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Girls champion water polo team is honored

DOWNEY—The Downey High School Girls Varsity Water Polo Team, recent victors of the CIF Division VI Water Polo Championships, were honored by the Board of the Downey Unified School District at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Board President Donald La Plante and Board member William Gutierrez appeared particularly proud of the young women standing before them.

Downey repeated as champs after defeating El Segundo 5-3 two weeks ago at Belmont Plaza Pool. It was the Vikings' second consecutive division championship, despite playing with four new starters and a new coach.

Downey (30-3) was the top-seed going into the championships and never trailed against the No. 2 seed Eagles (21-8).

The Vikings may not get a chance to defend their title. Reports have Downey being moved up to Division III next season, where they would face stiffer competition. Whittier, which competes in Division III, was one of three schools to defeat Downey this year.

Junior Stephanie Rosero, a member of last year's championship squad, led Downey on offense. Vivian Aguirre, Lauren Badalementi and Amy Mendez also played on last year's team.

Downey, under first-year coach Peter Muller, had already beaten El Segundo twice in the regular season.

Culture is fine and well in DUSD: Martha

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Martha Sodetani of the Downey Unified School District Board feels there are some things that are right here in Downey and spoke out at Tuesday's Board meeting.

She said she was shocked to hear that a nearby district never holds a public meeting without an armed guard security person present. She compared that to the pleasant meeting being held Tuesday, the warm friendly atmosphere, and spirit of cooperative education.

Boardmember Mark Morris said he visited several sites where school bond construction was recently completed and noted cleanup was surprisingly thorough.

Several members of the Board including Tod Corrin said they attended last week's high school and middle school band concert and enjoyed it greatly. And all congratulated the Downey High Girls Water Polo Team for winning the CIF Division VI Water Polo Championship. The girls appeared before the board to accept kudos along with their coach Peter Muller. Downey swept through its season with a 30-3 record, the best of any team in modern memory.

Brahms, Schumann, Hume...and cookies

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Excellence, variety, excitement, the unexpected, and complimentary cookies. How can you miss? There is something for everyone at the next concert by the Downey Symphony tomorrow evening, Saturday, March 25.

Programmed music includes two Hungarian Dances by Brahms that draw on his lifelong interest in gypsy melodies, wired and wild one moment, sunk into melancholy the next. In contrast is a Dvorak Serenade, an engaging entertainment for strings only.

We will hear the Overture to Weber's Der Freischutz. The opera was first performed in 1821, and this was written about the occasion: "Thunders of applause and thousands of voices summoned the composer before his enraptured audience.... Amid the deafening shouting, flowers and verses were flung from all directions." Of course, we're getting only the overture, but still...

And then there is the instrumental highlight of the evening, Schumann's Concertpiece for Four Horns. This work is not performed often, given the difficult nature of the horn in the first place, and the fact that you have to rally four virtuoso players of the instrument. Well, Conductor Thomas Osborn has done just that with the orchestra's horn section, of whom he is very proud, adding that they have been deeply into rehearsal for months and are thrilled to be the soloists tomorrow.

Now on to Special Added Attractions: A feature of the spring concert is always the winner of the Baton Auction who conducts the orchestra in a rousing march. This year's winning bidder is Pauline Hume, who has appeared on this stage in many Light Opera productions and is a person given to fresh ideas. So she will not conduct. But she will sing, "Hello, Young Lovers" from The King and I. And running the auction for next year's winner is none other than Downey's mayor, Meredith Perkins.

Lastly we come to the Symphony Guild's complimentary cookies. These are the real home-made goods, accompanied by wonderful punch, served in the theater's patio area after the concert. Platters and platters of cookies, but you have to step lively. The entire orchestra is invited to this informal reception, of course, and they come off stage pretty well starved for sugar!

The Downey Theater is at 8435 Firestone Boulevard and surrounding parking is ample and free. The box office will open at 6 p.m.; tickets are \$20 and \$25, with a student rate of \$10. Tom Osborn's preview talk begins at 7:15, and the concert itself at 8 p.m.



MISS DOWNEY AND MISS TEEN DOWNEY—And their courts flash winning smiles after they were crowned Saturday night in front of a sellout crowd at the 51st Miss Downey Pageant held at the Downey Theater. From left, back row: Princesses Tania Manchenkov and Maggie Stanley, Miss Downey Kim Scott, Miss Teen Downey Denise Antillon, Princesses Jennifer Andrade and Jessica Tovar; front row, Teen Princesses Carli Ciatti, Roxy Arteaga, and Sarah Del Rio.

Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey crowned

DOWNEY—Kimberly Scott, 19, a student at CSU-Fullerton, and Denise Antillon, 15, a student at Warren High, were crowned Miss Downey and Miss Teen Downey, respectively, along with their courts, at the 51st Miss Downey Pageant held before a sellout crowd at the Downey Theater on March 18.

A total of 47 eager participants vied for the honor of representing the Downey Rose Float Association in various civic and community functions for one year. The girls' first public appearance will be at the Arc Walk for Independence tomorrow, which starts at 8 a.m. in front of Acapulco Restaurant on Firestone Boulevard.

Comprising Miss Downey's court are Miss Princesses Jennifer Andrade, 17, Downey High; Tania Manchenkov, 17, Warren High; Maggie Stanley, 18, Long Beach City College; and Jessica Tovar, 16, Downey High.

Miss Teen Downey's court includes: Miss Teen Princesses Roxy Arteaga, 14, Warren; Carli Ciatti, 13, East Middle School; and Sarah Del Rio, 13, Griffiths.

Wonders never cease along Southeast coast

Contributed by Kevin O'Conner

DOWNEY—When you think of the East Coast you usually think of big cities, but there are many natural areas that have been set aside as well. Take an "armchair" visit to this part of the United States this Sunday, March 26 at 2:30 p.m. when John Hood, an internationally recognized cinematographer, presents and narrates his new film, "Natural Wonders Of The Southeast Coast: Virginia Beach to Key West," at the Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

This is the 8th program of the 2005-2006 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series.

John Holod stands out in the travelogue industry because he travels in a state of the art recreational vehicle, immersing himself in the culture and surroundings he is depicting. The RV serves as home and studio while he is on the road. Audiences may remember his prior visits to Downey with "Inside Passage To Alaska" - Jan. 2005, "Baja RV Adventure" - Nov. 2003, "RV Adventure Along The U.S./Canada Border" - March 2002, and "RV Adventure To Alaska" - March 2000.

This "armchair adventure" begins in Virginia Beach as we follow the coast south through the Outer Banks of North Carolina. This is where the Wright Brothers made their first flight and where we try our hand at hang-gliding, take a 4-wheel adventure along the beach to find Wild Mustangs, and explore the many lighthouses the dangerous coastline is famous for. A scenic ferry ride takes us back to the mainland where we head to South Carolina and Myrtle Beach. Just outside Charleston, we take a kayak trip to an island with a pelican rookery. At Hilton Head we find wild dolphins, painted buntings, and take a trip on a shrimp boat to learn how one of our favorite foods is harvested.

One-third of all the saltwater marshes along the East Coast is located in Georgia. An eco-tour explains how important the marsh is to the creatures that inhabit it, like oysters, crabs, wading birds, and manatees. On Sapalo Island we learn its history of plantations and slaves. A hike around Cumberland Island reveals its miles of beautiful beaches. We follow famous highway A1A south along the Florida coast stopping at historic St. Augustine to see the Fountain of Youth. The Kennedy Space Center is world famous but did you know that the surrounding Merritt Wildlife

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Board honors three for cultural gifts

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Culture is that which defines us as a group, that fragile essence that sets us apart, while demonstrating that we are of one universal tribe still, it is the glue that holds the chapters of man together in the book of life.

The Board of the Downey Unified School District honored three classified employees for their contributions to the District in the area of culture at Tuesday's Board meeting.

The honorees were Goldie Kaholokila, presented to the Board by Food Services Director Cristine Woods; Sharon Newberg presented by Roger Brossmer, Principal of the Adult School; and Julane Helm, presented by Paula Barnes, Principal of Carpenter Elementary.

Each presenter detailed the cultural contribution of their nominee.

Newberg

Brossmer began by introducing Sharon Newberg, the senior office manager at the Downey Adult School Career and Education Center, and defining culture by Webster's Dictionary as "The predominating attitudes and behaviors that characterize the functioning of a group or organization."

Downey Adult School is very lucky to have such a hard working, intelligent and caring employee to help establish the desired culture that makes this school district so special.

Sharon has been a classified employee with the DUSD since 1978 when she started as an instructional assistant at Meadow Park Elementary School. While working her way up the career ladder, she has worked at six different schools. In addition to being a wonderful office manager, she is also very involved in the classified union, is CSEA Unit 1 chapter secretary, and is vice president of Downey Adult's local chapter of the California Council for Adult Education.

Helm

Carpenter Principal Paula Barnes introduced award winner Julie Helm, for her past 31 years of service to two school districts with emphasis on the last seven years at Carpenter.

Helm was originally hired in 1979 as a Special Education Resource Teacher at Warren High School. After three years there she transferred to the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital School where she was Itinerant Teacher for Career and Vocational Education for Special Needs students.

She then moved up to the District Office where she served as the only special education district Program Specialist for 11 1/2 years. She also trained new teachers and developed the curriculum to enhance the Special Education Program in Downey.

Eleven years ago she became an elementary vice principal and has served in that capacity at eight Downey elementary schools, Lewis, Rio San Gabriel, Gallatin, Price, Williams, Imperial, Ward, Alameda and Carpenter. Among programs she has implemented at Carpenter is PRIDE, where students and staff and parents model respect, caring, trustworthiness, fairness, integrity, responsibility and good citizenship in their daily lives.

She says teaching is a team sport. It is about what we can do together.

Kaholokila

Director of Food Services Christine Woods introduced Goldie Kaholokila as one of her finest, and representing her sense of classified employee culture. Dealing immediately with the pronunciation problem, Woods said "I just call her Goldie."

Food servers and staff operate behind the scenes as silent partners in the educational environment of a school. Goldie fits perfectly, being quiet. But she keeps a sparkling cafeteria, a nurturing environment that offers mutual support to staff and student body. As Food Service Supervisor at Rio Hondo for the last eight years, she was hired in 1994, working her way up from food service assistant at Downey High School. She then worked at Pace, Griffiths, Unsworth, and ultimately Rio Hondo.

She has a grandmotherly calm demeanor, and is an exemplary employee

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Thousands expected for Arc Walk tomorrow

DOWNEY - The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, will be held Saturday, March 25 at Downey's Stonewood Center near the Acapulco Restaurant.

Phillip Palmer of KABC-7 will be the master of ceremonies for this year's event, which drew over 2,000 supporters last year. The Warren High School Marching Band and the Mayfair High School Jazz Band will also be featured. Acapulco Restaurant will serve a free breakfast to all participants who participate in the walk.

The event includes two walking courses, a one-mile and three-mile course. Registration fee is \$10 and children under 10 are free. The walk starts at 8 a.m. outside Acapulco Restaurant on Firestone Blvd. in Downey.

Wescom Credit Union is the Platinum/Host Sponsor for this year's event with a gift of over \$7,000.

"We appreciate the vital work that Arc does for people with disabilities and we are proud to be associated with this fine organization," said Wescom President/CEO Darren Williams.

Wescom Credit Union was named Arc's "Employer of the Year" in 2005 for their hiring of an individual with a developmental disability.

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



RANDY STEADMAN—Returns from two years of missionary service for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Dominican Republic.

Steadman, returned missionary, to speak

DOWNEY—Randy Steadman, a 2001 Warren High graduate and a former student at Cerritos College, returned to Downey this week from his two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Dominican Republic Santo Domingo East Mission.

He will speak at the regular meeting of his home ward, the Downey First Ward, Sunday, March 26, at 10-45 a.m. The church is located at 10511 Paramount Blvd.

Steadman, the son of longtime Downey residents Gail and Jane Steadman, will be continuing his education at an undesignated college. His return reduces the number of Downey youth serving as missionaries for the Church to 16.

‘Kindergarten Round-up’ in April, May and June

DOWNEY—Kindergarten Round-up, early registration for children who plan to enter a Downey Unified School in September, will be held at the elementary schools during April, May and June.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 2, 2006. Proof of age must be presented at the time of registration. This may be done with a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or other legal document.

In addition, parents must bring evidence their child has received a physical examination and is current on their polio, red measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (DPT), hepatitis B, and mumps immunizations. Parents must also verify that the child has received the varicella immunization or a statement from a doctor stating that the child had chicken pox. Parents must provide the results of a Mantoux test for tuberculosis given within one year of entry to kindergarten (9/1/05). At the time of Kindergarten Round-up, parents must also bring to the school proof of residence in the District.

- Schools, addresses, dates, and times are as follows:
- *Alameda, 8613 Alameda Street, Monday, May 15
 - *Gallatin, 9513 Brookshire Avenue, Tuesday, May 16
 - *Gauldin, 9724 Spry Street, Monday, April 24
 - *Imperial, 8133 Imperial Highway, Wednesday, April 26
 - *Lewis, 13220 Bellflower Blvd., Monday, June 12
 - *Price, 9525 Tweedy Lane, Thursday, June 15
 - *Rio Hondo, 7731 Muller Street, Friday, June 9
 - *Rio San Gabriel, 9338 Gotham Street, Wednesday, May 17
 - *Unsworth, 9001 Lindsey Avenue, Thursday, April 27
 - *Ward, 8851 Adoree Street, Wednesday, June 7
 - *Williams, 7530 Arnett, Tuesday, June 13

For specific information about registration times, morning or afternoon sessions, and other areas of concern, call (562) 469-6500 and ask for your local school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, call (562) 469-6553.

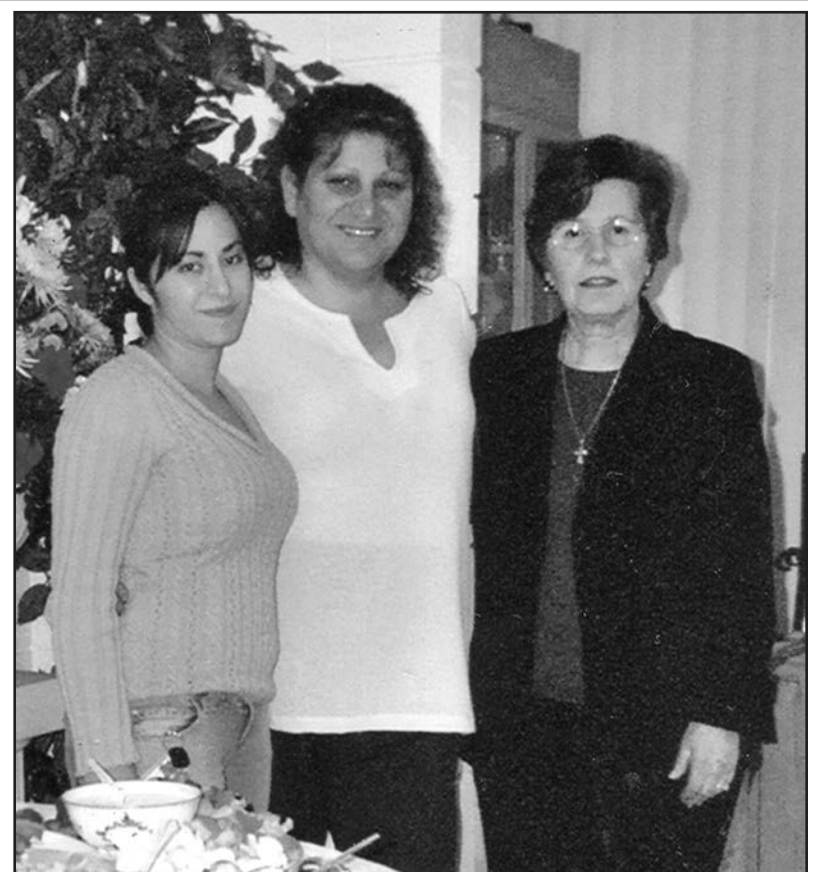
Victorian fashion show at Woman’s Club

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

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

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

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



THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY—Of St. George Greek Orthodox Church held its Annual Membership Luncheon Saturday, March 18 in the Church Center. The “lovely” affair was chaired by Ellie Karakirov and Maria Haleplidis. Photo shows, from left, Haleplidis, Karakirov, and Society president Georgia Efstathiou.

Honorees at 20th annual Amistad Gala

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation has named Charles Coniglio, AT&T, Salah Rubayi, M.D., and Richard Daggert as recipients of the Amistad Award, the highest honor bestowed by Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. The honorees will be saluted at the 20th annual Amistad Gala scheduled at the Westin Long Beach Hotel Saturday, April 29. Proceeds from the event will benefit outpatient services for patients with disabilities at the world-renowned rehabilitation center.

The black-tie evening will feature a cocktail reception, dinner dancing, entertainment and a live auction led by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe. The honorees are outstanding individuals and corporate partners who have demonstrated their support for, and commitment to, Rancho’s mission to provide high-quality health care services to individuals with disabling illnesses and injuries.

Another highlight of the gala will be “A Gathering of Heroes,” which will feature a reunion of Amistad Award honorees from the past two decades, across the Westin ballroom.

Coniglio, a longtime Rancho supporter and former president of the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, will receive the Individual Amistad Award. AT&T, a strong corporate supporter of Rancho’s work, will receive the Amistad Community Service Award. Daggert, Rancho polio patient and volunteer who serves as president of the Post Polio Support Group and the Amigos Fund, is scheduled to receive the Amistad Friend Award.

The co-chairs for the 20th annual Amistad Gala are Carmen O. Perez and Debbie Tomlinson.

Individual Amistad tickets are priced at \$175, and tables are \$1,750. Corporate sponsorships are still available. For information /reservations, call Yolanda James at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, (562) 401-7053.

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Cerritos College Transformation Nears First Milestone
Science Building’s Opening This Summer Marks First Completed

“We are making headway in realizing our implementation plan for use of bond funding. Planning is a critical component of any implementation of a bond measure. We have developed project scopes, budgets, schedules and standards to maintain a high level of quality and to achieve ‘economy-of-scale savings’ as the projects are built. This foundational work, while time consuming, has been invaluable in setting priorities and an implementation timeline for the various projects.”

— **Dr. Noelia Vela**
Cerritos College President



“There has been a great deal of participation and involvement in the planning stage at Cerritos College as compared to other colleges—planning of key factors such as development of standards, attention to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements and the need for an EIR (environmental impact report). This intense planning and foresight will result in valuable dividends to the college later.”

— **Deborah Shepley, A.I.A. and campus architect from tBP/Architecture**

- New complex boasts of a total of nine new chemistry and biology labs, six lecture halls and state-of-the art equipment.
- The college strategically eliminated aspects of the building, after the initial bid process which was considerably over budget, to preserve. Subsequent bond funding allowed inclusion of those key features to ensure students have the best learning opportunity in the highly specialized learning facility.
- Approximately one-third of the facility’s budget was supported by the bond; \$20 million was provided by the state to replace the existing science facility.
- Since the fall of 2004, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees unanimously approved adaptations to building plans because of their commitment to excellence and to ensure the building had what students and faculty needed.
- Cerritos College has learned from sister colleges throughout the state who experienced false starts and unnecessary expense in bond construction due to lack of planning in the early stages.
- This summer will see a flurry of activity as the seismic retrofit and renovation on the metals and woodworking buildings is completed and as work is started to replace the college’s track and football field. Other transformation projects will follow, including a new child development center, partial funding will come from the state; expanded parking areas; a modified fine arts complex; state-of-the-art classrooms and labs; and a redesigned “front door” of the college, with street-accessible vehicle loading and unloading areas.
- At this time, the second-phase sale of \$35 million worth of bonds, which will fund upcoming projects, is scheduled for fall 2006. The first bond sale of \$37.6 million occurred in July 2004.



Cerritos College
 www.cerritos.edu



MYSTERY NOVELIST—Robert S. Levinson is scheduled to speak and sign books at the Downey City Library Tuesday, April 4 as part of a National Library Week celebration. His short stories are frequently cover-featured in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* and *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*.

Good Shepherd School open house

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

You will enjoy a free hot dog supper, then a tour of the classrooms is conducted. Good Shepherd, with K-8th grade, has served Downey and surrounding areas since 1956. Small class size, excellent academics, and before and after school care are offered with a strong home-school partnership, according to Principal Nancy Rueter. Good Shepherd School is an educational ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

For more information, call 803-4918.

Mystery novelist to speak at city library

DOWNEY—Robert S. Levinson, an award-winning novelist and producer, will speak and sign books at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 in the Cormack Room, as part of a National Library Week celebration. The free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

Levinson's career includes over 30 years as a newspaper reporter, television producer and public relations professional, working with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry. His mystery books (*The Elvis & Marilyn Affair*, *The John Lennon Affair*, *Hot Paint/The Andy Warhol Affair*, to name just a few) feature an "insider view" of the arts and entertainment world. A new thriller of his, *Where the Lies Begin*, will be published in May. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

For reservations, call the Adult Information desk, 904-7360 ext. 32.

Wescom Insurance grand opening

DOWNEY—Wescom Insurance Services, a full service agency offering competitive rates from the nation's top insurers on auto, homeowners, life and health insurance, will have its grand opening/ribbon cutting Wednesday, March 29 from 4-5:30 p.m. Its Downey office is located at 10222 Lakewood Blvd. (major cross street is Florence Ave.), site of the former Lopez Insurance Agency.

For information, call Maria Guerra at (800) 392-2505.

World of Decor official opening April 1

DOWNEY—Located at 11111 Florence Ave./Studebaker Rd. in Downey, World of Decor, in collaboration with the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will celebrate its grand opening/ribbon cutting Saturday, April 1 at noon.

Featured will be a special performance by the world-famous Commodores, an appearance by the Los Angeles Lakers Cheerleaders, and more, including cuisine catered by a world-recognized chef.

For information, call (562) 923-2191.

Spring boutique at Christ Lutheran

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

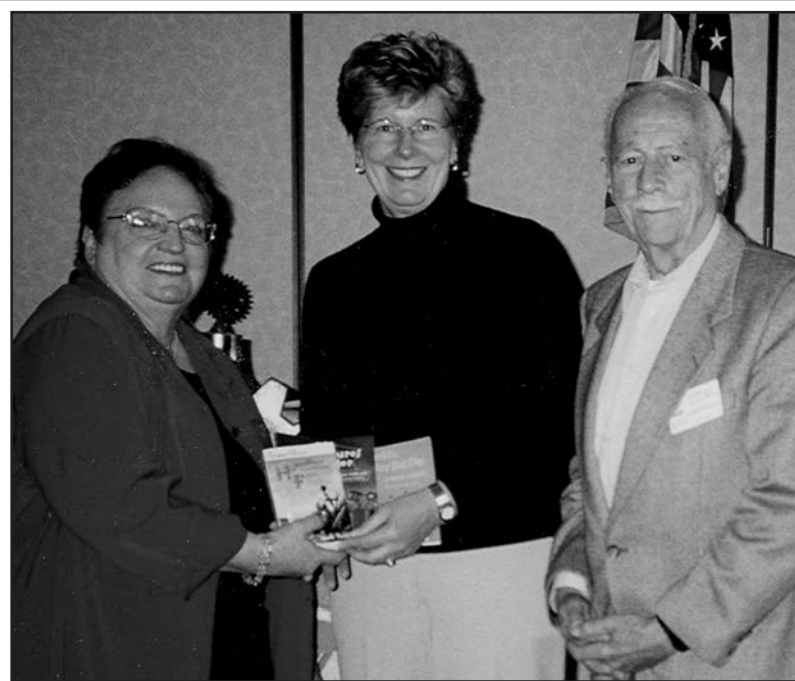
Vendors will be providing items such as crafts, jewelry, baked goods, scrapbooking, etc. for sale.

There is no admission charge and parking is free.

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

Granata's to host benefit golf tournament

DOWNEY — Granata's Italian Villa will be hosting its third annual golf tournament to benefit Gangs Out of Downey on June 28. Sign-ups are being taken at Granata's, 11032 Downey Ave.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNEY—Presented over 600 books to the city of Downey's Aspire Program. Aspire is an after school program for information, recreation and education. It serves 850 children everyday. Pictured are, from left, Rotary president Carol Pearce, Social Services manager Angie Avery, and Rotarian Harold Tseklenis. For information on Rotary, call Pearce at 622-1425.

Downey Police and Fire bowling party

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

The foundation was founded for the protection of Downey police officers and firefighters injured in the line of duty.

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



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Ever the professional, she runs a tight ship, keeps a clean and safe kitchen and is noted for her cool headedness. She once stood off an attack by bees while she was serving breakfast outside the cafeteria.

In other action Tuesday the Board:

*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector including photo supplies and services worth \$950 from Mike Comair for "Look Alike Day" at Gaudin School; a cash donation of \$4,879 for field trips and admissions for Gaudin students from the Gaudin PTA; a cash donation of \$1,000 for staff development at Price Elementary from the Pacific Life Foundation; a cash donation of \$637 for school enrichment at Sussman Middle School from Washington Mutual; A Study Carrel, computer table, projector, three computers and three monitors valued at \$3,000 for classroom use at Wrest Middle School from Jay Webster; floral arrangements valued at \$525 for Columbus High School from Kathleen Succa and Storm Force, plus many smaller but no less valued gifts.

*Approved expenses for travel and registration fees for convention and conference attendance.

*Approved payment for services for special education placement.

*Approved purchase orders by the Purchasing Department.

*Ratified the issuance of payroll orders for hourly, Overtime, Civic Center work by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for January.

*Ratified an agreement with Dale Scott & Co. for continued disclosure of tax exempt bond financing.

*Ratified an agreement with the trustees of CSU-Long Beach to provide field placements of university students at DUSD TLC Family Resource Center to provide clinical work (internships).

*Approved an agreement for appraisal services by Doznanski & Co.

*Ratified a contract for audit work by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., for fiscal years 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 for independent audit work as required by the state education code, with maximum fees not to exceed \$42,600, \$44,700 and \$46,800.

*Approved an agreement with Vavrinek, Trine and Day for review and analysis of bond related expenditures.

*Authorized the advertising for bids for fencing work in the estimated annual amount of \$300,000 to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved change order #1 to a purchase order for roof repairs, replacement and asbestos abatement for the District Warehouse, with FC & Sons Roofing of Bell Gardens in the increased sum of \$10,375, to be charged to Deferred Maintenance.

*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCuullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$109,264 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

*Accepted as complete Backhoe work projects by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$32,039, to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey for the sum of \$59,263 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete metal roof panel work on the stadiums by Best Roofing & Waterproofing of Gardena in the sum of \$170,828 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric in the sum of \$77,406 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete roof repairs, and asbestos abatement control by FC & Sons of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$242,074 to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.

*Approved the use of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District bid for warehouse paper stock on an as needed basis.

*Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund Restricted Budget to reflect decrease in the Fund Balance.

*Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund Unrestricted Budget to reflect decreases in Fund Balance.

*Approved the sale of surplus personal property and abatement of income to the General Fund.

*Ratified the establishment of one new position corresponding to the current classification of Instructional assistant computer applications, assigned to Rio Hondo School 17 hours a week, effective March 15.

*Reviewed proposed revisions to the schedule of Board meetings.

*Approved appointment of the following select members to the District "7-11" Committee; Angie Avery, Robert Becker; Donna Boose; Kevin Condon; James Northcott; Patty Northcott; Tracy Riley; Orlandus Waters; Buck Weinfurter; and Paul Yokota.

The next public meeting of the School Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday April 11 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



REV. DR. RICHARD R. KURRASCH—Will be installed by Downey Memorial Christian Church as its Senior Minister Sunday, March 26, as part of their regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Memorial Christian to install senior minister

DOWNEY—Downey Memorial Christian Church will be installing Rev. Dr. Richard R. Kurrasch as its Senior Minister Sunday, March 26, as part of their regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Dr. Kurrasch, who grew up in Southern California, attended UC-Riverside for his undergraduate studies, received his Master of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary at the Graduate School of the Church of the Brethren and his Doctor of Ministry degree from the Claremont School of Theology. In over 25 years of ministry, he has served congregations in Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Hawaii and California.

Downey Memorial Christian Church, associated with the Christian Church-Disciples of Christ denomination, celebrates Holy Communion each week as part of their 10:30 a.m. services. The church is located at 8441 Florence Ave., one block west of Brookshire Ave., phone no. (562) 869-7291. The church welcomes everyone.

Healing Field opens in Downey April 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The poets' corner

What of Time

What of time wasted?
Is there a dump
at the edge of town
where time is recycled
and sold secondhand?

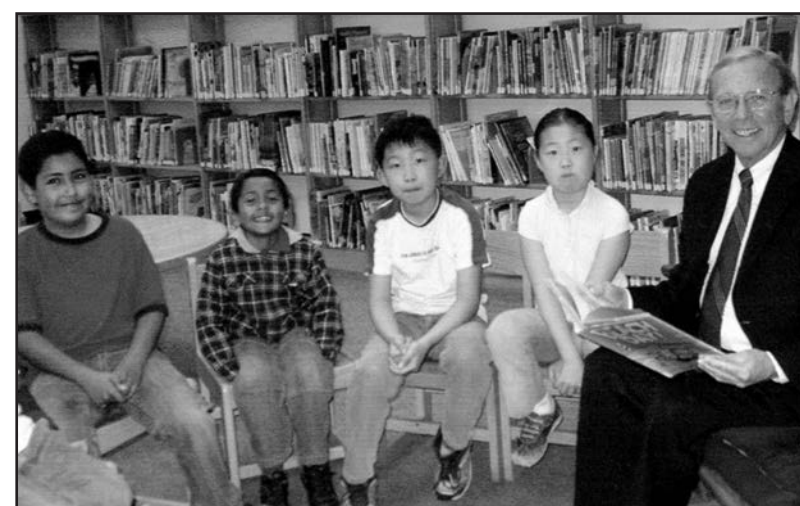
What of time spent?
what is purchased?
Does its value increase?
Is it kept in a vault?

What of borrowed Time?
From whom do you borrow
and when do you borrow
and when must you pay it back
and at what rate of interest?

What of time saved?
Can you go to the Time Bank
at the end of your life
and get it all back?

And if you could
Wouldn't you have to pay
a substantial penalty
for early withdrawal?

—Karen Meyer,
Desert Hot Springs
(former longtime Downey resident)



MAYOR MEREDITH PERKINS—Shares books with, left to right, Alejandro Alvarez, Pablo Alvarez, Isaac Song and Joy Song.

Mayor will read to children at library

DOWNEY—Preschoolers will have the opportunity to meet Mayor Meredith Perkins during a special storytime at the Downey City Library Tuesday, April 4 from 10:30-11 a.m. in the Cormack Room, as part of a weeklong celebration of National Library Week, April 2-8.

Children and their parents are invited to the free event. Mayor Perkins will read some of his favorite picture books for children ages 3-5. The preschool kids can make a special craft for the mayor, and parents are invited to take photos.

For additional information, contact Children's Services, 904-7360, ext. 4. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

TLC to hold 1-day super clothing sale

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District's True Lasting Connections (TLC), which provides a variety of support to DUSD's children and families, will conduct a one-day Super Clothing Sale fundraiser Wednesday, April 12 from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Griffiths Middle School, 9633 Tweedy Lane, Downey.

More than 3,000 items of new, name-brand clothing, coming in all sizes and styles and originally priced from \$20 to \$400, will be offered for sale. Sale prices will range from \$12 to \$30. You will be able to choose from children's, women's and men's items made by Ralph Lauren, Jones News York, Calvin Klein, DKNY, Liz Claiborne, Anne Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, XOXO, Rocca Wear, Phat Farm, Sean John, BCBG, and many more.

A fitting room will be available. For information, call (562) 469-6890.

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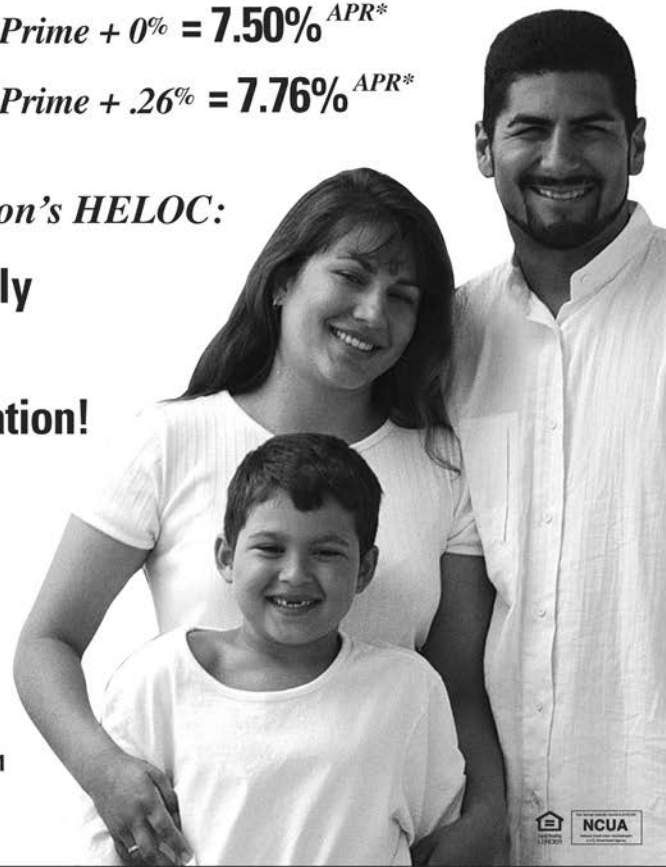


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Little public faith on terrorism, health

By John Adams

It is attributed to Mark Twain who one said that everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it! His thought might well fit today with replacement of the rainfall figure with the effort versus domestic terrorism.

I have before me a 260 page, 4-pound opus published by the federal Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, which states its purpose is as a reference guide for media.

Washington Calling!

Your dollar at work

A lot of federal money went into the creation of this book. Its chapters, following a brief introduction, include "Planning for the Unthinkable: Preparation and Response in Public Health," "Biological Agents," "Chemical Agents," "Radiation Emergencies," "Terrorism and the Food Supply," "Environmental Safety and Testing," "The Role of the Federal Government," "Self Care for Media," "Range of Public Reaction," "Risk Communications During a Terrorist Attack or Other Public Health Disaster," and "History of Biological, Chemical, and Radiation Emergencies."

Cover letter

A cover letter to those who may find use for the media guide assures me "The technical content in this guide was created and culled from a variety of federal and nonprofit sources and was reviewed by over 90 public health experts for technical accuracy. In addition, the guide was peer reviewed by former journalists for relevance and usefulness.

It includes information on how the federal government works in a public health emergency, potential public health hazards, technical threats, and self-care tips. The guide is offered also in a compact field version.

There seems to be a kind of cronyism here, however, as in the first chapter's extensive comment on the great achievements in this field, over small pox and polio, both of which have been virtually eradicated.

The journal is comprehensive, yes, but not necessarily with information a reporter might need most.

Some sections good

Later, the guide gets down to business on how a smallpox attack could unfold. And the biological agents section is a valued resource. Sub-chapters include the role of epidemiology, lab testing and national stockpiles.

But the recent handling of the syrum for public health protection versus bird flu makes such assurances dubious at best.

In wrap-up, I can look at this manual and tell myself someone is doing something. But there is little in it that really makes me (or you) safer. With the track record established by New Orleans and Louisiana storm disaster and the failure of public health and the administration to deal with it, the jury on the federal government (which we have grown so dependent on), is still out.

(Book or no book!)

Marco Firebaugh, ex-assemblyman, dies

Former state Assemblyman Marco Antonio Firebaugh, who represented southeast Los Angeles County, including Downey, from 1998 to 2004, died Tuesday. He was 39.

Firebaugh died from liver failure and complications from the flu at UCLA Medical Center, his office said in a statement. He was reportedly surrounded by family and friends.

Firebaugh represented Downey for six years in the Assembly, the final two as majority floor leader.

Born Oct. 13, 1966 in Tijuana, Mexico, he moved to the United States at age 1. He was raised by his single mother in El Monte and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Berkeley and a law degree from UCLA.

He wrote a 2002 law that allowed some illegal immigrants to attend California universities while paying in-state fees and authored legislation providing money to low-income communities most affected by air pollution.

He also tried unsuccessfully to make smoking in vehicles carrying young children illegal. The measure fell four votes short in the Assembly in 2004.

Firebaugh was running for the Democratic 30th Senate District this year, which covers part of southeastern Los Angeles County, including Norwalk but not Downey. Because his death occurred before March 30, his name is eligible to be removed from the ballot, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office.

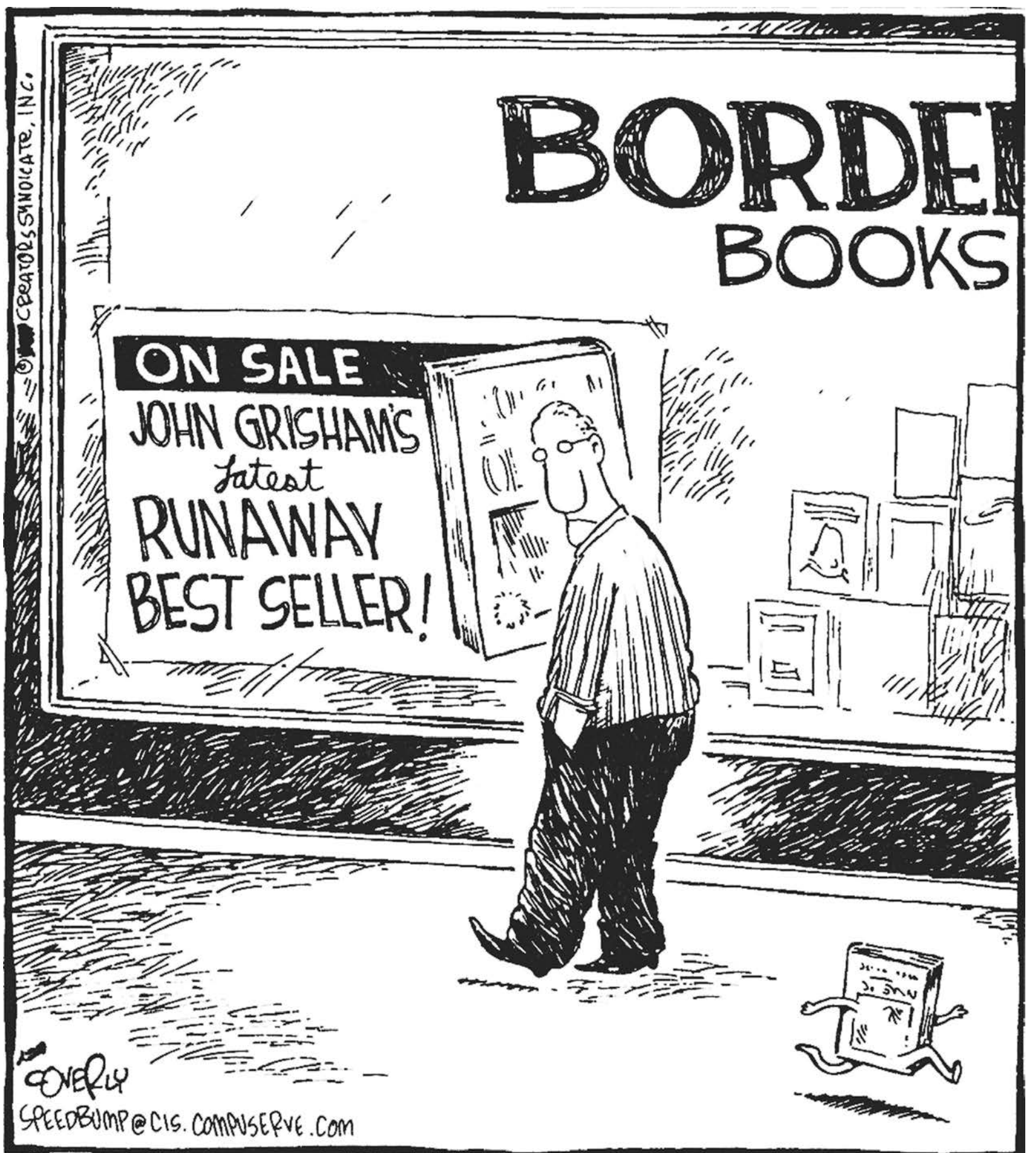
While in the Assembly, Firebaugh also led the California Latino Legislative Caucus. He was president of MAF Strategic Consulting Inc., a public affairs firm, and was a visiting professor at the UCLA School of Medicine.

Firebaugh is survived by two children, Ariana and Nicolas.

Labor and employment laws discussed

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

RSVP: (562) 923-2191.



Letters to the Editor

Takes issue with school district

Dear Editor:

I have lived in Downey my entire life and attended Downey schools. When I married, we bought a home in Downey so our children could receive the same wonderful education I did. At one time, I would have encouraged anyone to live in Downey and educate their children here. I would not do this now. My friends, who have special needs children in other districts (including LA), receive better services and more help than I have ever received for any of my children.

No money to educate our children? No money to buy classroom supplies? The teachers have to send home lists for things like pencils, paper, glue, tissues, etc., hoping the parents can help supply them. Next year they will receive \$100 for classroom supplies for the whole year!!! Although, there seems to be enough money for administrators to fly places and attend conferences! How much does the school district spend on legal fees because they didn't do their job? Perhaps some of this money could be used to actually educate our children and district officials could do the job they are hired for.

I have adopted three special needs children and have legal guardianship of another. Two are autistic, one diagnosed with pediatric bipolar disorder, and one with extreme anxiety. The \$4,000 I have spent in advocate fees would probably buy school supplies for several classrooms. This is not the final amount yet. We have several more meetings. This is money spent to force the school district to provide a free and appropriate education for our children. Mind you, not the best education, just free.

After three years of requesting help for our children, we finally had to hire an advocate at \$325 an hour to force the school district to provide services they should have provided all this time. We are not the only parents who have to resort to these measures to have our children educated. There are many parents who fight this same battle every day. All this on top of dealing with special needs children.

This is your tax money at work. Parents are forced to hire someone to make one of the highest paid school districts in California to do what they are required to do. The district will promise you anything, such as transportation, and not follow through. The ironic part is that when it is all done, they then have to pay all the legal fees. How many classroom supplies would that buy?

The staff and teachers at my children's school have been fantastic. They have done as much as they could do without the support of the district office.

—Ellen Arbuckle,
Downey

Letters to the editor should be sent to The Downey Patriot, 11525 Downey Ave., Suite A, Downey, CA 90241 or by e-mail to downeypatriot@yahoo.com. Letters must include a full name and address to be considered for publication.

Farewell for Chambers' Devereux

DOWNEY—Zenzi Devereux is retiring from her position as office manager for the Downey Chamber of Commerce. She has served the chamber for the past 22 years.

An open house will be held in her honor at the chamber offices, 11131 Brookshire Ave., on Thursday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who wish to visit with her and say goodbye are encouraged to RSVP at 923-2191.

Finds remarks offensive

Dear Editor:

As a retired, thirty-four year veteran teacher and administrator with the Downey Unified School District, may I say how offended I was to read in the Long Beach Press-Telegram the remarks of a District administrator regarding the "concern" about three of Downey schools' whose API scores were lower than the other schools in the District?

I don't understand what the purpose or need was to name the particular schools. What exactly does that "concern" embrace? Does it mean that the District administrators are not pleased with the teachers and administrators of those schools? What does that "concern" say to the parents of the children who attend the three schools? Why was there no mention of the 24/7 effort given by teachers and administrators to the education of all children within the District? Why was there no mention that teachers and principals throughout the district continually review and monitor all learning programs for all of its children?

Seems to me that some District administrators need a course in sensitivity and support for those who labor on behalf of our children.

—Gary Hearty,
Los Angeles

A word of thanks

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the San Antonio Guild I would like to thank you for putting our story in the Downey Patriot (Letters to the Editor, March 10). It is people like you and your newspaper that make a difference in the lives of our precious children.

Thank you again.
—Leora Leon,
Downey

TRAVELOGUE

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Refuge is a natural hotspot bursting with wildlife? Nearby we observe the age-old ritual the giant loggerhead turtle coming back to the beach to lay its eggs.

The Everglades National Park, one of the most unusual in the country, is the place to visit for natural wonders. Alligators and crocodiles are king here along with hundreds of other species of wildlife. The drive over the bridges of the Florida Keys is a spectacular display of colorful water and sand. Along the way we scuba dive with sharks, catch giant tarpon, film the endangered Key Deer, kayak through mangroves, and take an ultralight flight. Our journey ends in quirky Key West with a trip to the beautiful Dry Tortugas.

The East Coast contains many natural wonders that most people are not aware of, come along for the ride!

Tickets for "Natural Wonders Of The Southeast Coast: Virginia Beach to Key West" may be purchased on the day of performance only at the Downey Theater Box Office beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Cash or check will be the only payment methods accepted. For more information, call the Downey Theater Box Office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Other films remaining in the 2005-2006 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series are: April 9, "Along The Continental Divide," and April 23, "Inside Ireland."

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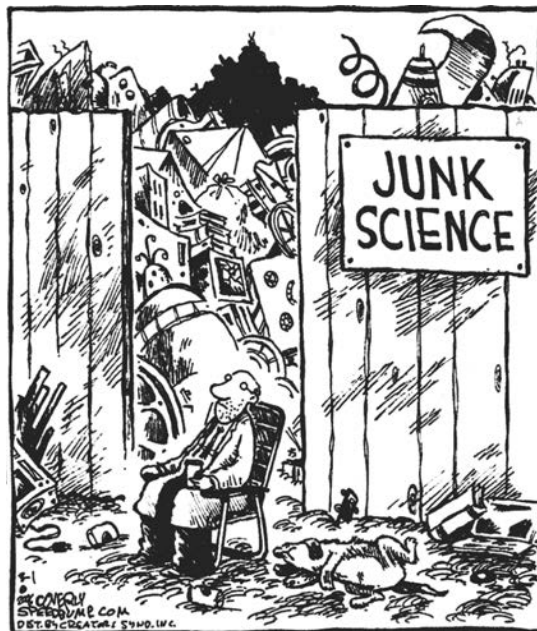
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Sat. Mar. 25, 8:00 p.m.: **Downey Symphony Orchestra** in concert conducted by Thomas Osborn at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. For tickets and information call 403-2944.
 Sun. Mar. 26, 2:30 p.m.: **"National Wonders of the East Coast"** filmed and narrated by John Holdo for the Armchair Adventure Travelogue series at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call 861-8211.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
 9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church Call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Carol Pearce at 622-1425.
 12:00 p.m.: **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
 3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
 Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
 6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
 2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
 3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

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

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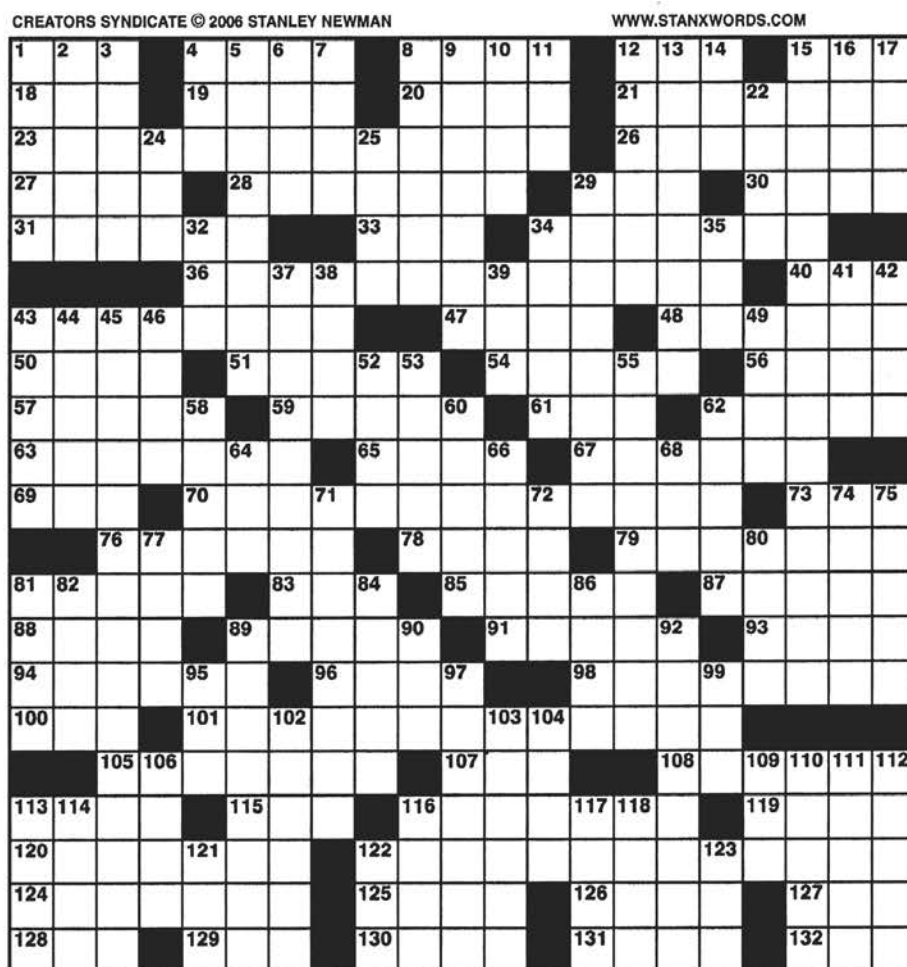
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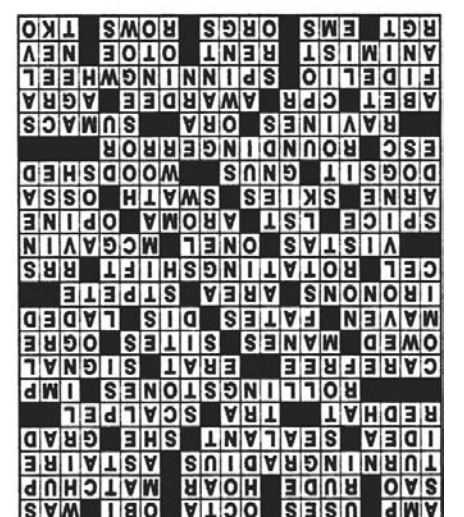
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 - Top Hat* star
 - Mental flash
 - Leak stopper
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 - Beethoven opera
 - Yarn-making device
 - Believer in souls
 - Business expense
 - Western Indian
 - Carson City's loc.
 - Mil. unit
 - Bad ___ (German spa)
 - Assns.
 - Tolls in a galley
 - Ref's declaration
- DOWN**
- Up and about
 - Bea Arthur sitcom
 - Studied, with "over"
 - Swiss canton
 - Arthur C. Clarke novel
 - Barely beat
 - Blood fluids
 - "Rats!"
 - Nickels and dimes
 - Lacking slack
 - ___ gratia artis
 - Certain Cornhusker
 - Lacking foundation
 - Addams Family* cousin
 - Muslim ascetic
 - Subtle glow
 - Hotfooted it
 - Pound enclosure
 - "Uh-uh!"
 - Word form for "height"
 - From Falkirk
 - Sandy's bark
 - Strait-laced
 - Air-pump letters
 - Stem protrusion
 - Actress Olin
 - HS yearbook section
 - Stable female
 - Said "no contest," perhaps
 - Humorous
 - In the know
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The central Swiss canton of Uri (4 Down) was the home of legendary 14th-century archer William Tell. Bill the GOAT (49 Down) is the official mascot of the U.S. Naval Academy. HOOSEGOW (92 Down) is derived from the Spanish "jugo," meaning "juice."



Clean comedian and music at local church

DOWNEY – Abundant Hope Christian Center will be presenting an evening of music and comedy on Saturday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Comedian Nick Arnett and Downey's own musical star, Sebastian Sidi, will headline the special event at the church, 10335 Florence Ave.

"Everyone is invited to bring their families and friends," said Pastor Glenn Koons. "There are no gimmicks, the evening will not be churchy, just clean family fun and jokes that won't embarrass anyone, plus some really great music," he continued.

The event is free. Lattes and coffee will be served following the performances. For information, call 928-8651 or 413-6392.

Red Skelton tribute OASIS program

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's OASIS program at 4 p.m. Monday, March 27 will be "A Tribute to Red Skelton."

Jim Jackson, who has a background in puppetry, cartooning and stand-up comedy and is a member of both the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, portrays the great comedian. His presentations include stories, pantomimes, sight gags, jokes, and characters from the life and experiences of Red Skelton, whose career spanned more than 70 years of dispensing wholesome laughter in vaudeville, radio, motion pictures and television.

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

'Quality of Light' opens at Playhouse

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

Told through the eyes and art of an ancient painter, Esme, it is the story of Claire, a divorced American woman who comes to St. Paul de Vence to find solace in the aftermath of the death of her teenaged son. During her stay she chances to meet Jack, a man 10 years her junior, with whom she spends an intensely emotional, sometimes comical, dangerously revealing 48 hours.

For tickets/information, call (562) 494-1014 (Option 1), or visit www.lbph.com.



PHILLY'S BEST NOW OPEN – Nick Adams (right) and his brother, George, have announced the opening of Philly's Best, an authentic cheesesteak and hoagie shop at Downey Landing, 12008 Lakewood Blvd. All ingredients used are direct from Philadelphia, even the rolls. For information, call 803-1314.

'Move Over, Mrs. Markham' presented

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

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Philly's Best ribbon cutting March 28

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

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

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Pioneer announces skilled surgeon here

DOWNEY—Pioneer Medical Group has proudly welcomed Dr. Laoko Mandal as the new general surgeon to its Downey Medical Office Building.

Dr. Mandal attended Dartmouth College in New Hampshire for his undergraduate studies and Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington for graduate and Medical School. He completed his general surgery fellowship, surgical oncology fellowship and his transplantation surgery fellowship at the John Hopkins Hospital in Maryland. Dr. Mandal has extensive training as a surgical oncologist and transplantation involving the liver, kidneys, and pancreas.

In addition to working at the Downey Medical Office Building, Dr. Mandal has privileges at Downey Regional Medical Center Hospital, St. Mary's in Long Beach, Lakewood and Little Company of Mary in San Pedro.



JENNIFER LUMSDAINE—An attorney with the firm of Tredway, Lumsdaine and Doyle, has joined the Rotary Club of Downey. From left, Matthew Kinley, Lumsdaine, Rotary president Carol Pearce, and inducting officer Dr. Dan Fox. For information on Rotary, contact Pearce at (562) 622-1425.

Sertoma Club meeting goes to the dogs

DOWNEY—The Downey Sertoma Club has invited Jeanne Glass and her dog, Juno, to their Tuesday, March 28 meeting at 6 p.m. at Baker's Square, cor. Paramount and Imperial in Downey, to demonstrate the abilities of hearing alert service dogs and discuss hearing aid technology.

Hearing alert dogs perform an invaluable service to deaf and to hearing-disabled people which allows them to live a more independent life. A special bond exists between the dogs and their owners. Juno has recently recovered from two consecutive surgeries for his legs/hips but will be able to accompany Jeanne to the meeting to perform a demonstration. The public is invited to the meeting.

'Relay for Life' seeks all cancer survivors

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

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

Organizers say you can make a difference in this fight by volunteering your services in the upcoming Relay for Life. If interested, or you wish more information, or you need to find out how you can get involved, you are urged to call Downey Adult School's Bernice Madariaga at (562) 940-6213, or the American Cancer Society's Downey Rio Hondo Unit at (562) 776-0201.

DowneyLINK services for residents

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Warren rallies to overtake Downey

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – It's O.K. to exhale now. Really. The game is in the books after the Warren Bears rallied from four runs down to win in their last at-bat against their cross-town rival Downey Vikings 6-5 on Tuesday.

Behind solid pitching and timely hitting after being down early in the battle, the Bears managed to claw their way back into the game and score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to steal a win from the Vikings.

Warren first baseman Marco Egurvide delivered the deathblow to Downey in the bottom of the seventh with two runners on and one out. Earlier in the inning, Warren pitcher Richard Melendrez hit a base hit, and then moved into scoring position after outfielder Jack Shuldt lined a base hit into center field. This set the table for Egurvide who promptly lined a 1-2 count fastball into left field scoring Melendrez from second base.

With their hero in sight, the Warren dugout erupted on to the field and swarmed Egurvide as he was on his way back to the dugout to celebrate with his fellow teammates.

The Warren first baseman went 2 for 4 in the game with two base hits, one of them driving in the game winning run. Third baseman Kyle Saul also added to the fireworks, going 3 for 4 with two base hits, one home-run, and a stolen base.

Egurvide's heroics should not overshadow the clutch pitching of pitcher Melendrez. Warren pitcher Abe Carasco started the game and found problems early with his control. He lasted two innings and allowed Downey's five runs, three of them from homeruns by Downey designated hitter Alex Arellano, a solo shot, and outfielder Jeff Garcia, a two-run homer. After a quick exit, Melendrez came in to pitch five shutout innings, only allowing one more Vikings base runner the rest of the game.

"I wanted to keep the ball low and away from hitters," Melendrez said. "My command felt great today. Cutter felt great, fastball, inside, outside, it all fell into place."

Melendrez entered the game in the third inning with bases loaded, and managed to get out of a jam. Downey's Arellano hit a come-backer to Melendrez who then forced the runner coming home. While trying to turn the double play, Warren catcher Alfonso Gonzalez threw the ball into right field, allowing Downey's last run to score. Melendrez then got Downey outfielder Jamil Acosta to ground into an inning-ending 4-6-3 double play. The rest of the way, Melendrez was on cruise control.

Downey pitcher Joey Zrinzo pitched six strong innings but was banged up in the bottom of the fourth inning when he allowed three runs to score. Acosta relieved Zrinzo in the bottom of the seventh where he gave up the game-winning run.

"We didn't play very well today," said Downey Coach Jess Gonzalez. "After three innings we stopped playing. They threw strikes and made some great plays."

Warren (2-0) is now on top of the San Gabriel Valley League. The Bears travel to Long Beach today where they will face last year's champion Gahr Gladiators, game time at 3 p.m. Downey fell to 0-1 in league play and face the Paramount Pirates today at Downey beginning at 3 p.m.



CELEBRATION—Warren players celebrate after rallying from four runs down to beat Downey 6-5 on Tuesday.

Downey, Warren softball both struggle

DOWNEY—Downey and Warren High Schools were both shut out in separate softball games this week.

Downey lost to visiting St. Joseph 1-0 in a nonleague matchup. The Vikings were held to just three hits in seven innings.

Meanwhile, Warren never recovered after allowing eight runs in the first inning to La Serna in a 8-0 loss. The Bears will be part of the Northwood Tournament to be played today, March 24.

Warren tennis stays perfect in league

DOWNEY—Warren improved to 2-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League when Domenico Vivirito swept three sets from the No. 1 singles position.

The doubles teams of Daniel Ahn and Ryan Cardova and No. 2 Andrew Chang and Jay Jabber also were victorious.

Warren golfers can't keep up with Gahr

DOWNEY—Warren found out first hand why Gahr High School's golf team is undefeated.

Gahr, behind a 1-under-par 34 by Tommy Lee and John Moon who shot a 36, beat Warren 181-208 at La Mirada Golf Course to stay a perfect 8-0.

Warren trails Gahr in the San Gabriel Valley League standings.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE—Was held March 12 for Eunice M. Swartley, 90, in Fort Bragg, CA.

Memorial service held for Max O. Hogue, 87

DOWNEY—A memorial service officiated by Pastor Tim Timmons of the Embers Fellowship was held on March 23 for Max O. Hogue, a 48-year resident of Downey, who was born in Bluffton, Indiana and passed away at home on March 16. He was 87.

He graduated with a B.S. degree in education from Ball State University in 1941. He was an Army Captain and veteran of WWII. He worked as credit manager for RCA before retiring in 1986. He was president of the Credit Managers Association of Southern California and a member of its Zebra fraternity. He served as well on the board of directors, and was vice president, of the National Association of Credit Management.

He is survived by son John Hogue; daughter Rebecca Hogue; and grandsons Jeffrey and Gregory Hogue.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park following services. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handled arrangements.



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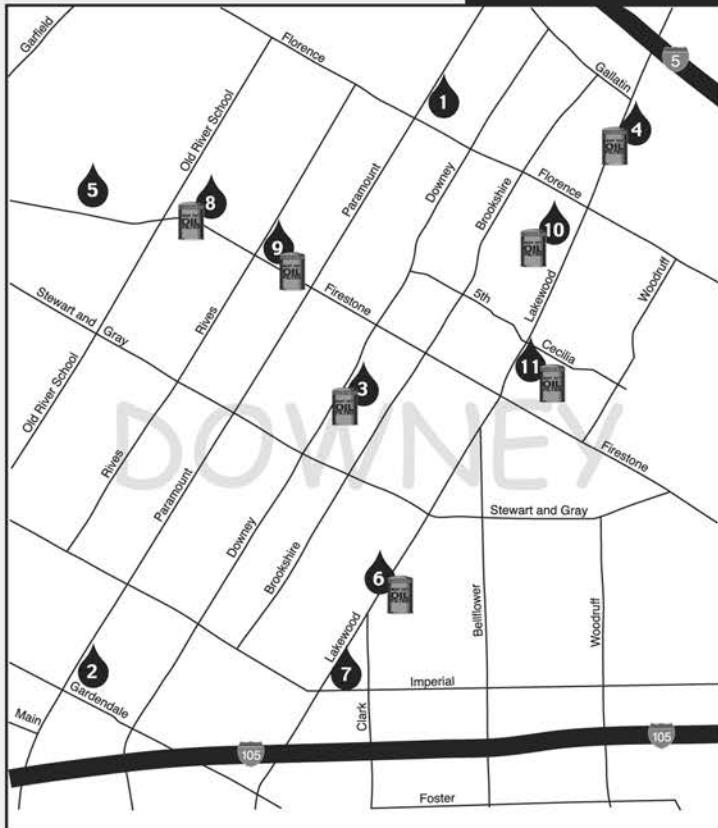
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Eunice M. Swartley, 90, worked for library

DOWNEY—Former Downey resident Eunice M. Swartley, who was employed for a time at the Downey City Library until she retired at age 69, died on Feb. 28 after a short illness in Fort Bragg, CA. She had moved there to be near her daughter and son-in-law. She was 90.

She was born Nov. 12, 1915 to parents George and Florence Rose in Los Angeles, where she spent her childhood and most of her early adult life. She met her future husband, Nelson L. Swartley, while both worked at Sheets Candy Company in Los Angeles. They married in 1939, making their home in Downey and together enjoyed 60 years of marriage before his death in 2000.

Eunice began college at age 49, graduating at age 60, with a degree in library science. She then worked for the Downey City Library. After her retirement in 1969, she enjoyed membership in book clubs and served as a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. She moved to Fort Bragg in 2004.

She is survived by two children, Georgia Thorpe and her husband, Dave; and Nelson S. Swartley and his wife, Win.

A Celebration of Life was held at the family home of Georgia and Dave Thorpe in Fort Bragg at 2 p.m. on March 12.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the League of Women Voters, Educational Fund, P.O. Box 1128, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, or to the Redwood Farm at Redwood Elementary School, 324 South Lincoln Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Private inurnment was arranged by Chapel by the Sea, Fort Bragg.

Services held for Ann Georgianna

DOWNEY—Services were held on March 24 at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary for Downey resident Ann Georgianna, who was born in New Jersey July 28, 1910 to Antonio and Filomena Giorgianni, and passed away in the city of Anaheim on March 18. She was 95.

She emigrated to California in 1929, and was an avid member of the Four Square Church in Santa Fe Springs.

She is survived by her brothers Orlando and Anthony Georgianna; nephew Stephen Brooks; and many nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Volunteers needed for Rancho Gift Shop

DOWNEY—The Rancho Gift Shop, a major source of income for the Amigos Fund which has provided funding for physical, social and recreational services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center since 1954, is in dire need of volunteers to work in the shop.

The shop is looking for anyone who can volunteer for a minimum of four hours each week. For information, contact Marty Krumm, manager, at (562) 401-7667 or (562) 401-7218.



ELVIE M. ARIAS—Was given a memorial service on Jan. 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Downey which she and her late husband attended. She died at her home in Downey on Jan. 24.

Elvera M. Arias memorial service

DOWNEY—A memorial service was held on Jan. 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Downey for Elvera (Elvie) M. Arias, who was born Feb. 25, 1918 of Finnish immigrants, Lydia and Samuel Kauppila, in Rocklin, CA, and died at her home in Downey surrounded by her family on Jan. 24.

She graduated from Roseville High School in Roseville, CA in 1935 and married Joseph M. Arias on May 14, 1939. They moved to Downey in 1954 and were active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Downey until their deaths.

She is survived by her five children: sons Jeffrey, Neal and Steven Arias; daughters Linda Arias Fox and Nancy Arias; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; sister Bertha Conrad; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for area

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

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Downey students make Dean's list

DOWNEY—The following Downey students recently made the Dean's List at Azusa Pacific University, a comprehensive, Christian, evangelical university which has been featured in *TIME* magazine and ranked as "one of the nation's best" by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*:

*Maribel Munoz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Munoz of Downey, is a psychology major;

*Brianna A. Huff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick W. Huff of Downey, is a Warren High alumna and a psychology major;

*Jamie Blankman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Blankman of Downey, is a liberal studies major; she is a graduate of Carl Sandburg High School;

*Jennifer N. Pillow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Pillow of Downey, is a liberal studies major; she is a graduate of Ramona Convent Secondary School;

*Jamie N. Coulson, daughter of Mrs. Jeff Coulson and a graduate of Calvary Chapel High, is an art major.

The students are being honored for a fall semester 2005 academic standing of 3.5 or better grade-point average. To reach the university/for information, call (800) 825-5278, or visit www.apu.edu.



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Spring Vacation Day Camp set April 17-21

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

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'Pilates Bodies' debuts at DRMC

DOWNEY—"Pilates Bodies" exercise classes for the community have begun at the Downey Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation and Wellness Center at 11420 Brookshire Ave. Certified Pilates instructor Marsha Wiersma teaches the classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 noon-1 p.m., and 6-7 p.m. in the Rehabilitation Gym.

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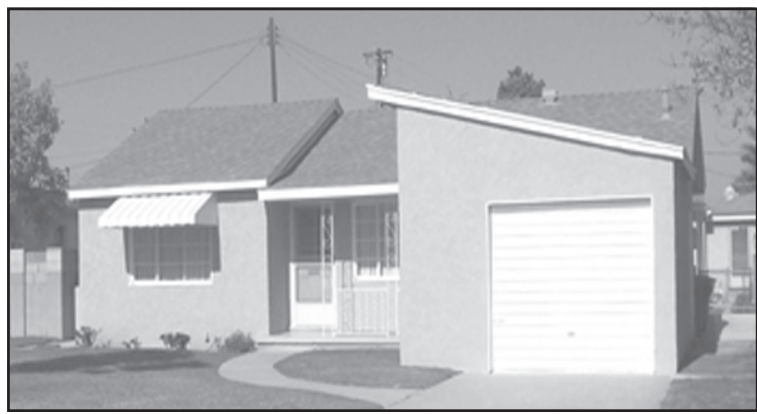
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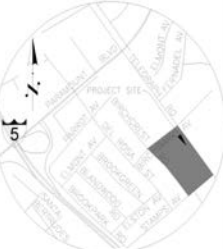
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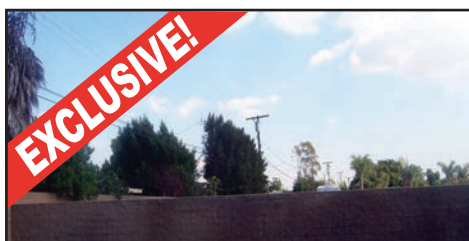
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