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## Rio San Gabriel are champions again

■ Rio San Gabriel remains dominate, breaking two track meet records as it wins its tenth consecutive Carnival of Champions title.

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—Overall champions the past 10 consecutive years, powerhouse Rio San Gabriel did it again Saturday, winning the Downey Unified School District's 47th annual Carnival of Champions track and field meet held at Warren High School.

The meet brought together some 400 fourth and fifth grade representatives from nine DUSD elementary schools: Carpenter, Gallatin, Gauldin, Lewis, Old River, Price, Rio Hondo, Rio San Gabriel, and Unsworth.

In winning, Rio San Gabriel, with student Carlo Limatola shooting 36 baskets in a minute, breaking a 26-year record, and its fifth grade girls 440-relay entry breaking a five-year record with a time of 58.8 seconds, gets to keep possession of the champion's trophy for another year.

A third record in the long jump that stood for 29 years was also broken, this one by Gauldin's John Oakammu, who jumped 7'11-1/2".

The school teams competed in seven events: softball throw, baskets in a minute, standing long jump, 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 440-yard relay, and 440-yard co-ed relay. First to fifth place finishers in each event earned 10, 8, 6, 4, and 2 points respectively.

The atmosphere Saturday was electric from the get-go, especially with the introduction of the competing teams in their distinctive colors. With the injection of the Character Counts theme into this year's proceedings, the youngsters took their assigned places in front of the grandstand to the strains of Olympic Fanfare and Chariots of Fire music, with different

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## Former police chief enjoying retirement

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**FULLERTON** – Former Downey Police Chief John Finch, who was born and raised in Downey, is a very contented man in retirement, indeed.

Besides reading, a favorite activity is cooking—mainly Mexican and Italian dishes (he has a trace of Italian blood). Because his wife still works "very hard," and to "keep the brain working," he says he had to find work: he puts in 10 hours a week assisting close friend and former South Gate Police Chief George Troxci, now head of Santa Ana College's Criminal Justice Academy, as Training Coordinator, dispensing expertise in such areas as auditing, policing, and training courses.

Finch broke his shoulder, wrist and ankle in 1982 while training for motor officer at the CHP Police Academy in Sacramento. Lingering effects of his injuries have prevented him from enjoying other pleasurable activities. Not that he's complaining. "I am fortunate to be where I am today," he says. "My life is very

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## Time Traveler

## Early aircraft tenant of what now is Rockwell

BY JOHN ADAMS  
EDITOR EMERITUS

The first aviation tenant of the land we now know as Rockwell International in Downey was EMSCO, a firm which made a name for itself by manufacturing oil field equipment, and which diversified in 1929 by designing a two-place sports airplane.

The first EMSCO (the name stemmed from its founder, E. M. Smith) was built at Long Beach Airport. But the same year EMSCO bought four acres here and built a small aircraft factory and airstrip adjacent to old two-lane Cerritos Road (now Lakewood Boulevard) in Downey.

The second EMSCO aircraft was built at the new Downey plant and flown from the small airstrip that was carved from cow pasture here. Called the Cirrus, the EMSCO plane developed a following when a more powerful version was designed.

The company's third model, the B-3, became popular for long distance flights which were newsgotters of the time. It was described in ads of the time as a "medium priced, eight place, trimotored monoplane. Offers economical transportation, with extreme safety, for corporation executives, transport operators or private owners. Takes off with full load of fuel using any two motors and lands at 50 mph." The plane's most noteworthy long-distance effort was when Don Moyle and Cecil Allen flew from Tokyo to Tacoma, Washington in 1931. That particular B-3 was called "The City of Tacoma II."

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## Snapshots from the Downey Street Faire



Photos by R.D. Salyer

A crowd as large and diverse as the vendors themselves patronized last week's Downey Street Faire, with visitors enjoying a Kid's Zone, classic car show, day-long entertainment, and more. The event is produced annually by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. More photos on page 4

## 'Family Fun Night' at Downey High

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School will present their 9th Annual Family Fun Night on Thursday, May 10 from 4 to 9 p.m.

The event will feature exotic animals, a petting zoo, pony rides, sumo wrestling, dunk tank, "big bout boxing," bungee run, obstacle course, face painting, henna tattoos, cartoon artistry, karate demo, live music, dancing and a SEEACA pet adoption center.

The community is invited to attend the event, which will be held on the school's campus. For more information, call vice principal Karen Dabney-Lieras at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5579.



Downey beat Warren three sets to none this week to capture the San Gabriel Valley League title and secure home court in the CIF playoffs, which begin May 11. Photo by Art Montoya

## Beauty queen banking on healthy eating habits

BY BROOKE KARLI  
STAFF WRITER

In a scene from "Little Miss Sunshine," Olive, a young girl with aspirations to be Little Miss Sunshine, sits in a restaurant with her family, begging her parents to let her order ice cream.

"Beauty queens don't eat ice cream," says her father. Olive sulks into her seat and watches her family enjoy their dessert.

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Such a scene is exactly what Kari Johnson is trying to prevent from happening.

Currently Miss Hollywood 2007, Kari's platform is "Eating Disorder Awareness and Prevention" – a platform that tackles the dangers of anorexia, bulimia and binge eating while promoting healthy self-esteem

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## Vikings sweep Warren for league title

BY JACQUELINNE MEJIA  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – The classic rivalry between Downey and Warren High Schools proved to be a well-matched one during the boys' volleyball game last Tuesday night.

Downey won the first game of the night with an exciting match that ended with the Vikings being ahead by two points. The score of that match was a close 27-25. As game two was underway, Warren fought back to Downey's early lead, yet their efforts proved futile. Downey won the second match with a score of 25-23. Rounding out their victory, the Downey boys finished up the match by winning the third game with a score of 25-20.

"We played well, [although there were] some moments where we let down," Downey Coach Mark Rand stated after the Vikings' three-game victory. Asked about how he thought his team would play in the CIF playoffs, (which is at home for Downey since they won Tuesday's match against Warren,) Rand replied it's "unpredictable" because of how young the team is.

The team's main starters are mostly underclassmen, with two freshmen and two sophomores evening out the six-player starting team.

Dylan Marquess, one of the stars of Tuesday's game, is one of those young freshmen. He disagrees with anyone underestimating his team. "People think we can't do well...but we're just as good as any other team."

CIF playoffs start May 11 at Downey High. There the Vikings will have to prove that age is just a number.

## Linares finishes basic training

**DOWNEY** – Army Pfc. George Linares Jr. has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

A 2001 graduate of St. John Bosco High School, he is the son of Downey resident George Linares.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics.

Linares also received experience using various weapons and weapons defenses available to infantry crewmen.

## Monterrosa trained in Army logistics

**DOWNEY** – Army National Guard Pvt. Ebony Monterrosa has graduated from the Automated Logistical Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at the U.S. Quartermaster Center and School at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Va.

The course trains soldiers to establish and maintain stock records and other documents such as inventory, material control, accounting and support reports, automated and manual accounting records; perform stock record/warehouse functions pertaining to receipt, storage and distribution, and other duties.

Monterrosa is the daughter of Flor Monterrosa of Downey.

## Razorbacks holding registration

**DOWNEY** – Downey Youth Football will hold registration for tackle football, flag football and cheerleading tomorrow, May 5, at Furman Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Waiting lists will be established on a first-come, first-paid basis after team rosters are filled. Raffle tickets will be available to help offset the cost of registration.

Downey Youth Football is open to boys and girls ages 5-14. The season runs from July through November.

For information on the football program, call Mike Baumann at (562) 889-1183 or Louis Morales at (562) 928-6081. For cheerleading information, call Kamela Cherry at (562) 928-9150. More information is also available at [www.downeyrazorbacks.org](http://www.downeyrazorbacks.org).

## Library offers Mother's Day gift ideas

**DOWNEY** – The Friends of the Downey City Library Gift Shop, located in the library, will be offering canvas book bags and a variety of paperback and hardback books for Mother's Day gift ideas.

The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

## Koons to speak at Citizens for Downey

**DOWNEY** – Glenn Koons, political science professor at Long Beach City College and pastor of Abundant Life Church in Downey, will give a presentation entitled, "Morality of the Judeo-Christian Heritage vs. International Issues", at the May 9 meeting of Citizens for Downey.

The meeting will be held at the Rio Hondo Events Center starting at 7 a.m. A buffet breakfast will be available and no reservations are required.



Gauldin Elementary students put on plays and dance routines as part of an Earth Day celebration at their school.



Mario Cuevas, a counselor with the Downey First Ward bishopric, helps plant a tree as two wards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints celebrated Arbor Day, Earth Day and Keep America Beautiful Month. The wards worked with Keep Downey Beautiful to plant 19 pistachio trees along two sides of Rio Hondo Elementary School.

## Hundreds celebrate Earth Day at Gauldin

**DOWNEY** – Over 100 people helped pick up trash, plant flowers and learn about the environment in an Earth Day celebration at Gauldin Elementary April 21.

Carol Rowland of Keep Downey Beautiful gave a presentation on the watershed process and explained the importance of keeping the city clean. Information booths, sponsored by The Gas Company, Southern California Edison, Coalition for Cleaner Air, and the City of Downey, produced details on energy conservation, recycling, pollution prevention, global warming and energy alternatives.

Children also decorated Ralphs paper bags with environmental messages that they later handed out to shoppers.

The event was highlighted by two plays performed by fourth and fifth grade students and a song and dance routine by third-graders.

Donations and contributions by HomeTown Buffet, Arby's, Home Depot, Downey High School Eco Club and Keep Downey Beautiful helped make the event possible.

## Library features local book recommendations

**DOWNEY** – The Downey City Library recently featured book recommendations from community leaders. "You've Got to Read This Book", the National Library Week event on April 16, highlighted books that changed the lives of people in Downey.

Recommended books included: Answered Prayer: Guaranteed! by Frederick K.C. Price (Councilwoman Anne Bayer); They Call Me Coach by John Wooden (Councilman Mario Guerra); How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie and The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw (Fire Chief Mark Sauter); To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee (Rio San Gabriel Principal Theresa Ford); Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans (Library Advisory Board member Mary Crawford); Daisy and the Girl Scouts: The Story of Juliette Gordon Low by Fern G. Brown (teacher Stacie Charlton); The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom (Ward Principal Roxann Davis); The Color of Water by James McBride (retired English teacher Jean Brazelton); Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell and Daughter of Fortune by Isabelle Allende (retired teacher Theresa Gallagher); The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (librarian Martha Flores); and Go Ask Alice by anonymous (library staff member Ernesto Mercado).

City Librarian Nancy Messineo, at the event, shared the story of how she joined a "Special Literature Group" in the sixth grade. While in the group, she read the picture book, Frog Went A-Courtin' by John Langstaff and Feodore Rojankovsky, aloud to younger students.

"From then on," said Messineo, "I knew I wanted to share books with others."

The above books are currently on display in the library.

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## Downey Symphony visits Downey schools

BY JOYCE SHERWIN  
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

**DOWNEY** – Instrumental students at East Middle School and Downey High School received some first-hand attention from the pros recently, when five musicians from the Downey Symphony visited their campuses with demonstrations, performances, advice and little-known facts.

At East, 300 sixth-graders listened wide-eyed as Pat Maki strolled among them, sending a cascade of brilliant music from her flute. Patricia Massey held her clarinet up high, and Catherine Del Russo her oboe. Detaching reeds from the mouthpieces, each explained how sounds distinctive to their woodwind instruments were produced.

Sprinkled throughout the hour were lively ensemble pieces from the group, Mozart, Verdi, a tango.

Someone asked Duncan Massey how many keys his bassoon has. "Twenty-three. And our thumbs are always very busy," Duncan answered.

Next, Nathan Campbell stood, cradling his French horn. He sounded a few noble notes, then abandoned its glory for a length of ordinary green garden hose with a kitchen funnel stuffed into one end. He explained that the hose, at 16 feet, equaled the length of the tubing in the horn, and he proceeded to make music through the hose – noises not acceptable in polite society, perhaps, but he did produce a recognizable scale and the kids ate it up.

For 14 years the school's band instructor, Andrea Keen commented that it is great the students get to hear live musicians from the Downey Symphony two years in a row.

"Today's performance reinforces what the kids heard at the orchestra's concert for fifth graders last year at the theatre," said Keen.

Her colleague, language arts teacher Susan Richardson, added that Mrs. Keen has 150 band students and, "is a phenomenon – she molds them into artists."

At the close of the session, the kids applauded enthusiastically, and Maki thanked them on behalf of the quintet, complimenting them as an audience.

Over at Downey High, the students gathered in the band room had already had a day of classes, but a chance to meet with specialists for an hour of workshop and an hour of master classes was compelling enough to keep them on campus past 4 p.m.

"How many of you have seen us at the junior high?," asked Maki.

Many hands waved.

"How many take private lessons?"

One hand.

"Okay. You are going to get some private lessons today," said Maki. "All of us make a living in music and there are many career opportunities."

They play with multiple orchestras, traveling regularly between Santa Barbara and Orange County. Most teach as well, in their studios or colleges. Maki teaches, plays in three symphonies and is a contractor, hiring groups for all occasions. Campbell primarily does theater, Broadway

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Cadet and Brownie Girl Scout Troop 278 and 378 recycled cans and bottles and used the money to buy toilet paper, bar soap and toothpaste for the Downey Unified School District's PTA HELPS room, a local pantry that helps needy families in Downey.



Four members of Girl Scout Troop 278 earned the Silver Award for knitting more than 30 beanies for premature babies. The beanies were donated to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. The girls are Alexis Santana, Iman Nabulsi, Amanda Hernandez and Yazmin Godinez.



Meals on Wheels volunteers were honored with a luncheon last week for their service towards Downey's needy. Volunteers meet daily at First Presbyterian Church where they pick up hot lunches and then deliver them to homes. Lunches include a salad, dessert, two drinks and a sandwich for dinner. To volunteer with Meals on Wheels, call (562) 806-1815.

### Warren hires new basketball coach

**DOWNEY** – UCLA graduate Brent Willis was hired as the new head coach of Warren High School's boys varsity basketball team, the school announced this week.

Willis will replace two-time head coach Kevin Hobbensiefken.

Willis comes from John Glenn High School in Norwalk. He graduated from UCLA with a social sciences degree and will begin teaching at Warren next fall.

The school said Willis will work with the Warren basketball team beginning this spring and throughout the summer.

### Shop 77 ribbon cutting May 10

**DOWNEY** – A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Shop 77, a new store at 11430 Paramount Blvd., will be held May 10 at noon.

Refreshments and a raffle will follow the event, which is being produced with the Downey Chamber of Commerce. The community is invited to attend.

### Blood drive at Downey High School

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School will host its semi-annual spring blood drive on May 23 inside its gym from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. The drive is being produced in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

### Church giving away free clothing

**DOWNEY** – Downey First Christian Church will host a "Great Clothing Give-a-Way" May 5 inside their gym.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., everyone is invited to choose from men's, women's and children's clothing. Everything will be free.

Downey First Christian Church is located at 10909 New St., Downey.

### Immunization clinic at Alameda School

**DOWNEY** – St. Francis Medical Center, in coordination with the Downey Unified School District, is sponsoring free immunizations May 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. for children ages 4 to 18.

Children can be immunized for chicken pox, hepatitis A and B, DTP, MMR, polio, meningococcal, and TB skin testing.

The clinic will be held at Alameda Elementary School, 8813 Alameda St. For more information call the school at (562) 904-3589.

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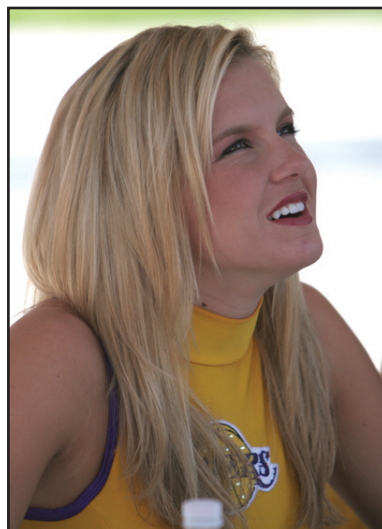
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Snapshots from the Downey Street Faire

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## The Poets' Corner

### No Note Taken

Sometimes I ask, should I be alive?  
You wouldn't think so,  
if in my life u could scout the area live.

Where I look, people turn the other way.  
I disgust them much, like every other day.

I have no place where I belong.  
In fact, no one will miss me when I be gone...

-- James Hernandez,  
Downey

### Three

They try to teach you how to act  
Or tell you what to think and say  
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And how not to hurt  
And you end up absorbing  
All the pain and repurcussions  
Of being perfect in their eyes

-- Valerie Osegueda,  
Downey

## TRAVELER

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Moyle and Allen succeeded in the Tokyo-Tacoma hop after another noted flier, Harold Bromley, failed. In fact they did it in his old airplane, which he had discarded in favor of a Lockheed Vega. The Vega made history of its own when it was piloted by Wiley Post and navigator Harold Garry around the world. The Vega, named "Winnie Mae," was hanged for years at the little Downey airstrip adjacent to the EMSCO plant.

The success of the Tokyo-Tacoma flight catapulted EMSCO into the headlines, and the small factory and its engineers undertook a design that (sadly) proved overly ambitious. A long distance aircraft of unusual design, it featured a single engine in a nacelle that also housed the pilot. The tail was supported by two slender booms mounted on a high aspect ratio wing. The Downey "Live Wire" newspaper of Jan. 23, 1930, proclaimed on its front page "America's Greatest Airplane Being Built at Plant in Downey."

It has been written that if wishes were horses then beggars would ride. The plane was destroyed on its maiden flight. Sales of other EMSCO designs (and just about everything else) began to lag due to the Depression and the aircraft plant shut down in 1932.

It's of interest to note that another firm that originally manufactured oil rig equipment had considerably more success in the aircraft industry despite the Depression. Ever hear of Howard Hughes? He started as the Houston based Hughes Oil Tool Co., and parlayed a modest oil fortune into an empire that included Hughes Aircraft, motion picture studios and a good chunk of Las Vegas before his death.

Downey was not rid of EMSCO, despite the closure of the aircraft plant. Far from it. The company had also diversified into the asbestos industry and the manufacture of related products such as brake shoes for cars. That EMSCO Asbestos Co. plant, located adjacent to the railroad tracks on S. Downey Avenue, continued until the city incorporated in 1956. EMSCO had battled long and hard against the city's incorporation. It seemed management feared an incorporated city would be likely to meddle with the firm's labor practices.

Whether such fears were justified or not we will never know, because shortly after incorporation the company made good on its threat and left. Of the old airport which continued in use after EMSCO shut down airplane operations in 1932, there are many colorful stories.

One letter in the files of the Downey Historical Society relates how a somewhat rough gentleman known familiarly as "Joe the Dutchman" grew corn between the runways. Joe became particularly incensed when the help flooded his fields.

When they weren't turning on the water, youngsters used to sneak into the old hangars to get a look at the legendary "Winnie Mae" still kept there.

There were other famous names which took over the old factory land and airfield later. These included Vultee. But it all began with that oil rig equipment manufacturer and EMSCO.

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## Enough is Enough

By Eric Pierce

I guess I'm lucky, I've never been harassed at work. Not physically, not verbally and (Lord knows) not sexually. I've been bothered, pestered, aggravated and screamed at, but never on a continual basis. Sometimes dealing with irate customers/clients is part of the job, and you need to learn to let it roll off your shoulders. Like the book says, "don't sweat the small stuff... And it's all small stuff."

Still, there comes a time when constant admonishments – either by co-workers, customers, clients or members of the public – cross the line from mild annoyance to full-on harassment. When that happens, it's incumbent on upper management to put an end to the situation, quickly and without prejudice.

Don't, and you have a potential lawsuit on your hands. And nobody wants a lawsuit. There's potential for it to get messy and awkward, with hurt feelings all around. The workplace would almost certainly become divided and the entire organization – and the people it serves – suffers as a result.

Besides that, you risk losing a competent and revered employee, all because management did not heed a cry for help.

I'm not an expert on labor law, it's just common sense.

It's tough to stand up to a bully sometimes, but absolutely necessary, especially when employees are suffering. Everybody has the right to work in a safe and protected environment, free of threats, bullying and acts of intimidation.

There comes a certain point where enough is enough and it's time to take action.

## SYMPHONY

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shows, L.A. Opera and film studio work.

"Learn to play all kinds of different music for free-lancing," Campbell said. "Learn to read music well."

Maki zeros in on the flutists.

"You must learn piccolo also," Maki said. "It is important to be able to play it well."

"And be sure to put every extra thing you've done on your college applications," added Maki. "Let's say you want to get into a wonderful college. You're one of four applicants for one opening. You all have the same SAT scores, the same GPAs. But your application includes the fact that you played oboe in high school, and that college orchestra needs wind players. Guess who'll get the letter of acceptance?"

Del Russo and the oboe students go into a practice room for intensive study, Campbell and two or three French horn players to another. Maki has eight flutists in a wide arc around her in the band library. Air in the small room throbs as they concentrate on matching notes.

"Every one of you is playing it right," said Del Russo. "That is so good – I'm thrilled!"

Massey works with a mob of clarinetists in the main room.

"Two feet on the floor, breathe very deep and low, let's hear your scales."

Ian, the sole bassoon student, lifts the school's bassoon from its locker, he and Duncan assemble the sections, then have a one-on-one lesson. There's no wasted time.

All this comes to the students in both schools through funding from Campus Concerts, a non-profit foundation based in Torrance, which has supported appearance from this quintet in Downey middle schools for seven or eight years.

As the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools program encourages elementary-age youngsters to learn an instrument, they swell classes such as Keen's in middle school, then feed into Cory Olariu's high school groups.

"This was very fun," said Olariu. "The groups sounded so good. This was awesome."

## Sexual harassment seminar in Whittier

**WHITTIER** – Six local chambers of commerce, including Downey's, will present sexual harassment prevention training May 17 at the Radisson Hotel in Whittier.

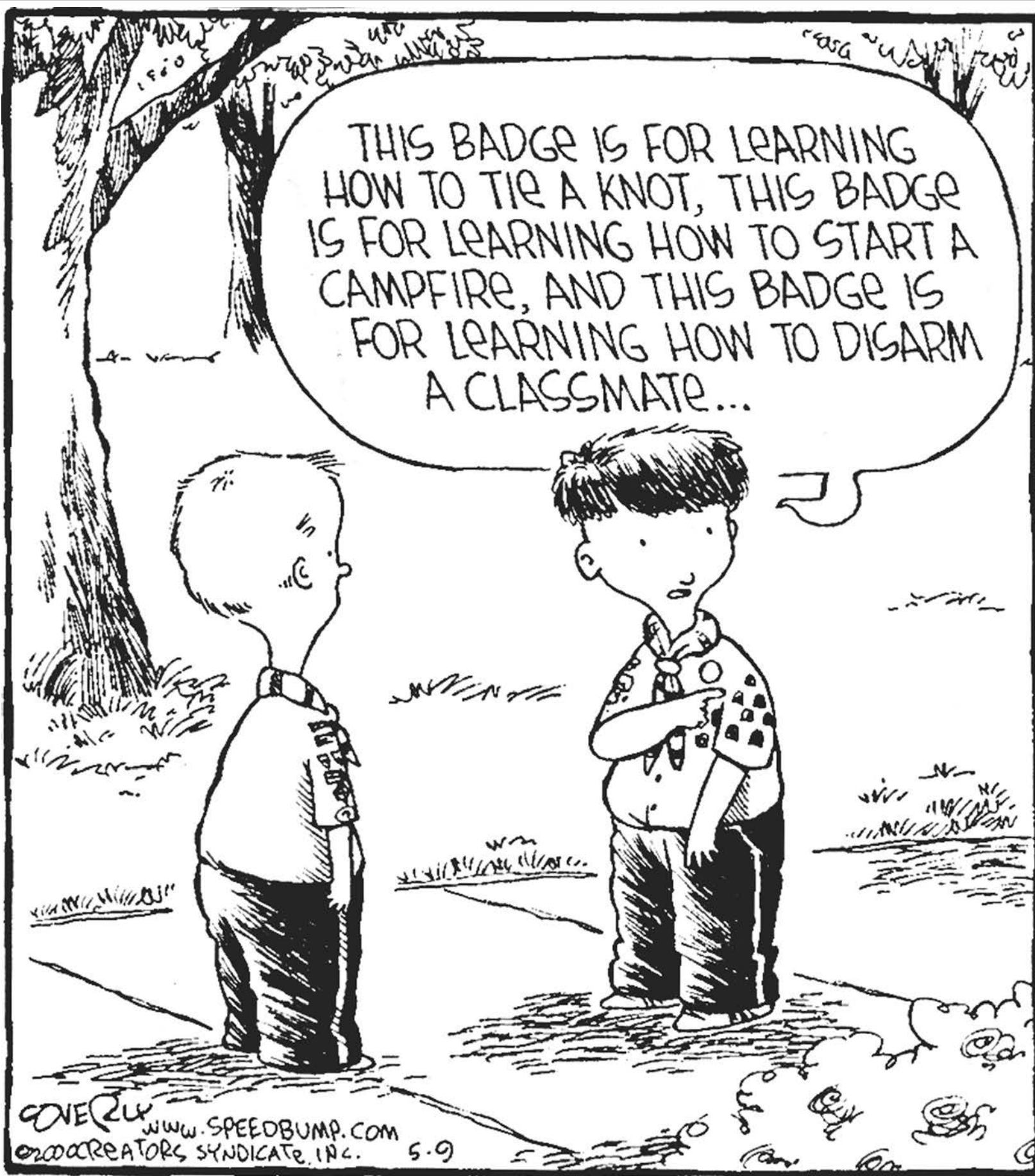
The workshop will be presented by Paul Fleck, a partner in the Cerritos office of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. The two-hour training course will include comprehensive materials, certificate of completion, and company verification sign-in sheets.

The cost is \$50 for chamber members and \$75 for non-members. Call (562) 923-2191.

## Cerritos' commencement May 12

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College will hold its 50th annual commencement ceremony to honor its graduating students on May 12 at 5 p.m. in Falcon Stadium.

This year's commencement speaker will be Cerritos College Mathematics Professor Manuel Lopez. The ceremony is open to the public.



## Letters to the Editor:

### A beautiful day

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to share a little happiness with your readers. Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) committee members were kept very busy this past Saturday, April 21, celebrating Earth Day as part of the "Great American Cleanup" (March 1 – May 31). They started the day at 9 a.m. by greeting 41 volunteers who came out to pick up litter behind the old Albertson's store. The volunteers collected 50 bags of trash from the railroad right away, parking lots and sidewalks. Stonewood Center made the morning very special by donating six gift certificates to be raffled off at the end of the cleanup. Stonewood Center is the major sponsor for all Keep Downey Beautiful monthly cleanups.

From there the KDB members proceeded to Rio Hondo Elementary to meet up with other volunteers (22 to be exact) from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At this location the volunteers planted 20 24-inch box trees on Rives and Muller. Honda World of Downey donated hats for every volunteer and in addition Honda donated gift certificates for a free oil change and car wash for KDB to raffle off at the end of the tree planting, and you don't even have to own a Honda, any make or model will be honored.

The last stop for the KDB committee members was Gauldin Elementary where an Earth Day celebration was being sponsored by Gauldin staff and parents (estimated 200). KDB passed out anti-pollution literature and items, such as pocket ashtrays, bags on board (to pick up after your pets), recycled pencils, litter bags and "Beautiful is Good" magnets. In addition, KDB gave a watershed presentation and coordinated a flower planting. The day ended around 3:30 p.m. with a litter cleanup of the school campus.

Although the day was long, there were two huge rewards for us tired KDB members:

1. The reason most of the volunteers came out to help Saturday was they read about the cleanups from a newsletter mailed to them from the Downey Public Works Department, "One Person's Trash", or from a flyer they picked up in the Downey City Library.
2. Most of the volunteers who participated Saturday really did not expect to be rewarded for their time and labor. They were genuinely surprised. Although they loved receiving the gifts raffled off by the sponsor's at the end of each cleanup, the main reason they participated was they wanted to give a little something back to the community.

Thanks for a blissful day.

— Carol Rowland,  
Coordinator, Keep Downey Beautiful

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### Poetry contest taking submissions

The International Library of Poetry will award over \$100,000 in prizes in its annual poetry contest, open to all poets, published or not. The deadline to enter is June 30 and entry is free.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject or style, to: The International Library of Poetry, suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries can also be submitted online at www.poetry.com.

### Looking for Scott Bouch

Dear Editor:

There ARE good people out there... At noon on Dec. 26, 2006, I fell asleep at the wheel on I-40. I awoke going through the guard rail, flipping over and landing upside down. Moments later several people pulled us out of the car through the window, laid us on blankets on the desert, applied compresses to my bloody face, called 911, and waited there with us for two hours until the ambulance arrived from Baker (we were just east of Ludlow).

During that long wait I asked the name of one of the young men who cared for us. He said he was Scott Bouch from Downey.

Later in January I tried to get his number but was told it was unlisted. If anyone reads this and knows him I would like to be able to thank him personally. There were other people from Barstow who stopped and cared for us as well as employees at the Barstow emergency hospital whom we've already been able to thank.

Only recently did I learn that a friend of ours was acquainted with your editor and suggested I write a letter that might facilitate a contact with Scott Bouch.

— Barbara and Frank Mason,  
Arroyo Grande, CA

## CHAMPIONS

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schools representing the pillars of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

The large, sun-splashed crowd of approving classmates, parents, relatives, friends and supporters estimated at 3,000 applauded and cheered themselves hoarse at every opportunity, as they hollered and rooted for their teams. The meet officials and upwards of 40 or so officiating volunteers, nine of them easily enticed out of comfortable retirement that included the likes of retirees Dale Lostetter, Donna and George Boose, Don Peterson, Joyce Pitts, and Earl Haugen, either scurried about or did what they could to help the core coordinators headed by Phil Davis, DUSD director of support programs, and his trusty secretary, Mary Helen Aguilar.

Also watching the proceedings closely were DUSD board members Willie Gutierrez, Barbara Samperi, and Tod Corrin, as well as DUSD assistant superintendent Jerilyn King-Brown and directors.

After the dust settled, the order of finish was: 1st place, Rio San Gabriel; 2nd place, Old River; 3rd place, Carpenter; 4th place, Gauldin; 5th place, Gallatin; 6th place, Price; 7th place, Lewis; 8th place, Rio Hondo; and 9th place, Unsworth. Davis complimented the schools' coaches for ensuring order and promoting commendable behavior among the kids.

In her welcoming remarks, DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty dedicated this year's Carnival of Champions to the six pillars of character as well as to the "Character Counts Kid's Pledge," saying she also wished to dedicate the event to the "strengthening of character through healthy sports competition."

Doty exhorted the crowd, "We ask that all of you as parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters will remember that today's event is a chance to model good character for all of the children to see. Positive comments and support for all of the competitors is a great way to model character. We say this because the Downey Unified School District believes in "pursuing victory with honor!"

An enthused former school official was overheard: "I've never seen a better school sports meet run than this."

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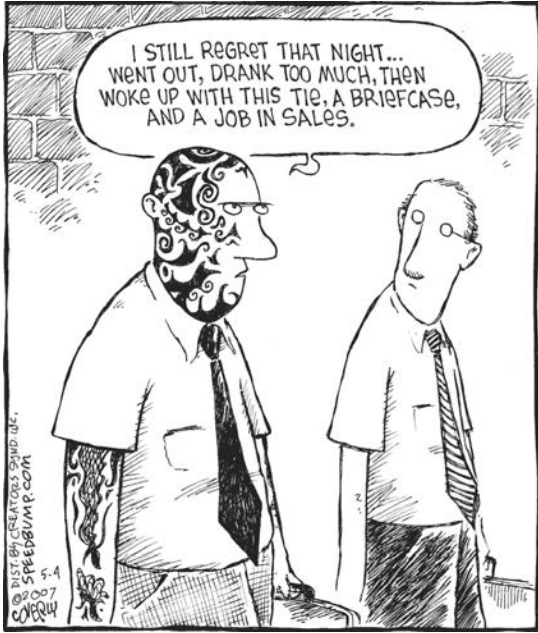
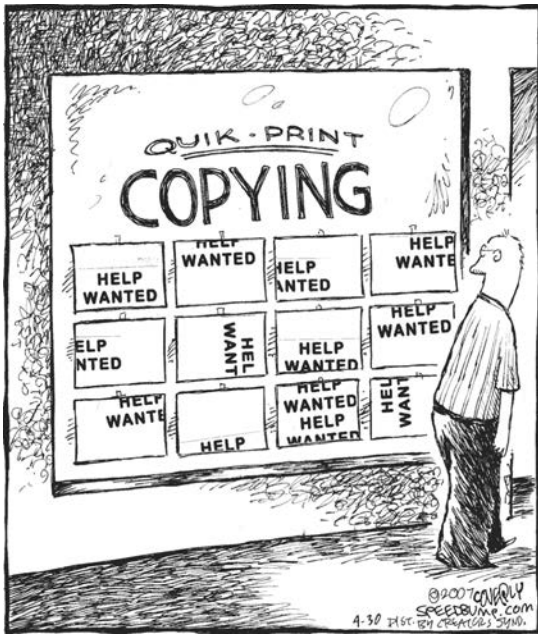
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For May

Sat. May 5: **Rummage Sale**, Downey Memorial Christian Church, 7 a.m.  
 Mon. May 7: **"Legacy - Irish Music and Dance,"** Downey Adult School, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs. May 10: **9th Annual Family Fun Night**, Downey High School, 4 p.m.  
 Thurs. May 10: **Annual Salute to Outstanding Volunteers and Installation Banquet**, Rio Hondo Country Club, 6 p.m.

### City Meetings

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.  
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.  
 9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.  
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.  
 12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.  
 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.  
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.  
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.  
 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.  
 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.  
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.  
 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.  
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.  
 Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

#### Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.  
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.  
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.  
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.  
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.  
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.  
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.  
 2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.  
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.  
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.  
 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.  
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.  
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.  
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.  
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.  
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.  
 4th Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

#### Fridays

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

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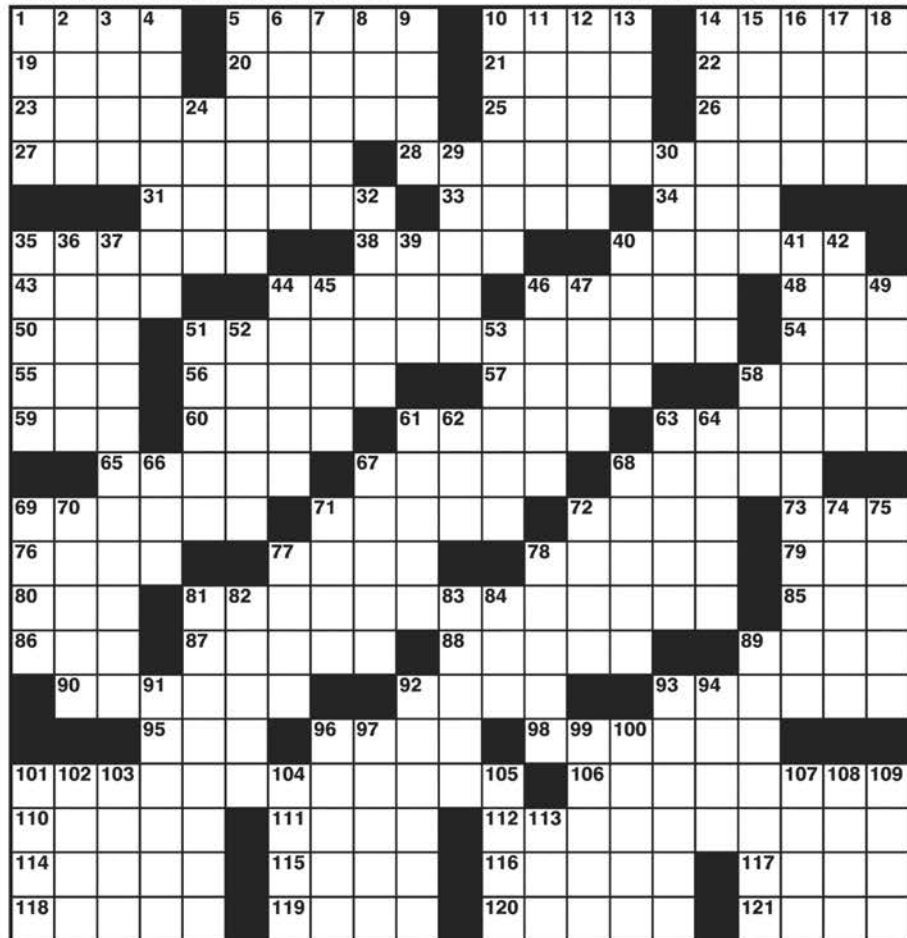
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**1946:** U.S. Marines are brought in to break up a two-day riot at Alcatraz prison.  
**1953:** Ernest Hemingway wins the Pulitzer Prize for his novel, *"The Old Man and the Sea."*  
**1970:** Four students protesting the Vietnam War are shot and killed at Kent State University by Ohio National Guardsman.  
**1979:** Margaret Thatcher is appointed the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

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and eating habits.

In researching her platform, Kari has learned that one in four college women have eating disorders, 91 percent of college women have dieted and nine percent of nine-year-old girls (which is about the same age as Olive) have experienced purging.

With that being said, she makes it a priority to visit campuses of all academic levels – from grammar school to college – to promote eating disorder awareness and prevention.

“I wanted to be involved with a platform that was personal to me,” said Kari. “And because the issue is naturally progressing, it’s something that I was willing to pour my time into.”

In addition to her platform, Kari has been spending time preparing for the Miss California Pageant, which will be held in June in Fresno. A total of 56 girls are competing for the title.

Kari, 24, has already been Miss Covina 2005 and Miss Northern California Regional 2006, competing both years for Miss California.

Because Miss America Pageant guidelines only allow women between the ages of 17 and 24 to be crowned, this is Kari’s third and last year to compete for the title.

For those not familiar with how the pageant works, one cannot compete for Miss America without holding a state title, and one cannot compete for Miss California without a city title.

Unlike the Miss USA Pageant (famously known as Donald Trump’s pageant), the Miss America Pageant is a non-profit organization that rewards scholarships to its winners, awarding Miss California \$10,000 and Miss America \$25,000.

Kari said her crownings thus far have helped pay for a huge portion of her college education.

Originally from Oregon, Kari moved to California to attend college in 2001. She graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Cinema and Broadcast Arts. She is anticipating attending USC this fall to obtain her master’s in Strategic Public Relations.

Currently, she resides in San Dimas but commutes daily to her job at the Downey Federal Credit Union, where she’s in charge of business development. With her position there, she has served as an Adopt-A-School Liaison, Character Counts Coordinator and participated in many other community activities.

And that’s just the beginning of her resume.

Kari has served as Eating Disorder Awareness Week Coordinator, GATE Conference Coordinator, Girls State Chief Justice and Alpha Kappa Psi Master of Rituals. She was the recipient of the American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year, NCA All-American Cheerleader, Miss California 2005 Academic Achievement Honorable Mention, and was listed in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

In addition, she participated in APU’s Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, obtained an insurance license, developed and implemented an eating disorder awareness program, and budgeted, scheduled and produced an original screenplay titled “Wasted,” which is about a young dancer who battles an eating disorder.

As if that is not enough, Kari played for APU’s Girls Football Team throughout college and has appeared in an episode of “Boston Legal,” where she sat next to William Shatner in a bar.

And she still finds time to workout daily.

Kari is currently training for a half-marathon that she will run this summer and practices her tap dancing every evening. She has been tap dancing since she was nine years old and shares tap as her tal-



ent in pageants.

“The talent portion of any pageant accounts for the highest percentage in the overall score and is the most competitive,” said Kari. “Some of these women are professional singers and dancers, so you really have to be good at what you do.”

The Miss California Pageant is broken up into five categories of competition, totaling a possible 100 percent: swimsuit (15 percent), evening gown (20 percent), interview (25 percent), talent (35 percent) and on-stage question (five percent).

Kari’s favorite part of the competition are the swimsuit and talent rounds. When competing for Miss Hollywood, Kari won the preliminary awards for the swimsuit, evening gown and interview categories – as well as the crown.

But for Kari, participating in pageants is not just about being able to tap and look good in a swimsuit.

“When I first starting competing [at 15], it was about winning the crown,” said Kari. “And even though I want to be crowned Miss California and Miss America, the experience is more about refining myself and establishing who I am.”

If Kari is crowned Miss California, she will spend the first six months training for Miss America and later tour California schools, speaking about her platform.

If she is crowned Miss America, the position will be a full-time job with a paid salary, participating in charity events and serving as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Children’s Miracle Network, the pageant’s national platform.

Until the Miss California Pageant in June, Kari will be performing tap routines and serving as the master of ceremonies for “Relay for Life” in Culver City in two weeks.

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Oh, and beauty queens DO eat ice cream – her favorite is Cookie Dough.

### Rummage sale at Downey Memorial

**DOWNEY** – Downey Memorial Christian Church will have a rummage sale tomorrow, May 5, from 7 a.m. to noon.

The church is at 8441 E. Florence Ave.

### Golf tournament needs support

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will host their 11th annual golf tournament Aug. 6 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

The tournament is one of the Chamber’s major fundraisers and contributes to their scholarship fund for Warren, Downey and Columbus High Schools, as well as the Miss Downey pageant. The Chamber gives \$2,000 in scholarships annually to students majoring in business.

Sponsorships are available for the tournament, including Gold (\$2,500), Silver (\$800) and Tournament Sponsor (\$500). For more information, call (562) 923-2191.

### Bingo luncheon at St. Raymond’s

**DOWNEY** – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond’s Parish is having a “Bingo Luncheon” May 6 in the Msgr Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, starting at 1 p.m.

A \$10 donation includes one Bingo card, door prizes and lunch. The day will include a raffle of a \$25 money tree and other prizes.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

### St. Raymond’s celebrating 50th

**DOWNEY** – St. Raymond’s Catholic Church will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with this year’s annual festival, “Homecoming: Let’s Celebrate,” from May 18 to 20.

The festival will take place May 18 from 6 to 10 p.m., May 19 from noon to 10 p.m., and May 20 from noon to 6 p.m.

The weekend-long celebration will include food, entertainment, games and Bingo. Raffle tickets will also be sold to win a grand prize of \$3,000. To sponsor a booth, call Dianne Pacheco at (562) 889-3816.

To purchase raffle tickets or for information, call St. Raymond’s at (562) 923-4509.

### ‘Daughters Day Brunch’ May 12

**DOWNEY** – The theme of Downey United Methodist Church’s Daughters Day Brunch May 12 is “Shh, God is Speaking. Can You Hear Him Now?” presented by Rhea Zakich, a Bible school teacher at the Crystal Cathedral.

The brunch will start at 11 a.m. at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave. Cost is \$5.

For information, call the church office at (562) 861-9777.

### City is hiring for the summer

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey is currently recruiting for several positions within the Community Services Department for temporary, summer employment.

Positions are available with various day camps, working with children between the ages of 4 and 14, and the aquatics program, which serves all ages. The aquatics program operates at Downey High School and the day camps are held at various parks throughout Downey.

For information on the application process, call the Personnel Department at (562) 904-7293. Specific questions regarding the positions should be directed to Dan Belling at (562) 904-7238.

### ‘Viking Sports Reunion’ May 24

**DOWNEY** – In honor of this year’s Downey High School Hall of Fame celebration, a “Viking Sports Reunion” will be held May 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites.

For more information or to RSVP, call Lash Stevenson at (650) 345-5274 or via e-mail at lashrf-fox@mac.com.

### Teachers group holding installation

**WHITTIER** – The California Retired Teachers Association, division 31, area 8, will hold a meeting and installation of officers May 8 at 11 a.m. at the Greenleaf Masonic Center in Whittier.

The program will feature Rebecca Weeks, who will speak on Hawaiian royal heritage.

Retired teachers, teachers nearing retirement, school personnel and interested people from the community are invited. For more information call (562) 696-4474.

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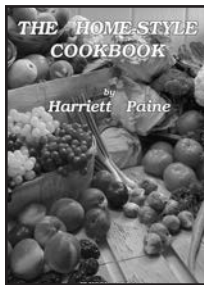


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## Cinco de Mayo Recipes...Ole!



Recipes by Harriett Paine

Harriett Paine is an instructor at Downey Adult School and author of "The Home-Style Cookbook" published by Plycon Press. She has taught food classes at Cerritos College and was food editor for *Senior Life Magazine*.

### Frijoles Rio Grande

(Makes 12 servings)

- 1 pound dry pinto, red or kidney beans
- 6 cups water
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp. dried oregano, crushed
- 1 tsp. dried marjoram, crushed
- 1 tsp. pepper
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- 1 pound ground beef
- 4 stalks celery, sliced
- 4 carrots, sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 dry or fresh hot chili peppers (optional)
- 2 cups dry red wine

- 1 Wash and sort beans. Combine beans and water in large saucepan. Boil for 2 minutes.
- 2 Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 1 hour.
- 3 Add onion, garlic, and seasonings. Bring to boil again and let simmer 2 hours or until beans are tender.
- 4 Sauté ground beef in skillet. Do not fry or brown.
- 5 Add celery, carrots, green pepper, and chili peppers, if desired. Sauté over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes.
- 6 Add meat and vegetables to beans; simmer one hour.
- 7 Stir in wine and heat 15 minutes.

### South of the Border Combo

(Makes 4 servings. Pressure saucepan method.)

Follow manufacturer's directions for pressure saucepan.

- 8 pieces chicken, skinned (optional: 4 pork chops or 1 pound round steak, cut in 4 pieces)
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 cup uncooked long grain rice
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies
- 1 can (16 ounces) stewed tomatoes
- ½ cup water
- Seasoned pepper

- 1 In pressure saucepan, brown chicken or meat in oil. Remove meat from pan.
- 2 Add rice, stirring constantly until browned.
- 3 Stir in vegetables, chilies, tomatoes and water. Place chicken on top of this mixture and sprinkle with pepper.
- 4 Cover and bring pressure to 15 pounds on high heat. Reduce heat and cook 8 minutes. Remove from heat and allow pressure to drop normally.

### De Luz Avocado Dip

(Makes 3 cups)

- 2 ripe avocados, peeled
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- ½ cup finely chopped parsley
- ¼ cup finely chopped green onion tops
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped cilantro (optional)
- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- ½ tsp. lemon pepper or black pepper

- 1 In medium bowl, mash avocado.
- 2 Add sour cream, mayonnaise, lemon juice, parsley, onion, cilantro, salt and pepper. Beat thoroughly with electric mixer.
- 3 Cover container; chill at least 1 hour to blend flavors.
- 4 Serve with chips or raw vegetables. Keeps several hours without darkening.

### Mexican Mix-Up

(Makes 12 servings)

- 3 quarts Homemade Hamburger Choice Meat Sauce
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 packages (about 1 ½ ounces each) blended Mexican seasonings (chili, enchilada or taco mix)
- 1 Tbsp. sugar

#### Toppings:

- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, coarsely shredded
- 8 ounces Monterey jack cheese, coarsely shredded
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, diced
- 2 tsp. garlic salt
- 2 medium avocados, peeled
- ½ cup ranch buttermilk dressing
- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- 3 ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 1 bunch green onions with tops, sliced
- 1 can (15 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 large head iceberg lettuce, shredded
- 1 package (16 ounces) regular corn chips

#### In advance:

- 1 In large saucepan or slow cooker, combine Homemade Hamburger Choice Meat Sauce, rice, seasoning mix and sugar. Heat slowly and allow to simmer 15 minutes. Refrigerate.
- 2 In medium covered container, combine cheeses and cornstarch. Toss to coat and mix cheeses. Refrigerate.
- 3 In small covered container, combine eggs and garlic salt. Refrigerate.
- 4 In medium covered container, combine avocado, dressing and seasoning. Beat at high speed with electric mixer until well mixed and light. Refrigerate.
- 5 In four covered containers, place tomatoes, green onions, olives and lettuce. Refrigerate.

#### To serve:

- Heat meat sauce.
- On a counter or table, place plates, forks and napkins.
- Place corn chips in a napkin-lined basket.
- Place meat sauce in keep-warm serving container with ladle or large spoon.
- Arrange all the topping containers in order listed with an appropriate serving utensil.
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good. Despite this beat-up body, my legs are okay and I go jogging, or more like dragging [my legs], 25 miles a week." He hasn't swung a golf club in five years.

Finch in the meantime meets regularly with former police chief retirees like himself to chit-chat and bandy ideas around.

Downey still pretty much figures in his life. A resident of Fullerton, he comes twice a week to the city he served as Police Chief for almost six years.

"I have my haircuts here, go to my two dentists and my doctor here." He still patronizes All American Home Center ("They have a wide variety of good stuff") and Stonewood Center as well.

"The highlight of my six-year career as police chief definitely is leading such a phenomenal group of people in the department," Finch says. "It was just a great opportunity to lead a quality bunch of people doing a tough job. Of course I miss the day-to-day camaraderie I had with them."

Finch says he thinks the world of current Police Chief Roy Campos, who succeeded him.

"He was, of course, a co-worker, one of my police captains. It was easy for me to leave knowing someone who's honest, hard-working, and trustworthy would be taking over. And, believe me, this comes from the heart," he says.

"We have some plans lined up," Finch continues, "My wife and I, for one, are getting ready for our 30th wedding anniversary this July. I'm saddened that I cannot attend the department's 50th anniversary open house May 12. I think the open house is a great idea. I would have loved to be there."

The Downey Police Department will host their first-ever open house Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Learn 'How to Buy a Digital Camera'

**DOWNEY** – The Downey City Library will offer a class May 5 for consumers interested in purchasing their first digital camera.

"How to Buy a Digital Camera" is ideal for those who want to make an informed purchase but aren't sure what type of camera is right for them. The class will give a basic introduction to terminology for digital cameras and explain important features useful for beginning photographers.

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## Golf tournament seeks players

**DOWNEY** – The Teen Challenge Ministry Institute serving Southern California is seeking golfers for their third annual Golf Classic & Banquet scheduled for May 7 at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

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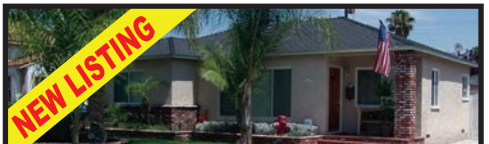
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