The plane was later confiscated when it was found to be carrying contraband across the Mexican border. Dorothy had a tense time convincing the authorities she no longer had an interest in the plane.

She died in 1990 after a daring and interesting life. Her relatives include a daughter, Betty Ann Randolph, a sister-in-law, Betty Cooper, and a nephew, Dick Ruether, well known locally as the executive director of the Teachers Association, the Downey Education Association and the Teachers Association of Norwalk-La Mirada.

Women fliers aren't that common, even today. But in 1934, aviation was barely out of its diapers. Women like Dorothy and Amelia told the men of the barnstorming era they (the ladies) could fly too, and then they proved it to them.

Hats off to the ladies.

St. Raymond's planning golf tournament

DOWNEY – The St. Raymond School Class of 2007 is planning a golf tournament Feb. 26 at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey. All golfers are welcome.

Cost is \$105 per golfer and includes golf, green fees, cart and tee prizes. The tournament is a four-person scramble format.

Registration time is 8 a.m. with a tee time of 10 a.m. Checks should be made payable to St. Raymond School Class of 2007, 12320 Paramount Blvd., Downey, CA 90242, Attention: Dianne Pacheco.

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A season of comedy at the Long Beach Playhouse

The Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre has announced its eight productions for the 2007-08 season, which begins March 9.

Performances are listed below with show dates and a brief description, as provided by the Playhouse.

"Moonlight and Magnolias"

A comedy by Ron Hutchinson
March 9 – April 14

Sunday matinees March 18 and 31; April 1

Hollywood, 1939: Legendary producer David O. Selznick has shut down production of his new epic, "Gone With the Wind," a film adaptation of Margaret Mitchell's novel. The screenplay, however, just doesn't work. So what's an all-powerful movie mogul to do? While fending off the film's stars, gossip columnists and his own father-in-law, Selznick sends for famed screenwriter Ben Hecht and pulls formidable director Victor Fleming from the set of "The Wizard of Oz." Summoning both to his office, he locks the doors, closes the shades, and on a diet of bananas and peanuts, the three men labor over five days to fashion a screenplay that will become the blueprint for one of the most successful and beloved films of all time. "Frankly, my dear, this is one funny play...a rip-roaring farce [with] witty, pointed dialogue and hilarious situations." *NY Daily News*

Visiting Mr. Green

A comedy by Jeff Baron
April 20 – May 26

Sunday matinees April 29; May 13 and 20

Mr. Green, an elderly, retired dry cleaner wanders into traffic on New York's Upper West Side and is almost hit by a car driven by Ross Gardiner, a 29-year-old corporate executive. The young man is charged with reckless driving, and is given a community service sentence of helping Mr. Green once a week for six months. The old man's wife just died, he lives in a fourth floor walk-up, and he needs help with groceries and such. The play follows the two men's growing and changing relationship over several months beginning with the first of these weekly visits. What starts out as a comedy about two men who do not want to be in the same room together turns into a gripping and moving drama as they get to know each other, come to care about each other, and open old wounds they've been hiding and nursing for years.

Proof

A drama by David Auburn
June 1 – July 7

Sunday matinees June 10 and 24; July 1

Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award, "Proof" is the tale of Catherine who has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness – or "genius" – will she inherit? "Combines elements of mystery and surprise with old-fashioned storytelling to provide a compelling evening of theatre. [Proof is a] smart and compassionate play of ideas." *NY Daily News*

Beau Jest

A comedy by James Sherman
July 13 – August 18

Sunday matinees July 22; August 5 and 12

Sarah is a nice Jewish girl with a problem: her parents want her married to a nice Jewish boy. They have never met her boyfriend, a WASP executive named Chris Kringle. She tells them she is dating a Jewish doctor and they insist on meeting him. She plans a dinner party and, over the heated protests of Chris, employs an escort service to send her a Jewish date to be Dr. Steinberg. Instead, they send Bob Schroeder, an aspiring

actor who agrees to perform the impersonation. "A light, sweet romantic comedy." *Chicago Tribune*

Private Lives

A comedy by Noel Coward
August 24 – September 29

Sunday matinees September 2, 9 and 23

Elyot and Amanda, once married and now honeymooning with new spouses at the same hotel, meet by chance, reignite the old spark and impulsively elope. After days of being reunited, they again find their fiery romance alternating between passions of love and anger. Their aggrieved spouses appear and a roundelay of affiliations ensues as the women first stick together, then apart, and new partnerships are formed. Eventually there is a knock down, drag-out fight, which opens the eyes of Elyot and Amanda, who then steal off together a second time. "Gorgeous, dazzling, fantastically funny." *New York Times*

Crimes of the Heart

A comedic drama by Beth Henley
October 12 – November 24

Sunday matinees October 14; November 4 and 11

Winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the scene is Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, the oldest sister, is unmarried at thirty and facing diminishing marital prospects; Meg, the middle sister, who quickly outgrew Hazlehurst, is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast; Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Their troubles, grave and yet somehow hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin, Chick, and by the awkward young lawyer who tries to keep Babe out of jail and keep himself from falling love with her. In the end, the play is the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future – but the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind long after the curtain has descended. "While this play overflows with infectious high spirits, it is also, unmistakably, the tale of a very troubled family. Such is Miss Henley's prodigious talent that she can serve us pain as though it were a piece of cake." *New York Times*

After-Play

A comedy by Drama Drama

November 30 – December 15; January 4 – January 19, 2008
Sunday matinees December 10; January 6 and 13

Set in the newest "in" Manhattan restaurant, the play opens with an ethereal waiter preparing for the arrival of a party of four. Just as the two couples are about to enter, it magically begins to snow making the night perfect for a cozy after-theater supper. The two middle-aged couples, Marty and Terry, and Renee and Phil, old friends reuniting after three years, have just seen a new Broadway play. Shedding the formality of the theater, the four friends settle into the comfort of the restaurant, order cocktails and being to reacquire themselves. Perhaps best known as half of the comedy team, Stiller and Meara, the highly respected actress Anne Meara's playwrighting debut about the bittersweet reunion of four old friends has been called "an astonishingly strong first play" by *Newsday* and "an unusually entertaining evening" by the *NY Daily News*.

Little Footsteps

A comedy by Ted Tally
January 25 – March 1, 2008

Sunday matinees February 3, 10 and 24

Ben and Joanie, in their mid-thirties and married eight years, are an upwardly mobile "yuppie" couple about to become parents for the first time. Ben (who is Jewish) works in television; Joanie (a quintessential WASP) is a would-be artist. As the play begins they are redecorating the dining room of their Manhattan apartment for use as a nursery, an activity that both underscores the impending changes in their lives and reinforces Ben's uneasiness about it. A hilarious and, at the same time, thoughtfully cautionary examination of the promises – and perils – of impending parenthood. "A total delight from beginning to end, as much fun as any Neil Simon comedy and yet even more inventive." *Backstage* "There's a little something for nearly everyone in Little Footsteps." *New York Times*

About the Playhouse

Established February 18, 1929, the Long Beach Playhouse is one of the oldest continuously operating theatres west of the Mississippi. After performing at various locations, construction on the Playhouse at its present site was completed in 1950. Performances are held 50 weeks out of the year and the Playhouse brings in over 30,000 patrons annually with 326 performances.

TSEKLENIS

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His updated bio some years later picks up where the profile left off (it's given here for the insight it provides on Harold's ripened expertise in a vital industry): "H. Tseklenis is Vice-President, Project Director, of Fluor Daniel with responsibility for organizational performance of project teams in the execution of projects for the hydrocarbon and energy industries. His project experience covers all phases of projects ranging from conceptual design thru turnkey responsibility for the engineering, procurement, construction and start-up of projects of both U.S. and international locations...Harold's career with Fluor Daniel spans 40 years of diverse assignments of increasing responsibility in construction management, planning, division operations and project management in the U.S. and abroad, and covers projects in oil refining, gas processing, oil and gas production, LNG, pipelines, power generation and distribution, and petrochemicals."

His biggest project, dollar-wise, had a price tag of \$750 million, sited in Alaska. One time, in South Africa, he supervised the distribution of pay packets to a "snaking assembly line" of workers numbering 20,000

He revisited China five years ago, making a side trip to Macau, and feasted on the sights offered by Beijing, Shanghai, the Yangtze River, and the Three Gorges Dam.

In between his globe-trotting assignments, when he would find himself more comfortably ensconced in his plush Fluor office in Irvine, he never missed attending David's Friday nights' Warren High football games. David now works for the Rand Corporation.

As the Germans were retreating from Greece towards the end of WWII, Harold, his mom, and his two brothers (his parents were U.S. citizens) were on the first repatriation ship to the U.S. He had to repeat 9th grade in Chelsea, a suburb of Boston and just 5 miles away from Cambridge, to satisfy English language graduation requirements. For this, Harold had to learn English fast, which he did. Later, because of his proficiency in math and science, and because Chelsea Senior High School had a beeline to MIT, acceptance at MIT was automatic.

Today, retirement for Harold (he retired as a Fluor vice-president, in 1995) has meant more work, not because he has to, but because he likes to. His involvement in city affairs began with his appointment to the Hospital Commission, courtesy of Gary McCaughan. His work with the Planning Commission started when power plant issues in South Gate, with their potentially deleterious effects on Downey and surrounding areas, were being bandied about. His experience and expertise have proven invaluable to policy formulation committees and city agencies: he chaired the committee that drafted the city's Vision 2025; he currently chairs the Public Arts Commission. He represents Downey in the Gateway Cities I-710 Alameda Corridor Study Tier 2 Committee, a commitment that he made with obvious relish. He is also very active in the Downey Symphony Society. He was heavily involved in the past in the Downey Rose Float Association and is a staunch supporter of the Downey Museum of Art. He's also a member of Downey Rotary.


"I'm pushing the concept of energy conservation and its application to environmental protection," he says. "This means the use of solar energy, and non-dependence on fossil energy systems."

Growing up in Greece, his parents dinned into him the values of integrity and dependability—values, he says, that have served him in good stead over the years. Spurred on by his well-to-do and enlightened parents (his entrepreneur dad died before WWII ended), Harold thrived under the intensive math and science curricula in grammar school, high school, and college. After all that, he says: "In school, we learn really how to learn."

He meets every two weeks with his similarly retired Fluor buddies, "to chit-chat and reminisce." A dabbler at tennis "when I was younger" and someone who long ago enjoyed small craft sailing, he walks at least 2-1/2 miles six days a week around a few blocks in his neighborhood, to maintain his trim figure. Adept especially in the past at furniture making ("I liked to work with my hands"), he putters around in his garden to "recharge my batteries." He is a discriminating collector of contemporary art. Wife Anna, an alumna of all-girls Simmons College of Boston, is involved with the Assistance League and the local Association of University Women. They are both active in St. George's Greek Orthodox Church.

"A city is what we make of it," says Harold, who is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the MIT Club of Southern California. "And the way to do this is to participate (in its programs)...give your input, constructively."

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Afternoon bingo with Woman's Club

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

'Tracer' closing out Studio Theater season

LONG BEACH – The 40th season of the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre will close with the presentation of "Tracers," a Vietnam drama by John DiFusco.

A powerful, unsettling and ultimately devastating account of the Vietnam War, written (and first performed) by men who were once there, the show was successfully presented in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and London by the Vietnam Veterans Ensemble Theatre Company.

Reviewers have said the play evokes both a sense of the horror and futility of war itself, and a renewed awareness of the misguided, if well-meant, policies which allowed a "police action" to escalate into a trauma which divided the nation.

"Tracers," a composite or collage of interrelated scenes, follows the lives of a group of "grunts" as they move from basic training on to combat in Vietnam and finally to the shattering realization that their lives will be forever affected by the horrors that they have witnessed and been a part of. Dealing with the grim realities of the battlefield's free-fire zones, trip wires, drugs, body bags, rat infested bunkers and the ever-present stench of death, the men become increasingly isolated from the outside world and from a society that finds honor in such mindless violence and destruction.

The play deals with adult themes and language and is not intended for small children. Strobe lights and prop weapons will be used in the production.

Performances begin Jan. 19 and continue until March 3. Tickets are \$22 or \$20 for seniors. Student ticket prices are \$12 Friday and Saturday with student ID.

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

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- 2 eggs
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- 1 tablespoon oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons vanilla yogurt
- 1/3 cup fruit
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Combine eggs, milk, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Beat with a fork but don't make it frothy. Heat oil on medium heat in a flared omelet pan. To test the heat, pour a drop of egg mixture to make sure it sizzles. Lift the skillet and tilt around to coat the skillet. Pour egg mixture and cook until edges are golden brown. Use spatula to separate omelet into quarters and turn one quarter at a time. Cook on other side until golden.

Drop a spoonful of yogurt and some fruit (strawberries, blueberries, peaches, or any fruit you like) in the center of each omelet quarter. Sprinkle with brown sugar.

Submitted by Elizabeth Hernandez

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Museum paying tribute to Martin Luther King

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LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles is known for being a melting pot of rich cultures that have influenced the development of the city. During this month's Target Sundays@CAAM, the California African American Museum, will bring Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive by assembling performers from a wide range of cultures at "One Dream, a World of People" Sunday, Jan. 14 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Performances will range from hip-hop to traditional Korean dance.

The concert was inspired by Dr. King's dream for all cultures to join together in peace and harmony. The museum's Sculpture Court stage will be filled with eclectic performances throughout the afternoon from groups ranging from Shades, an a cappella group from Yale University, to Latin female vocalist Ileana Garcia. Visitors will also be treated to a special Navajo ribbon dance performed by the American Indian Dineh Dancers.

Other dance groups include The Debbie Allen Dance Academy and the Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy performing traditional Korean dances.

In addition to the culturally rich performances, drummers from each group will create a special drum circle to open the program at 1 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own drums and participate.

Additionally, African American marketplace vendors will sell unique items, from hats to handbags, and food vendors will offer hotdogs, fish, BBQ and desserts.

Galleries at the California African American Museum open at 11 a.m. and the program to celebrate Dr. King's dream begins at 1 p.m. Admission to all activities and museum galleries is free.

The California African American Museum is located at 600 State Drive in Exposition Park. For information, call (213) 744-2132.

Ezra Center examines Hollywood history

DOWNEY – The Ezra Center for Mature Adults, offering entertaining, stimulating and education programs for adults at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, continues to meet on the third Tuesday of every month.

Their next meeting is Jan. 16. Registration, coffee/tea and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m. and the program begins at 10 a.m.

The Jan. 16 program is entitled "The Early Years of Hollywood – Six Major Moguls Who Gave America the Hollywood Dream." Author, teacher and lecturer Stuart Tower will give the presentation.

The six major moguls who built the Hollywood dream for all the world to see came from modest, in some cases impoverished, beginnings. As a matter of fact, their Hollywood dreams began in such unlikely places as Haverville, Mass., Fargo, North Dakota, Youngstown, Ohio, and Gloversville, New York. They had been glove-makers, junkyard workers, furriers, amateur baseball players, street-corner sandwich purveyors...until they each were smitten by the image on the screen at one of the many storefront nickelodeons that had popped up all over the U.S. and Canada at the turn of the last century.

A catered kosher lunch will be served after the program, which ends at noon. The lunch is \$6 for Ezra members, \$7 for non-members.

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'Celebration of Life' for Jeffrey Carl Raper

DOWNEY – Jeffrey Carl Raper of Phelan, Calif., died at his home Dec. 16. He was 43.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Linda and Clyde Arthur; his other stepfather, Donald Clingerman; brother, Danny Raper; sisters, Ruth Galla, Carla Jauregui and Roberta Casanova; and numerous family and friends.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held tomorrow, Jan. 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Bellflower at 1 p.m.

Margaret Miriam Louise Hinckley dies at age 92

DOWNEY – Margaret Miriam Louise Hinckley, a resident of Downey, passed away on January 2 in Lynwood at the age of 92.

Hinckley was born on January 10, 1914 in Virginia, Ill. She moved to Southern California in 1945 with her husband William L. Hinckley, where she was a substitute school teacher from 1954-1976.

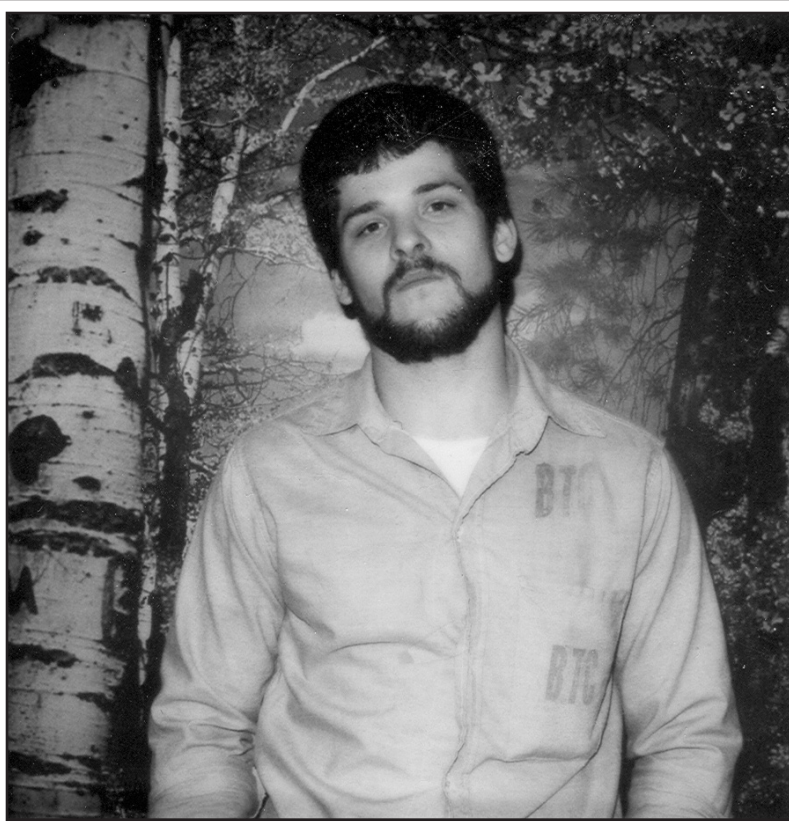
She is survived by her daughters, Frances E. Harrill and Dawn M. Champaneri; sons, William L. Hinckley Jr. and Edward S. Hinckley; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by both her husband and daughter Donna Dee.

A private interment will be held at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

American Legion meets at Los Amigos

DOWNEY – American Legion Post 270 meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Los Amigos Country Club. For more information, call (562) 869-1053.



Jeffrey Carl Raper will be remembered Jan. 6 at the First United Methodist Church of Bellflower beginning at 1 p.m.



Dora Calvano Sapia was born in Italy but made her home in the United States. She passed away at age 72.

'Grandma Gucci' missed by family and friends

DOWNEY – Jeanette Emilia Biancuccio passed away Wednesday, January 3 at the age of 94.

Biancuccio was born in Cambridge, Mass. on January 31, 1912. She was one of 14 siblings and the last to pass away. She was known as "Grandma Gucci" to her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Jeanette (Ralph) Granata and Gilda Radey; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

For information about services, contact Miller Mies Mortuary at (562) 861-1274.



Lillian Ann Buck dies at age 99

DOWNEY – Private services are planned for Lillian Ann Buck, a Downey resident since 1959 who died Dec. 30 at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Bellflower. She was 99.

She was born March 24, 1907 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin and belonged to St. Raymond Catholic Church.

She is survived by her four children, Joan (Robert) Crooks of Owatonna, Minn., Margaret (Darwin) Putnam of Norwalk, Byron (Carol) Buck of Downey and Karen Douglas of Fallbrook, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Dora Calvano Sapia remembered by family

DOWNEY – Dora Calvano Sapia, a devout Catholic known to family and friends for her funny Italian accent and kind disposition, died Dec. 23 at Downey Regional Medical Center. She was 72.

She was born in Pedace, Italy on Nov. 4, 1934. She married Joseph Sapia in Italy on Sept. 19, 1953 and shortly thereafter joined her husband in America where she was a homemaker and raised four children.

She became a United States citizen in 1976 and celebrated this country's 100th bicentennial. She celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary in 1978 with family and friends at the Casa Italian in Downtown Los Angeles and in 2003 her 50th anniversary at De Luca Ristorante in Whittier.

Sapia's travels took her to Italy, Germany, Canada and throughout the United States. Las Vegas was a yearly trip, but her favorite place was Hawaii.

She underwent triple heart bypass surgery in 1994 and had arterial stents installed. Her health remained strong the following years but, beginning in 2004, her body started to slowly decline. It became worse in February 2006.

Sapia is survived by her husband, Joseph; daughters, Connie Sapia (Pat) Molloy and Rose Sapia; sons, Sam (Susan) Sapia and Robert Sapia; grandchildren, Brandon and Lindsey; sisters, Anna Calvano Gargiulo (Italy), Silvana Calvano (Italy) and Mafalda Calvano Preiano (Toronto); and a brother, Alberto Calvano (Italy).

Viewing and Rosary were held Dec. 26 at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary. Catholic Mass and services were held Dec. 27 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church. Interment followed at All Souls Catholic Cemetery in Long Beach.

Virginia Donley Conwell dies peacefully at 85

DOWNEY – Virginia Donley Conwell, a longtime school librarian and member of the Downey Assistance league, died Dec. 15. She was 85.

Conwell was born Jan. 3, 1921 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She grew up there and in Hobbs, New Mexico. Her father, W.G. Donley, was superintendent of schools in both Hobbs and Carlsbad and was the first director of Indian Education for the state of New Mexico. Her mother, Frances, was a school principal.

Conwell graduated from the University of New Mexico where she was a Chi Omega. She married Robert E.M. Conwell in 1942 in New London, Conn. after his graduation from the Naval Academy. Their daughter, Libby, was born in 1945 when they were stationed in Annapolis and Jenna in 1950 in Coronado.

The family moved to Downey after Robert's resignation from the Navy.

Virginia was widowed in 1957. After her husband's death, Conwell received her librarian's degree from the University of Southern California and worked as a school librarian for 23 years. Upon retirement, she traveled, played bridge and was an active member of Panhellenic, Downey Assistance League and Chi Omega Alumnae.

She is survived by her sister, Libby Donley; daughter and son-in-law, Libby Shapiro and the Hon. Norman Shapiro of Beverly Hills; daughter and son-in-law, Jenna Hall and Dr. Robert Hall of Ketchum, Idaho; grandchildren, Robert and Melissa Shapiro and Andrew Hall; and nieces Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Dana Reaud of Beaumont, Texas.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, Jan. 6, at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral Church in Albuquerque. The family requests donations be made in her memory to the Chi Omega Foundation, 3395 Players Club Parkway, Memphis, Tenn., 38125.

Dawn Stauffer resided here before moving

DOWNEY – Dawn M. Stauffer, a Downey resident from 1965-75, died Dec. 30 at Memorial Medical Center in Illinois. She was 74.

Stauffer, born Oct. 19, 1932, lived in Downey for 10 years before moving to Chatham, Illinois. She married E. Shannon Stauffer on August 28, 1954. They remained married until he died May 16, 2002.

She is survived by her daughters, Pam (Steve) Elliot of Waverly, Ill., Lisa A. Stauffer of Waverly, Amy (Mike) Weller of Chatham, and Beth (Jeff) Kramer of East Peoria; sons, Randy (Gayle) Stauffer of Virden, Ill. and Scott (Andrea) Stauffer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, Heather Fowler of Springfield, James Welch of Chicago, Susan Welch of Springfield, Malorie Elliott of Waverly, Darcy McKinney of Seattle, Brandon McKinney of Springfield, Stephanie Stauffer of Virden, Bailey Stauffer of Virden, Bradley Weller of Chatham, and Alex Weller of Chatham; brothers, Courtney (Doreen) Moser of Ashville, North Carolina, and Mike (Joann) King of Las Vegas. Four great-grandchildren and two nephews also survive her.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lester and Alverta Dussinger Moser, her husband, and one grandson.

A funeral was held Jan. 3 at Chatham United Methodist Church with Reverend Keith Anderson officiating. She was buried at Chatham Memorial Cemetery.

Bocce every Tuesday at Apollo Park

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Word of MOUTH
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BY MATT KELLY
CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSE BOARD

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Answer: You should check to see if they have general liability and workers' compensation insurance if they have employees. Check out the contractor with your local building department, trade association, union, consumer protection agency, consumer fraud unit in the district attorneys office and the Better Business Bureau.

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recommends you get three references and look at pictures or view past work. This should all be done before a contractor is selected or a contract is drafted and signed. This will help ensure your contractor is a qualified professional and will increase your chances of being satisfied with the work done.

Q: Large mudslides hit my neighborhood last year and when repairing damages, my neighbor got scammed by a door-to-door contractor. Hard rains and mudslides are frequent in this area, and I'm concerned that if my home gets damaged with the harsh weather this year, it could happen to me. What should I do to avoid getting scammed by someone offering to make repairs on my home, especially in an emergency situation?

A: Don't ever feel pressured by someone selling contractor services door-to-door. In fact, if you sign a contract with someone who has solicited your business, you have three business days to cancel the contract. The exception is a service and repair contract for emergency repairs under \$750, which takes effect when the contract is signed and work begins.

Try to get at least three bids from different contractors. Check their licenses at www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling (800) 321-2752 before hiring one. Although this may slow down your repair process, it's better than having an unlicensed, fraudulent operator do poor work and possibly swindle you out of money too.

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Matt Kelly is the Chair of the Contractors State License Board, which operates under the California Department of Consumer Affairs.



The Downey City Library, Music in the Schools Program and Downey YMCA each received a \$500 donation from the Downey Association of Realtors. Left to right: Director Vicki Spearman, Chairman Steve Roberson, President Angie Pierce, Librarian Nancy Messineo, Larry Lewis and George Saikali.



The Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) continued their community philanthropy with \$1000 donations to Gangs Out of Downey, TLC, Arc, and PTA HELPS Pantry. Left to right: Steve Roberson, Chairperson of Realtor community Relations Committee; Angie Pierce, 2006 DAOR president; Stacy Brabant, PTA HELPS; Rose Boland, TLC; Kevin McDonald and Arc member; and Darrell Jackson, Gangs Out of Downey.



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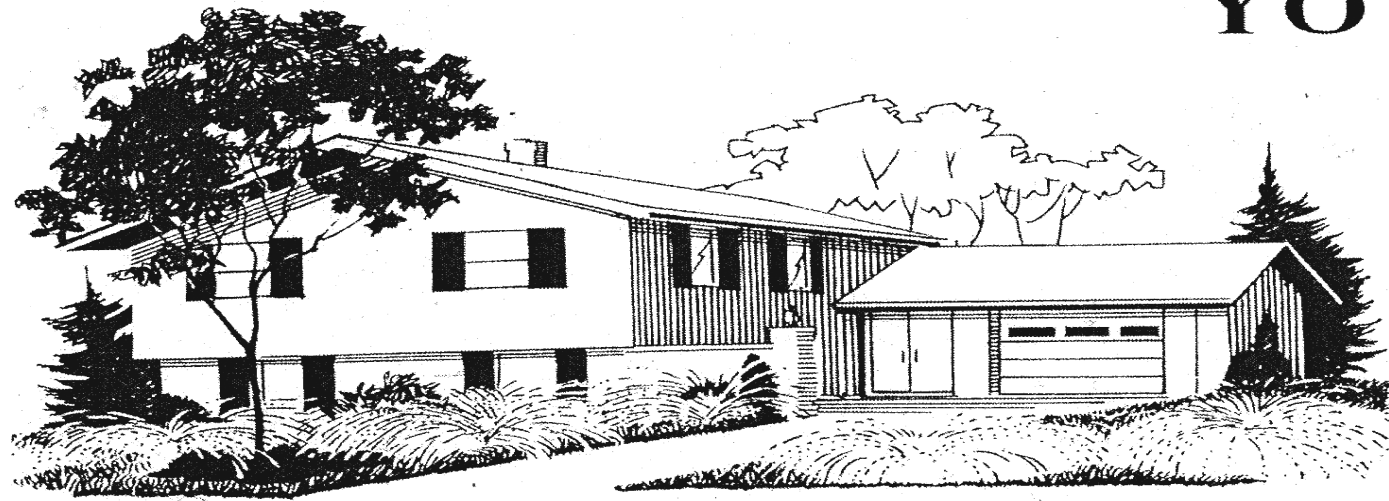


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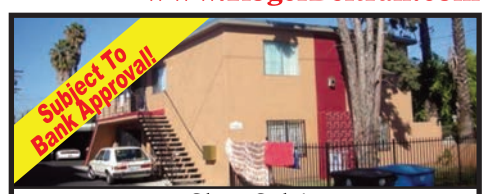
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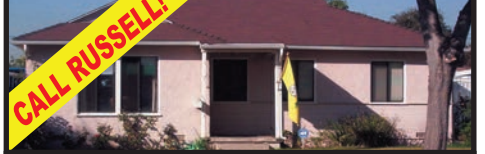
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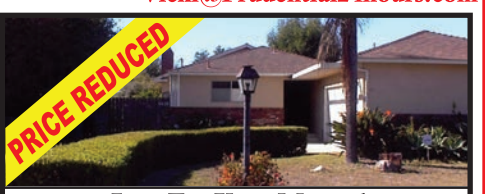
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