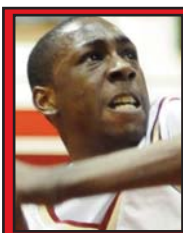




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Susan Dohan will return to the Downey Civic Light Opera for a third time to star in "Rodgers and Hart: A Celebration," opening Feb. 18 at the Downey Theatre. Dohan was previously seen in "Roar of the Greasepaint, Smell of the Crowd" and "Tintypes," and she has performed on Broadway and television. For tickets and show times, call (562) 923-1714.

## Nearly \$20K raised for Haiti

■ Stonewood Center still accepting donations.

BY MARK SAUTER

**DOWNEY** – The 'fill the boot and bucket' fundraiser at Stonewood Center last Saturday was an amazing success.

Dedicated volunteers raised nearly \$20,000 in cash, checks and coins. All of the donated funds will be used for the Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti.

The collective efforts of Downey firefighters, auxiliaries and explorers; members of the Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Emergency Preparedness Committee; and the Red Cross proved to be very effective at collecting the generous donations from the community. Emergency preparedness information was also handed out to the donors.

Dippity Donuts and Marisa's Mexican Restaurant donated the morning snacks and lunch for the volunteers. Stonewood Center was a very good host of the event as well.

Donations are still being accepted at the Stonewood Center Guest Services Desk (near

JCPenney). The Red Cross accepts online donations at [www.red-cross.org](http://www.red-cross.org) as well.

Saturday's event was as a good exercise for those involved in the fundraiser. When a community disaster occurs, this same group, and many others, will serve in rescue and disaster service roles. The groups worked very well together.

All community members should remember we live in disaster prone Southern California and need to be prepared for emergencies. Having emergency supplies for ourselves and our families stored at home, in our cars and at work is the best first step we can take. We need to also develop simple emergency plans for communication during and after emergencies among family members, co-workers and neighbors.

Finally, we need to be aware of the most likely emergencies that could occur (earthquake, fire, power outage, flooding, etc) and take action to minimize the effects of them. A good place to learn more about emergency preparedness actions is [www.ready.org](http://www.ready.org).

Mark Sauter is a deputy city manager for the city of Downey, in charge of emergency preparedness. He is former chief of the Downey Fire Department.



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## Looking back on... Hansen Brothers

■ Edward, Otto and Harrie Hansen laid foundation of a city.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – The year was 1910.

For many families across the state of California, fruit orchards and animal farms were normal fixtures in life, providing oranges to sell during the day and chickens to cook for supper.

As the province of Downey slowly developed, several innovative businessmen traveled to its borders in the early 20th century, looking for opportunities to expand their enterprises while offering their services to the growing city.

In 1910, from Los Angeles to Downey came a Danish family with the last name Hansen. Upon loading a horse and wagon, the family traveled miles, even wading through the Rio Hondo River, to move to the community of Downey.

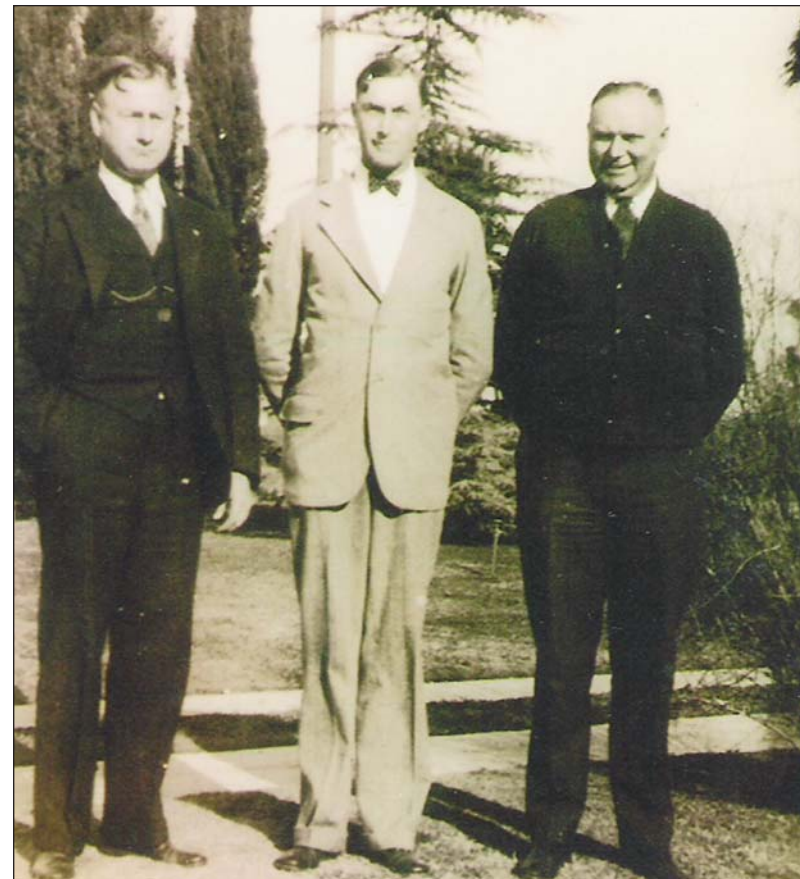
As a family of contractors and architects, the Hansens were drawn to Downey, which lacked much infrastructure at the time, as the land was comprised of many sizable ranch homes and orchards.

This early pioneering family came to this city ready to help build it and today, dozens of Downey's homes and buildings, as well as miles of the city's concrete sidewalks, can be attributed to the three Hansen brothers, Edward, Harrie and Otto.

Although each brother had a different skill, the three worked together to lay the foundation of the city in a literal sense. In the 1920s, Edward and Harrie Hansen became partners as cement contractors, starting a business called Hansen Bros.

The concrete company was lucrative and from 1923 until 1930 the two brothers laid cement for nearly every city development project including Downey's first subdivision of homes known as The Downey Home Tract. Hansen Bros. also did the concrete work for the community's first high school, which would later be renamed Downey High School.

In addition to concrete work, Edward and Harrie also supplied a



PHOTOS COURTESY BILL HANSEN

Edward and Harrie Hansen operated the Hansen Bros. cement company, which laid cement for nearly every city development project in Downey during the 1920s. Otto Hansen was an architect and designed many of the homes here. Pictured above, from left: Edward, Otto and Harrie.

resource that was vital to ranchers of the time: irrigation pipe.

In the midst of California's arid environment, irrigation pipe was necessary to provide water for one's farmland. The Hansen brothers made and sold the pipe from their home on Downey Avenue and 7th Street.

The large parcel of land stretched from Downey Avenue to La Reina Avenue, where a giant

shed housed cement mixers that would produce the family's products. In 1959, Harrie retired and sold the irrigation pipe yard, which was turned into apartment buildings near La Reina.

On the corner of Downey Avenue and 7th Street, the original Hansen homes still stand and are now La Casita Treatment Center,

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## Doctor arrested on molestation charges

■ Dr. Joseph Egnoto accused of molesting teen patient.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – A local doctor is in custody today, facing a felony charge after being accused last week of molesting a 16-year-old patient, Downey police said.

Dr. Joseph Egnoto, 69, was arrested last Wednesday after the teenage girl reported to Downey police on January 15 that she had been molested by her psychotherapist in the city of Downey.

Detectives initiated an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Egnoto, a licensed psychotherapist who specializes in family counseling. Egnoto operates a private practice in both Downey and from his home in Harbor City.

Egnoto was charged with a felony for child molestation and is being held at the Los Angeles County Jail on \$1 million bail.

Anyone with information regarding this case, or has information of similar incidents involving Egnoto, may contact Detective Jeff Hill at (562) 904-2335 or Sgt. Brian Baker at (562) 904-2304.

## Public invited to GOOD meeting

**DOWNEY** – Gangs Out of Downey, a nonprofit organization that works to prevent gang activity in the community, will host an open house meeting Tuesday morning at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

"Our plan is to hold a regular meeting and then near the end ask new visitors to introduce themselves and figure out how they can either collaborate with GOOD or utilize the information shared at the meeting within their own spheres of influence to help make Downey a safer place," said Dr. Robert Jagielski, president of GOOD.

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Diane Boggs Auditorium.

## Photo exhibit to open at Downey Theatre

**DOWNEY** – Downey Art Vibe, in association with the Downey Scene, a cultural programming initiative of the city of Downey, will host a photo exhibit Thursday at the Downey Theatre.

The one-night event is titled "Ambivalence: A Photo Exhibition" and will showcase the works of two local artists, Valentin Flores and Gabriel Enamorado, who goes by GabeOne.

"Not only have we scored by being able to show the works of these two talented photographers, but I believe we're setting an example for younger artists in our community," said Joanne Rapadas, community outreach manager for Downey Art Vibe. "Those who attend will (be) able to see people

who grew up in Downey be successful in their artistic craft and it will inspire people to pursue their passion."

Flores and Enamorado, both natives and products of the Downey school system, will unite their contrasting photographic subjects at the exhibit. While Enamorado has an affinity towards shooting urban and industrial pieces, Flores is a travel photographer who focuses on natural landscapes and candid portraiture.

The exhibit begins at 8 p.m. The photographers will lead a brief discussion at 9 p.m.

Admission is free for all ages. Public parking is available outside the Downey Theatre.



PHOTO BY GABEONE

Photographs by local artists Valentin Flores and Gabriel Enamorado will be on exhibit at the Downey Theatre on Thursday.

## Library books up for bid

**DOWNEY** – Several items are being put up for bid with proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Downey City Library.

Auction items include "Portrait in Sepia" by Isabel Allende, a richly-detailed epic about character and family ties set in Chile at the end of the 19th century; "Wonders of the World" edited by Alessandra Capodiferno displays the masterpieces of architecture from 4000 B.C. to the present; "The Super Bowl" with forward by Pete Rozelle, stories, pictures, stats, player and coaches of the first 24 Super Bowls; "The Native Americans – An Illustrated History" by Betty Ballantine is a look at the archeological history of the native peoples of America.

Auction items are currently on display inside the library's foyer. Bids will be accepted inside the Friends Book Store until Jan. 30.

For a complete listing of items up for bid, go to [www.downeylibrary.org](http://www.downeylibrary.org) and click on the "Friends" tab.



## Lago lands role to play Elvis in rock 'n' roll musical

■ David Lago calls the role a "mega break."

BY HENRY VENERACION,  
STAFF WRITER

**D**owney's Emmy Award-winning actor David Lago isn't exactly trying to follow in Elvis Presley's footsteps, but his next gig calls for him to actually step into Elvis' shoes when Elvis was a youthful 21-year old on the threshold of stardom.

Beginning Wednesday, Lago performs as Elvis Presley in the Chicago production of "Million Dollar Quartet," a 90-minute 'family-friendly', rock 'n' roll recreation of that rarest of star alignments that occurred on Dec. 4, 1956 when Elvis, a guy named Johnny Cash, and two other would-be pop music greats, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis, got together at Sun Records' storefront studio in Memphis for an impromptu recording session that turned into what Lago's publicist calls "one of the greatest rock jam sessions of all time."

This production is actually an extension of "Million Dollar Quartet's" successful (some say spectacular) 15-month run at Chicago's Apollo Theatre. Its original cast and crew have moved on to Broadway where "Million Dollar Quartet" will be performed at the Nederlander Theatre, opening on April 11, with previews scheduled beginning on March 13.

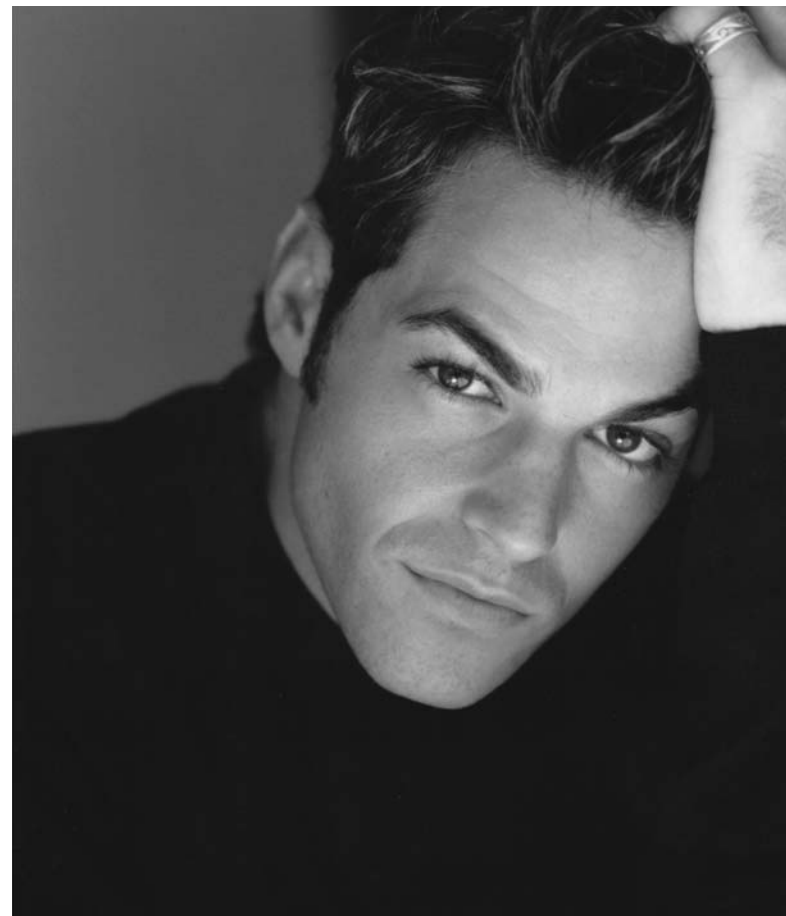
Notwithstanding his early successes on TV (he has been nominated for an Emmy five times, winning in 2005 for his role as Raul in "The Young and the Restless", and had a recurring role as Jeremy in "7th Heaven") and film (he has starred in and/or produced several indie films, including his latest, not-yet-released acting vehicle in "Deeper and Deeper"), landing Elvis' role in "Million Dollar Quartet" is huge ("a mega break") for Lago.

In a phone interview, he says he's working hard at his 6-hour/day rehearsals in ("b-r-r-r-r...") cold Chicago. Lago realizes his big chance and hopes to maximize his contribution to the show's enormous potential.

"Even before we've started," he says, "shows are getting sold out. I feel good about the whole thing. Elvis is one of my idols. It's very exciting."

Lago says the whole production is geared towards entertaining people of all ages. To capture and project Elvis' essence will be his key.

Born and raised in Downey, where he was schooled at OLPH, St. John Bosco and Warren High,



COURTESY PHOTO

**David Lago, born and raised in Downey, will star as Elvis in the Chicago production of "Million Dollar Quartet." Lago won an Emmy in 2005 for his portrayal of Raul in "The Young and the Restless."**

David early on played drums and the guitar, and sang with his band, Panacea. His professional career started to intensify when he was a sophomore, he says.

He was at one time the Holiday Lane Parade grand marshal (2000), and was a guest of honor as "one of the celebrities born at DRMC" at last October's Downey Regional Medical Center gala held at the Disneyland Hotel. His dad, Peter Lago, has enjoyed a longtime legal career here in Downey.

Family and relatives – from various points in California, Miami, and Tampa – are flying in for "Million Dollar Quartet's" Wednesday opening. The show is scheduled to run until May 30, but David is of course hoping for an extended run.

The rest of the ensemble cast includes fellow actor-musicians: 24-year old Texas native and rockabilly musician Lance Lipinsky (Jerry Lee Lewis), understudy Gabe Bowling (Carl Perkins) of Wisconsin, and actor and musician Sean Sullivan (Johnny Cash) of Ohio. Sam Phillips, considered the father of rock 'n' roll who "discovered them all and made it all happen," is played by veteran Chicago actor Tim Decker, while Elvis' girlfriend Dyanne (at the time) is played by Fullerton Civic Light Opera's (among others) Kelly Lamont, a native of Chicago.

The production is directed by

Eric Schaeffer, co-founder and artistic director of the Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA. More information about other crew and staff is available at [www.milliondollarquartetlive.com](http://www.milliondollarquartetlive.com).

Lago's publicist, Michael Conley, also attended OLPH. He says David is very grateful to everybody who's had a hand in "Million Dollar Quartet's" production. They'll even be more grateful, he says, if multitudes see the show.

## Snow day planned for kids

**DOWNEY** – The forecast calls for snow in Downey in February.

The city of Downey Community Services Department will host a "Snow Play Day" for 3-12 year olds at Apollo Park on Feb. 20.

Sixteen tons of snow will be hauled in and three sled runs will be set up, along with a snow play area and a snowman.

Cost is \$9 for children and \$5 for adults who are required to accompany kids ages 3 to 5. Each snow session is 45 minutes long and begin every hour starting at 9 a.m. and until 1 p.m.

Registration is being taken at the Community Services Department at City Hall on a first-come first-served basis. Permission slips need to be completed at time

## City sets long-term goals

■ Plan calls for affordable housing downtown within five years.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – The Community Development Commission unanimously approved a five-year implementation plan on Tuesday that set new long-term goals for the city's redevelopment of Downtown Downey.

The five-year plan, which extends to the end of 2014, is comprised of specific objectives to help rejuvenate community development and alleviate blight in several project areas while establishing affordable low-income housing.

According to the plan, the redevelopment agency expects to collect \$22 million in revenues over the next five years. The bulk of the money will go towards existing debt obligations and agency administrative expenses while \$7.6 million will be set aside for housing projects.

Before the vote, Housing Manager Ed Velasco presented the plan before the Commission, highlighting accomplishments from the past five years including the arrival of both Porto's Bakery and Fresh & Easy.

Velasco said the new implementation plan will facilitate similar high quality development in city project areas with a specific focus on creating a vibrant and active Downtown Downey.

The Commission will focus on offering incentives to businesses for signage and facade improvements, attracting and retaining local businesses, and developing a business improvement district to increase collaboration among downtown area businesses.

In addition, the plan calls for an increase in community events, cultural programs, art exhibits and music festivals in the downtown area.

Velasco said under the implementation plan the Commission is obligated to construct a minimum of 45 low to moderate-income housing units in the next five years. The agency's \$7.6 million housing fund will likely help transform the Verizon building on 2nd Street and the Avenue Theatre into these affordable housing units.

of registration. Sign-ups are limited.

City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

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## HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY THERESE



The family and friends of Therese Roesch congratulate her as she celebrates her 100th birthday on February 3rd. Therese was born in 1910 in Bavaria, Germany. She came to Los Angeles in 1964, learned English very quickly and worked in the Housekeeping Department at the St. Francis Medical Center until her retirement. Despite many hardships in her life including living through World War I and World War II and the death of 2 of her 4 children, Therese has always had a positive outlook on life. She has many hobbies such as painting beautiful pictures, embroidering, crocheting, knitting and gardening, and she always enjoys the company of her family. She still lives in her own house and likes it that way. Therese has 2 daughters who both live in Downey, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

**Happy Birthday and God's blessings to you, Therese, on this great occasion!!**

## St. Matthias High School

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## Guerra to speak on redevelopment

**DOWNEY** – Councilman Mario Guerra will discuss current and upcoming redevelopment projects at the Project Area Committee's meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey City Library.

Interested residents are invited to attend and participate in the conversation.

The meeting will be held inside the Cormack Room.

## Seats available for casino trip

**DOWNEY** – The Woman's Club of Downey is sponsoring a bus trip to the Pechanga Resort and Casino on Feb. 1.

Funds raised by the trip will be applied to the club's scholarship fund.

The bus will leave the Woman's Club at 8 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 for club members; \$11 for non-members. A \$5 voucher for slot play is included.

Guests must be at least 21 years old.

For reservations, call Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

## Christian club celebrates love

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Christian Women's Club will celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 10 with a program titled "Sweethearts" at Los Amigos Country Club.

David Hughes will be guest speaker. His topic is "Gift of Life in Unexpected Places." Richard Balling will provide music.

The meeting will also include a presentation from Home Instead Senior Care.

The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch. RSVP by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.

## Sidi concert tickets on sale

**DOWNEY** – Tickets are now on sale to see Sebastian Sidi in concert at the Downey Theatre on March 27.

Tickets are \$15 and available online at [www.sebastiansidi.com](http://www.sebastiansidi.com) or by calling (562) 544-7774. A VIP package is also available offering a front row seat, lunch with Sidi, backstage access and more.

The concert begins at 8 p.m.

## Fashion show at Elks Lodge

**DOWNEY** – Downey Emblem Club No. 309 will host a "Fashion at High Tea" event tomorrow at the Downey Elks Lodge.

Social hour begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and the show at 1 p.m. Fashion designs are by Nina.

Tickets are \$15. For more information, call Melba Willbanks at (562) 862-2799 or Nancy Watson at (562) 413-6414.

# Downey native Shannon Capps releases latest novel

■ 'Train in the Distance' was quarterfinalist in Amazon.com readers' contest.

**DOWNEY** – Former Downey resident and one-time journalist Shannon Capps has released his latest novel, "Train in the Distance," the story of a young TV reporter caught in a web of corruption.

"This book pulls no punches," said Capps, who graduated from Warren High School in 1982. "It's an accurate, painfully honest portrayal of the TV news business, one based on my own experience as a reporter."

"Train in the Distance," published by Inkwater Press, is the story of a man in trouble. Under increasing threat of danger, young journalist Stacy Zwardowski confronts the sinister forces behind the TV station he works for. But while fighting to expose the truth, he uncovers something far more powerful – the truth about himself.

"It's one part coming-of-age tale, one part whodunit," Capps, who writes under the name S.W. Capps, said. "And though it's a work of fiction, it allows readers a rare look behind the perfect hair and glitzy sets of TV news, exposing a world of luridness, infighting and relentless stress."

Capps should know. Prior to writing "Train in the Distance," he worked as a field reporter for KXII-TV Channel 12, the CBS affiliate in Ardmore, OK, where in 1989, he was nominated for an Oklahoma Broadcasters Award.

Since leaving the world of television news, he has penned two novels. His first, "Salmon Run," was released in 2007. His second, "Train in the Distance," was released earlier this month.

"The novel's strength is in its protagonist," Publisher's Weekly says, "a lonely young man struggling to find his way in the world." Author Bill Johnson ("A Story Is a Promise") adds, "Capps has mastered the art of taking innocent characters and putting them into situations where they have to figure out life anew."

With "Train in the Distance," a 400-page novel set in the Northwest and Midwest, Capps has garnered more than praise from reviewers and fellow authors. The book was recently named a quarterfinalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Awards.

"Being recognized in a national contest is a wonderful thing," Capps, 45, said. "But my main goal is to entertain readers. I think 'Train in the Distance' will not only do that, but make them think – and look at the six o'clock news in a whole new way."

Capps lived on Guatemala Avenue in Downey from 1964 to 1987, attending Roger Casier and Maude Price Elementary Schools, Griffiths Middle School and Warren, where he was an All-League selection on the baseball team.

He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism at the University of Southern California, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1987. After careers in the media and video production indus-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Shannon Capps was raised in Downey and now lives in Washington. He has released his second novel, "Train in the Distance," available online and in stores.**

tries, he moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1999 to pursue a full-time writing career.

He now lives with his wife and two children in Brush Prairie, Wash., where he makes himself available to book clubs that read his novels.

"Even though I've relocated to the Northwest, I'll always call Downey home," Capps said. "I still have a lot of friends there. And I love to come back as often as possible to visit."

One of those visits may include a book signing in the area as Capps has plans to hit the Southland on his upcoming book tour.

"Trains in the Distance" is available in hardcover and paperback at select bookstores and online at [BarnesAndNoble.com](http://BarnesAndNoble.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). For an excerpt of the book, a calendar of events or more ordering information, readers are encouraged to visit Capps' website at [www.swcapps.com](http://www.swcapps.com).

## Crime Report

### Thursday, January 21

Detectives investigated a kidnap for ransom case on Thursday morning that ultimately concluded with the victim's safe return on Saturday. Assisted by agents from the FBI and detectives from Los Angeles Regional Task Force, Downey detectives worked with the victim's family around the clock to bring about a resolution. The victim returned home unharmed Saturday morning despite the ransom never being paid. Detectives are investigating the incident. No arrests have been made.

### Saturday, January 23

At 10 p.m., two males committed an armed robbery at Tri-City Liquor, 13421 Lakewood Boulevard. The two males entered the store, brandished a handgun, and stole cash, alcohol and lottery tickets. The suspects then fled the scene before police were summoned.

### Monday, January 25

At 10:50 p.m., two males assaulted a man as he was walking southbound in the 12600 block of Lakewood Boulevard. The victim was struck several times with a hard object on his face and head. The victim's injuries were non-life threatening and he was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. The motive for the attack is unknown at this time.

### Tuesday, January 26

At 4 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 8400 block of Adoree Street regarding a call of several shots heard at the location. Officers contacted a 19 year old male subject inside of the residence. He refused to come outside and cooperate with the officers. Officers negotiated with the suspect for several hours when he finally came outside of his residence and was arrested. Officers located a firearm inside of the residence. The suspect had an outstanding warrant for his arrest on unrelated charges.

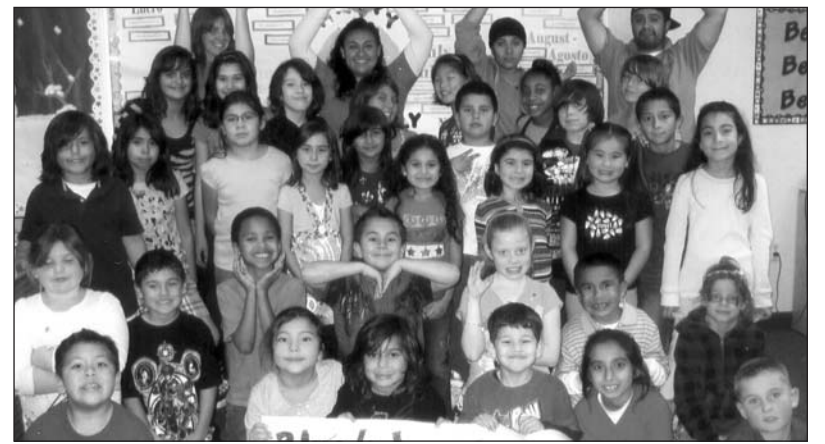
### Wednesday, January 27

At 6:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of Stewart & Gray Road at Pomeroy Road, regarding a call of a robbery. The victims were walking west on Stewart & Gray when they were confronted by two suspects. One of the suspects, who was armed with a knife, demanded that the victims hand over their cell phone and other items. The victims complied and the suspects fled the location in a gray or blue sedan. The suspects are described as male Hispanics wearing dark clothing.

### Case Update

In July, 2009, officers arrested a 32 year-old Downey man for Disorderly Conduct after he was caught loitering in a women's bathroom on the Downey High School campus. At the time of arrest, the suspect was on probation for lewd conduct and was a registered sex offender. Last week, the suspect was sentenced to 18 months in State Prison for violating his probation.

Courtesy Downey Police Department



## Kids help keep animals warm

**DOWNEY** – Students at the Rio San Gabriel Elementary YMCA program have been participating in the Blankets for Buddies program, collecting towels and blankets to benefit the animals at SEAACA.

During this time of the year, animal cages can become very cold. Blankets and towels help bring comfort to the animals, organizers said.

The kids are collecting blankets and donating them to SEAACA. A few children have even adopted pets with their families.

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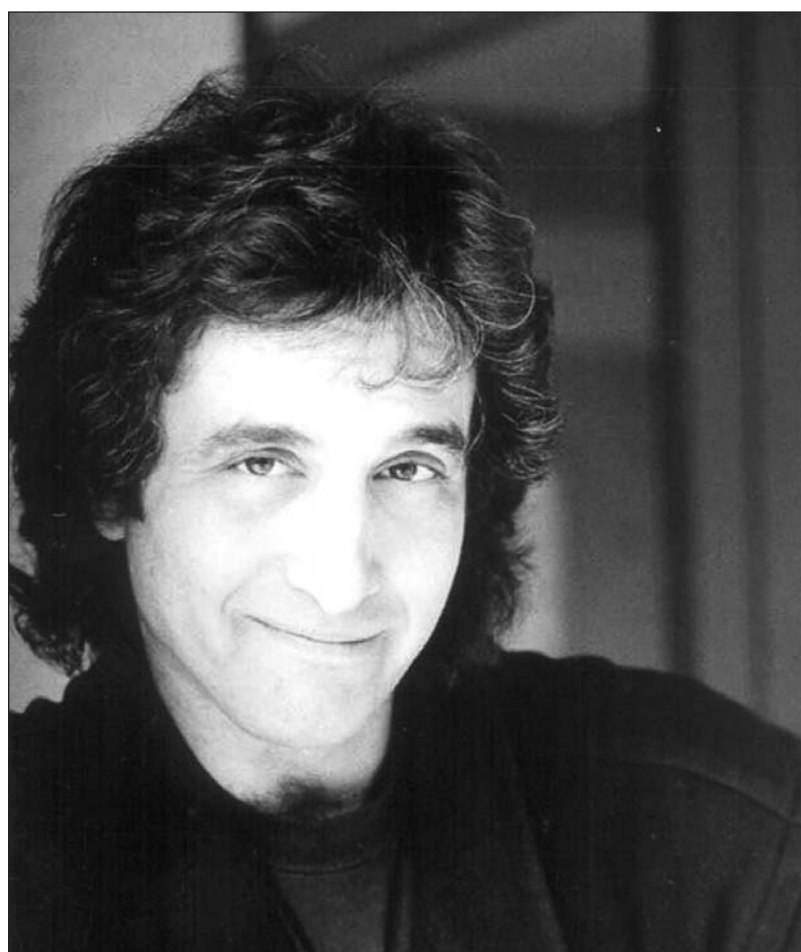
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Eddy Greely has been performing locally for more than 40 years. He will be at the OASIS meeting at Downey Adult School on Monday.

## Singing, dancing at OASIS

**DOWNEY** – Eddy Greely, a one-man show entertaining audiences for more than 40 years in clubs, shows and in numerous venues, will perform Monday at the OASIS meeting at Downey Adult School.

Greely will perform what he calls "An American Song Book," standards from the jazz era to "oldies but goodies."

The program is free to local seniors. OASIS (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meetings are held inside the Harriett Paine Event Center at Downey Adult School.

Enrollment begins at 2:45 p.m. The program starts at 3:45 and is followed by an optional dinner which may be purchased for \$3.50 at time of enrollment.

Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation for those who qualify. For more information on OASIS, call (562) 940-6200.

## Property tax meetings set

**LAKEWOOD** – The County of Los Angeles is sponsoring a series of free seminars to assist property owners who think their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in property values.

The 90-minute seminars will be offered at several Southern California locations. The closest locally will be in Lakewood.

The seminars will be of value to homeowners who are interested in learning about the assessment appeals process and to those who have already filed an appeal.

The Lakewood seminar will take place March 8 at 10 a.m. at the Angela M. Iacoboni Library, 4900 Clark Ave.

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## Funeral held for Michael Monaco

**DOWNEY** – Longtime resident Michael Monaco died Dec. 31, 2009. He was 71.

Monaco was born Dec. 26, 1938 in Brooklyn, N.Y. His family moved to Downey in 1952.

He graduated from Downey High School in 1956 and attended Long Beach State, graduating in 1963 with a degree in business.

After college, he joined the Air Force and was accepted into Officer Candidate School. He served his country honorably and was discharged at the rank of captain.

He started working in the business forms industry for BSI, NCR and Wespac Business Systems. In 1983, he bought Wespac which he operated until his death.

Monaco belonged to a number of business forms associations, and was a member of Rotary and Unico. He also served on the cable advisory board for the city of Downey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vincent and Nancy Monaco; sister, Emily Monaco Hunphries; and his daughter, Gina Monaco.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Monaco; stepdaughter, Margaret Evans; son-in-law, Bill McIntosh; grandchildren, Dana, Nathan and Andy McIntosh; and nephew, Vincent Humphries.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Raymond's Catholic Church on Jan. 7. Burial was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.



## Diana Rice worked at Rockwell

**DOWNEY** – Diana Marie Rice (Sanchez) passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 12. She was 65.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Steve; sons, Anthony and James; mother, Blaza; a granddaughter, Jaiden; six sisters; four brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

Rice was born in Artesia on Sept. 29, 1944. She grew up in Downey and worked at Rockwell International's space shuttle division.

She was an avid gardener, and her home was selected three times as a Beautification Award winner by the city of La Mirada.

A celebration of life will be held at a sister's home in Downey on Sunday.



## Daniel Hamilton, 88, passes away

**DOWNEY** – Daniel P. Hamilton, a longtime resident of Downey since 1950, passed away Jan. 23.

He was born in Texas and served in the Army during World War II. He came to California and met Mary, his wife of 60 years, who preceded him in death in 2007.

He worked for Firestone tire company for 35 years. He is survived by his son, Daniel Hamilton, and his wife, Jolene; one sister in Texas; and one grandson.

A viewing will take place Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be held Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn in Cypress.



## George Royce was longtime resident

**DOWNEY** – George (Buster) Warren Royce passed away Jan. 13. He was born in Bell on Feb. 6, 1928 and lived in Downey for more than 50 years.

He was a crane operator for more than 40 years. He married Marilyn in 1958 and had three children, Catherine (Fred) Goldberg, Ronald (Jennifer Kimball) and Elizabeth; and two grandchildren, Cari Dunlop and Stephanie Royce.

He also leaves behind one brother, Art; two sisters, Dorothy and Peggy; and many nieces and nephews.

Royce was an avid hunter and fisher, and was a regular at the duck club. In his retirement, he enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Memorial services with full military honors and interment were held at Rose Hills Mortuary on Jan. 20.

## POET'S CORNER

### Clouds

Through the slender needles of my old pine tree  
I love to watch the changing clouds on the Masters canvas  
Against a California winter azure sky  
Bank of fluffy white clouds  
An image of fragile ferns  
Shimmering snow-capped mountain tops  
A lovely lacy ribbon  
The clearly bold capital A, to remind me of my forefather's name  
Constantly changing contrails  
Spreading across the evening sky at sunset  
And always bearing our Masters signature  
A silver sliver of the moon  
Bright with reflection of the setting sun.  
–Leona Swanson,  
Downey

### Spring in Nebraska

Spring has arrived at last.  
Buds are poppin on trees  
and brown plots are  
sprouting new grass.  
Birds are twittering and  
hopping about, anxious  
to build new nests.  
Then big black clouds begin  
to scud in, from way out to the west.  
And sure enough, here it comes,  
the Alaskan Express!  
It hits Nebraska with snow and ice  
and a fifty mile an hour stiff breeze  
that freezes your jeans  
right to your knees.  
The returning ducks are frozen  
to the babbling stream,  
and now the milk cows are  
giving ice cream.  
I sure remember spring in Nebraska  
and it seems like a long ago dream,  
but do let me tell ya  
I'm sure glad I now  
live in sunny California!  
–Ida M. Sheppard,  
Whittier

### Untitled

Across the miles,  
smiles.  
Memories bring messages  
of other years,  
tears.  
Hope fills the spaces,  
spills over land and sea,  
transporting love to you  
from me.  
–Terese Akins,  
Downey

### Success, Not Dinero

He thinks I do nothing,  
but what is he when he is bluffing.  
Where is he when I need direction  
or count the piles of hot discretion.  
He is nowhere to be found, and in time,  
the chair he much surmounts.  
–James Hernandez,  
Downey

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## Letters to the Editor:

### Prison overpopulation

Dear Editor:  
A federal judge's mandate to reduce California's prison population by 40,000 inmates is very wrong. So is lowering standards, mild but immediate punishment, threats to reward gangs with job offers, spending more money per prisoner and coddling inmates contrary to what decent California residents desire.

Rather than releasing them to prey on innocent people again, I'd suggest putting them out in the desert in a tent housing, farming it to be self-sustaining and environmentally making it bloom, like Israel did to become a power nation. Send Death Row inmates first and work them hard until they die, as it appears the state will never execute them. Other inmates can learn work ethics and a trade by building new prisons to replace tents there.

A second solution would be to sue the federal government to order federal stimulus money to build more prisons. Another is to sue or request the federal government to pay for past, present and future costs of housing criminal illegal aliens to pay for their three hot meals and a cot.

Another solution would be to send inmates to Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio to house, feed and work them into becoming better people. It's the cheapest method that helps prevent the revolving door return of inmates. Thirty-five cents a day for food will cure obesity, criminal intent, recidivism and possibly rehabilitate them. Pink shorts and T-shirts produce amazing changes of mindset in inmates.

— **Joe Cvetko,**  
**Bellflower**

### License for immorality

Dear Editor:  
My question to Michael Parmer is, who needs a marriage license – either homosexual or heterosexual – to practice immorality? (Letters to the Editor, 1/22/10)

Human beings are not animals. Human beings are expected to live by a set of morals in their relationships with other humans. Breaking our laws, whatever that law may be, that were dictated by our morals, degrades our society.

— **Frank Myers,**  
**Downey**

### Taco Bell landmark

Dear Editor:  
The people of Downey should be proud and honored that we live in a city that has played an important role in so many historic developments in the 20th century. Many, however, may not realize just how much happened right here that has impacted the rest of the world.

Most people knew about the North American/Rockwell plant, but now that we have the beautiful Columbia Memorial Space Center and even a street named after one of those Downey space shuttles, more residents and especially the youth who weren't alive during the "space race" can now appreciate what took place in their own backyard and take even greater pride in their city.

Thanks to the efforts of many, the oldest original McDonald's still stands, along with the museum where all can remember and/or learn how this worldwide fast food empire began-what it used to be like and that Downey was and is an important part of hamburger history. This past year we witnessed the rebirth of one of Southern California's original carhop drive-ins, Downey's own Broiler. Whether you knew it as Harvey's or Johnie's through the years, now it stands as Bob's Big Boy and it now can be experienced by all -- either reliving the good old days or getting your first taste of life in the 50's/60's.

These buildings are concrete pieces of living history paying homage to the people of the past who contributed not only to the success of our city, but shaped our society. These establishments allow the people of today and those in the future the opportunity to understand and participate in the past and to honor those who came before us.

With the passing of Taco titan Glen Bell this month, I believe the time has finally come to memorialize the site where this visionary and innovator chose to open the first Taco Bell on March 21, 1962. I'm sure many people in Downey never knew that the first Taco Bell was and is still right here on Firestone Boulevard across from Home Depot. Now known as Seafood & Tacos Raul, the building has never been remodeled, just lost a few of its original parts (the bell, fire pit, statue, and sign) through the years, but it still stands.

I don't know who owns the property. I don't know if Taco Bell has ever approached them or the city. I don't know if anyone has ever proposed designating the site as the "home of the first Taco Bell", restoring it, and creating a museum/company store there. I do know that Downey is special and historically and culturally significant in so many ways.

I hope that we can do something to immortalize another Downey landmark so that it, too, will be here for all to see, visit, learn, remember, honor and celebrate.

— **Kathy Perez,**  
**Downey**

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### Out of control weeds

Dear Editor:  
Has anyone noticed the weeds around the light posts that light the way to Downey Landing? Isn't it time for the weeds to be cleaned out?

It's starting to look like some of the empty lots and houses around the city. Not sure I would want to open a business in town if the city cannot keep the weeds under control.

— **Sharon Tooley,**  
**Downey**

### Doty's dedication

Dear Editor:  
Recently Dr. Wendy Doty, superintendent of Downey schools, met with the staff at Spencer Williams Elementary School. Each year she takes time from her busy schedule to visit each school where she gives a detailed presentation about many things associated with our schools.

As a teacher for more than 30 year at Spencer Williams, I was impressed with her passionate, dedicated and thorough presentation. It is obvious she is an outstanding educator who is very knowledgeable and passionate in what she does.

She is undoubtedly one of the most outstanding school superintendents in the nation. Downey is fortunate to have such a dedicated person.

— **Nancy Barras,**  
**Teacher, Spencer Williams Elementary School**

### Gift card fraud

Dear Editor:  
I want to warn people buying gift cards to check them out. I bought a restaurant gift card for my grandson as a Christmas gift. When he took his girlfriend there last week and tried to pay the bill using the card, he was told the card's money had been used.

When they got in their car, his girlfriend called the number on the back of the card and found it had been used three times in November. I bought the card in December!

When I get the card back from my grandson, I am going to the restaurant where I purchased the card and have words with the manager. By the way, the manager is the one who sold me the card. I also plan to write to the president of the company and let him know what is going on.

So again, check out the number on the back of the card.

— **Doris Hannon,**  
**Downey**

### Thomas Paine Day

Dear Editor:  
"There are times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." – Thomas Paine

Happy birthday, Thomas Paine! Jan. 29, 1737 – a day that all Americans should be celebrating. That is the least we Americans can do to honor the founder of our independence from monarchy.

Without Paine and his most famous writings – "Common Sense" and "The Crisis" – there would have been no document – the Declaration of Independence – and no new independent country from British rule.

It is with much sadness in my heart that what I write in this letter is not taught to our children in our schools...and that it is basically unknown to most Americans is a travesty of history and justice.

I, for one, will be commemorating Paine today and if you would like to join me, please call (562) 869-0608.

Thank you, and happy Thomas Paine Day to all.

— **Bernice Stumps,**  
**Downey**

### Negative influence

Dear Editor:  
What a terribly unpleasant column. Dr. Mark Hendrickson makes it sound as if anyone who practices energy conservation is a sucker and that we should all use as much as we feel like. ("A Moment of Illumination," 1/22/10) How unfortunate that he has to wait a few minutes for his outdoor light to warm up.

I'm sorry to see that he is a faculty member at a city college; it appears as if he couldn't possibly be any sort of positive influence to a student. In his column he comes across to me as a terrible, self-centered individual filled with anger.

I feel sorry for anyone who has to spend any time around him.

— **Gary E. Myers,**  
**Downey**

## Releasing prison inmates is irresponsible

By Sheriff Lee Baca

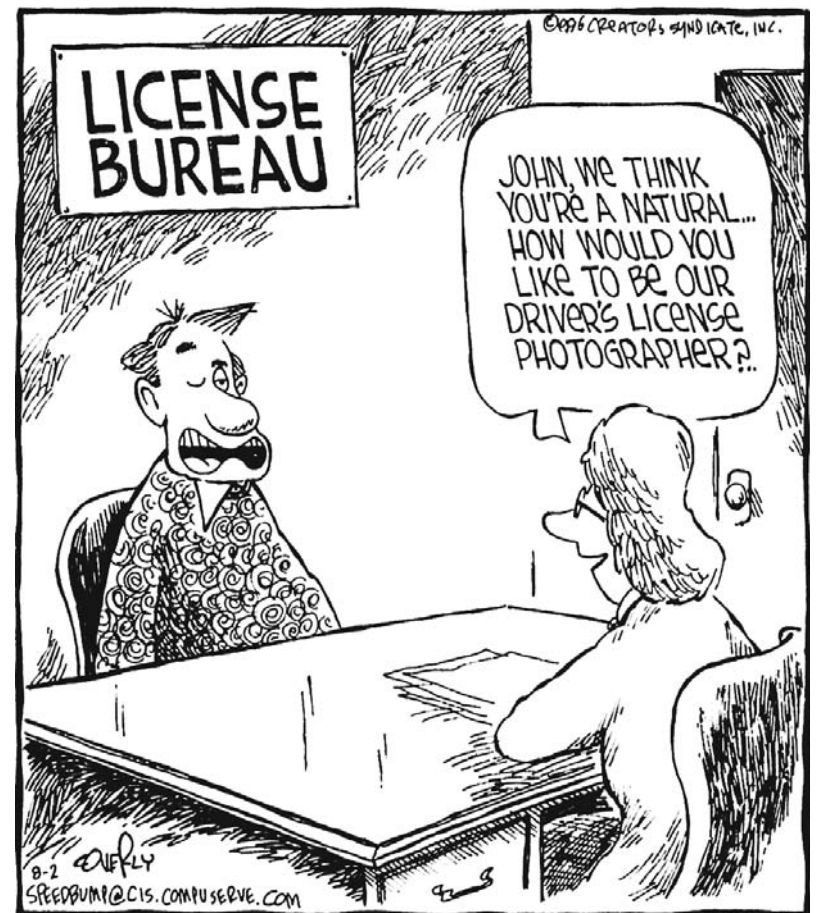
Our economic problems and California's budget crisis has impacted every level of government: state, county and city. Painful cuts have been and will continue to be made in all areas. Inevitably up and down the state, counties and local governments are looking at another year of reduced budgets and additional cuts. I write this to share with you what impacts these cuts will have on public safety and on our communities.

Legislators wrote and passed Senate Bill 18 (SBX3 18) which took effect Monday. This measure was written as a way for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to decrease its budget by cutting the amount of time sentenced inmates serve in prison by increasing sentencing credits for jail and prison inmates. It also removes certain prisoners who would normally be released on a "supervised parole", meaning the parolee would have a parole agent and a detailed program of re-entry and places them on unsupervised parole better known as "summary parole".

While a firm number of parolees in Los Angeles County eligible for the unsupervised parole is not yet known, CDCR is reviewing over 7,000 Los Angeles County parolees. When the release occurs, the offender will be unsupervised, released without a plan or program for proper and safe re-entry into our communities and with no accountability. Fortunately, for the residents of Los Angeles County, we are working together with the Board of Supervisors, various county public health and human services departments, and other local law enforcement agencies in attempting to reach out to these parolees and letting them know of the services that are out there to help them and give them the support they need.

This is by no means an adequate replacement for supervised parole but it's better than providing no help at all.

Unfortunately, in the state's 2010-11 budget and a Federal Court Panel's mandate, there are plans for even more serious cuts to the CDCR budget that will have an immediate negative impact on the public safety of our communi-



### Editorial cartoon

Dear Editor:  
Your Jan. 15 editorial cartoon, which appeared to ridicule families dependent on food stamps, was a poor choice in its implication of gleeful rip-off of the welfare system. It harkens back to the Reagan years and their fictional depiction of a welfare queen driving a Cadillac (itself a cartoon). Sure, there are people who abuse systems designed to benefit the needy, but they pale next to the actual and growing number of people desperate to get through the day with at least some food in their stomachs and a roof over their heads. Decent people, like the ones who once set up food banks for others and now need them themselves.

The cartoon would have been much more relevant had it shown the Wall Street plutocrats – you know, the ones who threw themselves a party and sent us, the taxpayers, the bill for a trillion or more – lining up at the door of the U.S. Treasury as if at an ATM. The ones who threw the entire U.S. economy into a tailspin and virtually wrecked the American middle class dream of home ownership and small business startups, not to mention a decent job.

The cartoon smacks of the obscene depiction of the poor, or people down on their luck, as somehow morally inferior parasites. This is not a new concept. During the Depression, these same high-flying Wall Street types thought that the bad luck and circumstance of poverty was the fault of the people who fell into it. "God gave me my money," John D. Rockefeller proclaimed. In our own time, the head of Goldman Sachs said, "We're doing God's work."

Some things don't apparently change, or else we haven't learned from the mistakes of the past. But I note the irony of so many of your letters to the editor trumpeting Christian values while your own editorial attitude seems to forget, judging by the cartoon that stands in for an editorial voice, Christ's injunction, "Whatsoever you have done to the least of Mine, you have also done to Me."

— **Lawrence Christon,**  
**Downey**

### Inspiring story

Dear Editor:  
With heartfelt honor and gratitude, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to publisher Jennifer DeKay-Givens and the entire staff of *The Downey Patriot*.

I read with heartfelt emotion the interview done by Christian Brown introducing me and my new book, "A Hill to Climb – A Teenagers' Battle with Cancer, Depression and Drug Addiction," to my community and its many readers in your Nov. 6, 2009 issue.

I'd also like to commend Christian Brown for his insight and wisdom to write such an inspiring article.

Reading the article brought joy to my heart and I feel confident that our story will certainly inspire and give hope to someone who has or is maybe going through the challenges faced by my family. Thank you for sharing our story with your readers.

— **Louise Hicks,**  
**Downey**

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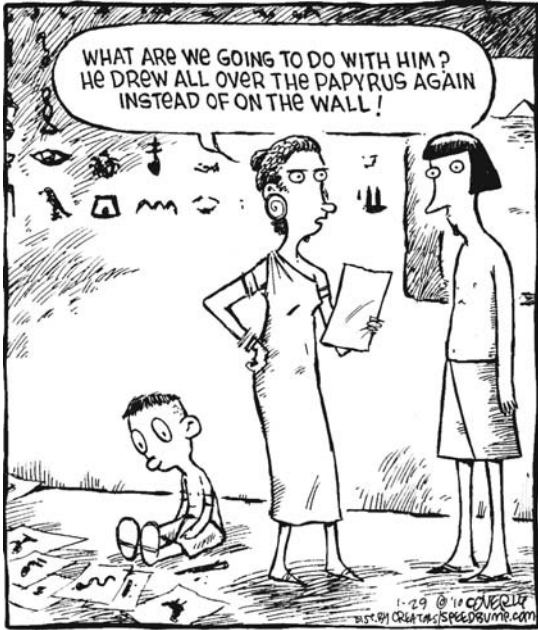
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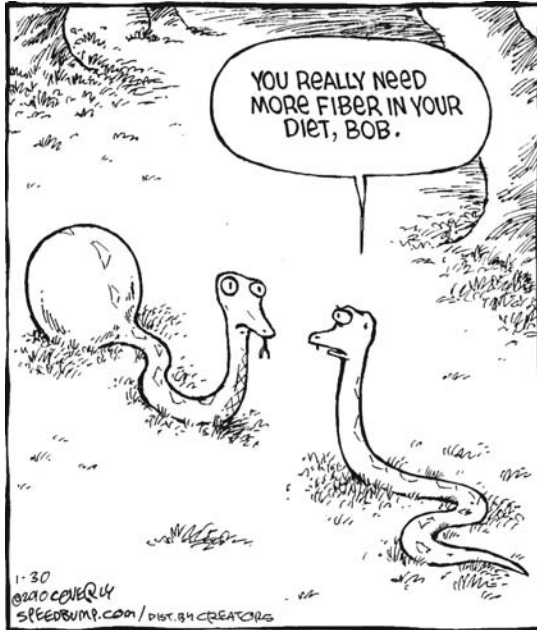
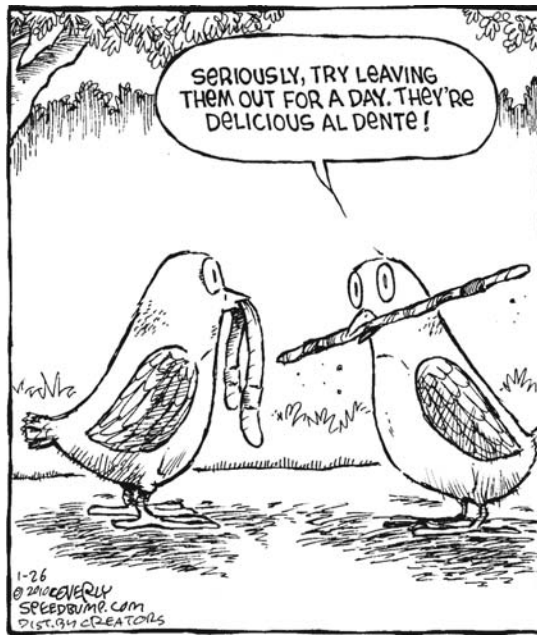
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January/February

- Sat. Jan. 30: **Car wash to benefit boys soccer**, Warren High School, 9 a.m.
- Sat. Jan. 30: **Fashion Show**, Elks Lodge, 11 a.m.
- Mon. Jan. 1: **Fundraising trip to Pechanga Casino**, Woman's Club of Downey, 8 a.m.
- Mon. Jan. 1: **Eddy Greely at OASIS**, Downey Adult School, 3:30 p.m.
- Tues. Jan. 2: **Gangs Out Of Downey open house**, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7:30 a.m.
- Tues. Jan. 2: **Project Area Committee meeting**, Downey City Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan. 4: **Photo exhibition**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

### City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 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.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.
- 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.: **Water Board**, at City Hall.
- 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 8:00 a.m.: **Job Club**, at The First Presbyterian Church, for info. call 861-6752.
- 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 862-6666.

#### Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Brian Saylor at 927-2000.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.

#### Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Sister City Assoc.**, at Maude Price School, for information call 884-9657.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Cafe N Stuff, for information, call Sandy Esslinger, (310) 491-8989.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 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.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

#### Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

#### Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call (562) 904-7246.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

## On This Day...

- Jan. 29, 1845:** Edgar Allen Poe's classic, "The Raven," is first published in the New York Evening Mirror.
- 1936:** The first five members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb, are inducted.
- 1995:** The San Francisco 49ers win their fifth championship at Super Bowl XXIX.
- 2002:** President George W. Bush warns of an "axis of evil" during his State of the Union address.
- Birthdays:** Actor Tom Selleck (65), talk show host Oprah Winfrey (56), Olympic diver Greg Louganis (50), actress Heather Graham (40), "Roseanne" actress Sara Gilbert (35) and singer Adam Lambert (28).

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

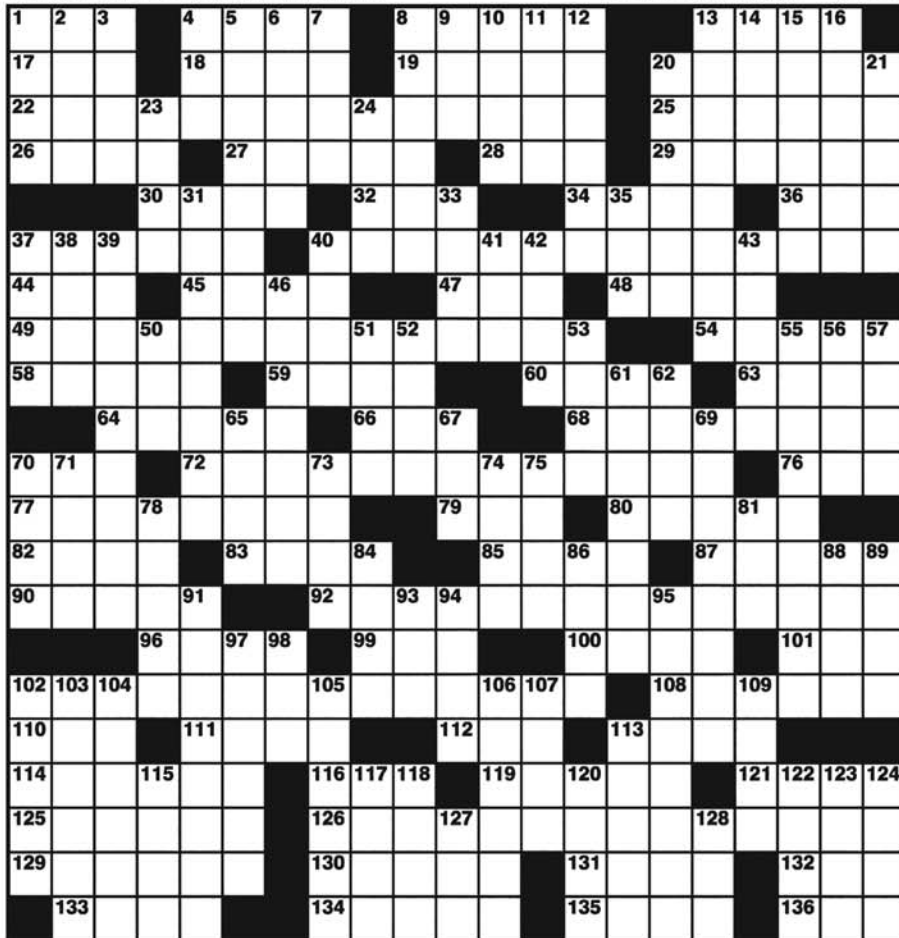
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**TWO'S COMPANY: Famous pairs**

by David W. Cromer

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- 4 Kindergarten song starter
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- 13 Anti-DWI org.
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- 22 Crime-fighting duo
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- 126 Famous lithographers
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- 120 Spirited mount
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CRO-Magnon man (47 Across) was named for the cave in southwestern France where the first specimen was found in 1868. The name of the space shuttle Endeavour (83 Across) is spelled the "British" way in honor of the Command Module of Apollo 15, as well as the ship commanded by Captain Cook. Oil of THYME (21 Down) is the active ingredient in some mouth-washes.





## Students open their wallets for Haiti

BY ALYSSA WYNNE,  
INTERN

**DOWNEY** – During fifth period last Friday, Downey High School principal Tom Houts made an announcement over the intercom that students and staff raised approximately \$5,000 for the Hope for Haiti three-day fundraiser—and not all the money had been counted yet.

“ASB is sending the money to Haiti through the American Red Cross,” said Associated Student Body president Liz Calvillo. “We have been assured that 100 percent of the donations will be going to the Haitians.”

In order to raise the funds, Downey gave special opportunities to its students and the weather certainly aided in the increase of donations. Future Teachers of America, a local club on campus, sold fresh doughnuts and hot chocolate each morning in the newer buildings on campus.

The administrators’ strict, no-tolerance policy on wearing hats, hoods, and beanies was disregarded if students donated a dollar. With chilly mornings and rainy days these two methods of fundraising were sure to prosper.

Students could also be excused from being tardy to their classes if they donated two dollars. And students had the opportunity to make a donation of at least one dollar and receive a green, red or blue ribbon, which represent the colors of the Haitian flag. If teachers had already distributed all their ribbons, students had the opportunity to buy them from ASB.

After school, community service club Normaneers held a bake sale with everything from homemade cookies, to brownies, to cake. Their combined funds totaled more than \$70.

Due to the massive amounts of wreckage that litter the ground in Haiti, and the overwhelming poverty rate, many of the locals did not have proper shoes to walk on. Downey’s Relay for Life Club joined forces with Soles4Souls and promised to have all donated shoes sent directly to the Haitians. They asked that the shoes be in good enough condition to wear and to please consider that the people are literally walking on dangerous ground. The fundraiser itself ended yesterday but the final tally was unavailable at press time.

“I think everyone felt for the people at loss in Haiti, and as ASB we realized that we had the power and the voice to actually get a relief going. So that’s exactly what we did,” said Calvillo. “We got the student body involved by getting input from them and keeping them informed. Our ASB has really come together for these efforts. It was a real eye-opener seeing just how bad the conditions were; I mean even before this 80% of their people lived in poverty. Who wouldn’t want to help?”

## Will you go to Winter Formal with me?

BY DEBORAH WON,  
INTERN

**C**reative ways to get a date to the traditional Winter Formal dance for Warren High School are given an extra incentive and reward this year with the “Ask Me to Formal” school-wide competition.

Students are encouraged to record their own unique way of asking that special someone to the dance and submit the video to ASB for a chance to win two tickets to Winter Formal.

This year’s Winter Formal theme is “Retro Romance,” and will be held tonight from 7 to 11 p.m. at Club V20 in Long Beach.

“The theme Retro Romance revolves around this idea of vintage and old-fashioned love, and not to mention retro fashion,” said Deanna Kim, the ASB Dance Commissioner at Warren. “This theme was voted on democratically by ASB. Because Winter Formal is at Club V20 this year, we thought Retro Romance would be a formal enough theme that would also match the fun club venue.

“Decorations are going to be provided for by Club V20, which is already extravagantly decorated. The theme and colors, like neon green, orange, and pink, are going to be incorporated through the tickets and advertisements, and the venue will also provide neon laser lights.”

Being the first time Warren has ever held “Ask Me to Formal”, ASB, the host of this competition, is anticipating how well their turnout will be. The requirements are quite minimal, as ASB requires 10 entries to start off the contest, and applicants are only required to turn in a two-minute video of their creative moment, which can be submitted at askmetoformal@yahoo.com. All entries will be viewed by a panel of judges that will select the winner.

“We know that high school dances are fun highlights of the year,” said ASB President Kayleigh Cook. “And we just wanted to incorporate a unique event to get more students excited about Winter Formal.”

Indeed, Winter Formal is quite an event that is popularly looked forward to amongst the student body population, as some students have been preparing for this dance even weeks before the event. As Winter Formal approached, more and more students have found their dates through either simple or extravagant ways.



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## I switched to a Mac and survived

BY GABRIELA COYA,  
INTERN

**A**s many high school seniors go off to college, they must face the ever-so-important life decision — no, I’m not talking about what college they want to go to or what they want to major in — what computer operating system on a laptop they should get: Mac or PC?

I know I needed much help on this topic not too long ago when my HP Pavilion desktop crashed and lost all of my irreplaceable files the night before I had a large book report due (sadly, I’m no stranger to procrastination).

I knew I definitely wanted to buy a laptop, but what kind? There were so many options and I wanted to make sure my parents made a good investment. Part of me wanted to stay in my comfort zone and get another Windows computer because that was what I was familiar with for over a decade, but part of me wanted a Mac because people who owned one raved about it. Also, it didn’t hurt much that Macs are aesthetically pleasing.

So I immediately went online and searched for a computer that met the following criteria: the computer would let me browse the Web, write documents, listen to music edit and watch video, and most importantly, be reliable for at least the next four years. After a long and extensive search, I finally narrowed my decision between the Sony Vaio and the MacBook.

Price-wise, the winner was obvious; PCs tend to be much cheaper than Macs. Both performed all the things I wanted them to but I had heard so many stories of people switching from PCs to Macs and how happy they were afterward. Also, I was disillusioned by Windows after years of my computer slowing down and turning off unexpectedly (even when I was the only person using my computer and had a good anti-virus software installed) and hearing my friends and their countless computer problems.

In addition to having high consumer satisfaction, I read that Mac users have their computer for four to seven years, while Windows users usually have their Windows computer for one to two years. After reading about this, I inferred that maybe you get what you pay for when you buy a seemingly expensive Mac.

After much deliberation and hesitation, I took a great leap of faith and bought a MacBook and my experience with it has been great. After a year of owning it, it still works rapidly, rarely freezes, has not gotten a virus (I do realize it’s a myth that Macs are not vulnerable to viruses), and even runs Windows programs such as Word, PowerPoint, and Excel (which I still think are superior to the similar programs provided by Apple in iWork after trying both out). Surprisingly, my transition from Windows to Mac was very smooth.

While Macs may be right for me, I realize Macs have their faults (they still don’t have Blu-Ray players) and are not for everyone. If you are into gaming and customizing your computer, PCs are the obvious better choice. Other factors such as the interface, appearance of the laptop, even system if you’re satisfied or dissatisfied with your current one, are up to you to consider.

This is simply my experience from switching to a Mac.

## Will help for Haiti affect other causes?

BY JOANNA QUINTANA  
INTERN

**T**he recent natural disaster in Haiti has inspired a massive movement at Downey High in which all have collaborated in an effort to raise money for donation, sending the focus over other main events under the suffering shadow of Haiti.

An intense goal of \$10,000 required the participation of all who attend, work, and like Downey High School. All rose to this immense challenge by donating or even leading one or more of at least 10 creative fundraisers focused entirely on helping Haiti. Principal Tom Houts announced a meeting for students eager to go the extra mile for the Hope for Haiti committee.

“It kind of blew my mind that at the impromptu meeting held by Houts, a lot of kids—more than thirty—showed up,” said Senior Class Vice President Alex Galindo. “It was more that I thought would come.”

The strong participation of students in the fundraisers for Haiti led to the question of whether this movement would lessen the motivation to help out in other large events, such as the annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser. However, when considering what would motivate students more to help out in the case of a natural disaster versus cancer, a group of students replied that a natural disaster such as Haiti would give others a stronger incentive to take part. One student who summed up the

group’s opinions was DHS sophomore Alissa Weisenburger.

“I think because the Pennies for Patients fundraiser has been around longer and we haven’t really seen much come out of our efforts—like an actual cure for cancer, students might want to help out more when it comes to a natural disaster because we know that we are helping out right away,” Weisenburger says.

Along with the involvement of students in leading the Hope for Haiti fundraisers, teachers have also played a significant role by inspiring and supporting. Boxes collecting shoes in the “Soles for Souls” fundraiser were kept in each English teacher’s room and extra credit was given out to provide an even greater incentive to donate. One such teacher showing support was English instructor Josette Bean, who agreed with the gist of Weisenburger’s statement.

“I think most students’ response is a passionate response,” says Bean. “DHS has always had a very sincerely generous attitude and it’s hard to feel compelled to help for some sense of future result. There’s a disappointment that there hasn’t been an immediate result, but we see suffering that we can remedy immediately and we want to do that. It’s hard to be patient.”

Although it may be understandable for students to feel more inclined to help out in an immediate disaster, such as the destructive earthquake in Haiti, ASB maintains a hope that these many fundraisers will not hold too much of a negative effect in the future, for instance, when it comes to Pennies

for Patients or other main events in need of funds at DHS.

“On ASB’s part, we’re working hard and doing a lot of things,” says ASB President Liz Calvillo. “This is training for Pennies for Patients and they’re two different causes so I think, hopefully, kids will continue to be involved.”



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## Kathy Griffin returning to Orange County

**COSTA MESA** – Emmy Award-winner and Grammy-nominated comedian Kathy Griffin will return to the Orange County Performing Arts Center's Segerstrom Hall on May 15.

It will be Griffin's fourth appearance at the Center, and it will feature her now-famous rapid fire acerbic humor that has brought her both fame and a self-imposed place on the mythical D-List.

Griffin has released a DVD and also penned her first book, an autobiography titled "A Memoir According to Kathy Griffin." She achieved national recognition during her four-year stint on the NBC sitcom "Suddenly Susan" as Vickie Groener, Brooke Shields' colleague.

Griffin also guest starred on such series as "ER" and "Seinfeld," where she created recurring character Sally Weaver. Following her first HBO half-hour comedy special in 1998, the network gave her a one-hour special titled "A Hot Cup of Talk." Griffin also supplied voices for characters on the animated series "Dilbert" and "The Simpsons," and she appeared in a dual role on the "X-Files" as well as in Eminem's video "The Real Slim Shady."

For three years, Griffin co-hosted the Billboard Music Awards and appeared on numerous talk shows, including "Late Night with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Howard Stern" and "The View." She participated in and won "Celebrity Mole" on ABC and hosted the NBC reality series "Average Joe" as well as the MTV series "Kathy's So-Called Reality."

In 2005, "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List" premiered on Bravo. The show earned an Emmy nomination for Best Reality Program in 2006 and took the award in the third and fourth seasons. Her comedy CD, "For Your Consideration," garnered a Grammy nomination for Best Comedy Album.

Tickets to see Griffin start at \$46 and go on sale Monday. For tickets and information, call (714) 556-2787 or go to [www.ocpac.org](http://www.ocpac.org).

## Hansens: Work of three brothers can still be seen today.

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which is operated by Los Angeles County.

While Edward and Harrie helped provide sidewalks and irrigation pipe, their younger brother had other ambitions.

Born in 1893, Otto Hansen was 17 years old when the family moved to Downey. Otto grew up with a passion for architecture and traveled to the University of Southern California to take up an apprenticeship so he could learn the trade.

Needless to say, as a result of fewer regulations during the early 1900s, Otto was able to design and construct several buildings even before obtaining his architectural license.

Today, Downey is home to dozens of structures that were designed by Otto Hansen, including the First Presbyterian Church of Downey on Downey Avenue in 1928, Gallatin Elementary School in 1936 and the Moravian Church of Downey on Old River School Road in 1954.

Hansen personally favored Mediterranean and Spanish architecture and as a result many of the structures he designed bear those features. Hansen also designed houses that reflected the original ranch style seen the homes that stood in Downey in the early



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**Otto Hansen designed dozens of structures in Downey, including First Presbyterian Church (above) and Moravian Church of Downey. He was also responsible for designing the Orange Estates.**

1900s.

As vast farmlands and large ranches started being subdivided to create smaller homes for the new families that were moving into the city in the 1940s and 50s, Otto was called upon to create blueprints for dozens of homes.

One particular subdivision is known as the Orange Estates, which stretches east to west from Paramount Boulevard to Old River School Road and north to south from Florence Avenue to Firestone Boulevard. Many homes in this portion of Downey have not been altered and now stand as a representation of Otto Hansen's style and creativity.

Hansen's last homes were completed in the mid 50s and are known as the Molly Pitcher Estates, a collection of ranch style homes on Chaney Avenue, south of Florence Ave.

Nearly one hundred years after the Hansen family made the journey to Downey, their contributions to the city have been mostly forgotten. However, the structures they designed and built remain, telling their unique American story.

In fact, if one takes enough time to search for it, he'll find the name Hansen etched into many of Downey's sidewalks, a hidden marker bridging Downey's provincial past with its suburban present.

## New Titles at the Downey City Library

### Fiction

- **"Big Girl"** by Danielle Steel. After her sister is engaged to a carbon copy of their narcissistic father, plus-size Victoria Dawson, who has fled L.A. for New York City, must learn to love herself for who she is if she is ever going to get on with her life.
- **"Eight White Nights"** by Andre Aciman. Making the acquaintance of a woman at a party, a man meets the woman at the cinema for seven subsequent nights leading up to New Year's Eve, a week filled with tension and hope.
- **"Last Snow"** by Eric Van Lustbader. In the aftermath of an American senator's death, presidential Special Advisor Jack McClure is dispatched to investigate a perilous trail through Eastern Europe.
- **"Occupied City"** by David Peace. Based on a true story, this novel follows the murders of a dozen people in 1948 Tokyo by a man who claimed he was prescribing government-directed medical care.
- **"The Postmistress"** by Sarah Blake. The stories of a small Cape Cod postmistress and an American reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the United States' entrance into World War II—a meeting that is shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter.

### Non-Fiction

- **"59 Seconds: Think a Little, Change a Lot"** by Richard Wiseman. A psychologist presents a fresh approach to change that helps people achieve their aims in minutes, not months.
- **"The Full Plate Diet: Slim Down, Look Great, Be Healthy!"** by Stuart A. Seale. Fill up with fewer calories on this diet plan which emphasizes whole grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.
- **"Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime"** by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin. Two top political reporters give the inside story of the 2008 presidential election.
- **"Making the Most of Your Money Now"** by Jane Bryant Quinn. The Newsweek financial advisor updates her classic book to give tips on maximizing your funds in today's investment climate.
- **"Star: How Warren Beatty Seduced America"** by Peter Biskind. This new book is a balanced biography of the Hollywood legend, based on interviews with colleagues, intimates and Beatty himself.

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## Granata's Italian Villa



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Granata's is centrally located in Downtown Downey has patio seating, private dining rooms available. Also the bar area is fun and filled with warm friendly patrons who know each other and have become friends while enjoying a happy hour five 5 days a week.

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## 'Lion King' to return for three weeks

**COSTA MESA** – Disney's "The Lion King" will make its long-awaited return engagement to Southern California this summer when it opens May 26 for a limited three-week engagement at the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.

The show's seven-week premiere engagement in 2005 played a sold-out run. The North American tour is currently one of seven productions running worldwide along with New York, London, Hamburg, Tokyo, Paris and Las Vegas.

"The Lion King" is the winner of more than 70 major awards worldwide, including the 1998 Tony Award and NY Drama Critics Award for Best Musical, the 1999 Grammy for Best Musical Show Album and the 1999 Laurence Olivier Awards for Best Choreography and Best Costume Design.

The show has been seen by more than 50 million people.

Tickets start at \$23.25 and will be available beginning Feb. 7 by calling (714) 556-2787, online at [www.ocpac.org](http://www.ocpac.org) or at the box office in Costa Mesa.

## Train show rolling into Long Beach

**LONG BEACH** – The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour train show will return to the L.A. area for the first time in five years when it opens Feb. 13 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The show travels around the country introducing new generations to model railroading.

Hands-on displays will allow visitors to run trains, and local train shops, railroad clubs and manufacturers will be on hand.

The show will be open Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults; children 16 and under are free.

For more information, visit [www.wghshow.com](http://www.wghshow.com).

## Family reading night at library

**BELFLOWER** – Chinese New Year will be celebrated at the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library in Bellflower with a family reading night Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.

Rotary Club of Bellflower and the County of Los Angeles Public Library are sponsoring the free event.

For more information, call (562) 866-1777. The library is at 9945 E. Flower St.

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## Vikings confident going against Cerritos

■ **GIRLS WATER POLO:** Downey figures to be tested against Cerritos.

By **JOSEPH APODACA,**  
SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – A non-conference loss against El Rancho High did not waiver the Downey girls' water polo team's spirit, as they continue to remain undefeated in league, winning their second San Gabriel Valley League game last week against Paramount.

The Vikings lost to the El Rancho Dons in one of the closest games of the season, just getting edged out 6-5. But in their league match up against the Paramount Pirates, it was nothing short of a rout, winning 16-5.

The girls are now 12-2 overall and an undefeated 2-0 in league.

With only a handful of games left in the season, the girls are beginning to get excited about the future. Playoff games are in their grasp but before they can make it all the way, they still have to face off against their biggest competitors, one of which is Cerritos.

"It's our biggest game of the year and I'm looking for a win,"

said senior Dominique Diaz.

For weeks, the girls have been working up the long-awaited game against Cerritos, which took place yesterday [the score was not made available at press time]. Cerritos has long been looked at as the team to beat. The Dons have won two consecutive SGVL championships, from 2007-2009.

This year, Warren is looking to change that.

"We have not beat Cerritos in the past," said Diaz. "They always have a really fast team but I think this year we have a chance."

The girls definitely have a shot at taking home their long awaited victory against Cerritos. Downey's starting line up, which includes Diaz, Brenda Rosero, Sarah Aguayo, Felicia Aguirre, Jessica Badalamenti, Meghan Nevarez, and goalie Faith Hundtoff, has improved immensely throughout the season. New head coach Mark Jones has worked the girls to the limit, not letting last week's stormy weather interfere with their game.

"We played our game against Paramount in the rain," said Diaz. "We didn't stay [to practice] for too long because [lightening started to strike]. Still, it was exciting."

## Not a streak Warren is proud of

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Warren's league losing streak hits 24 games.

By **JOSEPH APODACA,**  
SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – The Warren boys' basketball team continues to struggle to find their groove in the San Gabriel Valley League play, losing two games last week, at home to Paramount High School and Gahr High School.

The Bears lost to the Paramount Pirates 69-47 and to the Gahr Gladiators 85-46. Their overall season record now stands at 10-11, which includes non-conference and tournament games. Their league record now rests at 0-4.

The Bears continue their conference-losing streak which has now hit 24 straight games.

Paramount blew out Warren last week by 22 points, the win coming off a very close loss on the road to the Downey Vikings. This isn't the first time Paramount has beaten the Bears badly. Last year in the first round of league play, the Pirates beat Warren by 18 points.

The Gahr Gladiators overwhelmed the Bears last week, outscoring Warren in every quarter and finishing their rout by 29 points. Gahr, who are currently 3-1 in league play, defeated the Bears 83-51 in last year's match up as well. Warren continues to struggle against all SGVL foes.

Last season, Warren was slaughtered in its league campaign, not winning a single game and finishing their conference play 0-10. This season, the team has worked extensively to make that record a thing of the past.

## Vikings' season still a bumpy ride

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Downey has been plagued by inconsistency.

By **ALYSSA WYNNE,**  
SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Downey has yet to fully improve or balance their record this season after a win and a loss last week against Dominguez and Lynwood high schools, respectively.

The Lady Vikings had no doubts when entering the Dominguez court that they would crush the team. It was obvious in the first quarter when Downey scored 22 points and the Dons only had four. By halftime, Downey led 56-16.

Downey needed such a boost after having a difficult season thus far. Katie Marifian and Irma Urzua scored 13 and 12 points for the Vikings. Every player that participated in the game made at least one point for Downey, as well as abundant rebounds made by all the girls. Debra Lovell and Anissa Segura collected six rebounds while

Rayana Villalpondo kept Dominguez on their toes with four steals.

Marifian dominated the entire game with 13 points, 11 steals, five assists and five rebounds.

But the luck had to change eventually for the Vikings and after a hard game against the Lynwood Knights, they lost 71-47. Downey did not have home court advantage but they were able to keep things interesting until half time. By the end of second quarter Lynwood only had a 3-point lead.

But Downey was only able to score 7 points after halftime and Lynwood stretched lead. If Downey had kept up their offense, they would have either beat the Knights or showed them that they have some worthy completion to look out for.

Nonetheless, Marifian scored 25 points to lead Downey. Krystal Walker contributed with nine rebounds and three steals. Demetria Love had eight rebounds and Debra Lovell forced seven turnovers to help confuse the Knights.

## Shelton earns first win at Dominguez

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Vikings top Dons, 53-44, for first road victory there in 22 years.

By **SCOTT COBOS,**  
STAFF WRITER

**COMPTON** – It's been 22 years since Larry Shelton took over the boys' basketball program at Downey, and in those 22 years his program has not seen a victory at Dominguez's basketball facility.

Until last Wednesday. In what may prove to be a huge victory in San Gabriel Valley League early round play, Downey gave Shelton his first win ever at Dominguez, winning 53-44.

Forward Dami Adefeso proved to be the difference maker in the game, scoring 11 points, pulling down nine rebounds, and most importantly anchoring the defense by blocking six shots.

"I'm really excited, we played hard," said Adefeso. "I want to thank my teammates because if they didn't play hard we wouldn't have come through."

Adefeso has shown in quick bursts all season long that he could be a difference maker for Downey. He picked the perfect moment of a big game Wednesday to show his coach again why he could be so special.

"That young man has so much potential and I've seen it in spurts all season long," Shelton said. "He could be a great player. He's so long. He's athletic. He has a knack for scoring around the basket and if he would work hard consistently he will be a very good player."

It was also a second-half swing of momentum that catapulted Downey to their first win over Dominguez since the 2002-2003 season where they ended Dominguez's long winning streak at home. For Shelton though, he quickly savored the victory and went back to work in trying to make his team better.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "But I'm so disappointed in the way we came out tonight. We came really soft almost like we were waiting for them to drop the hammer. We went into halftime talking about coming out much more aggressive defensively saying if we're going to go down, we're going down swinging. We deserved this game because we played harder than them in the second half."

After the first half, Downey went into the locker room trailing by 9 points. They started off hot in the first quarter and had a brief lead behind David Rivera's first quarter 7 points. To end the quarter though,



PHOTO BY PAUL HEIDECKER

Junior forward Dami Adefeso (11) drives to the basket during Downey's 49-45 loss versus Lynwood last week.

Dominguez fired off a 7-0 run to put them up by 6.

The second quarter wasn't any more friendly to the Vikings even though they stopped Dominguez's run continuing from the first quarter and ran off with a 6-0 run of their own sparked by Edgar Ruiz's 6 points.

Points off turnovers became a problem, and while momentum swapped temporarily in the quarter, Dominguez managed to extend their lead going into halftime.

Downey's defensive intensity picked up immediately in the second half with Adefeso's three blocked shots in the third quarter. Momentum started to swing Downey's way and it was Rivera's mid-range jump shot with 1:40 left in the quarter that gave Downey their first lead since the opening minutes of the game.

Dominguez quickly took the lead back behind forward Anthony Scott's jumper at the free throw line, but Downey's Daniel Bustamante hit a shot just in front of the 3-point line at the end of the quarter to put Downey up by 2, and gave them the lead for good.

The Vikings and Dons traded baskets throughout the fourth quarter, but every time Dominguez tried to make a run, Downey answered back. Downey almost got themselves in trouble late in the fourth quarter with 28.9 seconds left, having to use three timeouts in order to inbound the ball.

The win put Downey 2-1 in league play, giving them great early league position to possibly make a playoff run.

### Loss to Lynwood

In a game that saw four lead changes in the final four minutes of play, Downey stumbled to the finish line in a game they could have won, losing to Lynwood 49-45 at home last Friday night.

Downey was down all night long and came scraping back to take the lead at 1:25 left in the fourth quarter, but gave the lead back after two free throws from Lynwood's Cedric Ross. After that, it was lights out for the Vikings, and they let an opportunity to grab a share for first place in San Gabriel Valley League play and instead are now at 2-2.

"We did not play very smart in the last two minutes of the game," said Downey head coach Larry Shelton after the game. "We had an 86 percent free-throw shooter go to the line and miss the front end of a 1-and-1 with a chance to take the lead."

"We had two critical turnovers in the last two minutes. We had a bad shot. I had talked about the shot we wanted to take in a tie game with less than a minute and that was not the shot I wanted."

With the scored tied 45-45, Downey's David Rivera missed a very tough jump shot with 24.5 seconds left in the game. All Downey could do after that was

foul and hope that Lynwood missed free throws.

Lynwood all night long was hitting their free throws and made 16 of 24 attempts from the line.

The Knights had three players score in double digits with Raymond Alexander leading all scorers with 20 points and six rebounds. David Hall notched a double-double with 12 points, 15 rebounds, and six blocks, and Ross scored 13 points and pulling down six rebounds.

Downey had trouble all night long keeping Lynwood off the offensive glass giving up 11 offensive rebounds with a lot of them leading to second chance points.

With Downey already struggling offensively, those second chance points meant the game.

"I don't think we had a good offensive rhythm all night long and that contributes to poor shooting," Shelton said. "We were not patient enough offensively. We had a tendency to take the first shot available to us tonight."

Lynwood started the game with a 6-0 run, but were quickly tied up with 3-point shots by Downey's David Rivera and Erick Gomez. The Knights finished up the quarter with a 4-0 run to put them up 10-8 after the first eight minutes of play.

The fourth quarter broke the game open for the Vikings as they managed to catch up to the Knights but fell just short in the end.

## Warren makes quick work of opponents

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Bears cruise in victories over Paramount and Gahr.

By **ALYSSA WYNNE,**  
SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Strong first quarters and ridiculous offensive plays have led the Lady Bears to crushing their opponents on the basketball court after two incredible wins against Paramount and Gahr last week.

Warren's 56-25 win against Paramount last week was caused by the 12-point lead in just the first quarter. Paramount was doomed to lose with only six points scored in the beginning and the hope faded as the game progressed.

Eleven rebounds from Frances Vaalu intimidated Paramount too much to prevent the 10 steals and 10 points from Danielle Rodriguez. Jasmin Mitchell scored 10 points with incredible no-miss accuracy.

The Gladiators brought more competition to the court than Warren was expecting and the

Bears had to step up their game slightly in order to beat them, 63-39. With only two star players making up Gahr's team, Warren took over easily, with help from Vaalu, Rodriguez, and Justene Reyes.

Reyes and Vaalu both contributed 18 points and Rodriguez brought 15 to the scoreboard as well. Each quarter was close but

Warren had the upper hand all the way with 17 rebounds from Vaalu and five steals from Tanya Ayala.

Warren's victories now greatly outweigh their losses and they walk with chins held with as they

hold a 16-4 record. It can be expected that Warren arrived at Downey's campus on Wednesday prepared to fight. Scores for Wednesday's games were not available at press time.

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Century 21 My Real Estate has announced the addition of Juan Carlos Conte to its staff. Conte joins his wife, Eugenia, after completing My Real Estate School and receiving his real estate license. "We are excited to have Juan Carlos and Eugenia - such a well-rounded team - join our office," said Angie Pierce, general manager of My Real Estate. To reach Conte, call (562) 927-2626.



Century 21 My Real Estate has welcomed Dee Lopez to its office. Lopez has 20 years of mortgage lending and real estate experience. She holds brokers and notary licenses. "Dee is a welcomed addition to our office," said Steve Roberson, broker/owner of My Real Estate. "Dee's vast amount of experience, positive attitude and professionalism will serve her clients very well." To contact Lopez, call (562) 927-2626.



Jeff Worthy has joined the sales staff at Century 21 My Real Estate. Worthy received his bachelors degree from USC, masters from Azusa Pacific University and attended My Real Estate School prior to receiving his real estate license. "Jeff is a great addition to our organization. His qualities, education and experience will be valuable in his real estate career," said Steve Roberson, broker and owner of My Real Estate. Worthy can be reached at (562) 927-2626.



Marlene Dowls has been welcomed to Century 21 My Real Estate Company. Dowls has extensive experience and education in advertising, marketing, and customer service. She was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. "We are very excited to have Marlene with her experience which will put the customer first," stated Steve Roberson, broker/owner of My Real Estate. To reach Dowls, call (562) 927-

## Students view fossils close up



West Middle School students got an up close view of various fossilized items recently. Teacher Pat Bledsoe requested fossil beds from the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in Oregon, which granted the request. The beds feature some of the richest fossil beds in the world, including diverse plant and animal life that existed here more than six million years ago. Students learned about several different major environmental periods and viewed fossilized items close-up, including a tyrannosaurus rex tooth. Above, students Jonathan Perez, Kayla Kimaz and Robin Ejiagwa get a view of fossilized items.

## Student mechanics to be tested

**NORWALK** - Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Department will host a high school auto tech competition tomorrow at 9 a.m.

During the competition, student teams will exhibit their auto technology skills by testing, diagnosing and reporting results in categories such as automatic transmission, fuel injection and emission, heating and air conditioning, brakes, basic electrical, tools, and measurements.

Two winning teams will compete in the 2010 National Automotive Technology Competition held at the New York International Auto Show in New York this April.

Tomorrow's competition is open to the public at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., in Norwalk.

## Economist: it's a sellers market

**DOWNEY** - Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, spoke in front of 500 real estate agents at a recent event in Cerritos sponsored in part by the Downey Association of Realtors.

Yun said he "wouldn't be surprised" if Southern California home prices increased as much as 10 percent this year, a departure from his earlier predictions that prices would increase in the 3 to 5 percent range.

"It's clearly now a seller's market," Yun said. "It's not the case in other parts of the country."

Yun told the realtors that although the market appears to be stabilizing at the low end, the housing market's high end has a ways to

go. "Right now, the availability of jumbo mortgages is better today from last year, but it's still far from normal," Yun said. "Although the jumbo market is closer to normal, I don't think it will get back to a normal condition in 2010."

Yun said it's still a buyer's market and realtors should make sure clients "are financially qualified to buy."

"Overall, the economy appears to be in recovery," he added. "The GDP (gross domestic product) is rising. Jobs will come around later in the year - just as the federal tax credit is no longer available."

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