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## Big plans for May 6 Street Fair

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School's award-winning Marching Band will kick off the day-long festivities at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6, known as the Downey Street Fair.

Other musical groups of note scheduled to appear include well known rockers All About Me, who excel at such songs as those of Buddy Holly, Elvis and the Beatles.

Also scheduled to appear is Kiss O Band, a particularly hot local group featuring Steve Williamson doing vocals on cover numbers made famous by Deep Purple, AC/DC, and Alice Cooper. Kiss O Band includes Downey's own Chris Baumann, Scott Charitan, and Rick Martinez.

Contrast that with the sweet barbershop harmony sounds of the Southland Harmony Chorus also set to appear, and you realize there will be something to suit every taste at the Street Fair located on Brookshire and Firestone Boulevard.

The nonstop array of talent offered all day long at the bandstand includes Flashpoint. The entertainment starts at 10:15 a.m. with Onstage Dance center's young dancers. And you won't want to miss The Daughters of Isis belly dancers troop.

### Car show

While entertainment continues on stage, a classic car show will be offered in the Downey High School Parking lot near the pool off Brookshire, which will include customs, street, classic, luxury and sport categories, two radio stations broadcasting and two deejays.

If food is your thing, then forget your diet for one day and feast on a variety of delights in the Food Court located in the High School's South Parking Lot. Vendors will include B-Food International, Barrett's Lemonade, Blue Smoke BBQ, First Baptist Church of Downey, Frantone's, George's Restaurant and Bar, Granata's, Hawaii Tropical Drink, Old Town Baking, Orange Mist, Paula's Hot Dogs, Philly's Best, Taco Treat, and the Old Fashioned Kettle Corn Co.

This does not include the many vendors moving up and down Brookshire.

The Street Fair is put on annually by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which wants to thank all sponsors this year including majors Colin Clarke, Century 21-Jervis & Associates (Platinum); Downey Regional Medical Center (Diamond); CalMet Services Inc, and First Baptist Church of Downey (Gold); Mark Barboza-Countrywide Home Loans, Talbert Medical Group and Wescom Credit Union (Silver); And All-American Home Center, CareMore Medical, Downey Savings and Loan, Gallatin Dental Group, Norm's Restaurant, Alon Ofir D.D.S., Pacific Western Bank, Pioneer Medical Group and World of Decor (Bronze); as well as a host of Friends of the Fair, and the City of Downey Public Works and Police and Fire Departments.



**CLINT DENN'S "INSIDE IRELAND"**—Michael, a peat farmer, his dog and donkey.

## Travelogue series concludes Sunday

**DOWNEY**—Travel with filmmaker Clint Denn throughout Ireland this Sunday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m. when the Downey Theater concludes the 2005/2006 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series with the film "Inside Ireland."

Ireland is 302 miles long by an average of 150 miles wide. That small size belies its diversity and the adventures at every turn. Near Connemara is a typical sheep farm, where trained dogs round up the sheep and the farmer demonstrates shearing (with the "help" from a nosy little lamb). Meals are traditional, with highlights of Irish Stew and Raisin Scones. On the Ring of Kerry and Dingle Peninsula are recorded prehistoric stone sites, ancient monasteries, quaint old villages, dramatic seaside cliffs, and intriguing ports. From Blarney to Killarney and Cobh to Dublin are adventures such as the Irish Stud Farm, the Foynes Flying Boat Museum, Waterford Crystal, and Ulster Folk Park celebrating Ireland's immigration links with America.

One can both record Irish history and live it at Adare Manor and Ashford Castle. On the castle grounds are the cottage and squire's house from the "Quiet Man" movie, which also featured the nearby village of Innisfree. At Clonmacnoise (548 AD) is the High Celtic Cross of Scriptures and high tower (60 feet) used for defense. Then on to Newgrange and Knowth, with their incredible Neolithic tombs that pre-date the pyramids by 1,000 years. Knappogue Castle with its medieval feast, stories, song, and dance is an exciting window to the past.

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## Honors pour in for a 'special' person

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—Life takes some strange turns, Joyce Prokop seemed to be saying as she recalled how she, born in Detroit, Michigan, moved to Gary, Indiana "when I was young"; went to Gary's Emerson High together with future husband, Mike; and somehow ended up settling down in Downey in 1967.

She could also have mused, "Life is full of surprises," for little did she know that today, after raising three children in Downey, after 22 years helping Mike run their successful business, Classic Closets ("It was hard closing it down, in 2002"), and after nearly 40 years of striving and living in a comparatively vibrant, and what would turn out to be a hospitable, Downey, she would find herself on the receiving end of honors and accolades undreamt of back then in the unsettled atmosphere of Gary (yes, that Gary, Indiana of U.S. Steel glory days, of 'The Music Man' fame, and the city where Michael Jackson was born).

On March 18, at the 2006 Miss Downey Pageant, Joyce became the 3rd recipient of the VIP Award presented by the Downey Rose Float Association. (Dr. Mary Stauffer was the first to receive the award; Jean

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## 'Green' expo today at the Gas Company

**DOWNEY**—The Southern California Gas Co., hosts the second day of its Annual Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo today, with its major message of conservation being brought home daily by soaring gasoline prices and suspicions of global warming in the news.

The Gas Company built the structure where the conference is being held at 9240 Firestone Boulevard as an example of what can be done by "thinking green" and conserving energy.

The conference, which began yesterday and wraps up today, was expanded to two days due to the timeliness of its message.

### Topics

The first day focused on the needs of municipalities and the regional community. Today will zero in on the needs of developers and the private sector.

There may still be room so call (800) 437-6584 (option one), or go online at [www.socalgas.com/erc](http://www.socalgas.com/erc).

The conference is cosponsored by the Gas Company and the Los Angeles Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, and will address topics such as the ethics and values of sustainability, policy and planning, regional issues, Leadership in Energy and Environmental design (LEED) certification.

### Speaker

Keynote speaker today will be Tom Cody, principal of the South Group, a downtown Los Angeles collaboration between Portland's Gerding/Edlen Development Co., and Williams & Dame Development.

A continued theme of the conference is the payback and sustainability of green designs.

## School district, YMCA sued

**DOWNEY** – Six Warren High School students who were secretly videotaped undressing by their gymnastics coach filed a lawsuit this week against the Downey Unified School District and the Downey Family YMCA.

Anthony Darrell Vankirk, who pleaded no contest to a felony count of eavesdropping and two misdemeanor counts of child molestation in November, is also named as a defendant in the suit.

Attorney Gloria Allred filed the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages and claims sexual harassment, negligent supervision, invasion of privacy, and assault and battery.

"We alleged that these defendants knew – or should have known about – and failed to prevent or remedy a hostile, sexually abusive and offensive environment," Allred said. "As a result, our clients, young girls, suffered serious invasions of their privacy and, in many cases, extreme mental anguish and severe mental distress."

Vankirk, gymnastics coach at Warren for about two years, allegedly had the girls train in a utility room at the Downey YMCA instead of the locker room. A student discovered the video camera last May and turned it over to Downey Police.

The girls, who ranged in age from 14-16 when they were videotaped, regularly trained at the Downey YMCA, officials there said.

Vankirk was sentenced to 330 days in prison in February, but given credit for time served and released. He is currently on probation and was required to register as a sex offender.

## Character Counts Series

### Honesty is the best policy

By Emmanuel Gutierrez,  
3rd Grade, Ward Elementary

"Honesty is the best policy" is something I choose to follow in my life. Honesty makes me a better person. It helps me be a good role model for others. I have received a lot of rewards for being an honest person.

One reason I follow honesty is because it makes me a better person. My teachers are nice to me and they trust me because I'm honest.

Another reason I'm honest is because I want to be a good role model for my cousin. For example, one time I was playing a game with my cousin. We both got in trouble. My mom asked me if she got hurt and I said, "Yes, she did get hurt." My aunt asked my cousin if she was on top of me and she said, "Yes." I was surprised she told the truth. I will always be a good role model for her.

Finally, I have received many awards for being honest. One afternoon, my friend said that I didn't give a pencil to my friend, but my other friend wanted my pencil. He thought I gave it to him, but I didn't. My teacher said to me, "Did you give it to Aldo or Manuel?" I said, "I gave it to Aldo." My teacher said, "Thank you for being honest." The next day I got an honesty award. I was proud of myself.

In conclusion, honesty is the best policy and is something I will always follow in my life.

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



**VIP AWARD**—Is presented to Joyce Prokop, center, by Downey Rose Float Association president Julie Swender, left, with Miss Downey Pageant director Susan Domen sharing the moment. "You are our real 'Miss Downey,'" Swender told her, "you exemplify everything an Ambassador to the City should be. Your caring for others, your loving heart and your generosity are what make you a special person."

## Annual Carnival of Champs April 29 at Warren High

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District will offer one of the community's most colorful events, the annual Carnival of Champions, that brings together young athletes from the district's nine elementary schools in competition from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at Warren High School, 8141 DePalma.

Teams are scored on a 10-8-6-4-2 basis for first through fifth place in each event. The public is welcome and the event is free.





**MEANING BUSINESS** – Members of Pro Networkers of Downey are seen at a recent breakfast meeting at Mimi's Cafe. Pictured (from left) are Soraya Badianat of Bank of America, Emilio Rocha of Sentry Publications and Pat Schilling of Watkins Cooking and Home Products. The group meets to network and exchange business leads every Friday at 7:30 a.m. For information, call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

**TV production class at adult school**

**DOWNEY**—Interested in getting into the television industry? Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at 14338 Lakewood Blvd. in Bellflower, covering the four stages of television production, for \$55.

Students will learn what it takes to be behind as well as in front of the camera, while learning in an actual TV studio. Preregister at Downey Adult School or call 940-6200.

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**Warren athletic director up for prestigious honor**

*By Eric Pierce*

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School athletic director Steven Hill will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah April 25-29 where will vie with five other administrators from around the country for the "National Athletic Director of the Year Award," a honored bestowed yearly by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

Hill qualified after being selected Southwest Regional Athletic Director of the Year by the National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors. The Southwest Region represents six states from New Mexico to Hawaii.

The director of the year will be announced on April 28 at NASPE's Hall of Fame banquet, which will induct Olympic gold medalist and speed skater Dan Jansen that night.

"By making a significant impact on the lives of the students, Steven Hill has made an outstanding contribution to his school and community," said NASPE President Thomas J. Templin. "He is also recognized as an

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**MLA format workshop for students**

**DOWNEY**—A free workshop for teens ages 13-19 will be offered on Wednesday, April 26 from 3:30-4:40 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., on how to use the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, published by the Modern Language Association of America. Teens will learn how to cite books, magazine and newspaper articles, electronic resources and Internet websites used for their research papers.

"This class is so valuable because many teachers require students to use the MLA format," said instructor Julie Davis. "Be sure to register early since class size is limited."

Call the Adult Information desk, 904-7360, ext. 32, for information.

**NARFE meets at Furman Park April 26**

**DOWNEY**—The National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) holds its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, April 26 at Furman Park (West Bldg.), 10419 S. Rives in Downey. Coffee and cake will be served.

Agenda will be the results of District 2 presidents' council meeting and final plans for the June Chapter luncheon. Contact Chapter president Bob Knerr, (562) 943-5513, for details.

**'Everyday Chinese for Business/Travel'**

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., is offering classes on the Chinese language on Tuesdays and Thursdays April 25-July 27. The Chinese language instruction is for everyone at all levels. Students will learn about the listening, speaking, reading, writing and communication skills needed for business and travel in everyday situations.

Students may sign up now at Downey Adult School, or call 940-6200 for more information.



**ANGELA MARIA LOYA**—Serving her country today in Frankfurt, Germany.

**Loya stationed in Germany**

*By Judy Brunkala*

**DOWNEY**—Angela Maria Loya, granddaughter of Downey residents Gabriel and Dolores Loya, enlisted in the Army in June 2005 and is stationed near Frankfurt, Germany.

After completing high school she worked at Camp Pendleton and made her decision to enlist. She then completed basic training in Missouri, then a transfer to Fort Bliss, Texas.

"She always wanted to enlist," Gabriel Loya said. He added he and his wife are proud of Angela and hope young people reading about her and other enlisted persons will become motivated to join the Armed Services.

**Stroke and diabetes awareness seminar**

**DOWNEY**—Members of the community are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., Saturday, April 22 from 9-11 a.m. to learn strategies for preventing two major health threats: stroke and diabetes.

DRMC Diabetes Health Educator Elsa Saucedo, RN, will discuss risk factors, signs and symptoms, and diabetes testing. Deborah Massaglia, president of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, will give an overview of risk factors and warning signs of a stroke. Presentations will be followed by stroke screenings, blood pressure and heart rate checks, as well as a prize drawing.

Registration is required for the free community event. For information about future Stroke Awareness Days, call 904-5162.

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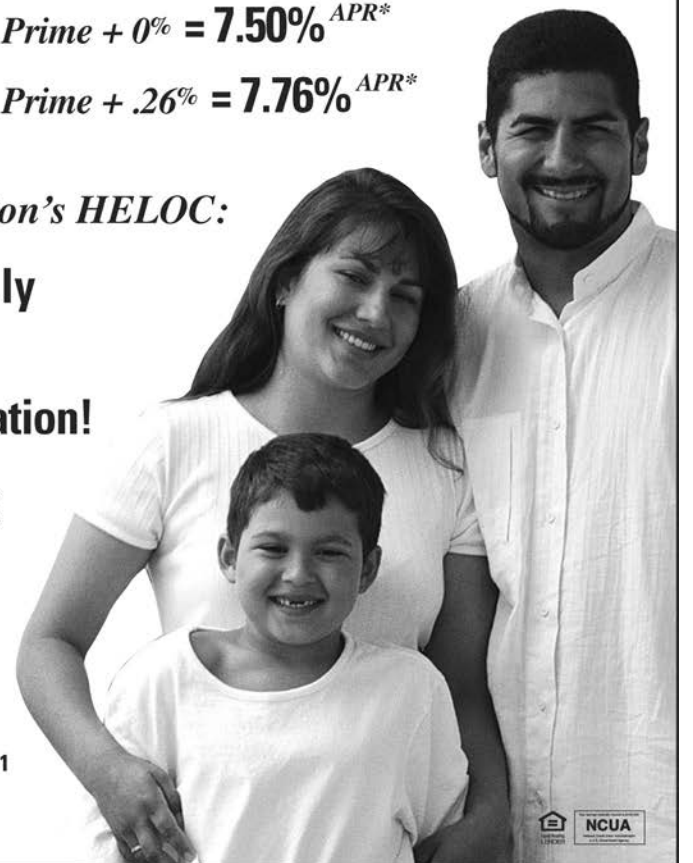
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## Open house to benefit 'Casa de Parley Johnson'

**DOWNEY**—Assistance League of Downey is planning an open house for Saturday, May 20, complete with home tours, luncheon and antique and collectible sale. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at "Casa de Parley Johnson," 7749 Florence Ave., Downey.

Ken Pleshek, a professional appraiser, will be in attendance to appraise one item for each attendee.

Surplus funds from the event will go towards the restoration of "Casa de Parley Johnson," which was built in 1926 by the prominent architect Roland Coates. He is recognized as a major proponent of the Monterey style in Southern California during the 1920's and '30's.

Tickets for the open house are \$25. For information and reservations, contact the chapter's Building and Properties Chairman at (562) 927-4825 or mail a check to Assistance League of Downey, 11026 Downey Ave., Downey 90241. Tickets will be held at the door.

## Jerry Blackburn OASIS speaker April 24

**DOWNEY**—Recent Boeing retiree and Aerospace Legacy Foundation president Jerry Blackburn presents an update of activities, including plans for a museum and learning center, at the old Boeing site when he addresses the OASIS class Monday, April 24 at Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., Downey. A history of the facility will also be recounted.

Piano entertainment by Dr. Robert Flynn at 3 p.m. precedes the program at 4 p.m. This is followed by a full-course dinner at 5 p.m. OASIS resource instructor is Harriett Paine.

For information/reservation, call 904-7215. Downey Senior Dial-A-Ride will provide transportation to the class.

## Ara speaker at networkers meeting

**DOWNEY**—Guest speaker at the Chamber's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's 7:30 a.m. meeting Tuesday, April 25 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., Downey, is Dr. Charlie Ara, who will speak on "Love from the Vatican to the Playboy Mansion: All A's for successful business relationships." RSVP: (562) 923-2191.

## Holocaust commemoration at Temple

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will have a community commemoration of the Holocaust Tuesday evening, April 25. 'Yom Hashoah' Service will begin at 7:30 p.m., conducted by student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill. All are welcome.

Meanwhile, the Temple's Sisterhood holds its regular monthly board and general meeting at 11 a.m. the following day, April 26. A luncheon will be served after the business meeting. Donation for the luncheon is \$6.

For information about meetings/membership, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



**JOHN RODRIGUEZ**—Course Superintendent at Rio Hondo Golf Club where he has been employed since 1992, is the recipient of the 2005 Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Public Course Award presented by the Golf Course Superintendent Association of Southern California. Rio Hondo is a public golf course owned by the city of Downey and is managed by Satsuma Landscape Management.

## Calling Downey High '56 class alumni

**DOWNEY**—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8. Alumni are asked to call (949) 472-4616 for details.

## 'Connections' meets Thursdays

**DOWNEY**—Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith, president of the group, at 861-5222.

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## Library open Sunday afternoons

**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. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave., Downey.

## Benefit fashion show at Rio Hondo

**DOWNEY**—Models, club president Barbara Emry, Nancy Georgas, Maria Garcia, June Ferguson, Jeanne Henson, Mary Kresonja, Jo Moreno, Estela Mendoza, Norma Willis and Kim Yeager, are practicing "The Walk Down the Aisles" showing the "Bloomin' Spring Fashions" from Nena's of La Habra for the upcoming Downey Newcomers Club Fashion Show Monday, May 15 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event will begin with a Social Hour at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m., and the Fashion Show at 12:30 p.m.

The tickets, including lunch, the show and many "beautiful" prizes are on sale for \$25 each. Proceeds will help the club award three scholarships to the local Downey high schools as well as to support the Downey Rose Float Association. P.T.A. Helps, and Arc.

For information/reservations, call chair Melba Willbanks, 862-2799.

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## 'Tagging' costs city and taxpayers alike

Contributed by Downey Police Department

**DOWNEY** – "Tagging" is the act of writing graffiti on walls, signs, benches, windows and street posts using spray paint, ink markers or etching devices. The City of Downey spends in excess of \$160,000 of taxpayer money annually to repair the damage done by these graffiti vandals known as "taggers." Moreover, this figure does not include the costs borne by home and business owners who pay to repair damage done to their properties by these vandals.

Parents should become aware of warning signs that may indicate their child is involved in tagging:

\*Taggers are out late at night or early in the morning. They may take frequent naps late in the afternoon to compensate for lost sleep.

\*Taggers possess spray paint cans, large markers, grease pencils, etching tools or etching devices (used to etch into glass or paint.)

\*A tagger may carry a notebook used to practice tagging. Taggers refer to this book as a "tag book" or "piece book."

\*Taggers may deface their own bedroom or garage with their tag. This same tag will no doubt be scrawled somewhere in the neighborhood where they reside.

\*Taggers will not use their own name and will instead use a nickname.

\*There may be spray paint residue on the tagger's hands or clothing.

\*The tagger may be visiting websites of groups that advocate graffiti.

Graffiti can be reported to the City of Downey Public Works Graffiti Hotline at (562) 923-4484. If someone witnesses an act of vandalism occurring, the Downey Police Department should be notified at (562) 861-0771.



**HISTORIC ASHFORD CASTLE**—A picturesque hotel, in Clint Denn's "Inside Ireland."



**A TOUR BOAT**—Leaves Dingle Harbor for a cruise, in Clint Denn's "Inside Ireland" showing this Sunday at the Downey Theater. "Inside Ireland" concludes the "Armchair Travelogue Adventure" series.

## IRELAND

Dublin is an adventure in itself; Trinity College, the Book of Kells, the remarkable National Botanical Gardens, street art shows, bronze statue tributes to James Joyce and Molly Malone, and don't forget the delicious fish and chips! The land offers wonders, the people are smiling and friendly, and the tea and scones are a warm welcome at every stop. Come and enjoy the magic that is "Inside Ireland."

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



**FOUR ST. RAYMOND STUDENTS** – Placed overall and were honored for their participation in the 6th Annual Writing and Poetry Contest for Grades K-8 sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The children were honored at the Spring Fling Ceremony in Long Beach. Pictured, from left to right, are Sage Cetrone, 5th grade, 3rd Place in Fiction; Tatiana Leiva, 7th grade, 2nd Place in Poetry; Jonas Velasco, 5th grade, 3rd Place in Nonfiction; and Andrew Leyba, 5th grade, 1st Place in Fiction.



**THE ONSTAGE DANCE COMPANY** – Will be one of a host of entertainers at this year's Downey Street Fair, set for Saturday, May 6 on Brookshire Ave.

## 11th grader a student ambassador to Europe

**DOWNEY**—Katie Rocha, an 11th grade student at Warren High, has been selected to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Europe this summer.

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, its objective is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. It's a 20-day affair, which includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students of similar age, educational activities and home stays with host families.

The opportunity is not without its cost, however. The program tuition is \$5,299—covering transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. To ease the financial strain, Katie has gone the rounds seeking donations. To help with costs or for more information, call (562) 209-7641 or e-mail her at katielyn417@yahoo.com. Any amount, she says, will be appreciated. Program tuition is due May 1.

## Aerospace history group meets May 21

**DOWNEY**—The Aerospace Legacy Foundation, a private group of persons who share in the hope of retaining some of Downey's history of leadership and excellence in aviation and space, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21st on the second floor of the First Baptist Church of Downey (use the side entrance on 2nd Street east of Downey Ave.)

The Foundation began in 1995, when a group of scientists, engineers, and business-people gathered to assess the situation. They incorporated in 1997 as a non-profit group, aimed at preserving the more than 70 years that Downey served on the cutting edge of aircraft development (Jerry Vultee and later North American). Then the great years of the Apollo Program culminating with the placing of a man on the moon, and development of the Space Shuttle.

The meeting is free and the public is welcome.

The Foundation is currently involved in planning and promoting the future Columbia Space Science Learning Center.

For information, call (562) 291-1399 or (562) 941-7735.

## Volunteers saluted at installation banquet

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Coordinating Council will hold their 52nd annual Salute to Outstanding Volunteers and Installation Banquet Thursday, May 11 at the Rio Hondo Event Center, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Applications have been sent to local organizations (who are members of DCC) to nominate an honoree from their organization, for recognition at the banquet. If you are a volunteer organization in the city of Downey and not a DCC member, contact Lois Buchanan, (562) 927-9790 and make arrangements. Honorees' bios should be sent to Downey Coordinating Council, 9651 Guatemala Ave., Downey, CA 90240.

Tickets are \$25 per person.

## 'Yiskor' services at Temple Ner Tamid

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform Congregation, is holding 'Yiskor' (memorial) Services at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20.

Friday, April 21 at 6 p.m., Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow will hold a Study Session prior to services. Everyone is to bring their own brown bag 'Shabbat' dinner. There is no charge for this, and the community is welcome.

There will be Study Sessions every month at 6 p.m. on a variety of subjects. 'Shabbat Shemini' Services follow at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Student Rabbi Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ. Following the worship service, 'Kiddush' is held—wine and 'challah' are included. 'Oneg' follows, and refreshments are served prepared by the Temple's Sisterhood.

For information (including about services/membership), call the Temple office, 861-9276.

## Constituent service office hours added

**LOS ANGELES**—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard announced recently a new schedule of constituent office hours in the cities of Bellflower and Bell. The congresswoman's constituent office hours at the other locations in the 34th Congressional District, including Downey, remain unchanged.

In addition to regular business hours at the congresswoman's downtown Los Angeles office (Monday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tue.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.), the congresswoman's caseworkers are available during the week at locations throughout the district to provide individual assistance to district residents in need of help resolving problems with federal government agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

2nd Wednesday of each month: Bellflower: 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Dr.; Bell: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Ave.

2nd Tuesday of each month: Downey: 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Barbara Riley Community Ctr., 7810 Quill Dr.; Maywood: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Maywood City Hall, 4319 E. Slauson Ave.

## The poets' corner

Emily Dickinson  
at the Poetry Workshop

imagine Emily at her age  
and jellied stage of development  
trying to fit her square poems  
into the round holes of an exercise  
write a poem that could fit on a postcard  
heaven's mercies she's been doing that  
for years try this then she willingly complies  
insert a word picked at random from a Dictionary page  
she takes down her father's prized volume  
an 1844 reprint of Mister Noah Webster's classic work  
he founded Amherst College with her grandfather Daniel by the way  
the whole family is proud of those buildings across the Commons  
closing her eyes and spinning the book on its leather spine  
she takes a tomboy's stab  
and finds ubiquitous under her thumb  
jumping and squirming like a frog in a bog  
now says the instructor take that word's primary meaning  
and she thinks to be common as gingham and calico  
and work that into two sonnets  
one Shakespearean and the other with Signor Petrarch's scheme  
then I want a list poem the contents of your reticule will do  
mirror style making sure you inflict it with color  
bind it with dactyls and lash it with a cat o' nine tails  
each macrame thong to be tipped with a lead weight spondee  
whew thinks Emily this twenty-first century stuff  
gets to your cerebral cortex faster than tincture of ammonia  
but wait he's asking for hymnal quatrains done up as rap  
I feel a cleaving in my mind  
as if my brain had split  
I've tried to board his juggernaut  
but since I could not stop for it  
it's kind of running over me

— Lorine Parks,  
Downey

## PROKOP

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Kiskadeen was last year's honoree.) Soroptimist International of Downey last year conferred their "Woman of Distinction" Award on her. The Human Services Association honored her in 2004 with their annual "Service Above Self" award. Along with husband, Mike, Joyce was honored in 1995 with the "Small Business Persons of the Year" award given by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. She was the first woman to be so honored.

It goes without saying that these awards were earned. It was after establishing their Classic Closets business that the couple joined the Chamber. Joyce served on several committees over the years, and was on the Board of Directors for 8 years.

As a member of the Downey Rose Float Association, Joyce likewise served on its Board of Directors and chaired a variety of committees. Meanwhile, she served as chaperone and mentor to Miss Downey and her court for 10 years—a position entailing many responsibilities requiring numerous hours escorting Miss Downey and her court to many public appearances and coordinating their events. This is a high profile job, as she at the same time has represented the city of Downey at several Sister Cities' trips to Guadalajara, Mexico as chaperone for Miss Downey.

Other affiliations include Citizens for Downey, Pro Networkers of Downey, and the Catholic Women's League of OLPH (she begins her term as Guild president May 12).

When she received her Woman of Distinction award from Soroptimist International of Downey, of which she has been a longtime member as well, Joyce was cited for "giving unselfishly of her time and energy in so many ways and still continues to do." This characterization probably describes her best, she says, for she has always believed in the efficacy of service to others ("You are rewarded a hundredfold!").

Joyce is proud of her offspring (all alumni of Warren High), all of whom have graduated from college—Susan, from Pepperdine, is a CPA and a Financial Planner in Pacific Grove; Gail, a UCLA grad, is an Independent Sales Rep for Home Furnishing Décor in Cypress; and John, a La Verne grad, is in Finance in Norco.

After May 12, Joyce and Mike head for Gary and Detroit to visit cousins and old friends, unaware that Gary will celebrate its 100th anniversary this July, that Gary is on the cusp of a renaissance. "Really?," she said, adding: "Did you know that Emerson High had the distinction of being the first high school in America to have an auditorium, a cafeteria, and a swimming pool?"

I wonder what future surprises await them.

## Calling Downey High '56 class alumni

**DOWNEY**—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8. Alumni are asked to call (949) 472-4616 for more details.



**'THE ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY BY YOUNG AMERICANS** – A forum that recognizes writing excellence in K-12 students nationwide, has selected the content for its annual publication, and 45 students from St. Raymond's School in Downey were selected to have their work published. The authors, shown above, are all students in Advanced English and range from grade 5 to grade 8.



## Slide show Thursday at history meeting

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Historical Society will offer a slide show of noteworthy Downey places of the past at its monthly gathering at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at the Barbara Riley Community and Senior Center.

The slide show at March's meeting was so such a success that it was decided to show some more of the thousands of slides available. These include street scenes, pioneer homes, the great aerospace years and famous structures.

The evening is free and the public is welcome.

The Historical Society is also appealing for volunteers to help staff the office a few hours a week. For information call John Vincent at (562) 928-4006 or the Center at (562) 862-2777. The History Center is located in the southwest corner of Apollo Park. The Barbara Riley Community and Senior Center is located on the northwest corner of Apollo Park.

## Cerritos College looks to help low-skilled adults

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College announced this week that it is one of 16 community colleges selected to participate in a multi-year national initiative designed to increase the number of low-skilled adults who enter and complete occupational and technical degree programs in community and technical colleges.

Cerritos College is one of ten learning colleges who will work with six leadership colleges in a series of national peer-learning meetings. The project, known as "Breaking Through: Helping Low-Skilled Adults Enter and Succeed in College and Careers," will be managed by the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) and Jobs for the Future (JFF). The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation made a \$751,000 grant to JFF this year in support of the initiative, which is designed to use community colleges as a vehicle to help low-income people advance in the labor market and to enhance their income.

"The evidence is persuasive that a postsecondary credential is the key to careers that pay family-sustaining wages," said Jerry Rubin, JFF vice president.

Jack Litzenberg, senior program officer at the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation concurred.

"This initiative should help demonstrate how community colleges can make a meaningful difference in improving the odds that low-income, low-skilled adult with a high school education or less can earn college-level occupational or technical credentials," he said.

The participating colleges were chosen based on their current efforts and commitment to the goal of advancing adults with limited language skills and/or weak educational backgrounds. The project is built on the principle that the participating colleges can learn from each other and improve their efforts.

At Cerritos College, the focus is on its bilingual vocational program, which provides adult English-language learners a step-by-step transition into occupational instructional programs conducted in English.

"The program enables immigrant adults to enter occupational areas, such as welding and health care that provides wages that sustain a family," observed Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela.

Jim Jacobs, director of workforce development and policy at Macomb (County) Community College in Michigan, says this demonstration project has two goals: to substantially improve community college efforts to serve low-skilled adults; and to draw national attention to this challenge.

## Measure targets drunk drivers

**NORWALK** – Assemblymember Rudy Bermudez announced the passage of a measure this week that would require continuous alcohol monitoring as a condition of probation for those who are convicted of multiple DUI offenses or other offenses where the court determines alcohol to be the primary cause.

Current law requires those convicted of multiple drunk driving violations to participate in an alcohol treatment program and placed on unsupervised probation. However, the courts have no way of determining whether individuals are in violation of probation.

Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor is one of two types of alcohol monitoring systems available in some 40 states to test an individual's blood alcohol content (BAC) level. The device is worn around the ankle and determines a person's BAC level by collecting their perspiration. The bill would give courts the discretion to offer the alcohol monitoring program as a condition of probation in addition to requiring the individual to participate in an alcohol treatment program.


## Property tax assessment seminars set

**NORWALK** – The County of Los Angeles is sponsoring a series of free seminars to assist property owners who feel their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in the value of their property.

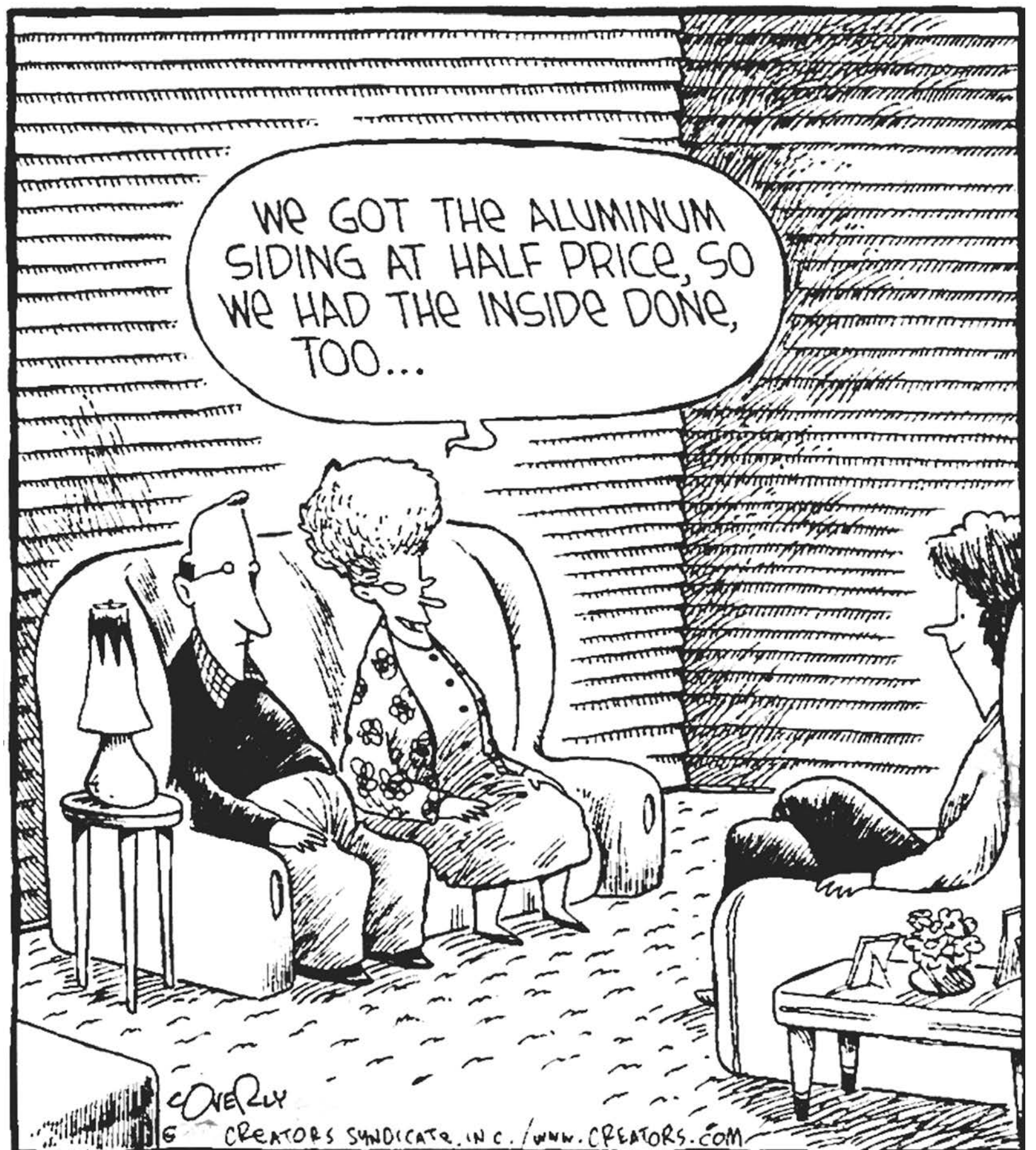
The meetings are intended to help taxpayers better understand the assessment appeals process, which many find confusing. The seminar will be of value to homeowners who are interested in learning about the assessment appeals process and to those who have already filed an appeal. The seminar will also cover how to prepare for a hearing, what qualifies as admissible evidence, what will happen at the hearing and what to expect after the hearing.

The next local meeting will be in Cerritos at Cerritos Park East on Monday, June 26. For other dates and locations, call (213) 893-2516.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Not OK to break laws

Dear Editor:

Let me start by saying I understand the concept of people wanting to make a better life for themselves and their families. Doesn't everyone? However, the way to do it is not by breaking the law, which is exactly what happens every time someone enters this country illegally.

It is absurd to think that just because a group of people decides to ignore our country's laws, that somehow it's okay to break them. It is absurd to hear our elected officials encouraging such a thing in any manner. There is a right way to do things, and this isn't it.

Let me see if I have this correct: The idea here is that people who are not American citizens decide, en masse, that they will just come here, work, live, use free resources, and basically ignore the laws while doing so. And in order to make their point, others who support this breaking of the law just stop working and going to school and whatever else it is they should be doing, and rally in the name of what? They disrupt everything, hurl insults at perfectly innocent people, wave the Mexican flag (which just cracks me up – I don't see the point) in the name of what? And while this is happening, people – lawmakers – agree and support this decision by holding rallies themselves and encouraging people to stand up for what? Breaking the law? Ignoring the law?

Okay, I have an idea to correspond with that: I have now decided that I will only pay 50 percent of the taxes that the government says I need to pay. I know it's the law that I pay a certain portion of taxes, but I don't think it's right, and I think I'm entitled to have more of my hard-earned money, so I'll only pay half of what I owe. I'll pay my 50 percent, and the government can use it for what it wants, but I won't pay the other 50 percent – the part that goes to the free education for illegals, the food stamps for illegals, the free health care for illegals – all the services that my tax dollars provide for people who are not American citizens. I just won't pay it because I don't think it's right.

Further, I think I'll stage rallies throughout the country once a week. All of us who agree and have decided not to pay the illegal-alien-bottomless-pit-of-money-and-resources tax dollars will leave our jobs, our schools, our homes and go on to the streets and become a menace and a distraction and insult everyone who doesn't believe what we believe – all in the name of breaking the law. It sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? And if it has no meaning in one arena...do you see a trend?

Also, I have to add this because without a doubt, I'm sure it will be the first thing out of the mouths of the ignorant, but I am not a racist. It wouldn't matter if we bordered Russia or Africa or Egypt – an illegal alien is just that: illegal. If someone wants to come here, there is a way to do it legally. But, really, why go through the proper channels? Then you'd actually have to pay taxes and contribute to society instead of just functioning as though you are entitled to have someone else pay for everything for you.

—Susan Courtney,  
Downey

### Live long and prosper

Dear Editor:

I was aware that Downey's motto is "Future Unlimited," but am wondering the fact that there were no obituaries in the April 14 edition of The Downey Patriot indicate that the emphasis on health and fitness these days has made life expectancy here in town much less limited.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,  
Downey

## Pollworkers needed for June primary

**NORWALK**—Recruitment of 25,000-plus pollworkers needed to staff the 5,065 polling places for the upcoming June 6, 2006 Primary Election has kept staff at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) very busy. The RR/CC is especially interested in bilingual pollworkers who can speak one or more of these languages: Cantonese, Japanese, Mandarin, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, or Vietnamese. In addition, pollworkers who speak other languages such as Armenian, Russian and Cambodian are encouraged to help serve their communities.

"With less than 60 days before the election we're still looking to fill over 16,000 pollworker positions," says RR/CC Conny McCormack. Those eligible to become pollworkers must be registered voters and residents of California." The premise is that pollworkers are the most important and necessary component of a successful election day.

Pollworkers must be available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on election day to set up the polls, provide assistance to voters, issue ballots and conduct poll closing procedures. A pollworker's services are compensated by receiving \$55 for working the poll and a \$25 bonus for attending a 1-1/2 hour training session. Training sessions are conducted and offered throughout Los Angeles County in the days prior to the election. Additional pollworker training videos are available at county libraries.

If interested, call the Polls Section of the RR/CC at 1-800-815-2666, option 7, or visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). For other information, call (800) 481-8683.

## 'Islam Under Fire' on videoconference

**NORWALK** -- Dr. John Haas, history instructor at Cerritos College, and a global consortium of universities around the world will conduct a thought-provoking videoconference on Thursday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. entitled, "Islam Under Pressure." Sites joining the forum via videoconference include universities in Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

"Through these regular videoconferences, we hope to continue to address misunderstandings in our world, which result in disharmony," explained Haas.

"Providing a global forum fosters understanding through education and encourages the participants to discuss issues that hinder the peace process."

During the videoconference, Haas will moderate a panel of scholars from the Islamic and Christian faiths who will describe the foundations of their beliefs and assist the world-wide audience in understanding their viewpoints more clearly.

Organizers' purpose in the forum is to raise awareness of topics such as anti-American sentiment, the increase in extremist groups and escalation of violent acts, and the future of Islam, and to bring about understanding on issues that foster hatred.

"In this age of technology when extremists' violent acts are broadcast live and hatred continues to escalate its our ethical duty to provide a global forum to promote understanding through global education," Haas continued.

"Peace comes about through understanding, and understanding begins with education."

The Wilford Michael Library Teleconference Center at Cerritos College will host the forum and the public is invited. There is no cost but a daily permit for campus parking is required for \$1.

For more information, call Sally Greer, Adult Education and Diversity Programs, at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2517.





**WESCOM INSURANCE SERVICES' (WIS)**—New office in Downey, site of the former Lopez Insurance Agency, had their ribbon cutting ceremony on March 29, catered by Granata's. Joining the celebration were clients, members of the business community, Chamber Board members and Ambassadors, Miss Downey and her Court, and executives from the parent company, Wescom Credit Union. From left: Mike Hamsath, Chamber president Steve Hoffman, Ralph Santarpie, Miss Downey and a member of her court, Joe Chavarin, Keith Pipes, Jane Wood, WIS president/CEO Darren Williams, Lyle Sandlin, Raul Lopez, Ralph Guerra, members of the Miss Downey court, and Jan Simon.

## Free immunizations for children May 10

**DOWNEY**—As a community service, the Downey Unified School District is collaborating with St. Francis Medical Center in offering free immunizations for children ages 4-18 Wednesday, May 10 from 3-7 p.m. at Alameda Elementary Cafeteria, 8613 Alameda, Downey.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and their immunization record brought. For information, call (562) 904-3589.

## FPCU names new vp of human relations

**DOWNEY**—Financial Partners Credit Union, previously known as Rockwell Federal Credit Union, has named Laura Szitar as vice president of Human Resources. She will oversee Human Resources and Learning and Development in alignment with the credit union's strategic goals.

Holder of a BA in communications from Westminster College and a master's from Keller Graduate School of Management, Szitar was previously employed with the MENTOR Network. She has had more than 12 years of progressive experience in human resources and facilitating change within field and corporate settings as well as multi-state operations. An active member of the community, she was selected as a member of the California Chamber of Commerce Employee Relations Committee where she participated in policy and bill reviews that shape California's labor practices.

## Talon Marks celebrates 50th tomorrow

**NORWALK**—The 50th anniversary reunion for all current and former Talon Marks staff members is being held at 4 p.m. tomorrow, April 22 at the Cerritos College Student Center and the Talon Marks Newsroom at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

The special event, which includes dinner and a newsroom tour, will allow staff members to reconnect with their past. Talon Marks memorabilia from the past 50 years will also be on display. For information, call Rich Cameron at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2619 or visit [www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com) and click on the reunion link.



**DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**—Martha Sodetani is shown here being fitted by Tony Garcia, owner of Diana's Boutique, for San Antonio Guild's upcoming fashion show June 11.

## Downey Library needs literacy tutors

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library says volunteers can make a difference by helping an adult learn to read through its Adult Literacy program.

Training sessions for literacy tutors will be given on the Thursdays of May 11, 18 and 25 from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., a total of 12 hours. They may also attend ongoing literacy support meetings.

For information/registration, call the Literacy and Training Office at 904-7360, ext. 23. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

## Real estate firm holds ribbon cutting

**DOWNEY**—With the Downey Chamber of Commerce assisting, Popular Funding & Real Estate, located at 7840 E. Firestone Blvd., Suite 103, in Downey (next to Stater Brothers, between Paramount and Rives), is celebrating its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony complete with appetizers, drinks, and door prizes Friday, April 28 starting at 3 p.m.

Popular Funding & Real Estate offers the following services: mortgage loans, refinancing and sales, conventional as well as all the ARM programs, property listings, property sales, and an array of investments.

For information, call the Chamber, 923-2191.

## Arc's anniversary barbecue May 7

**DOWNEY**—Friends of the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, 12049 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, are invited to its 50th Anniversary Reunion Barbeque Sunday, May 7 from 1-4 p.m.

Food catered by Cafe n Stuff will be served from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Scheduled at 2:30 p.m. will be a Special Anniversary Ceremony.

RSVP is required by April 26, by calling Arc, (562) 803-4606, or e-mail [arckmac@aol.com](mailto:arckmac@aol.com).

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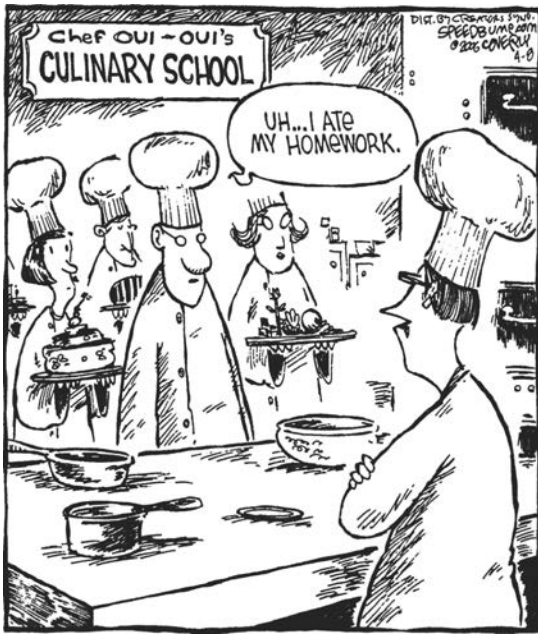
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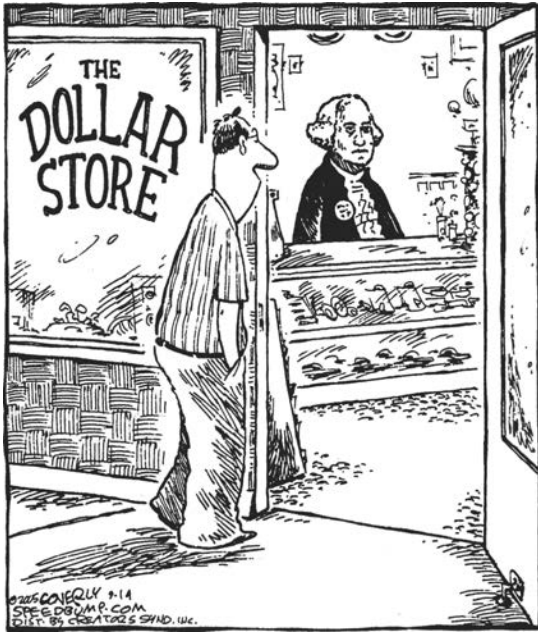
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For April

Sat. Apr. 22, 9:00 a.m.: **Stroke and Diabetes Seminar** at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. Presentations, screenings and health checks. Free. Registration required. Call 904-5162.  
Sun. Apr. 23, 2:30 p.m.: **"Inside Ireland"** travelogue filmed and narrated by Clint Denn as part of the Armchair Adventure Series at the Downey Theatre, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call 861-8211.

### City Meetings

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

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

#### Wednesdays

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

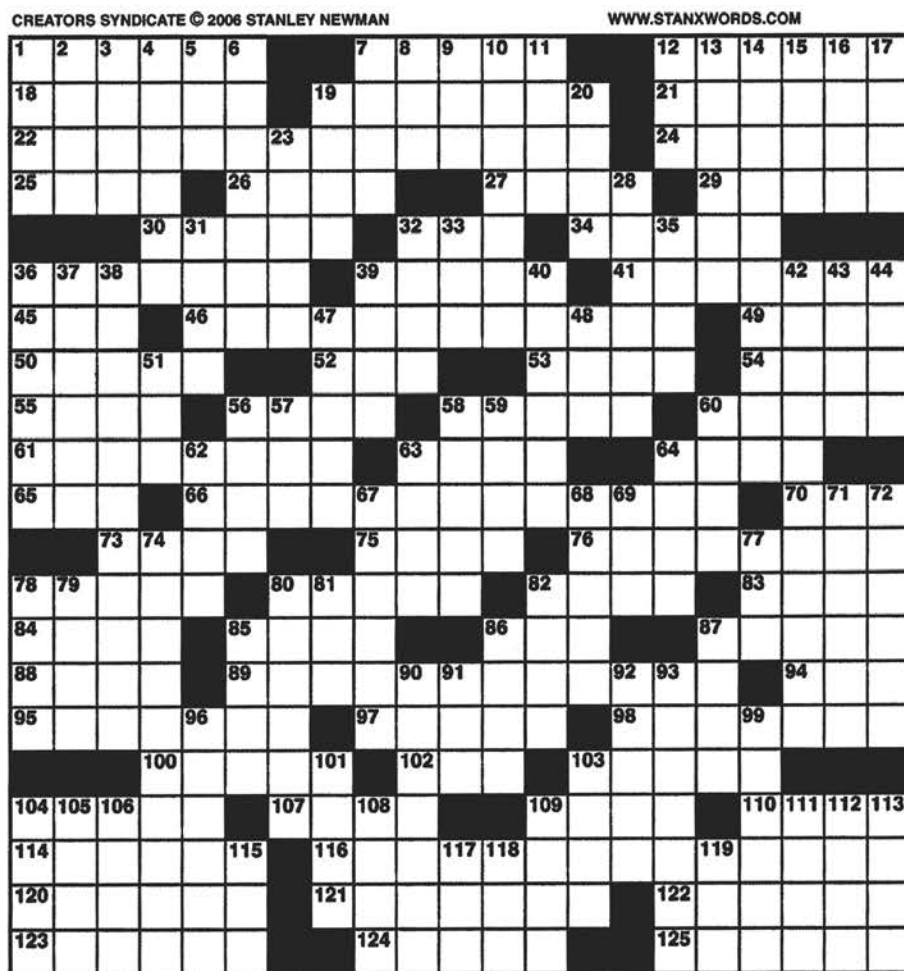
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  - 93 William's followers
  - 96 Beany patrons
  - 99 Move unsteadily
  - 101 Satirical Mort
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  - 105 Forearm bone
  - 106 Something with a skyline
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  - 109 Playing card
  - 111 Facetious "I see"
  - 112 Corner piece
  - 113 "Clair de \_\_\_"
  - 115 General on Chinese menus
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## Children set to shine May 13 at Furman Park

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey's 19th annual Kids Day, a community event showcasing the activities, organizations and contributions of Downey's youth and youth service providers, takes place at Furman Park on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Kids Day theme this year is "Shaping a Healthy Future for Downey's Youth."

Highlights of Kids Day will include 20 penny carnival booths, two stages of entertainment, 30 information booths, a scouting village, food booths, and more.

Also planned is the 4th annual "Fun Run," a 2K run for people of all ages which starts at 10:45 a.m. The first 100 participants to register will receive a goody bag and all participants to cross the finish line will receive a medal. Check-in and same-day registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the northeast corner of the park.

The Downey Fire Department will also feature their Community Safety Fair at Kids Day. They will showcase their thermal imaging camera, the Urban Search and Rescue truck and the gear it holds, vehicle excavation and fire extinguisher demonstration.

For more information on Kids Day, or to become a sponsor, call the Community Services Department at 904-7238.

## 'Keyboard Festival' packed with festivities

**DOWNEY**—The 2nd annual "Keyboard Festival," featuring 14 keyboard artists playing four grand pianos, dancers, drama, choir and special effects, will be presented Mother's Day weekend Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street, Downey.

The festival will feature Classical, Pop, Christian, Celtic and other music forms, all celebrating the institution of motherhood. "Sitcom Moms," featuring the mothers of Television Sitcom, will be a highlight in the program, with four grand pianos playing themes of America's favorite sitcom mothers.

The concert is free to the public, and complimentary tickets can be obtained through the Keyfest Ticket office, 923-1261, ext. 275. A freewill offering will be received to defray expenses.

## Civic Light Opera auditions

**DOWNEY** – Try-outs for the next production of Downey Civic Light Opera, "Hello Dolly," will be held Monday, April 24 and Thursday, April 27 at First Baptist Church, 8348 Third St., Downey. Dance call will take place between 7 and 8:30 p.m. and auditions between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

"Those auditioning should bring a photo and resume and be prepared to sing 16 bars. We prefer a song from the show," stated Marsha Moode, executive producer of the local group.

"Hello Dolly" will be staged June 1 through 18 at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire.

## Terasaki guest demonstrator at meeting

**DOWNEY**—Native Californian Ryo Terasaki, who started her successful art career as a hobby but soon found painting so fascinating that she returned to college and earned her teaching credential in fine arts for adult school and community college, will be the guest demonstrator at the joint Downey Art League-Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount meeting Tuesday, April 25 at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., Bldg. No. 1. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.



**THE FLASHPOINT BAND** – Just one of many groups set to entertain at the upcoming annual Downey Street Fair on Saturday, May 6, is Flashpoint. The event takes place on Brookshire Ave. and features 200 vendors along with entertainment all day, a food court, classic car show and a kids zone.

## 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.

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## Choralaires Barbershop perform April 22

**LA MIRADA**—The Choralaires Barbershop Chorus presents its 56th annual spring show at the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

This year's production, entitled "Barbershop Americana," will feature traditional American music, including gospel, patriotic, and Broadway selections, all performed by the chorus and their quartets, in their unique four-part, "barbershop-style" harmony.

For jazz aficionados, the headliner guests will be "Ready, Willing, & Mabel," a mixed quartet whose vocal harmony has been described as a "cocktail for the ears!" The critically-acclaimed vocal jazz group features such old standards as, "For All We Know," "This Can't Be Love," "Puttin' On the Ritz," and others, all performed in what has been described as "dangerously close harmonies."

Tickets for the show, now on sale, are \$22 for premium seats, \$18 for regular seating; for seniors, children, and groups of 12 or more, tickets will cost just \$14 per person. For ticket information, contact Bill or Medea Niemand at (562) 923-5951.

## Librettist en route to Budapest

**DOWNEY**—Downey resident, librettist Anna Winslow, is on her way to Budapest, where her latest oratorio, the Litany of Peace, will be performed on Saturday, April 22, at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music.

This work featuring three soloists (soprano, tenor, baritone), a full chorus and orchestra, premiered in Budapest in 2004 and since then has been shown on television twice and was heard once on the classical (Bartok) radio station in Hungary. Music is by the well-known composer and artistic director Jozsef Zaborzsky. The concert will be conducted by Istvan Zaborzsky who will fly from Finland to Budapest to conduct the work.

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The JET Dance Studio's competition team, the JET Dance Company, has taken high honors at many competitions this year. The Company has spots for anyone wishing to compete by auditioning for our Senior Company, Junior Company or JET JEMS, which are our "minis" or young dancers.

Joey Tarwater began his career at the age of six, performing on television, stage and Broadway in New York. His talents have taken him across the United States and Europe, both teaching, performing and choreographing. His unique style and technique have made him one of the most sought after talents and his success with his Companies this year has been unquestionable.

Joey has assembled a top notch staff of teachers who were hand picked for their dedication and teaching abilities. Alison Dambach oversees the Junior Company and has won awards for her choreography and dancing. She graduated from OCHSA (Orange County High School of the Arts) with emphasis on ballet. Patrick McCollum specializes in modern dance and has an extensive background in technique. Patrick is currently a member of the BEAR dance company. Carla Hutchison, our resident ballerina, has danced and choreographed for Ballet Pacifica.

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**Temple names volunteer of the year**

**DOWNEY**—Shirley Mark, a Downey resident and longtime member of the Sister of Temple Ner Tamid, has been named its Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

Mark will be honored at a dinner May 11 at Rio Hondo Country Club, sponsored by the Downey Coordinating Council.

Mark has attended Coordinating Council meetings for many years on behalf of Sisterhood, and she kept both Sisterhood and the Council informed of news and happenings. Officials with Temple Ner Tamid described her as dedicated and deserving of the award.

Tickets to the dinner are \$25 are reservations are requested. Checks should be made out to Temple Ner Tamid Sisterhood.

For more information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

**Student artwork on display at college**

**NORWALK**—Student artworks chosen by Cerritos College Fine Arts instructors are currently on display at the Cerritos College Art Gallery, 11110 Alonda Blvd., #FA-50, in Norwalk.

The exhibit runs through May 4. For more information, call Andrea Bronte at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2612.

**Funeral mass tomorrow for Elizabeth O'Leary**

**DOWNEY**—A funeral mass will be held tomorrow, April 22 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey for Elizabeth O'Leary, a longtime resident of Downey who was born Jan. 1, 1925 in Scobey, Montana and passed away in the city of La Mirada on April 16. She was 81.

She was a housewife retired from Lever Brothers after working there for 25 years. She was a parishioner of St. Mary Anne's Catholic Church in Pico Rivera and of OLPH in Downey.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph O'Leary; son Robert O'Leary; daughter Nancy Gibson; sisters Tekla Meidinger, Margie Rathbun, Irene Tkchyk, and Annie Gaither; and grandchildren Travis, Keira and Brian.

Interment will be private. Services have been entrusted to the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

**Centennial garden tour tomorrow**

**BRENTWOOD**—The Brentwood Historical Society is presenting its 5th annual Garden Tour tomorrow, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brentwood is this year celebrating the 100th year of its founding.

Garden tour offerings include an authentic Japanese garden, created by artisans brought from Japan specifically for this project; an "elegant and serene" garden by noted landscape designer Cyrille Shiff; a Crestwood Hills garden, hidden away on a canyon edge; and a garden "packed with surprises as well as beautiful flowers, owned by a well-known celebrity."

The tour is self-guided and tickets are \$25 per person. Children under 14 are free with an adult. All of the gardens are within a five-minute drive in Brentwood and have street parking.

For information, call Delores McKinney, (310) 820-5093.

**Hard of hearing group changes name**

**LAKESWOOD** — An organization that has been meeting in the Long Beach/Lakewood area for twenty years announces a change.

Hearing Loss Association of America is the new name of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH).

The change enables the organization to more effectively reach out to the 30 million Americans who have hearing loss, organizers said.

HAAA has approximately 250 Chapters in 12 states; California has 26 Chapters. Its mission, the organization says, is to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy and serves as the nation's voice for people with hearing loss.

The Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Avenue in Lakewood. The meetings start at 6:30 PM and are free.

Each meeting features a speaker on some aspect of hearing loss, such as coping strategies for hearing loss, how to buy a hearing aid, tinnitus, medicines that affect hearing, and more.

For more information, call (562) 433-6509.



**DAUGHTERS OF ISIS** – Belly dancers will be performing at the Downey Street Fair, taking place Saturday, May 6. The dancers will perform at the bandstand, along with other musical guests.

**20th annual Amistad Gala set for April 29**

**DOWNEY**—The 20th annual Amistad Gala, a black-tie dinner affair that benefits the outstanding programs and services of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel. It's presented by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, the nonprofit, public benefit corporation that conducts fundraising activities to support research, education, equipment, and patient care at the world-renowned rehabilitation center.

Theme of the gala affair this year is "We've Only Just Begun." The more than 500 guests expected to attend the annual event include leaders in healthcare, government, business and community.

Those receiving the 2006 Amistad Award, Rancho's highest honor, include: community leader Charles Coniglio, who will receive the Amistad Award for Individual Achievement; world-renowned physician Salah Rubayi, M.D., who will receive the Amistad Lifetime Achievement Award; Rancho volunteer and Amigos Fund president Richard Daggett, who will receive the Amistad Friend Award; and AT&T, which will receive the Amistad Community Service Award.

Previous Amistad honorees include: actress Betty White; Olympic champion Rafer Johnson; civic leader James C. Hankla; the Port of Long Beach; The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; community leader Carmen O. Perez; legendary physician Jacquelin Perry, M.D.; and Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe, who will serve as master of ceremonies. Each of the previous awardees will be recognized at the event in a special 20th Anniversary tribute.

The reception at 5:30 p.m. is followed at 7 p.m. by the dinner, program and entertainment.

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## Vikings get offensive, sweep season series

By Scott Cobos

**DOWNEY** -- There is now one high school that reigns supreme in the city of Downey, and that team is the Downey Vikings as they swept their cross town rival Warren Bears last week, taking the season series right from underneath their noses.

Last Tuesday, the Vikings looked like true Vikings by vanquishing their enemies by unleashing an offensive barrage of runs on the Bears as they capitalized on every chance they received. Downey let the offensive arrows fly as they went on to score 11 runs on their home turf through seven innings against a struggling pitching staff of Warren.

Senior pitcher Joey Nino was only able to last two innings behind too many booted balls by Warren's defense. Nino blamed himself though for the runs allowed.

"I wasn't on my spots as much as I could be," said Nino. "My velocity wasn't there and my junk wasn't there at all. I couldn't throw my curveball for a strike."

Out of the 11 runs allowed by Warren last Tuesday, only three were actually earned. Bears' pitcher Valentine Beltran came in to relieve the struggling Nino.

The Bears didn't help their own cause at the plate either striking out a combined 10 times against a Vikings pitching staff who was led by Viking pitcher Jamil Acosta who went six impressive innings to pick up the win. With the win on Tuesday, the Vikings came one step closer to clinching city bragging rights and inching closer to the first place Gahr Gladiators. The Bears looked to rebound from this tough loss by bringing the series back to home to Taylor Field last Friday. They put the ball in the hands of senior pitcher Richard Melendrez who was game one's hero. Previously, Melendrez silenced the bats of the Vikings long enough for the Bears to climb back into the game and ultimately winning it in the bottom of the seventh inning. Unfortunately, the Vikings brought their offensive swords and broad shields and were ready to go back to battle with them and went on the attack again.

There was a slight drop in offensive production of the Vikings, but it was still more than plenty enough to defeat the Bears on their home field as they were not fooled by Melendrez's trickery. The Vikings handed the Bears their second straight agonizing loss and defeated them 8-1.

Warren's run production was shut down by the Vikings' pitching and was only able to scrounge up one more run, scoring only 3 runs total for the week series. The striking statistic that jumps out at you is the Bears' offense didn't go quietly into the night. Actually, as a team they combined for 11 hits, but were unable to cash in opportunities.

"We had 11 hits, but we left too many guys on base," said Nino. "We had too many strikeouts again. As a team we struck out about 8 times. We just weren't able to hit at the right time."

Vikings pitcher John Ortega said thank you very much and took every missed opportunity as he went on to pitch a complete game, picking up the win for the visitors. The Vikings managed to show how much of an offensive force they can really be by scoring 19 runs in two days.

With that win, the Vikings take city bragging rights and are now looking to gain momentum in the SGVL as they are now tied for third place with the Bears.

When both teams resume league play next Tuesday, the Bears will host first place Gahr, and Downey will be at second place Paramount.



**ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL** -- Was one of 108 schools to compete in the 2006 Los Angeles Academic Junior High Decathlon, held at the L.A. Sports Arena. St. Raymond's team consisted of five girls and five boys from the 8th grade class. Led by their captain, Victoria Mariscal, all ten placed first in their deanery: Connor Hansen, Dayna Boik, Angelo Acosta, Tania Torres, David Villalobos, Molly Michel, Arturo Espinoza, Elizabeth Haddad, and Salvador Valle. Victoria also placed 8th in literature against 102 other students.

### Youth football gearing for new season

**DOWNEY** -- Downey Youth Football meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Furman Park and is open to the public. Registration for the 2006 season will begin in March for returning players and at the Downey Street Fair and Kids Day in May for new players. First day of practice is July 31.

For more information on registration or coaching opportunities in football and cheerleading, call Louis Morales at 928-0655.

## HILL

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administrator of an exemplary athletic program and educator who keeps athletics an integral part of the total education program."

### History

Hill has been athletic director at Warren for over 11 years. In that time, he has expanded the athletic program from 18 to 22 sports, and won more league championships than any other school in the league 10 out of the last 12 years. He also helped to implement the "Victory with Honor" program, which is designed to promote and maintain good sportsmanship and fair play throughout the San Gabriel Valley League.

Hill serves on the Administrative Committee with the California Interscholastic Federation and is a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrator's Association, National Association for Sport and Physical Education/American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and the California State Athletic Directors Association.

### Volunteer

For over 20 years Hill has assisted elementary and middle schools in the Downey Unified School District with their track and field programs, in addition to his volunteer work with the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. He also assists the "Kids Connected" race to benefit children of cancer connected families.

He was honored with the 2004-05 California State Athletic Directors Association's State Athletic Director of the Year Award two years ago. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Hawaii.

"You will never find a finer athletic director anywhere than Steve Hill," said Warren High School principal Eileen B. Wannet. "His commitment to the job is exemplary at every level: school, district and league, as is his passion to provide our school with the finest athletic program as humanly possible and to represent our school well at the San Gabriel League meetings."

The NASPE, which is sponsoring the award, counts 17,000 members.

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**BUDSON ELLSWORTH** – Will be remembered at a celebration of life today at Downey First Presbyterian Church.

## Graveside services held for Hazel May Collins

**DOWNEY**—Born in Portland, Oregon Jan. 10, 1927, Hazel May Collins, who lived in Downey for 42 years, died on March 31. Graveside services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on April 4.

She grew up in Oregon City and was a member of Job's Daughters, Order of the Eastern Star, as a young woman. She later attended the University of Oregon where she joined the Alpha Phi Sorority and met her future husband, Thomas E. Collins. They were married Aug. 29, 1948 and as a young family they relocated to California. Their four children were raised here in Downey. She worked as a medical office manager for 10 years.

She is survived by her four children: Susan Robinson of Charlotte, North Carolina; Douglas Collins of Nevada City; Melinda Pitcher of Oceanside, and Daniel Collins of Irvine; and 11 grandchildren. Her husband predeceased her in 1977.

The family suggested charitable donations in her memory be made to: Children's Home Society of California, 1300 W. 4th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017 (Phone 213-240-5900 for information). The family was assisted by Miler-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

### Previous obituaries available online

**DOWNEY** – Previously published obituaries can be found online in the Archives section of the Downey Patriot's website, [www.thedowneypatriot.com](http://www.thedowneypatriot.com).

## Budson Ellsworth remembered today

**DOWNEY** – A celebration of Budson Ellsworth's life will be held today, April 21, at 2 p.m. at Downey First Presbyterian Church (corner of Downey Ave. and Seventh St.)

He passed away in his sleep on a riverboat on March 29 in ChongQing, China while on a tour of Shanghai and the Yangtze River.

Budson Wayne Ellsworth was born in Lennox on July 7, 1937 to Charles (George) Wayne Ellsworth and Jennie Mae (Mills) Ellsworth. He attended school in Southern California and Eureka Springs, Ark. He graduated from Stockton High School and attended Stockton Junior College.

His many careers took him to Southern California and back to the San Francisco Bay area often. They included Fuller Brush Sales, Psychiatric Technician at Stockton State Hospital and CA Youth Authority, owning a landscape business, raising chinchillas, pheasants, and tropical fish, Project Manager and later Consultant to General Electric, and owning a Shaklee distributorship and Internet business for his final seven years.

He met Patricia (Patti) on the Internet and they married in Downey on Sept. 27, 1997. Shortly after, they joined Downey First Presbyterian Church where Ellsworth was ordained an Elder.

He adopted Patti's daughter, Megan.

Ellsworth was a close-up magician and a member of the Magic Castle in Hollywood, and enjoyed square dancing, genealogy, ceramics, cooking, stamp collecting, Liadro porcelain, and the daily crossword puzzle. He and his wife traveled as much as possible and made numerous trips throughout the U.S. and overseas, including the Caribbean, Canada, Mexico, Panama Canal, Costa Rica and, finally, China.

"He was diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer over 13 years ago, and given only one year to live at that time," stated his wife. "Rather than live as a 'victim', he committed himself to never losing hope by being a cancer survivor and he reached out to help others diagnosed with this disease. He joined the Wellness Community, a program of support and hope for anyone with cancer and their families – and it changed his life! Eventually he became a speaker for the American Cancer Society, telling his survival story and encouraging others to be tested," she continued.

Previously a Downey resident, he moved to Seal Beach in 2004. While in Downey, he was active in the Downey Chamber of Commerce and Pro Networkers, promoting their Shaklee-Healthy Horizons business.

Survivors include his wife of eight years, Pattie of Seal Beach; daughter Megan Ellsworth of Rancho Bernardo; mother Jennie French; sister Charmaine Ingram; brother-in-law James Ingram, all of Bakersfield; and six nieces and nephews, 15 great nieces and nephews, and his previous wife, Georgia Kellers, of Sacramento.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions in his name be made to Wellness Community, 540 N. Golden Circle Drive # 315, Santa Ana, CA 92705 or Downey First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 5069, Downey 90241.

### Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

**DOWNEY** – Downey Fly Fishers, a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, invites new members to their monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Apollo Park. For information, call 943-3904.



**GERALDINE HUPPERT**—Of Downey has passed away. Born Dec. 10, 1912, she died on April 9.

## Geraldine Huppert was Downey resident

**DOWNEY**—Downey resident Geraldine Huppert, who was born Dec. 10, 1912, passed away on April 9. She was laid to rest at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

She is survived by daughter Bernadine Horton of Downey; son Vernon Huppert of Florida; grandchildren Sandra Horton of Garden Grove, Renee Aizpuru of Lakewood, and David and Larry Huppert of Florida; and great grandchildren Courtney and Megan Huppert of Florida.

## William E. Coleman's life celebrated yesterday

**DOWNEY**—A Celebration of Life was held yesterday, April 20 at San Clemente Presbyterian Church for William Edward Coleman, a longtime resident of San Clemente but who served in the Downey Rotary, who passed away on April 12. He was 81.

He worked 35 years for Carlton Forge Works in Paramount, where he was a Facility Manager. An architect by trade, he was a Freemason in San Clemente. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Yvonne Coleman. He leaves behind the mother of his three children, Jean Biddle; friend, Pat Shorten; sons Randy Coleman of McMinnville, OR and Dan Coleman of Kihei, HI; daughter Carrie Jean Williams of Irvine, sister Lois Ryan of Palos Verdes; six grandchildren; and two nieces.

Arrangements were by Lesneski Mortuary of El Camino Real in San Clemente.

### Council agendas available online

**DOWNEY** – Complete City Council and Community Development Commission agendas and minutes can be accessed on the City of Downey website at [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org).

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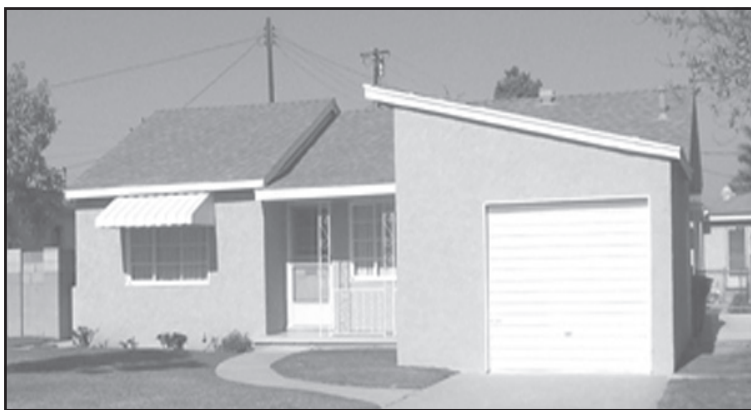
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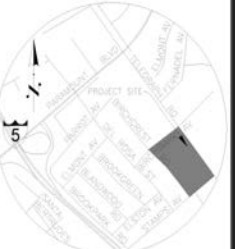
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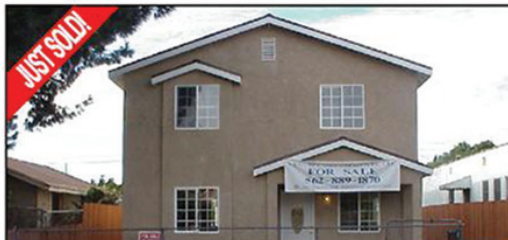
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**Fantastic Buy!**  
2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Downey with new kitchen, including granite countertops, new cabinets, and tile floors. Also features remodeled bathroom, newer windows, hardwood floors under carpet, and freshly painted interior. With a large backyard, a 2-car detached garage, and long driveway with new concrete, ... this property is a must see! Price: \$519,900.  
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**Act Fast!**  
2 bed + den (could be 3rd bedroom), 1.5 bath Downey home on an immense 8550 sq ft lot in a cul-de-sac. The 1478 sq ft home boasts hardwood floors throughout, living room with brick fireplace, very large den, and kitchen with Corian counter tops and breakfast nook. Also features copper plumbing, 2 car detached garage, automatic sprinklers front and back, and green house adjacent to garage. Price: \$599,950.  
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**The Party is Here!**  
Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath North Downey pool home with a great floor plan including formal living room, family room with fireplace off kitchen, master bedroom with private bath, and inside laundry room. Other amenities: hardwood floors, central air/heat, and copper plumbing. Entertain guests in the backyard with a built-in BBQ, private grass area, and large pool. Bonus room with private bath is perfect for that overnight guest, mother-in-law, or just some extra storage! \$859,900.  
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**A-1 Neighborhood!**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath NE Downey home with spacious bedrooms, living room with fireplace, light & bright kitchen with eating area, and inside laundry room. The property has a heated pool & spa with a separate sauna room in the backyard. Other features include newer roof, central air & heat, and alarm system. Owner says sell it! Price: \$999,950.  
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**Great Investment Opportunity on a Large Lot!**  
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath house in front with a 2 car attached garage plus a spacious 1 bed, 1 bath house in back. The lot size of 19,000+ sq ft should allow someone to build 3 units or enjoy the immense backyard. Zoned R-1 5000. Priced to sell at \$877,000.  
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**Beautiful Estate near Rio Hondo Country Club**  
This immaculate 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 4700 sq.ft home sits on an impressive 19,888 sq.ft lot, nestled in North Downey. This home has it all, featuring a 1250 bonus room or 6 car garage, pool, sport court, outdoor BBQ & covered patio. Interior amenities include travertine flooring, plush carpet, granite counter tops, built in Kitchen Aid appliances in the kitchen, large master suite w/ retreat, downstairs bedroom & office. A MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE. \$1,999,950.  
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**Entertainers Delight!**  
4 bedroom, 3 bath tri-level home with new tile flooring, new roof, remodeled master bathroom, new hardwood floors on stairs and upstairs, central air and heat, and freshly painted interior. Home has a step-down family room and downstairs bedroom, spacious living room, and 3 bedrooms (including the master) upstairs. The backyard has a great party atmosphere with a gated pool and separate grass area on the side. Price: \$990,000.  
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**New Construction in NE Downey**  
This 5 bedroom + office, 4-bath custom-built home is almost 4000 sq ft! Features new kitchen and bathrooms, travertine floors, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths, dual central air & heat, copper plumbing, recessed lighting, curved/texture-coated walls, and professionally landscaped front/back yard. The home includes a very large master bedroom w/ walk-in closet & private bath and a spacious family room. Price: \$1,349,000.  
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