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Board advised to lease Pace

DOWNEY—The School District's Surplus Property Advisory Committee (commonly called the 7-11 Committee) has recommended that the best use of the Pace Elementary School property is not outright sale, but a joint use agreement with another school district. If such an agreement cannot be reached, a shorter term lease agreement, not to exceed 10 years, could act as a hedge in case enrollments stage a surprise turnaround in the future.

The Committee recommendation was supported by the testimony from a public hearing held previously to Tuesday's Board meeting.

In other action at Tuesday's meeting, the Board:

- Ratified payment of expenses for convention and conference attendance.
- Ratified the settlement of a claim with the District for \$64,000.
- Ratified purchasing orders per Board policy.
- Ratified payroll orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the month of March.
- Ratified an agreement between the Adult School Career Education Center and Centro Medico Guadalupano Para La Familia for practical experience in health sciences.
- Ratified a contract for 2005-06 for AFDC Data Processing Services with the Los Angeles County Office of Education.
- Approved a contract for services relating to mandated cost claims with Contracted Management Services and Consultants effective through June 30, 2006.
- Reduced the retention amount being held against a bid on modernization work at Unsworth by P.W. Construction of Glendora from 10 percent to 5 percent, per the Public Contract Codes.
- Approved a change order for work on Warren High School modernization rough carpentry by C&H Construction of Santa Ana in the increased sum of \$10,287 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved a change order on electrical work at Warren High School modernization by Master K Electric of Northridge in the increased sum of \$52,111 to be charged to the Bond Funds.
- Approved an adjustment of the 2005-06 Adult Education Fund Restricted Budget to reflect no change in fund balance for specified programs.
- Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Building Fund budget to reflect a decrease in fund balance for specified programs.
- Approved readjustment of the 2005-06 Capital Facilities Fund to reflect increases in balance for specified programs.
- Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 Capital Outlay Fund Budget to

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Stauffer applauded, judge is assailed

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District used the regular meeting Tuesday to thank Dr. Mary Stauffer and her foundation for the recent gift of more than \$100,000 in gym equipment—\$50,000 each to the new stadiums at Warren and Downey High School.

Barbara Samperi was absent from the Tuesday meeting due to the death of her aunt.

Board President Donald La Plante noted how Stauffer has never faltered in her willingness to help the schools once a need was established. The Board's Mark Morris agreed, as did Tod Corrin.

Martha Sodetani said she attended both the Golden Bear and Viking Awards, as well as the Volunteers Awards presentations by the Downey Coordinating Council.

Sodetani also mentioned the Kidsday celebration at Furman Park.

La Plante closed the comments with a verbal chastisement of the Alameda Judge whose recent ruling stymied the Exit Exams which would have changed graduations throughout California this year.

The exams were an assurance of achievement of 9th grade level to be passed by every 12th grader before they were granted a diploma.

Local students win in ROP competition

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District has proudly emerged from the Los Angeles County Office of Education "student recognition" competition with six local students winning medals.

The medalists were presented to the Board at its regular Tuesday meeting.

Students from 22 school districts competed. Winners were given cash awards and medals of gold, silver or bronze in the Olympic tradition.

Downey sent nine competitors to the March 8 event. Six received medals, including Richard Bernard (senior DHS) who won a gold medal in pharmacy technician; Elizavette Castillo (senior DHS) won a silver in Career Education; Alonah Merchant (senior DHS) a silver in Retail Sales; Silvia Geboiu (sophomore WHS) silver in Law Enforcement; Michelle Battbeschlag (senior WHS) won a silver in Health Occupations; and Arturo Montoya (senior WHS) a silver in Commercial Photography.

This is the best showing the DUSD has ever had in this county competition.



HALF WAY TO THE STARS?—The Downey Fire Department had its equipment on display as part of Kidsday Saturday, May 12. From this angle the long ladder seemed to stretch half way to the stars.



RECOGNIZED ON KIDSDAY—Honorees on Kidsday who were earlier inducted into the Kidsday Hall Of Fame were recognized on stage at Furman Park last Saturday. City Councilman Dave Gafin and Mayor Meredith Perkins officiated.

Adams honored by Coordinating Council

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—John Adams, Editor and Publisher of *The Downey Patriot*, was honored recently for Outstanding Community Service at the 52nd annual awards ceremony presented by the Downey Coordinating Council.

Adams was selected for this honor by the Downey Symphony in appreciation for his paper's generous inclusion of invaluable publicity for the orchestra's concert seasons and its numerous Music in the School programs.

His citation commented that Adams attends the symphony concerts where he "listens intelligently and then writes wonderful reviews that are informed, authoritative and warm... And for the community, he rescued

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JOHN ADAMS—With Downey Symphony Board members Larry Lewis, Harold Tsklenis and Bill Hare.

Statistical crime drop is noted

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The annual report of the Downey Police Department dated January 2006, with an introductory letter from Chief Roy Campos to the City Manager, Gerald Caton, notes that along with numerous crime statistics, there is an effort to capture the heart and accomplishment—the tradition that has been passed on to the present by department leaders who came before.

Measured by FBI Crime Index Statistics, Downey experienced a 6 percent decrease in crime from the year before. While confident in himself and his sworn officers, Campos keeps an eye to the weather and the many factors that cannot be controlled.

John Finch stepped down as Chief last year after six tumultuous years at the position. Finch could testify to the ups and downs of the unpredictable.

Highlights of the past year include:

- In July Downey detectives, in cooperation with investigators from the Recording Industry Association of America and Motion Picture Association of America, discovered sales of unauthorized pirate music CDs and DVD movies at the swap meet at Warren High School. The probe resulted in seven arrests and seizure of 328 DVD movies and 2400 music CDs. Several Downey detectives were honored with gold album plaques from RIAA and MPAA.

- In May 10 new members of the FBI Gang Task Force began training in Gang Recognition and Suppression in Downey. The training came from Downey detectives who are recognized experts.

- Since the late 1980s Downey Police's Narcotics Unit has had a close working relationship with FBI agents working narcotics cases. The close relationship continues today.

- In 2005 the Police Communications Center answered a total of 29,399 calls for service. Of these, over 98 percent were answered in under 16 seconds (four rings).

- In April, the Communications Center's telephone server was upgraded allowing the tracking of the number of incoming calls to the police business lines. From May 1 to Dec. 31 operators received over 111,000 calls to these business lines.

- The Department's Professional Standards Unit took an active role in internal audits, force incident reviews and personnel investigations. It also expanded into advanced officer training, necessitating the addition of a civilian training coordinator. A sergeant was added to carry out the functions of the unit under the direction of the Professional Standards Lieutenant.

- Professional Standards UNIT achievements last year included coordination of state mandated training of all sworn personnel below the rank of lieutenant. Advanced instruction in safe driving is included.

- Review of 74 force incidents involving officers shows that out of a total of 4,402 arrests in 2005 (up 202 from the previous year), less than 2 percent necessitated the use of force. Tasers were deployed in 19 percent of force incidents and proved an effective tool in reducing injuries.

- Training recommendations on several of the force incidents were reviewed. Circulated training bulletins informed personnel of recent changes to policy and law.

- Follow up audits were conducted in both the property room and MDC (Mobile Data Computer) to ensure compliance with policy.

- Under strict guidelines of POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) the Department began the recertification of its training manual. California law enforcement agencies are required to do this every two

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Character Counts

(This is the eighth in a series of winning student essays from each of the Downey Unified School District schools on the theme, "Character Counts.")

A person's life is like a garden

By Jesse Marciano,
3rd Grade, Maude Price Elementary

A person's life is like a garden. In their hearts is where kindness begins to grow.

Kind thoughts are the roots that are the key to kind words. When you think kind thoughts, you see nice pictures in your mind. They become nice words. The kind thoughts you think grow deep in the soil in your heart.

Kind words are the flowers, they make us say nice things, and make people smile at us. That makes you want to say more wonderful words.

Kind deeds are the fruits that make people want to help others, friends, and families. There are so many kind deeds you can do to grow more fruit in your garden.

My family does kind deeds. They donate to my school fundraisers. Another thing my family does is to give clothes that we don't need to the poor.

I have many kind things to do when I grow up. I plan to give money to a hospital to cure serious diseases. I also plan to care for my family.

Kind words and kind deeds are the best things for your garden. If you do these things it will make your life a beautiful garden.



RICHARD DAGGETT—(Second from left) is honored with Rancho Amistad Friend Award. Others in photo are, from left, Greg Thompson, MSW, LCSW, Rancho's Director of Social Work; Amistad Co-chair Debbie Tomlinson; and Amistad Master of Ceremonies Supervisor Don Knabe.

Rancho raises \$125K at annual Amistad gala

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation announced that its recent 20th annual Amistad Gala earned more than \$125,000 to benefit patients with disabling illnesses and injuries at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

A highlight of the black-tie affair was "A Gathering of Heroes," which commemorated the previous Amistad Award honorees. Thirty-six previous awardees were saluted in the special tribute, which included a 20th Anniversary video and the introduction of each previous honoree by the Master of Ceremonies, L.A. County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe.

More than 500 persons attended the event, which was held at the Westin Long Beach Hotel on April 29. Co-chairs for the Gala were Rancho Los Amigos Foundation Vice President Carmen O. Perez and Rancho's Director of Volunteer and Support Services, Debbie Tomlinson. Receiving Amistad Awards included:

•Downey resident Richard Daggett—*Amistad Friend Award*. Daggett came to Rancho in 1953 as a polio patient. He has served as president of the Polio Survivors Association since 1980, and was selected as Rancho's Volunteer of the Year in 1988. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Amigos Fund, Rancho's patient welfare fund, since 1980, and is currently the President of the Board. The late effects of polio have forced him into a wheelchair, but he continues to help other polio survivors, and to help Rancho.

•Charles Coniglio—*Amistad Individual Achievement Award*. Coniglio was honored for his 15 years of extraordinary service to Rancho and its patients. He served for many years on the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation Board, including two years as president of the board. His involvement with Rancho came as a result of a catastrophic injury to his son, Steven, who broke his neck in a high school wrestling accident and was told he would never walk again. But after several months of therapy at Rancho, Steven walked out of the hospital and has been walking and playing golf ever since.

•Renowned physician Salah Rubayi, M.D., F.I.C.S., F.A.C.S.—*Amistad Lifetime Achievement Award*. Dr. Rubayi is a world-renowned plastic surgeon who specializes in Pressure Ulcer Management. Under his leadership, Rancho has established an unmatched record in the treatment of pressure ulcers over the last 25 years. Pressure ulcers can be life-threatening to Rancho patients, whose immune systems have been compromised by disabling illnesses and/or injuries.

•AT&T—*Amistad Community Service Award*. AT&T and its predecessor companies have for two decades been a friend to Rancho and its patients, strongly supporting both the Amistad Gala and the Rancho Golf Classic. In 2005, for example, the company was the Title Sponsor for the golf event and AT&T's Mike Silacci served as a co-chair of the event.

VIP attendees included: Bruce Chernof, M.D., Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Services, Los Angeles County; legendary Rancho physician Jacquelin Perry, M.D.; Downey mayor Meredith Perkins; and Alan Korneff, CEO Downey Regional Medical Center.



KIDSDAY HALL OF FAMER—Mayor Meredith Perkins congratulates Mark Montero on his induction into the Kidsday Hall of Fame during the Kidsday festivities at Furman Park. An honor student for three consecutive years and a Stauffer Scholar, Mark is enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Education Program. Said to excel in sports, art, music and community service, he is Patrol Leader of the Hawks Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 2 in Downey. This is the second time that Mark has received the honor. The first was his induction as a 4th Grader in the Elementary School category.



SOBERING MESSAGE—Students at Downey High School were shown up close the potential consequences of drinking and driving.

Students see drunk driving consequences

DOWNEY—Students at Downey High School were shown this week, in a graphic way, a realistic view of the sometimes tragic consequences associated with drinking and driving.

A drunk driving collision re-creation was staged on Brookshire Ave. Wednesday. Juniors and seniors watched simulated emergency responses by police, fire, paramedic, ambulance and coroner/mortuary personnel.

The presentation, dubbed "Operation Prom Night," was a cooperative effort between the Downey Police Department, Downey Fire Department, Downey Unified School District, Downey Regional Medical Center and Miller Mies Mortuary.

"This presentation is a joint cooperative effort aimed at making students think twice about participating in alcohol related activities on Prom Night or any other time when they may be faced with making a decision whether or not to drink and drive," said Traffic Detective Rocio Gutierrez.

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A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – The Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George Greek Orthodox Church held their Annual Mother's Day Luncheon last Saturday, May 13, when they proclaimed Anna Tseklis their Mother of the Year. Tseklis was honored for her work with the church in addition to various community organizations. Pictured with Tseklis, left, is Georgia Efstathiou, President of the Philoptochos.

Arc's MacDonald is OASIS speaker

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's OASIS program at 4 p.m. for Monday, May 22 will feature Arc executive director Kevin MacDonald as he presents "Arc at Work in Your Community." Arc is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Dr. Flynn's piano entertainment starts things off at 3 p.m., while a full-course dinner is served at minimal cost at 5. Resource instructor Harriett Paine says there is no enrollment fee involved, and no preregistration.

There will be no class Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day). For more information, call 940-6200.

Stroke awareness seminar at hospital

DOWNEY—National Stroke Awareness Month in May provides an opportunity to raise awareness about preventing the often fatal and debilitating disease. Thus Downey Regional Medical Center and the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation will present a Stroke Awareness Seminar Tuesday, May 30 from 9-11 a.m.

Speakers for the event are neurologist Dr. Khalifa Mansour discussing "What is a stroke?", "Warning Signals," and "How to prevent a stroke"; and general/vascular surgeon Dr. Mark Minkes, sharing "What is a Carotid Endarterectomy and why do I need it?" Following their presentations, stroke screening, blood pressure and heart rate checks will be offered.

The seminar is free but registration is required and seating is limited. DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey. To register, call 904-5162.

Immanuel Church to host holiday picnic

DOWNEY – Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church, 9516 Downey Ave., is having its Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 29, starting at 11 a.m. and continuing until dusk.

Visitors can enjoy shish kebab dinners, Armenian pastries, entertainment and games. Everybody is invited.

For more information, call (562) 862-7012.

SCHOOL BOARD

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reflect increases in fund balance in specified programs.

- Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 County School Facilities Budget to reflect increases in fund balances in specified programs.
 - Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 County School Facilities Budget to reflect increases in fund balances in specified programs.
 - Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 County School Facilities Budget to reflect decreases in fund balances in specified program.
 - Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 Deferred Maintenance Fund restricted budget to reflect decreases in fund balance for specified programs.
 - Approved adjustment of the Deferred Maintenance Fund Unrestricted Budget to reflect a decrease fund balance in specified program.
 - Approved adjustment of the 3005-06 Dental Care Self-Insurance Fund to reflect a decrease in balance in specified programs.
 - Approved adjustment for 2005-06 General Fund Restricted Budget to reflect decreases in fund balance in specified areas.
 - Approved the adjustment in the 20o5 -06 General Fund Unrestricted Budget to reflect increases in specified fund balances.
 - Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 Health Care Self-Insurance Fund to reflect increases in specified fund balances.
 - Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Vision Care Self-Insurance Fund to reflect the decrease in fund balance in specified areas.
 - Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund Budget to reflect increases in fund balanced in specified programs.
 - Ratified routine items until subsequent action by the board.
 - Ratified the establishment of one new position corresponding to assistant behaviorally challenged, to be assigned to Alameda Elementary effective April 24.
 - Approved abolishment of a vacant accounting assistant position at Downey High School.
 - Approved change of duties of Food Services Supervisor Middle School and High School as specified.
 - Accepted the recommendation of the District 7-11 Committee on the handling of Pace Elementary (suggesting a long term lease of the property).
 - Approved the maximum transfer of 15 percent of block grant funds into other eligible programs for this fiscal year.
 - Approved a declaration of need for fully qualified teachers.
- The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 6 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

Project HOPE graduates 5 locals

DOWNEY—Five Downey students were among the 26 area students who graduated May 2 from Cerritos College's Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education), the program instituted four years ago for those who complete their associate's degrees at Cerritos and then transition to four-year universities.

The five were: Chih-Yin (Christy) Cheng, Yadira Guerrero, Edward Heath, Abel Hernandez and Karla Marquez.



JUDY BERG AND IDA STALLCUP—Amid burst of flowers at an Assistance League of Downey's Open House at Casa de Parley Johnson.

Casa de Parley Johnson open house

DOWNEY—The Assistance League of Downey is holding an Open House tomorrow, May 20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Casa de Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave. in Downey. Tickets are \$25.

Guests will receive a Home Tour, luncheon, and an opportunity to purchase collectibles and antiques. Plus, a professional appraiser will be in attendance to appraise one "Yesteryears" item for each guest.

Tickets are available at the Second Tyme Around Shop, 11026 Downey Ave. Downey, or call (562) 927-4825. Surplus funds will be used for restoration of Casa de Parley Johnson.

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The Downey Department notes with pride that POST reviewed and approved Downey's training manual on first submission.

The Downey Field Training Program has 22 POST certified field training officers. After a recruit is hired, he or she must successfully complete six months of police academy Training before entering Downey's program.

The Downey program, supervised by a field training officer, includes 18 weeks of traffic enforcement, report writing, verbal communications, tactics, court testimony and enforcement of state and local laws. The POST requirements are for 12 weeks, but Downey requires six additional weeks, exceeding the state requirement.

Four new officers completed 1,880 hours of training the past year. These are the finest quality, most qualified and trained officers for the city of Downey.

During 2005 Code Enforcement concluded over 2,000 investigations involving building and health, housing, licensing, water quality, commercial and planning codes. This unit works to reduce threats to life safety and control blight and crime in designated preservation areas.

ADAMS

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the newspaper, using his retirement money and savings. John, you are supporter, champion and friend. Thank you!"

Along with other Downey citizens recognized for their volunteer activities, Adams received a handful of impressive certificates from state, county and local officials, as well as from the Downey City Council and the Office of the Governor, but his was the only standing ovation from more than 240 guests gathered for the ceremony. Thank you, indeed, to Mr. John Adams.



ART MORRIS—Whose name now graces the DRMC J. Arthur Morris Imaging Center, is congratulated by Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins at May 11 tribute.

Praise lavished on J. Arthur Morris

DOWNEY—Nearly 150 men, women and children gathered at Downey Regional Medical Center on May 11, and paid tribute to J. Arthur Morris, who has "done so much" for the community's hospital over the past seven decades. He has helped thousands of patients since his early years as a Lab and Radiology technologist and son of then Hospital Administrator Arch Morris, to hospital administrator and major shareholder who 50 years ago donated the family's hospital stock to make it a non-profit institution. Earlier this year, Art gave DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation \$1 million towards the purchase of a new C.T. scanner.

"He is a true champion of care, and he is the heart and soul of this hospital," stated hospital board member May Lou Schmidt. DRMC Corporate Board Chair Ron Kolar praised Art as the hospital's "biggest booster."

Medical Director of the J. Arthur Morris Imaging Center, Dr. Ivan Barrett, described the state-of-the-art, multi-slice CT scanner as one bringing better anatomical detail than ever before, less procedure time, lower radiation to patients. It will transmit the images to the patient's physician over the Internet and make new assessments and procedures possible. He also quipped of Morris, age 87, "He's still a registered X-ray technologist. When we get our new scanner, he's going to have to come back to work."

Morris accepted proclamations from representatives for State Senator Alan Lowenthal and State Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins. He responded to the accolades saying, "Just a year or two ago, I wasn't sure the hospital was going to make it. We've turned the corner, thanks to wonderful management, the Board of Directors, volunteers and the wonderful care people get here. So many of our employees stuck with us in the lean period. If they went elsewhere they often came back because of the family feeling here and being able to make a difference. That's why I believe this hospital will be here for another 86 years. I love you all and thank you so much."

Local students graduate from APU

AZUSA—These Downey graduates from Azusa Pacific University were joined by more than 1,200 graduates at the spring commencement exercises held on May 6:

- *Maribel Munoz – Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- *Jason R. Juarez – Master of Education in College Student Affairs.
- *Christina Mocciano – Master of Arts in Education: Educational Psychology.
- *John Park – Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.
- *Haleigh Anne Hamilton – Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies.
- *Peter Karavedas – Bachelor of Arts in Social Science.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet May 23

DOWNEY—"Lawyer—who needs them anyway!" is the topic guest speaker Carlos X. Colorado of Jones Day will talk on Tuesday, May 23 when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group gets together at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. at 7:30 a.m. RSVP: 923-2191.



'WOMAN OF THE YEAR' – Lois Buchanan accepts her award from 27th District Senator Alan Lowenthal.

Buchanan exalted as 'Woman of the Year'

DOWNEY –Lois Buchanan, a longstanding pillar of community involvement, has been nominated as Woman of the Year for the 27th Senatorial District in Downey. The theme of the award is "Women Who Make a Difference."

Buchanan, a 43-year Downey resident, is the current president of the Downey Second Century Foundation, where she has been involved since 1973. She is treasurer for Downey Coordinating Council and is currently working on the 52nd Annual Salute to Outstanding Volunteers.

She is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving as Stake Historian, Public Affairs, Community Relations Director. Each year she has organized her church members to work with Keep Downey Beautiful to do two city clean-ups a year. She also organizes and directs the church's annual community songfest, this year being its 14th year.

Years ago Buchanan was Safety Chairman for the Downey Jr. Womens Club (since dissolved) and worked with Dennis Chelstrom and his committee from the Downey Police Department to write the first Drug Abuse Booklet, was later distributed to students at Downey schools.

Buchanan later worked with the same committee to produce the Friendly Enemies Booklet, presented to K-2nd grade students.

When Buchanan was president of Maude Price Elementary, her Parents Club worked with Downey Police to successfully implement a Neighborhood Watch Program in the schools.

She also started Learn to Swim, a summer program with Mr. Davis from Downey High School as the instructor.

All of these programs still exist today, though some under different names.

Engineering courses feature new software

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Engineering Design Technology (ENGT) Department is offering several courses for summer and fall 2006 sessions, to provide an opportunity to learn state-of-the-art engineering design software.

"The aerospace industry is coming back to life again," says Farid Wissa, engineering design technology instructor at the college. "In April, while China's president was visiting the United States, he announced that China was placing an order with Boeing Aircraft Co. for 2,600 airplanes to be built in the next 20 years. Meanwhile, other aerospace companies are busy with big orders and auto and bio-med industries are also receiving requests. The industry is in need of trained designers to be part of design teams."

Courses offered include Fundamentals of Design with AutoCAD (ENGT131) in both summer and fall 2006: the course, a comprehensive introduction to mechanical design methods, does not require a prerequisite and can count toward general education courses needed for an associate's degree; and Fundamentals of Computer Design with AutoCAD (ENGT138), which covers the basics of two- and three-dimensional AutoCAD techniques involving mechanical and architectural applications—students learn menus, drawing creation, editing, dimensioning and applications of three-dimensional solids.

Enrollment is now underway for summer session classes which begin May 22 (first eight-week session), and again on June 19 (second eight-week session). Fall classes begin Aug. 14. For information, contact F. Wissa, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2906.

Federal employees gather at Furman

DOWNEY—The National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) will hold its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, May 24, at Furman Park (West Bldg.), 10419 S. Rives. in Downey.

Beth Hinderaker of Heavenly Gems will show samples of her custom design jewelry prior to the business meeting. Visitors may bring a bring a friend; new members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Chapter president Bob Knerr at 943-5513 for details.

TLC Resource Center plans open house

DOWNEY—An open house follows the ribbon cutting ceremony at True Lasting Connections' (TLC) new location at Lewis Elementary, 13220 Bellflower Blvd., Thursday, June 8. Ribbon cutting is at 3 p.m.; open house is from 4-5p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. TLC's mission statement calls for "a True Lasting Connection between the city of Downey and the families of the Downey Unified School District to ensure healthy and successful futures for all our children."

Downey class of 1956 to reunite

DOWNEY—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Oct. 6-8. Alumni should call (949) 472-4616 for details.

The Poets' Corner

The Butterfly

I marvel at the butterfly
This bit of rainbow of the sky
It darts and flits and flutters by
On fragile wings it plays a part
To bring its beauty to my heart.

God's creations are endless.

—George Geller,
Downey

Asian Pacific community honored with floor speech

(Speech delivered by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard on May 11 on the House Floor.)

"I am proud to stand with my colleagues as we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I thank Congressman Honda and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus for organizing tonight's special order.

Our theme for this year's festivities, Dreams and Challenges of Asian Pacific Americans, speaks to the many generations of Asian Pacific Americans who worked hard to overcome economic hardship, racism and other barriers in their pursuit of the American dream.

The theme reminds us of the Chinese who endured inhumane conditions to build our western railroads, and the Koreans who did the back-breaking work on the sugar plantations in Hawaii. And it reminds us of the Filipino Americans who fought bravely for our country, and the courageous Japanese Americans who fought for their country despite the shameful treatment toward their families in internment camps during World War II.

This year's theme also reminds us that in spite of these hardships, the API community has successfully met the challenges it faced and has enhanced greatly the richness and strength of our American society.

The contributions and cultural imprint of the API community is especially impressive in Los Angeles where many of the first Asian American immigrants made their home.

I have the pleasure of representing the Los Angeles communities of Little Tokyo and parts of Chinatown, and Filipinotown. As is true for all Angelenos, my life has been enriched by the magnificent culture of Asian Pacific Islanders and their positive impact on our city and on our nation.

Asian Pacific Islanders contribute to our economy in many ways. They are leaders, for example, in our international trade. They are pioneers in our fashion industry. They are nonprofit community leaders, restaurateurs and small business owners. They are patriots who continue to defend our nation and our American way of life through their distinguished service in our armed forces.

The API community also enhances our lives throughout the year with its many cultural celebrations. In my own district of downtown Los Angeles, I look forward to riding in the annual Nisei parade in Little Tokyo and the Chinese New Years parade in Chinatown.

Asian Pacific American heritage Month is a wonderful opportunity for our country to honor our country's API culture, customs and history.

I thank my API constituents who continue to enrich my life, the life of Angelenos, and our nation. I am proud to join my congressional colleagues in paying tribute to the API community as we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month."



OLPH WOMEN'S GUILD—Members, from left, Rosemary Meyer, Joyce Prokop and Paula Mayfield lead the way in ordering OLPH community cookbooks.

Cookbook ordering deadline June 10

DOWNEY—The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is putting the finishing touches on its community cookbook that will contain more than 450 recipes for gourmet meals and desserts submitted by readers in response to the guild's call. The guild will be submitting it to the printer in the next couple of months. The cookbooks, which will have a limited, one-time edition and are expected to be collectors' items, should arrive in September, in plenty of time for Christmas and Hanukkah gift-giving.

To help the guild determine the number of copies to order for publication, and to ensure you get enough copies for your use, you are urged to submit your orders now. Each cookbook costs \$10, "less than the price of a dinner out." Deadline for orders is June 10. Checks may be made out to OLPH Women's Guild, indicate number of books you're ordering and your phone number, and mail to Paula Mayfield, 9107 Lemoran Ave., Downey, CA 90240. If you need a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Downey Art League meets May 21

DOWNEY—The Downey Art League and the Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will hold a joint meeting Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount.

Guest demonstrator is Penny Dermand, who has worked with many mediums but prefers painting with oils. Currently teaching private lessons, her paintings are in private collections in the U.S. and around the world.

There is no charge to attend the meeting/demonstration. For information, call 803-5857.

God Bless you all

By John Adams

The Downey Coordinating Council held its 52nd Annual Community Services Awards and Installation gala dinner at the lovely Rio Hondo Event Center Thursday, May 11.

The Coordinating Council has served this community for more than 50 years, inviting any group to join them at their Wednesday meetings at Rio Hondo.

The gatherings are meant to correlate the community's activities and avoid conflicts on dates of events. That this does not always work was demonstrated Thursday when the Service Awards dinner was scheduled the same day as the Downey Regional Medical Center's Celebration naming the new Imaging Center for J. Arthur Morris from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the grand opening of its new headquarters by CareMore Medical also was scheduled Thursday.

Because of the difficult schedule Thursdays at the paper, and the fact I proofread the paper personally when it goes to press Thursday afternoon, then go to work at 5 a.m. to deliver papers, I was not eager to take the task of covering the event personally.

I have been having transportation problems as well, but my friends with the Symphony Society would not take no for an answer.

They even arranged for Larry Lewis to give me a ride.

I was reluctant to push myself into a situation where I would be exhausted Friday, when we deliver the newspaper, but I was assured the evening's festivities would not run past 8:30 p.m.

When my turn came up in introductions and I stood to walk to the podium the air seemed charged. The floor beneath my feet trembled to the sound of a standing ovation.

I have never experienced it before, but I thank you!

Apparently what we are doing with our small town community newspaper pleases you.

The award was for being an editorial "friend of the Downey Symphony," and cited my efforts to ensure that group's success. It sounds as though I was given an award for just doing my job. We'll leave it open for debate. In the meantime, once again, Thank You.

Six years of school and still a freshman

By Eric Pierce

I knew it was time to start taking school seriously when, after six years of heavy-duty floundering, I realized I was still only a freshman.

I knew it was time to start taking school seriously when my counselor made me sign a meekly written letter promising I would start showing up to class. (That was three years ago.)

And I definitely knew it was time to start taking school seriously when I realized my punk younger brother, who graduated high school five years after I did, was on pace to finish college sooner than me. Yikes.

But it's hard to take school seriously when they won't even let me take the classes I want. They say I have to enroll in a math course in order to graduate. Why do I have to take a math class? I want to be a writer/editor, not a mathematician. I want to cover a couple Super Bowls, maybe do a behind-the-scenes tour of the Playboy Mansion, stuff like that. I know two plus two is four, four plus four is eight, isn't that good enough?

And if I need to do more advanced math I have a calculator. Bought it for \$1.99 at Big Lots. Solar powered and everything.

But apparently college wants to prepare you for the "real world." What does that mean exactly? I have friends with college degrees that pour coffee at Starbucks. And another makes sandwiches at Subway. She's not a "sandwich expert." All she has to do is remember "bread, ham, cheese, bread." Not so tough.

But I think I'm just venting because summer classes start Monday and I enrolled. I apologize to sandwich experts everywhere.

I'm only taking two classes to start. That may not seem like much but, hey, I just graduated high school six years ago.

I'm pacing myself.


College summer classes start Monday

NORWALK—Registration is underway for Cerritos College's summer session that begins Monday, May 22. Students may access a schedule of classes, complete an application and register online for a variety of classes by visiting www.cerritos.edu/admissions.

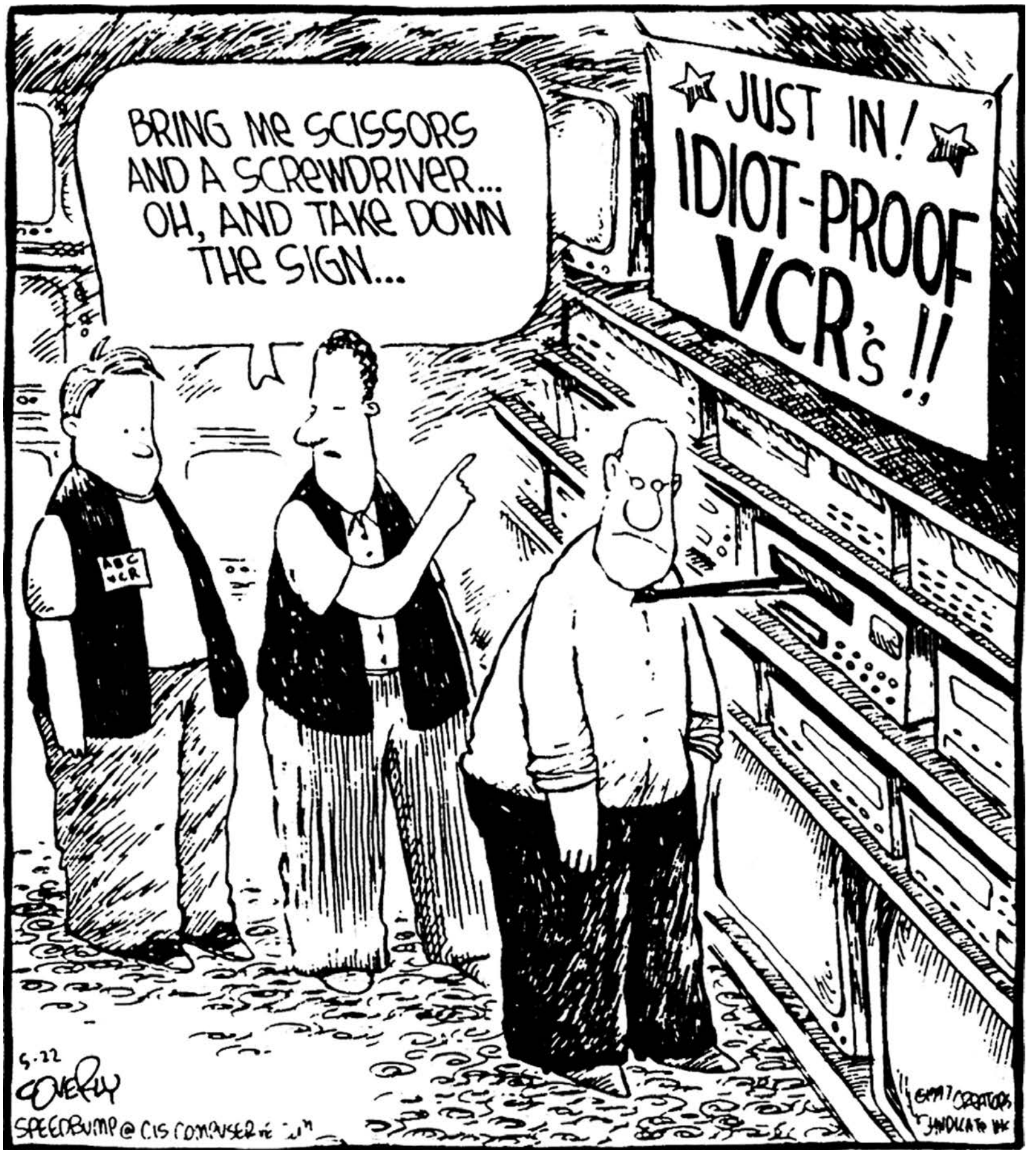
Classes for the summer 2006 16-week session will run Monday, May 22 - Friday, August 11, 2006. The first six-week and eight-week sessions begin May 22. An eight-week intrasession runs June 19 - August 11, and a second six-week session is available July 3 - August 11.

All eligible returning students have an option to either register online or by using the automated phone registration system at (562) 865-3276.

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Letters to the Editor

Open letter to Mayor Perkins

Dear Mayor Perkins:

Recently I visited Furman Park with my family and was disappointed to see how it has been neglected. It is quite apparent that some of our city department managers are simply not doing their jobs and should be held accountable for a poor grade and should be replaced.

As you know I have been active in reporting eyesores in our community for several years. Issues I have presented to you have been resolved and others I hope are still being worked on. One of my ongoing complaints is illegal signs such as banners, signs on the public parkway, and signs that are never taken down for a sale or grand opening. The car dealerships on Firestone Blvd. is an issue unto itself.

We have discussed the Lakewood Blvd. street project. I believe you and one other councilperson voted not to open the Downey Landing until the roads were complete. Here we are going into May and June and still Lakewood Blvd. is an obstacle course and the potholes are still a challenge to dodge. Thank you for taking an unpopular stand on that issue, had the others looked at it your way maybe the entire road and utility project might have been completed by now.

Enclosed is a letter and some pictures I sent to Teri Akloff, I believe she is the City Parks manager. Also, you will find a few photos of the ongoing mess on Lakewood Blvd. Again, it is evident that some managers are not accountable for following up on the maintenance of the storm drain runoff from the Lakewood Blvd. project. As you can see from the photos, the sand bags are now in the storm drain. They simply have not been maintained to function properly. The contractor should be accountable for allowing this debris to reach our beaches. Again, such responsibility but little accountability.

Mayor, like you, we have raised our children in this community and we are still concerned about what goes on here. "The big issues of a community are important but it is the weave in the fabric that holds communities together." The issues I present to you today are part of that weave of the community.

Best regards and thank you for your good work over the years and thank you "for all the times that you didn't want to but you did." I commend you for that.

—Richard Poulin,
Downey

Gripe elicits comments

Dear Editor:

I agree with Mr. Franklin's gripe about the removal of the left turn lane from southbound Lakewood Blvd. onto Clark Ave. (The Downey Patriot, 5/12/06)

Why is it more important to close this left turn lane to a main arterial street such as Clark Ave. in order to create a left turn lane into a commercial project, Downey Studios? This does not serve the public.

—Paul Winslow,
Downey

Build that wall

Dear Editor:

If we as Americans do not build the proposed 700-mile wall, then we deserve every illegal immigrant that we get.

Put it up or shut up.
—Mike Sandoval,
Downey

Suggestions on immigration

Dear Editor:

In response to demonstrators, it is time for Bush to consider some sort of amnesty for those here and a solution to those entering. If I were him I'd suggest he get on TV and advise the following:

- America is \$5 trillion in the red, we must find a solution fair to all.
- People have maxed out their credit card, are heavily in debt, and bankruptcies are at an all-time high, while savings are at an all-time low.
- Hospitals are closing, and doctors and nurses are quitting due to the lack of payment by illegals, despite monstrous personal insurance they must carry.
- Welfare funds are nearly depleted, which includes food stamps.
- Illegal immigrants cost America \$70 billion a year in free medical, welfare, schooling, and incarceration, which must be reduced.
- Hispanics send \$20 billion home each year, which hurts our economy.

In return for Hispanics helping solve our mutual problems, I will work out a fair amnesty program for those here, and will screen all those coming through our borders for criminal and terrorist background and infectious diseases, for everyone's protection in these dangerous times.

—J. Hawkins,
Downey

Letters to the editor may be submitted by writing to *The Downey Patriot*, 11525 Downey Ave., Suite A, Downey 90241 or by e-mail to downeypatriot@yahoo.com

Downey Library now open Sundays

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library during the school year offers a full range of services even on Sundays, from 1-5 p.m., in addition to its usual Monday-Thursday (10 a.m. - 9 p.m.), Friday and Saturday (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) schedule.

"Providing access to the library on Sunday is a real benefit to students and busy families," says Senior Librarian Jan Palen. "With additional weekend hours, patrons will enjoy books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and computers for the public."

Library patrons may also return books in library bookdrops during closed hours, renew books by phone or visit the library website at www.downeylibrary.org. For more information, call 904-7360.

Pollworker stipend to increase

NORWALK—Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack announced recently that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved a \$25 increase in stipend for the 25,000-plus pollworkers who will staff the voting locations on Election Day.

Pollworkers, who set up the voting equipment, issue ballots and provide assistance to voters, work from 6 a.m. until after the voting day ends at 8 p.m. The increase in pollworker stipend is effective beginning with the June 6 Primary Election.

As a result of the stipend increase, pollworkers will now be compensated by receiving \$80 for working the poll and a \$25 bonus for attending a 1-1/2 hour training session. Inspectors who manage poll operations will receive \$100, \$25 for picking up Election Day supplies and a \$25 bonus for attending training.

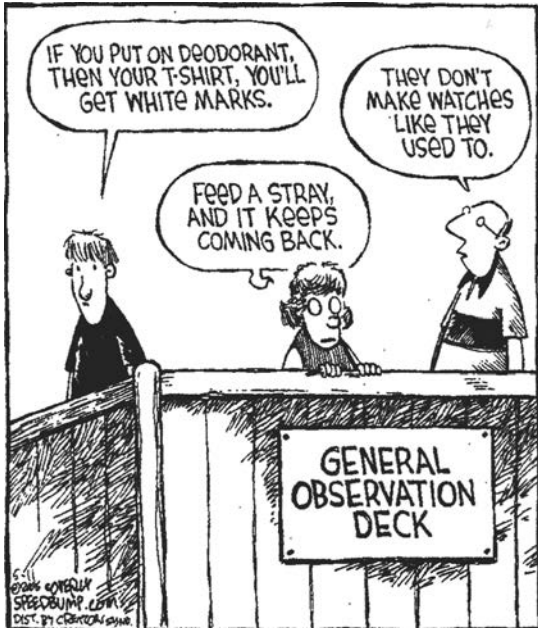
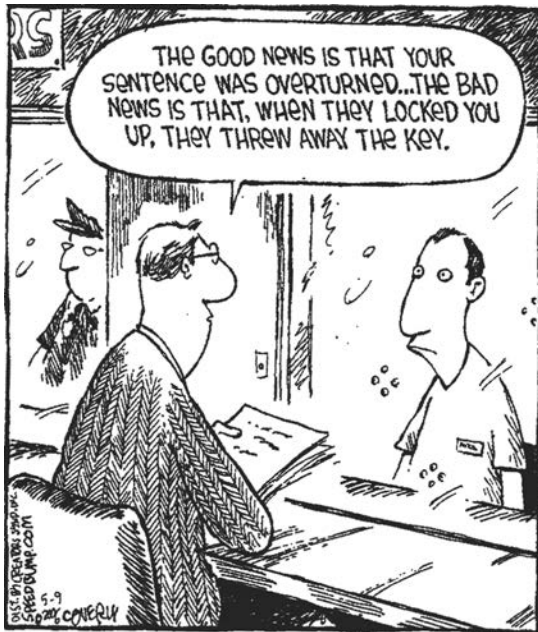
With the June 6 Primary less than a month away, the RR/CC Office says it still needs several thousand pollworkers throughout the county to serve at the 5,065 voting locations, plus up to 5,000 volunteers to serve in all communities. Long Beach is one of the priority need areas.

For information/inquiries, call RR/CC at 1-888-338-VOTE or 1-800-815-2666, option 7, or check www.lavote.net.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

Fri. May 19, 7:30 p.m.: "Above the Bitter Cafe" original comedy by Greg Elssner produced by the Warren High School Drama Department at the Emerson Theater, 8141 De Palma St.. For information and tickets call 869-7306, extension 5618 or 5615. Also playing Saturday and Sunday.
 Fri. May 19, 6:30 p.m.: **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave.. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.

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.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
 Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Compañeros 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.
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambis', for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call 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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The name OUIJA (20 Across) is derived from the French and German words for "yes." The aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz* (28 Across), named for the WWII admiral who commanded the Pacific fleet, was commissioned by President Ford in 1975. Band leader ISHAM JONES (129 Across) also composed "It Had to Be You," "I'll See You in My Dreams" and other standards.

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'Hostile Witness' shows at Long Beach Playhouse

LONG BEACH – "Hostile Witness", a courtroom drama by Jack Roffey, is now playing at the Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theater, 5021 E. Anaheim Street in Long Beach.

"Hostile Witness" is about a distinguished barrister who finishes a day in court and announces the police will be arriving to arrest him for murder. The evidence, when it comes, is enough to hang an archbishop: his friend, a judge, has been found stabbed to death, and his fingerprints are on the knife. Moreover, a mysterious letter accused the judge of the hit-and-run death of the barrister's little girl – a crime the barrister had vowed to avenge.

As the noose of the trial evidence tightens, the barrister dismisses his lawyer and with the aid of a beautiful assistant takes over his own defense.

The play runs through June 17. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Regular Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees play at 2 p.m.

For tickets, call the box office at (562) 494-1014.

Carnival at OLPH School May 19-21

DOWNEY – Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 10441 Downey Ave., will present its annual carnival featuring live entertainment, rides, games and food, this weekend, May 19-21.

The carnival has been a large community event for over 20 years.

Ride tickets are available for purchase before and after school hours. For more information about the carnival, call (562) 869-0963.

New musical comedy season set

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

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

For special discount season ticket information call 923-1714.

Captain Cardiac in concert

DOWNEY – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries will headline the 3rd annual benefit concert for the Downey Chamber of Commerce slated for the Downey Theater stage in September. The group has been one of the premiere rock-and-roll bands for over three decades.

For tickets and information call the Chamber at 923-2191.



THIRD APPEARANCE – Milinda M. Meehen will be making her third portrayal with the Downey Civic Light Opera when she takes the stage as Ernestina in "Hello Dolly," opening June 1 and continuing through June 18 at the Downey Theater. For tickets and information, call 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sebastian Sidi live at Granata's

DOWNEY—Sebastian Sidi will be playing live on his new baby grand piano, while being joined by guitarist Javier Lima, along with Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye on vocals, for a night of musical entertainment and fine dining at 8 p.m. at Granata's Italian Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave., Saturday, June 3.

Ticket price is \$35, which includes dinner and entertainment. Doors open at 7 p.m. For reservations, call (562) 544-7774, or log on to www.sebastiansidi.com.

Civic Chorus pays tribute to Broadway

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus presents their annual spring show, "Broadway in Concert," Friday-Sunday-May 19-21 at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16660 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

The show Friday is at 7 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The show is a tribute to Broadway's musical theater tradition, and will feature popular medleys from such classic Broadway shows as "Show Boat," "South Pacific," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Phantom of the Opera," and "Les Miserables," to name a few.

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Downey gets early taste of high school football

DOWNEY – Football players from Downey High School will represent their school at the 39th Annual 605 All Star Football Classic, slated for Saturday, June 3 at La Mirada High School.

Kick-off is at 6:05 p.m. The game was moved to La Mirada from Pioneer High School due to ongoing construction at Titan Stadium.

Norm Flowers of Artesia High School is coaching this year's East team while Art Tavizon of Paramount will guide the West.

Downey players will compete with the West squad, meaning players will suit up for a rival San Gabriel Valley League coach for one night.

Football registration tomorrow

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football (DYF) will continue with registration for the 2006 season tomorrow, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

DYF offers tackle and flag football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14. Payment plans and raffle tickets are available to help offset registration costs; no child is turned away due to cost.

Spaces are limited and waiting lists are being established for certain teams.

For more information and requirements, call Mike Baumann at 862-3837 or Louis Morales at 928-0655.

Women's golf club seeks new members

DOWNEY – The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, is accepting applications for membership for the '04-05 season.

For information, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

Schools competing are from around the Southern California region. East schools include: Artesia, California, Cerritos, Cypress, Fullerton, Gahr, John Glenn, Kennedy, La Habra, La Mirada, La Serna, Los Alamitos, Mayfair, Norwalk, Pioneer, Santa Fe, St. John Bosco, St. Paul, Sonora, Sunny Hills and Whittier.

West schools include: Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cabrillo, Centennial, Compton, Dominguez, Don Bosco Tech, Downey, El Rancho, Lakewood, L.B. Jordan, L.B. Poly, L.B. Wilson, Lynwood, Millikan, Montebello, Paramount, Schurr, St. Anthony, South Gate and Valley Christian.

Middle school track stars to compete

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District's 32nd annual Middle School Track Meet will take place Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

This meet brings together 6th, 7th, and 8th grade representatives from all four Downey Middle Schools. Approximately 400 boys and girls will compete in both track and field events.

Field events are scheduled to begin 8:30 a.m., followed by the running events at 9:15 a.m.

Team scoring will be on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis for first through fifth place in each event. The public is welcome. Admission is free. For information, call 469-6500.

DRMC Foundation golf classic June 5

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center's Memorial Trust Foundation invites golfers of all levels to its 21st annual Golf Classic to be held June 5 at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier. The event will raise funds for new sterilization devices for the hospital.

For more information/to make reservations, call 904-5055.



DOWNEY TRACK—Three Downey High School students qualified for the San Gabriel Valley League preliminaries held last week at Trabuco Hills. From left: Vince Huitt (shot put), Coach Myers, Alex Black (high jump), Coach Gleason and Danny Bang (high jump). Huitt and Black qualified for the CIF Finals to be held this weekend at Cerritos College.



RECORD-BREAKING—Alex Black, a senior at Downey High School, won the San Gabriel Valley League High Jump title with a record-breaking height of 6' 9 1/4" which broke the previous mark set back in 1969. Black is also tied for the highest mark in the state with a height of 6' 10". He will compete at Finals this weekend.

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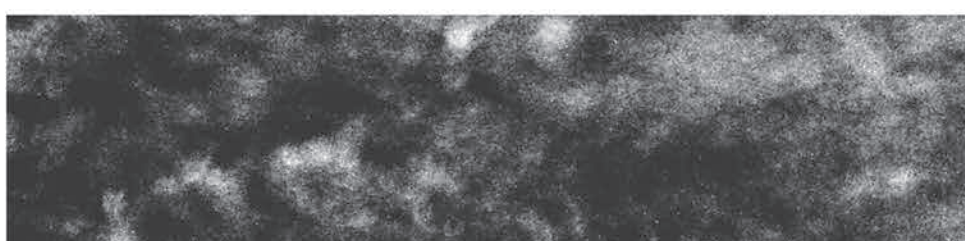
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Todd William Laurer Sr. served in Army 8 years

DOWNEY—Todd William Laurer Sr., who was born Oct. 17, 1963 at the old Downey Hospital, passed away on April 23.

After his senior year, he served in the Army for eight years, during which he met his former wife, Jani, with whom he had one child, Todd Jr. After Army service, he worked as a sheetmetal worker and plumber.

He is survived by his mother, Judith; father, Bill; son, Todd Jr.; brother, Tyler; uncles, John and Joseph; sister-in-law, Mary; grandmother, Anne; and nephews, Justin and Dillon.

He was laid to rest on May 3 at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Osteoporosis presentation in Norwalk

NORWALK – Dr. Michael Maehara, rheumatologist with Pioneer Medical Group (PMG), will give a presentation on Osteoporosis – Signs, Symptoms and Current Treatment Options on Thursday, May 25 at the Norwalk Senior Center at 2 p.m.

With the month of May being Osteoporosis Awareness Month, PMG is providing education programs on the disease that affects more than 28 million Americans, 80 percent of them women. The disease is characterized by low bone mass and structural deterioration of bone tissue, leading to bone fragility and an increased susceptibility to fractures of the hip and spine.

The Norwalk Senior Center is located at 14040 San Antonio Drive in Norwalk. For more information, call PMG at (562) 229-9452 ext. 1643.



GRACE MARION FINN—Services will be held today at Miller-Mies Mortuary. She was 102.

Services today for Grace Marion Finn

DOWNEY – Grace Marion Finn passed away May 11 after a brief illness. She was 102.

She was born the only daughter of Grace B. and Walter S. Kyle in New York on April 4, 1904. She moved to California in 1958 and was a member of the Huntington Park First Baptist Church.

Memorial services will be held today, May 19, at 10 a.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary with interment immediately following at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. A visitation was held yesterday.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter S. Kyle and Grace B. Knowles; husband, Walter E. Finn; sons Edward W. Finn and Lawrence F. Finn; and grandsons Peter Finn, John Finn and Joel Frisby.

Survivors include daughter-in-law Joan Malone and husband James of Downey; daughter-in-law Raeleen Finn of Melbourne, Florida; 13 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 12 great, great grandchildren.

Melba F. Johnson was former DUSD teacher

DOWNEY—Melba F. Johnson, who was born Sept. 17, 1906 in Oklahoma Indian Territory, passed away in her home in Downey on May 15. She was the wife of the late John Andrew Johnson.

She was a retired teacher from the Downey Unified School District and served on the Board of Education. A member of the 1st Southern Baptist Church of Downey, she also served as president of the Downey Woman's Republican Club.

She is survived by son Charles Johnson; daughter Susan Piedra; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren.

No services will be held. She will be laid to rest in Illinois next to her husband.

Yoga and cardio classes debut at DRMC

DOWNEY – To help the community reduce stress and increase energy, Downey Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation and Wellness Center introduced two new classes in May: Yoga and Cardio Dance.

Yoga classes are taught by yoga instructors from The Awareness Center Yoga Studio and Golden Bridge Yoga. All age groups and levels are welcome. The one-hour sessions begin at noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are held in the Downey Regional Medical Plaza, third floor, at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

Cardio Dance classes provide low-impact exercise. They are taught by Marsha Wiersma at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the rehab gym at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

Since the Rehabilitation and Wellness Center began offering Pilates classes in March, the response has been high, according to Director of Rehabilitation Nancy Stiles. Pilates classes are also taught by Wiersma, a certified Pilates instructor, at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the rehab gym. A beginner class is offered at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Medical Plaza.

The cost to enroll in any of the three classes is \$70 for seven sessions, which need not be consecutive. For more details or to register, call (562) 904-5551.

Sign-ups taken for summer day camps

DOWNEY – Registration will be held Monday, May 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the gym at Apollo Park for the city of Downey's summer day camp programs, which begin in late June.

Programs offered include Sports Camp (ages 8-12), Adventure Camp (no older than 14), Camp Wilderness (6-10), Camp Hollywood (8-13) and Little Buddies Club (4-5).

Camp Hollywood and Little Buddies Club are new additions this year. Camp Hollywood will be located at the Downey Theater and is designed to encourage active participation in the arts, including live theater, film, music, dance and fine art. There will also be weekly swimming trips and weekly excursions.

Little Buddies Club meets at the Gary McCaughan Gym at Apollo Park. Children will enjoy music, participate in arts and crafts and cooking, learn basic sports skills and go on weekly excursions. The club meets from 9 a.m. to noon daily.

For more information on the camps, call (562) 904-7238.

Ceremony to honor cancer survivors

DOWNEY – The opening ceremony of the Downey Relay for Life scheduled for Saturday, June 10 will honor cancer survivors and those who know them.

The ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. at Columbus High School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. Survivors will receive a T-shirt and a special memento.

Register by calling (562) 776-3312 and leaving your name, address and telephone number.

Nurses assistant class starts June 6

DOWNEY – The Downey Adult School Career and Education Center is offering an opportunity to become a Certified Nurse Assistant in less than 17 weeks.

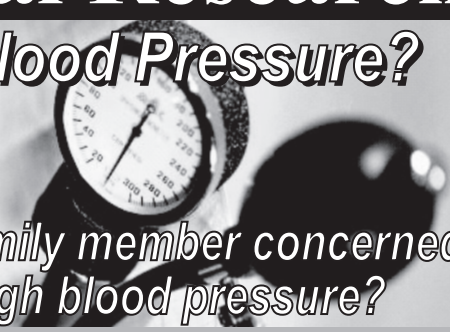
Downey Adult School has had a 100 percent passing rate on the state exam for the past several years.

Orientation and registration is on Tuesday, June 6 at 9 a.m. for morning classes and at 6 p.m. for evening classes. Students should bring a photo ID, social security card and the \$100 registration fee in the form of cash or money order. Classes start June 19 and end Oct. 5.

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Learn English close to your home

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School is offering free English classes and babysitting to anyone who wants to learn English. The classes are held in the mornings at four different school sites:

Imperial Elementary	Mon-Fri	8:45 - 11:45
West Middle School	Mon-Fri	8:30 - 11:30
Alameda Elementary	Mon & Wed	8:00 - 11:30
Rio Hondo Elementary	Tue, Thu, Fri	8:00 - 11:30

Students may enroll anytime; all levels of English instruction are offered. Students should visit the above school sites and ask the front office where the CBET classroom is located.

For more information, call Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, (562) 940-6200.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY – A volunteer bread program is available in Downey and surrounding areas for the poor, homeless and needy. The bread is baked fresh daily and signing up for the program is free. St. Raymond's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Emmanuel Church and Downey First Christian Church are currently participating. The program, headed by Shirley Johnson with assistance from Mervyn MacDonald and Mavis Ward, all of Downey, delivers up to 70 loaves of bread and rolls at a time. For those churches and organizations who have a donation program in place and would like to be on the list, call Johnson at 862-2378.

YMCA childcare taking registration

DOWNEY – Downey YMCA is now accepting registration for its summer child care programs, which begin June 26.

Summer childcare will be offered Monday thru Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Children will experience weekly field trips, sports, hikes, arts and crafts, special events and more.

The childcare is open to Price Elementary students grades 1-5 and Lewis Elementary students grades 1-5.

The teen summer camp will be offered Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. This camp travels daily and introduces teens to new friends. West Explorers Camp is for 6th graders and West Teen Scene Camp is for grades 7-10.

The YMCA accepts DCFS, Gain, CHS and CCFS funding. Financial assistance is also available.

For more information, call Lisa Cooper at (562) 862-4201.



GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP – Residents of the Treasure Island community in Downey came together to clean up their park and streets. The group meets on a regular basis.

Hume Foundation barbecue June 25

DOWNEY—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF) will be sponsoring a reunion picnic/barbecue Sunday, June 25, from noon to 5 p.m. at Furman Park, similar to the events held by the Downey Children's Theater in the 1950s-1960s. It will be held from noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park on Rives Ave., just south of Florence Ave. and north of Rio Hondo School.

It is open to all General Members and Friends of the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, their families, and any alumni from: the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater, Downey Experimental Theater, Downey Marionette Theater and the Downey Civic Light Opera.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be furnished and prepared by JHPAF, and there is no admission charge. All JHPAF requests is that anyone attending bring a side dish to share that would serve about 8-10 people, such as: potato salad, macaroni salad, watermelon, baked beans, cole slaw, etc.

Visitors are asked to RSVP to: John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc., 10312 Birchdale Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (Tel. 562-869-0422), or e-mail barbecue@johnhume.org.



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SPORTS CAMP

Ages: 8-12

June 26-September 1
Location: Apollo Park
(Independence Park weeks 1&2)

This camp offers children a chance to learn a new sport each week. Every camper will receive 12 hours of instruction from a trained professional. Campers will also go on an excursion every week.

ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages: Middle School (no older than 14 yrs.)
June 26-September 1

Location: Independence Park

Campers will be challenged each day with different competitions, learn new skills and have the opportunity to make new friends. Participants will go on mini-trips throughout the week and enjoy many exciting games.

CAMP WILDERNESS

Ages: 6-10

June 26-September 1

Location: Wilderness Park
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Location: Downey Theatre

This is a new camp designed to encourage active participation in the arts. Each week campers will learn about and participate in a new area of art including live theatre, film, music, dance, and fine art. There will be weekly swimming trips and exciting weekly excursions.

LITTLE BUDDIES CLUB

Ages: 4-5

Cost: \$40 per session
June 26-August 18
9:00 AM-12:00 PM Daily
8 sessions

*Each session will meet Monday, Through Friday
Location: Gary P McCaughan Gymnasium
Children will enjoy music, participate in arts & crafts and cooking, learn basic sports skills and weekly excursion.

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Gary P. McCaughan Gymnasium - 12544 Rives Ave.

All camp costs include supervision, supplies, daily snack and a weekly bus excursion.
Registration will be accepted, starting May 24, 2006 at Downey Community Services Department Office, City Hall: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Enrollment is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. **PROOF OF CAMPERS AGE MUST BE SHOWN AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.** More specific information may be obtained by contacting the Community Services Department at **(562) 904-7238**

Hamsters set to compete in Ball Derby

DOWNEY – The Petco store at 8580 Firestone Blvd. in Downey will host its inaugural Hamster Ball Derby Saturday, May 20. Customers are encouraged to enter their pet hamster in the competition.

Using hamster balls as their vehicles, hamsters will race down an eight-foot track in heats of four, ideally towards the finish line. Heat winners will advance to subsequent rounds until a champion is determined in the final race. Two races will be held if both dwarf and regular-sized hamsters compete.

Participants are encouraged to bring their pet's own hamster ball and pit crew. Petco will provide sanitized hamster balls to pet parents who don't own one.

Registration for the race is free. First-place winners will receive a Critter Operated Chopper, a motorcycle exercise toy fueled by hamster power, and a two-pound bag of Fiesta hamster/gerbil food.

Spectators are encouraged to attend and cheer on their favorite competitors.

Races begin at 2 p.m. and are expected to last about an hour. For more information, call the Petco Downey store at 861-2093.

Musical rock comedy opens June 2

LA MIRADA -- "Johnny Guitar," the Outer Critics Circle "Best Off-Broadway Musical of 2004," opens at La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts June 2 and runs through June 18.

Using a mix of '50s rock, doo-wop and steamy ballads, "Johnny Guitar" is a musical comedy that embraces and sends up '50s-style movie acting, melodramatic romance, and rough-and-tumble cowboy action. This tale of a sultry saloonkeeper and a jealous tycoon is based on the cult film favorite starring Joan Crawford. The play is produced by McCoy Rigby Entertainment.

Tickets are \$32 and \$40 and may be purchased by calling the La Mirada Theater Box office at (562) 944-9801.



PRUDENTIAL 24 HOUR REAL ESTATE – And Downey Adult School have announced that the "Live" Principles Course is now taught by local real estate attorney and broker, Jami Berdelis. As in-house counsel for Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, Berdelis said she hopes to bring a fresh perspective to the Principles course. "I'm very excited to take on this new challenge," she said. "I look forward to learning as much from students as they learn from me." The "live" real estate school classes are held Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Prudential Training Center, 8635 Florence Ave., Suite 200, in Downey. For more information, contact Downey Adult School at (562) 940-6200 or Prudential at (562) 861-7257.

Course to assist students with their SATs, PSATs

DOWNEY—The Assistance League of Downey is once again offering a special course to high school sophomore and junior students residing in the Downey Unified School District area.

The SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test) and the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) were developed by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to measure the verbal and mathematical reasoning ability of students. A student performance on these exams is considered to be a good predictor of academic success in a student's college or university studies.

College and university admission offices use these test scores as an important source of information about their applicants.

The seminar will hold 10 class sessions from June 26-29, July 5-7 and July 10-12, at Downey High School. Cost is \$30 if registration is received by June 9, or \$40 after June 9. Included with registration is the textbook for the course.

Instructors will be Ms. Amy Overgaaup for English and Ms. Dalyn Miller-Geiser for mathematics.

To participate in the seminar, contact Alice Yamada at (562) 861-2318 for registration forms and questions. Enrollment is limited and registrations will be accepted in the order received.

Public Works Week celebrated locally

DOWNEY—National Public Works Week (May 21-27) will celebrate the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as "public works."

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Temple mini-fundraising dinner May 23

DOWNEY—A Mini-Fundraising Dinner will be hosted by Temple Ner Tamid of Downey at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 9116 Telegraph Rd. in Downey.

The community is invited to enjoy a Chinese family-style dinner, sans shell fish or pork. There will be door prizes.

Donation is \$16 per person, and reservations are required. For information/reservations, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Moravian Church yard sale May 20

DOWNEY—The women of the Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Road in Downey, will have a yard sale Saturday May 20 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot. All proceeds will go to support the ministry of the church.

For more information, contact the church office at 927-0718.

Sisterhood plans special luncheon

DOWNEY—The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., holds its regular monthly board and general meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26. A luncheon will be served at noon, after the business meeting.

The special luncheon is hosted by Alice Babroff and Sheba Levine, the outgoing co-presidents.

For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

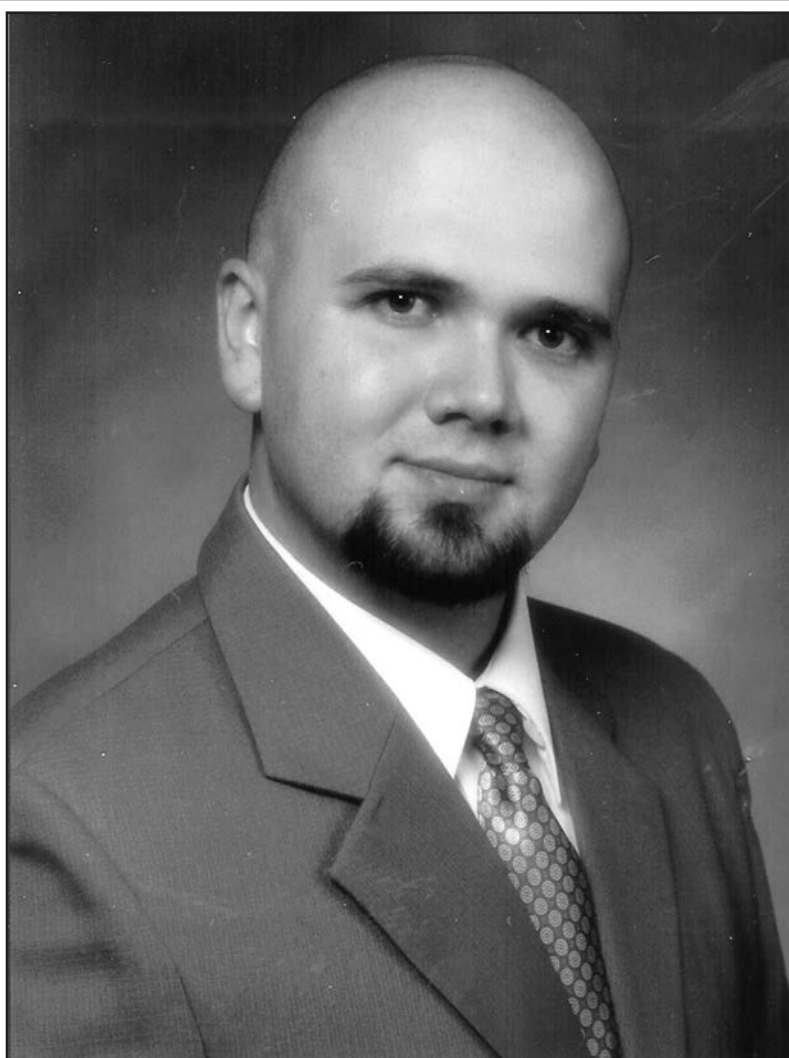
Scholarship winner to attend Connelly

DOWNEY—Connelly High School in Anaheim has awarded Downey resident Andra Anton the Connelly English Scholar Award. Anton demonstrated outstanding written ability and earned a high score on the verbal and language portions of the entrance examination, the school said.

L.B. Embroiderers' Guild meets May 26

LONG BEACH—Roma Lacuata, a speaker and quilter, will be sharing some of her quilts when the Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. meets at 11:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach.

For information, contact Vicki Young, (562) 421-6975.



JOE BERECZKI — A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, is also working on a bachelor's degree in business management and speaks Hungarian and Spanish. To contact him, call 927-2626.

Pioneer Medical welcomes Dr. Tai

CERRITOS—Dr. Jenny Tai, D.O., who after her medical studies completed her residency at Downey Regional Medical Center under the supervision of some of the Pioneer doctors, has been welcomed by Pioneer Medical Group to its South Gate office.

Born in Taiwan, she came to the United States at age 8. She grew up in Orange County, attended Fountain Valley High School and went to college at UC-Berkeley, where she majored in molecular cell biology. After attending medical school in Kirksville, Missouri, Dr. Tai completed her residency at DRMC.

As an osteopath, Dr. Tai seeks to integrate the whole body when searching for underlying medical problems. She focuses on preventative care in her practice and feels it is a greater deed to prevent people from getting sick than to cure them. She also focuses on women's health [issues] and finds that an increasing number of women prefer to see a female doctor. She speaks Mandarin and Taiwanese and is learning Spanish.

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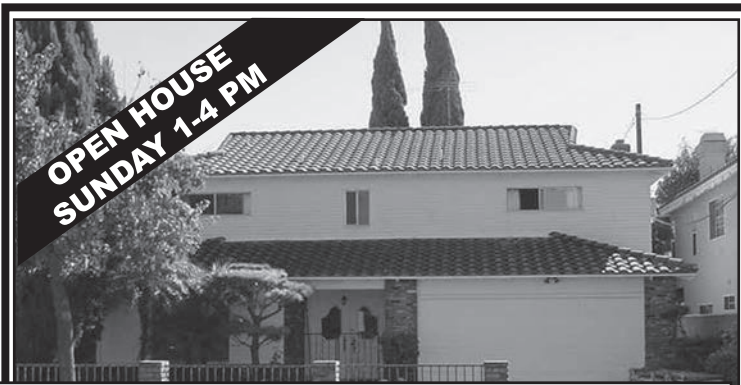


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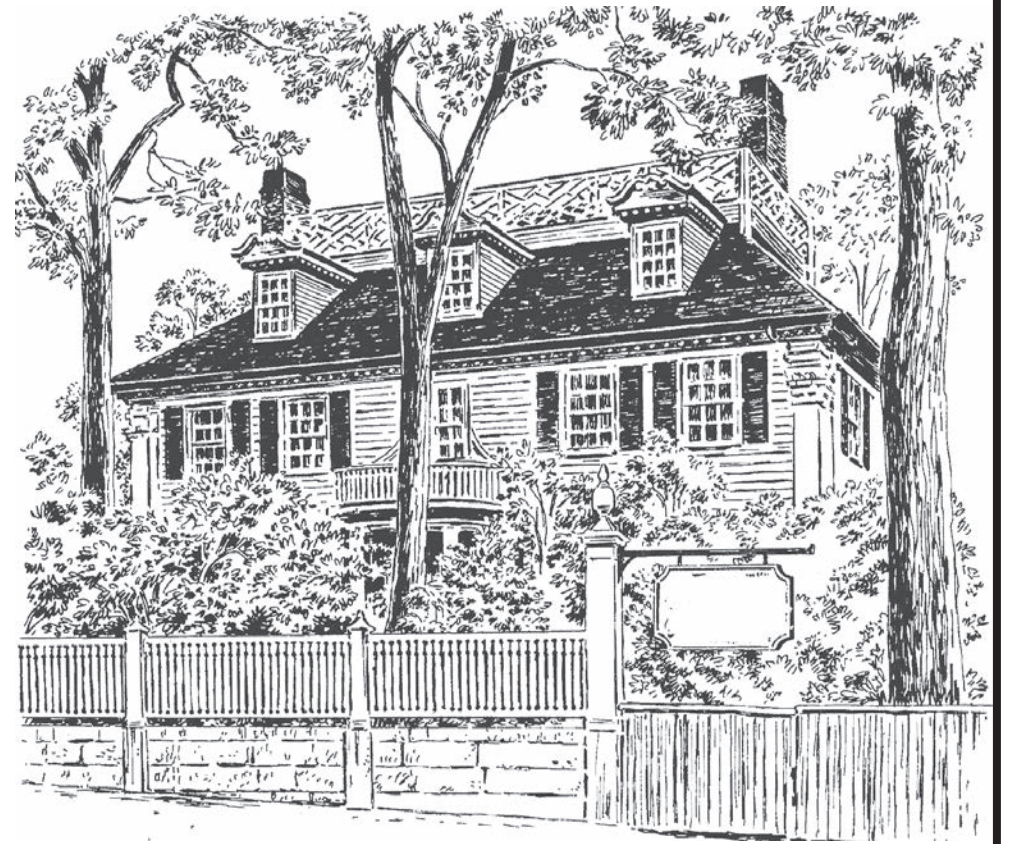
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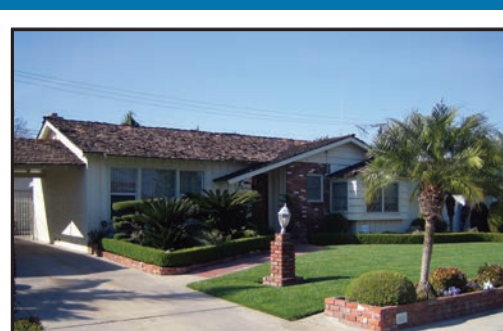
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