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OPENING CONCERT – The Wiseguys Big Band kicks off the new Summer Twilight Concert Series at Furman Park next Wednesday, July 5 at 7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase or attendees may bring their own picnic. The concerts are free and run through Aug. 23. Furman Park is located at 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7230.

Wiseguys Big Band opens 2006 season

DOWNEY – The Wiseguys Big Band opens the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 5 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and is held at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

The Wiseguys Big Band is dedicated to the great sounds of the legendary big bands of the '40s, '50s and '60s, including great music from Glen Miller, Benny Goodman and songs by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Bobby Darin and others. The group was a crowd-pleasing hit in last year's season and by popular demand they are opening the 2006 series of concerts.

The band is comprised of youthful members, primarily from Downey's neighbor to the north, Montebello. The 19-member band includes one member, Eric Rosales, who works for Downey's Senior and Handicapped Transit service. Little do most of Rosales' clients know he is a talented

trumpet player and has a special affection for the great music of the Big Band era.

Other musical attractions scheduled include a South American Festival on July 12; the Perfect Gentlemen (a capella/barbershop group) on July 19; 50's and 60's music with the Rockit Scientists on July 26; the Main Street Polka Band and Dancers on Aug. 2; the Downey Symphony Orchestra on Aug. 9; 20's and 30's jazz with the Bilgewater Brothers on Aug. 16; and the United States Navy Band Southwest on Aug. 23.

The Downey Museum of Art at Furman Park is open on Wednesdays before the concert and the Downey Rose Float Association will sell treats for all to enjoy. For information on the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at (562) 904-7230.

Irony of school budget pointed out

By John Adams

DOWNEY—DUSD Board President Donald La Plante is not one to allow a point to be missed, and Tuesday's day-long Board session, much of which was spent approving a budget for the school district, proved too much for La Plante to let pass.

Isn't it ironic, he suggested, that the District has to create a budget from estimates because the state cannot discipline itself enough to say how much it will give to the schools.

City Council approves \$128,706,297 budget

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—With much of the hard work already done at the open marathon budget study session June 12, and riding a wave of confidence in the city's rosy financial picture, the City Council practically took no time in approving additional funds to the proposed FY2006-2007 city budget, 1) to replace seven old computers used by the city (\$10,500), 2) undertake a 91/605 Gateway Cities-related Freeway Study (\$20,000), 3) provide for another 1-710 Gateway-related Freeway Study (\$25,000), and 4) purchase an "experimental" electrical ambulance gurney (\$10,000) for use by the Fire Department.

Other beneficiaries of the city's 'largesse', after three lean years, are two nonprofits (the Downey Rose Float Association and Downey Museum of Art) whose budgets were raised to the Downey Symphony's level of \$10,000. At first it was agreed to restore their budgets to 2001-2003 levels of \$5,000 but Councilmembers were eventually swayed by "quality of life" considerations.

The final approved budget for FY2006-2007 totals \$128,706,297.

In other action Tuesday, the City Council:

*Denied the appeal of zone variance No. 06-05, to modify zone exception case No. 596 to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of an existing classroom building, portions of which would consist of two stories, on the premises of Fa-Kwang Temple, 12110 Pomeroy Road.

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Oh, we will have a state budget, La Plante roared, but not within reasonable limits.

Financial guessing games

The Legislature stalls and delays on decisions while the districts are forced to play financial guessing games to meet bogus deadlines. Members of the Board agreed.

They added that they enjoyed the festivities at the opening of the TLC Center at its new location at Lewis Elementary. Martha Sodemani said she enjoyed the graduation ceremonies at several Downey schools including Columbus.

The board heard a special presentation by Buck Weinfurter on Bond money and the progress toward completion of modernization at Downey and Warren High Schools.

Dates of completion are dependent in some cases on the availability of state matching funds.

DRMC chairmen reelected to new terms

DOWNEY – In elections held at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) board meetings on June 27, chairmen for both the parent, or Corporate Board, and the DRMC-Hospital Board were reappointed for the 2006-2007 term.

Ron Kolar remains chairman of the DRMC Corporate Board, and Mary Lou Schmidt continues to chair the DRMC-Hospital Board.

On the Corporate Board, Kathy Hampton was elected as 1st vice chairman. J. Arthur Morris will serve as secretary and Samuel Smock was reappointed treasurer. On the DRMC-Hospital Board, Susanne Sundberg was elected 1st vice chairman.

Reappointed officers were Hop Morrison, 2nd vice chair, Karol Morrison, secretary and Milton Weiss, treasurer.

As an independent, non-profit community hospital, Downey Regional Medical Center is governed by a voluntary, community-based board of directors. The 199-bed hospital has served southeast Los Angeles since 1920.

Schools approve a hefty budget

■ Board approves \$218 million budget. Class sizes reduced for grades K-3.

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District, after a public hearing Tuesday, adopted the budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The new budget totals \$218 million, 161 million of which goes towards the General Fund.

The new budget is based on an expected Average Daily Attendance of 21,350 including County operated programs. Ending reserve balances are approximately \$1,558,224, pending state approval. Federal revenues are estimated to be flat with no significant increases anticipated. Special Education mandate settlement estimates at \$4.5 per ADA representing year 7 of the 10 year settlement.

Class Size Reduction

Class Size Reduction for grades K-3 increased by 4.7 percent COLA, with no revenues estimated for 9th grade class size reduction (Morgan-Hart).

There are no significant changes in State categorical revenues of block grant funds.

Lottery revenue is estimated at \$123 for unrestricted and \$25 per ADA for restricted (Prop 20) instructional materials.

Little reimbursement

No estimate of mandated cost claims reimbursement expected other than the small amount received last year.

Interest income is projected on a return of less than 3 percent.

There are no COPS or other multi-year debt repayments scheduled for the General Fund. Special Education County excess costs based on LACOE projections. Average cash balance in the current year and budget year are projected as more than adequate to address District cash flow needs.

No increase in salary or benefits are part of this budget, other than those for assumptions of salary step and column increases set forth in contracts, and related to statutory benefits.

In other action the School Board:

•Approved Sean Ashton as a two year appointee to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee in compliance with the Education Code.

•Adopted a Resolution for a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District for lower emission school bus replacement program.

•Adopted a resolution on the issuance and sale of 2006 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

•Heard a modernization update from Buck Weinfurter, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation.

•Accepted with thanks gifts from the private sector to the District including a cash donation of \$500 for the Character Counts Program from the ACSA Region XIV; a cash donation of \$14,000 for dental services at the TLC Center from the Assistance League; plus many smaller donations.

•Approved the payment of fees and expenses for conference attendance.

•Approved revisions to the Williams Attendance Complaint Procedure.

•Approved Part 1 of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid programs.

•Authorized Signatories effective July 1, 2006 to remain in effect until subsequent board action.

•Approved the principals and athletic directors of Downey and Warren Highs as representatives to the San Gabriel Valley League.

•Approved monthly mileage allowance to 10, 11, and 12 month employees as submitted at an estimated annual cost of \$58,585.

•Ratified purchasing orders by the Purchasing Department.

•Ratified Payroll Orders for hourly, overtime, Civic Center Work by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of April.

•Approved an addendum to the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance agreement with Southern California Risk Management Associates effective July 1 2006 through June 30, 2009.

•Approved a contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education for PeopleSoft Financial Services Systems fiscal year 2006-07 effective July 1, 2006.

•Approved the LACOE License Contract for use of Software Personal Computer Products for District use of HRS and/or PSFS Data effective July 1, 2006.

•Approved a contract with Interquest Detection Canines of Los Angeles for substance awareness and detection service effective Sept. 1, 2006.

•Approved the purchase of specific excess workers' compensation insurance from CNA Insurance for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

•Approved the renewal bid for repair to asphalt and concrete areas with Terra Pave of Whittier in an estimated annual amount of \$400,000 with no guarantee this amount will be net or exceeded to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

•Approved the 4th year renewal bid for concrete area repair and improvements with 3D Concrete of Downey, in an annual estimated amount of \$350,000 with no guarantee, to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

•Approved the second year renewal of a bid for purchase of electrical equipment and supplies as need with AAA Electrical Supply of Montebello, and with B & K Electric Wholesale of Downey in an estimated amount of \$600,000 with no guarantee, to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

•Approved the use of the Antioch Unified School District bid with D

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THESE TWO PARTICIPANTS—At last summer's Summer Day Camps whoop it up. This year's edition began Monday and will run thru Sept. 1. Downey Community Services, which is conducting the camps, says the camps not only provide exercise and good fun but permit kids ages 4-14 to learn new skills and build friendships. There are different activities every week, says the department, and families can still sign up their kids anytime. Information: Amelia Jennings, 904-1809, or Dan Belling, 904-7242.

School psychologist Frederick honored

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District honored Graceann Frederick, school psychologist, for her work in ensuring that children learn to deal with their fears, many of which today are environmental.

The action was at the School Board's annual day-long getaway at the Administration Center Tuesday, June 27.

Grew up in Downey

She is herself a product of a Downey education, attending Rio San Gabriel, East Middle School and graduating from Downey High in 1973. She then attended UC Irvine, attaining a BS degree in 1977 in Social Ecology and Child Development, and CSU-Fullerton where she got an MS in Counseling.

She went on to achieve credentials both as a school psychologist and Pupil Personnel Services. In 2003 she attended the Texas Woman's University for Post-graduate Study, becoming a Diplomate with a specialty in school neuropsychology.

She came to DUSD as a psychologist in 1985.

During the past 10 years she has worked in the area of early childhood, ages 3-5. Special Education has a mandate to serve disabled students 3-5. The area of research is fast-growing and requires a specialist in training and skills. Of the more than 150 students she is referred for assessment each year, the majority are diagnosed with autism, speech language delays, or mental retardation. Frederick is part of the preschool assessment and IEP Team that determines the eligibility for Special Education services. This requires sensitivity in dealing with the child and the parent.

She has already become a key in the DUSD School Crisis plans. As a lead psychologist she is responsible for ensuring team members are properly trained for what they may face. In 2003 she was selected as lead psychologist for the district, heading a team of 11 colleagues. She tempers her tendency to be a workaholic by ice skating, walking and traveling with her fiancé.

She received thunderous applause when presented to the Board Tuesday.



PERFECT SENSE—Downey Unified School District school psychologist Graceann Frederick was honored by the school board this week for her work with special education students. The majority of the children referred to her are diagnosed with autism, speech problems or mental retardation.

Students continue poster contest run

DOWNEY—The California Narcotic Officers' Association (CNOA), which administers the Narcotic Educational Foundation of America's (NEFA) annual Poster Drawing Contest among 5th and 6th grade students throughout the state of California, has announced this year's Southern California (Region III) winners.

Local winners include: 1st place, Michelle Ambriz, Unsworth Elementary; 2nd place, Jasmine Reppert, Gallatin Elementary; 3rd place winner, Cassandra Ramirez, Carpenter Elementary; and runnerups Joel Lopez, Gallatin Elementary; Carpenter Elementary's Isabel Lizarraga, Joshua Ramirez, Nicole Guilas, Kimberly Arias and Kaithlen Chiquete; and Sandra Lee of Gaudin Elementary.

The students were required to draw a poster representing the theme, "Say No to Drugs." A panel from NEFA and CNOA judges the entries.

The awards are gift certificates for a \$500 US Savings Bond towards the scholarship of each winner and a certificate of recognition along with a gift certificate from Blockbusters. Last year's first place winner is also from DUSD.

This is the third year Downey Unified School District has participated in the annual Poster Contest, which was first started in 1999 in memory of Henry Hall, an active CNOA member until his death at the age of 92.

Teens invited to free museum excursion

DOWNEY—Young adults are invited to register for a free, all-day bus excursion to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Saturday, July 8 under the sponsorship of the Friends of the Downey City Library.

Students ages 13-19 may join the trip, which will allow them to enjoy LACMA's "magnificent collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts." The trip, part of the library's Teen Summer Reading program, is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The library's Teen Summer Reading program runs through July 21.

Permission slips are required and participants must attend a trip orientation on Thursday, July 6, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

"This experience will help students bring what they have learned in their art classes to life," said Young Adult librarian Julie Davis.

For more information, call the Adult Information desk, 904-7360, ext. 3. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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Downey Rose Float fireworks sale July 1-4

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float will be selling fireworks from Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4, in the Sav-on's parking lot located at Firestone and Paramount Blvds., and selling hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and cake at the city of Downey's Concerts in the Park every Wednesday from July 5-August 23, to raise funds to help build and decorate this year's float.

The float was designed by Kelley Roberts Jr., Jason Redfox, and Jared Sweeney. For information, contact Julie Swender, Downey Rose Float president, (562) 923-9773, or Gary DeRemer, (562) 260-8503.

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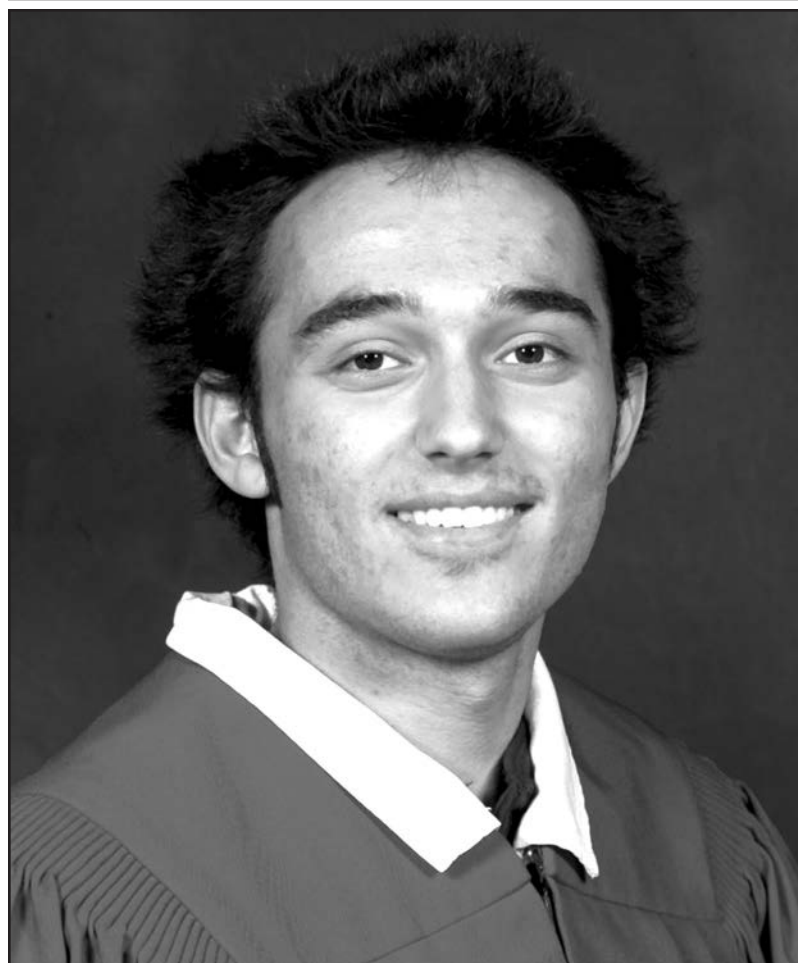
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Century 21 My Real Estate pays tribute to the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Newly appointed president Sue Nordin is successfully working to keep the Downey Chamber running on a smooth course. Sue has a great smile and happy attitude. She has many new responsibilities, yet tackles each one with patience. She also has a great support team with Diana Facio and Dorothy Van Zuilen, who are both very energetic and helpful. We thank Sue, Diana and Dorothy for keeping the Downey Chamber of Commerce a strong, outstanding organization.

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DOWNEY'S BEHIND THE SCENE SUPERSTARS



ALBORZ ZADEH—Is recipient of a College Sponsorship from United Friends of the Children (UFC), administrators of a program that provides financial assistance to foster youth enabling them to attend 4-year colleges/universities while lessening the fear of an overwhelming financial burden. A Warren High grad, he plans to enter Cal Poly Pomona in the fall.

Warren grad gets 'UFC sponsorship'

DOWNEY—Alborz Zadeh, a 2006 Warren High grad with a 3.38 GPA, has received a College Sponsorship from United Friends of the Children (UFC).

UFC provides financial assistance to foster youth so they can attend four-year colleges/universities, lessening the fear of an overwhelming financial burden. Zadeh was accepted into the Renaissance Scholar Program at Cal Poly Pomona, which he plans to enter in the fall.

Compared with the national average of less than 5 percent for foster youth, 75 percent of UFC program participants earn a bachelor's degree within five years.

UFC students also receive support in post-graduation planning to help them secure their first job or entrance into graduate school.

With a strong aptitude for math and science, Zadeh plans to major in civil engineering at Cal Poly. At Warren he was on the Swim team, cross country, and baseball. He was also a member of the AVID program and a volunteer with the Red Cross.

New Chamber president says 'no major changes'

DOWNEY—Newly-installed Downey Chamber of Commerce President Steven Allen, a career banker who currently serves as Vice President for Business Development at Bank of Orange County's Downey branch, outlined four goals for the coming year: increase chamber membership, hold more membership "mixers," no major changes in structure or operations, and monitor the budget "closely."

For Allen, voted Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year at one time, this is his second stint as president of the chamber. He served the first time in 1997-98. He has served four terms on its board of directors and chaired the golf committee for three years. He has heretofore also served on the chamber's City Affairs Committee.

Since coming to Downey in 1990 Allen has served as president of the Optimist Club and is currently its secretary treasurer. He is an active member of Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD), and has served as its president. He has also served as planning commissioner for the city the past 15 years, and is its current chairman.

Installing Allen was Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins. Providing entertainment was guitar-strumming Steve Roberson of Century 21 My Real Estate, who serenaded Allen with a few original western ditties. Dominick DiMario served as emcee.

Installed with Allen at the Chamber's gala installation and luncheon at Rio Hondo Event Center June 23 were: President Elect Jaime Garcia, Kaiser Permanente; Vice President Orlandus Waters, Downey Federal Credit Union; Treasurer Joe Keays, Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; and Past President Steve Hoffman, Law Offices of Steven J. Hoffman.

Returning as Directors of the Chamber are: Allen; Joe Becker, Nordic Fox; Darrel Dixon, Don Dixon & Associates Insurance; Dr. Dan Fox, Fox Chiropractic; Steve Hoffman, Law Offices of Steve J. Hoffman; Matt Knox, StormForce; Dr. John McCallister, John McCallister, DDS; Rick Rodriguez, RMI International, Inc.; Jan Scott, Pacific Western Bank; and Orlandus Waters, DFCU.

Incoming Directors include: Myra Benjamin, Budget Blinds; Jaime Garcia, Kaiser Permanente; Gwynn Gustafson, Co-Op Cache Consulting; Joe Keays, Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; and Robert Zavala, Freedom Vacations, Inc.

Executive Director Sue Nordin serves as secretary to the body.

Ben Gutierrez wins leadership award

DOWNEY—Incoming Warren High senior Benjamin Gutierrez, the new Associated Student Body President and editor-in-chief of the school paper, has won the 2006 Principal's Leadership Award, in recognition of his leadership skills and for "being a role model." He was last year's Commissioner of Assemblies.

Ben, a recipient of several awards at Warren High as well as from community groups, has been a volunteer in the community for numerous organizations. He has also written pieces for The Downey Patriot.



CHECK FROM ROTARY – Carol Pearce (left) Downey Rotary President presents a check for \$1000 to Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera. "I love live theater and Downey is indeed fortunate to have a professional organization such as DCLO," stated Pearce.

Summer reading program at library

DOWNEY—With "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!" as animal theme, the Downey City Library's summer reading program for kids will be off and running Wednesday, July 5 with the first of its free programs this summer, Wildlife Company's Animal Class 101, followed by Luau Linda's Supper Bubble Show (July 12), Search for the Missing Elephant: a Magic Show (July 19), Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre (July 26), and Last Days of the Dinosaurs (Aug. 2).

Children ages 5-12 also may not want to miss the "Wild Wednesday" special events from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room. Show passes will be distributed 30 minutes before show time in the Children's Room.

Seating is limited, so arrive early for these popular events, the library urges. For more information, contact children's Services, 904-7360, ext. 4.

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'Character Counts' Series

These are the 14th, 15th and 16th winning student essays from each of the Downey Unified School District schools on the theme, "Character Counts." This completes the inaugural 2006 series.

I never quit

By Vivian Kim,
3rd grade, Imperial Elementary

I started tennis a year ago. I enjoy playing tennis very much, and I want to become a better tennis player. To be a better tennis player I need to practice and never give up. I will never give up because "Quitters never win, and winners never quit."

Also to be a winner I have to respect other players, be fair to others, and follow the rules. I will never quit showing these traits because being a good person is also being a winner. Everyday I try to show these traits to be a winner.

I will never give up practicing and showing good traits in tennis. Then I will be able to become a better player and be a winner. Everyday I will never quit because I am a winner.

Do your best

By Hakim Dokovic,
3rd grade, Williams Elementary School

There is a Japanese proverb that says, "Fall seven times, stand up eight." I think this means that if you are stuck on something you should try again.

A while ago, I was playing basketball and I kept trying to shoot from the three point line, but I always missed. I didn't give up and I tried again and again. I practiced for about a month, and one day I shot the three pointer and made the basket. I felt like I was Michael Jordan.

If people used this maxim it would be better, because people would have jobs. They would have more money. They would have great things in the world. They would be smarter.

"Fall seven times, stand up eight," a Japanese proverb, is a great maxim. I will remember it and I hope the world does too.

Learning from my mistakes

By Curtis Pena,
5th grade, Old River School

Wow! It is amazing how much you can learn from your mistakes. Anyways my story is about how the secret to success is not avoiding your mistakes but learning from them. I have learned from a lot of my mistakes. This story is about one mistake that I remember the most.

The mistake that I remember the most is when I told my mom that I was done with my homework and I really wasn't. I had to stay up late so I could do it without her finding out. So when I took my homework out to do it, I found out that I needed her help on it. I was really surprised about my homework. I didn't know what to do. I couldn't ask her to help me because then she would find out that I was lying [sic] to her. So my homework didn't get done.

When I got up I was so worried, I still didn't get my homework done. At school I was really tired because I was up late and I still had to tell my teacher that I didn't have my homework. That meant I was going to lose out on my recess and on my classroom privileges too. I could barely keep my eyes open in class.

Now I had two very important people to me, thinking that I am a liar. This one little lie turned into a big problem in my life. Maybe someday they will believe me again.

The lesson I learned was not to lie about anything because you never know if you will need help with it. Especially if you need your own mom's help. My grandma always says, "One thing good about the truth is you never have to remember what you said."

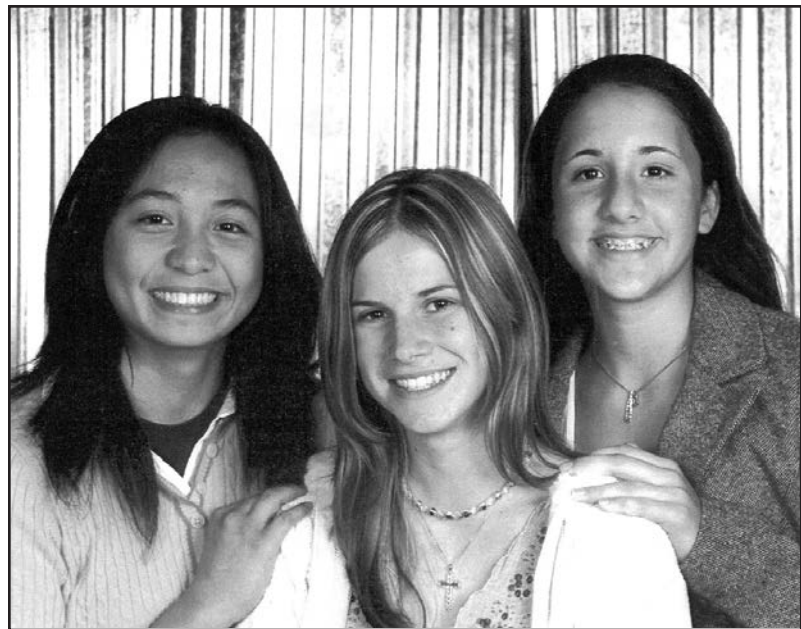
Drawing and painting classes for kids

DOWNEY—"Drawing and Painting for Kids" (ages 6-14) classes start today, June 30, at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive. The classes are offered by the city of Downey Community Services Department.

In drawing class, students will learn perspective, light logic and composition. The first two weeks of the class will focus on developing technical skills. The painting class is an introductory class into painting using acrylic and egg tempera. Course projects include still life, portraits and landscaping.

Drawing will be held from 4 to 5 p.m., painting from 5 to 6 p.m.

Fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. For more information/to register, call 904-7238.



GRIFFITHS GIRLS—(From left) Jellery Castillo, Anabel West and Michelle Page were among 18 students earning the Top Indian Award at the school's 8th grade promotion ceremonies involving 456 students on June 21. Selected by the school faculty, the award recipients were recognized for overall outstanding achievement in academics, school activities, citizenship and community service. The three classmates and friends have also all achieved Griffiths' Five Semester Scholar designation as well as the Three Semester Honor Award from the California Junior Scholarship Federation. They head next to Warren High in the fall.



JEFFREY GARCIA—Goes to Stanford in the fall for his engineering studies. A resident of Downey, he is one of 35 high school students from across the United States who were selected in 8th grade in a nationwide competition as Jack Kent Cooke Foundation "Young Scholars," a fact that was kept secret for five years "to protect the privacy of the financially needy students."

Jeffrey Garcia one of 35 'Young Scholars'

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—In addition to graduating this spring from their respective high schools, 35 high school seniors from across the United States graduated as Jack Kent Cooke Foundation "Young Scholars," described as "high-achieving students who have financial need." No one knew about the select 35 as "Young Scholars" except the Foundation, the students themselves and their parents or guardians.

A member of the first group to graduate as a "Young Scholar" is 17-year old Jeffrey Garcia of Downey, who is headed to Stanford in the fall. He graduated June 3 from Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead. He is a product of E. W. Ward Elementary and Sussman Middle School.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation says its Scholars Program was founded on this "unprecedented" notion—"Give high-achieving, financially needy 8th graders what they need to succeed, stick with them through high school and college, and their greatness will emerge." Indeed, the "Young Scholars" were selected in 8th grade from a scholarship competition held nationwide.

Each student was then assigned an educational adviser from the Foundation staff who "guided them every step of the way." In addition, the Foundation paid for supplementary educational services to ensure that each student could go in the direction of their dreams.

Jeffrey, whose parents are immigrants from Zipimeo, Michoacan, Mexico, has been attending—all expenses paid—a one-week Civic Education Program in Washington, D.C., as part of the Scholars program. Last summer, he attended a three-week Summer Program for Engineering at Caltech. The summer before that, he was at UC-San Diego attending a Mathematics and Science Program.

Jeffrey says he relishes all these exposures and contacts he has made. A teacher at Don Bosco, Armando Pacheco, was quoted as saying Jeffrey is "an exceptionally bright individual with an unequalled eagerness to learn sciences."

The "Young Scholars" Program was kept a secret for five years, says the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, to protect the privacy of the financially needy "star students." Jack Kent Cooke, businessman and philanthropist, once owned the Los Angeles Lakers and the Washington Redskins as well as the Chrysler Building in New York City.

The Foundation will be helping all of the 35 "Young Scholars" pay for their college education, and may even help them go as far as to earn a doctoral degree "if they like."

Prenatal parenting course offered

DOWNEY—The Exchange Club Family Support Center, 8320 Iowa St., Downey, is offering a nine-week prenatal parenting course called "Ready, Set... Grow!" starting Aug. 1 thru Sept. 26 at its facility located at 8320 Iowa St. in Downey. Mothers can attend with or without a partner. Funding for the program comes from a grant by Southern California Edison.

The course, premised on the principle that nurturing a baby at the prenatal time of development is one of the most important things a parent can do to increase the chances that the baby will grow in body, mind, and character, will enable parents to learn how to:

- Adopt a healthy lifestyle
- Celebrate and prepare for parenthood
- Adapt to physical and emotional changes
- Handle stress and anger
- Bond with their baby
- Use infant massage

The Tuesday sessions will last 2-1/2 hours, from 9-11:30 a.m. Fee is \$20. Child care will not be available during sessions. For information, call 904-9590.

'Shabbat Services' at Temple tonight

DOWNEY—Held every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Shabbat Services will be conducted tonight by Rabbi Muroff with Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, and Norberto Guinaldo at the organ. The community is welcome.

Following the worship service, "Kiddush" is held—wine and "challah" are included. "Oneg" follows in the Fellowship Hall, and refreshments are prepared and served by the Temple's Sisterhood.

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

Registration underway for football camp

DOWNEY—Registration is now being held for two football camps this summer at Downey High School for elementary and middle school students.

The camp will be conducted by FST Athletics Coaches Hicklin and Coach Williams, both Downey High alum. Hicklin attended Fresno State University on a full athletic scholarship while Williams went to Birgham Young University, later signing with the Oakland Raiders as a free agent in 2000.

The first camp will be held July 7-9 from 1 to 5 p.m. The second camp is scheduled for July 14-16. Cost is \$75 per weekend if students are registered by June 23 and \$100 thereafter. Students can register for one or both camps. For more information, call (562) 217-1762.

The Poets' Corner

The Person You Seek

What if the person you seek
to love and embrace
shield from harm
cuddle with grace
is a product of your imagination?

Try as you might
to gain their attention
they rebuff your advances
and misconstrue good intentions
Showered with love
by people so many
they grow cold to a love
based of honest and purity

Love can't be forced
on a person unwilling
scared to take a chance
on a prospect undeserving
—Eric Pierce,
Downey

SCHOOL BOARD

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& D Security resources of Anaheim for purchase of furniture and equipment by the DUSD on an as needed basis, and to fill orders for computer parts with the same terms and advantages.

• Approved change order for dairy products from Clerabrook Farms in the increased amount of \$15,600 to be charged to Food Services.

• Approved a change order for modernization at Unsworth Elementary with PW Construction in the sum of \$13,744, charged to the Bond Fund.

• Approved a change order for canned and bottled beverages with Coca Cola Bottling in the increased sum of \$16,100, charged to Food Services.

• Approved a change order for new construction at Downey High School Building C with PW Construction of Glendora in the increased sum of \$22,872 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

• Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence in the sum of \$115,280 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

• Accepted as complete backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$2,738 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

• Accepted as complete paving and repair work by Terra Pave in the full sum of \$130,944 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

• Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$44,782 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

• Accepted as complete fire, data, voice, paging and TV systems work at Downey and Warren new stadiums by Convergent Technologies in the final sum of \$468,097 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

• Accepted as complete Trade Electrical work by Spike Electric in the sum of \$22,568 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

• Accepted as complete work on Unsworth Elementary by PW Construction in the final amount of \$2,815,059, charged to the Bond Fund.

• Accepted as complete roof repair and asbestos abatement by FC & Sons of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$18,000 to be charged to the Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

• Approved the 2005-06 transfer of funds for the Adult Education restricted budget.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-05 Building Fund budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the sum of \$16,638,204.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Dental Care Self-Insurance Fund budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the sum of \$205,457.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund redistricted budget to reflect an increase to the fund balance in the sum of \$2,924,459.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund unrestricted budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the sum of \$2,624,534.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Heath Care Self-Insurance Fund budget to reflect a decrease to the balance in the sum of \$108,304.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Vision Care Self-Insurance Fund budget to reflect a decrease in the fund balance the amount of \$13,553.

• Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Workers Compensation Self-Insurance fund to reflect an increase to the basic fund balance of \$1,138,352.

• Authorized the Los Angeles County Office of Education to make transfer necessary at the end of the school year to permit payment of obligations incurred by the District in accordance with the Education Code.

• Approved the purchase of equipment as listed in accordance with established purchasing policy.

• Acknowledged receipt of a claim dated June 5, 2006 submitted by Gayle Jackie Martinez on behalf of Michael Castro (a minor) and denied the claim in accordance with the Government Code.

• Approved routine personnel items until subsequent action by the Board.

• Approved the names of classified employees eligible to receive the Professional Growth Award for the five-year period ending June 30, and approved the payment of award money.

• Heard a presentation by Jeff Orlinsky on the 2005-06 Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Program.

• Heard a presentation by Sara Cairns, Director of Secondary Education on Technology and the ongoing Training Program.

• Heard a presentation by Kevin Condon, superintendent of Business Services honoring Darren Pursegrove, Classified Employee in the area of the budget.

• Heard a presentation by Kent Halbmaier, Director of Special Education, honoring Gracianne Frederick, certificated employee for her efforts in behalf of the environment.

• Approved a waiver of Article IX Section N of the Master Agreement for Griffiths Middle School, to continue its early release program.

• Approved a waiver of Article IX, Section of the Master Agreement with the DEA to allow continuation of the two-lunch schedule.

• Approved a waiver of Article IX Section F of the Master Agreement allowing the implementation of a sixth teaching period and establishment of a home room for the Character Counts Program.

• Adopted Middle School and High School textbooks.

• Heard a presentation on the Pennies for Patients program by Gordon Weisenberger, activities director at Downey High School.

• Reviewed a report on sexual harassment training by Jerilyn King-Brown and Phil Davis, director of support programs.

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be Thursday, July 20 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey.

Sexual Harassment

By John Adams

Sexual harassment is a problem most of us would rather not face, yet it is a challenge to our sensitivity and awareness in some form almost every day of our lives.

The Downey Unified School District addressed the problem with a presentation by Jerilyn King-Brown, Assistant Superintendent, and Phil Davis, Director of Support Programs for the District, during the Board's annual retreat Tuesday. Davis read from the Sexual Harassment Investigation Guide published by the Downey Unified School District.

School Superintendent Wendy Doty, in an introduction to the Guide, has written that it is provided to administrators and supervisors in the DUSD as a tool to ensure that appropriate steps are consistently taken when investigating allegations of sexual harassment. Recognizing that each case will be different, the level of detail needed for a final report will depend on the findings of the investigator...It is important that all employees and students recognize that they shall not be subjected to discrimination or harassment, and that appropriate steps are in place to fully investigate any concerns that they might have.

Davis continued to read from the manual's content. Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual or physical conduct or communications of a sexual nature made by someone under any of the conditions delineated in Title 5, Article 2.5, Section 4915-4917.

An individual or group feeling subjected to sexual harassment should directly inform the offending person/persons that such conduct must stop. Any conduct of a sexual nature following such notice may be determined to be sexual harassment.

The District will take appropriate action to protect the reporting individual or group from retaliation or other forms of harassment.

There you have it spelled out in a no-nonsense fashion. Let's hope that with a dash of sensitivity we can all learn to avoid the kind of dead-end confrontations that have proven so expensive in the past.

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- Approved City Council resolution establishing a uniform schedule of fees, with most of the fee increases attributed to Public Works and Recreation.

- Approved the agreement with KJ Services Environmental Consulting to implement the city's Used Oil Recycling Block Grants.

- Set a public hearing for July 11, 2006 for zone change #05-127 and #06-62: from R1-5,000 to R-3-0 for properties located at 7714, 7722 and 7724 Stewart & Gray Road; 7612-7730 Stewart & Gray Road (even-numbered only) and 11905-11923 Rives Avenue (odd-numbered only); (applicant: zone change #105-127-Neil Marsh, James Coates/zone change #06-62-City initiated).

- Approved one year extension of agreement with All City Management Services for crossing guard services.

- Approved renewal of contract with Rio Hondo Community College District for use of weapons firing range for Police Department weapons training.

- Approved agreement with Graffiti Tracker, Inc. in the amount of \$22,800 to be appropriated from asset forfeiture funds for the purpose of reducing graffiti vandalism in the city.

- Approved City Council resolution approving and adopting the annual appropriations limit for FY2006-2007.

- Approved City Council resolution approving applicant to apply for grant funds for the Per Capita Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

- Received and filed reports on the status of the NASA Park and Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center projects.

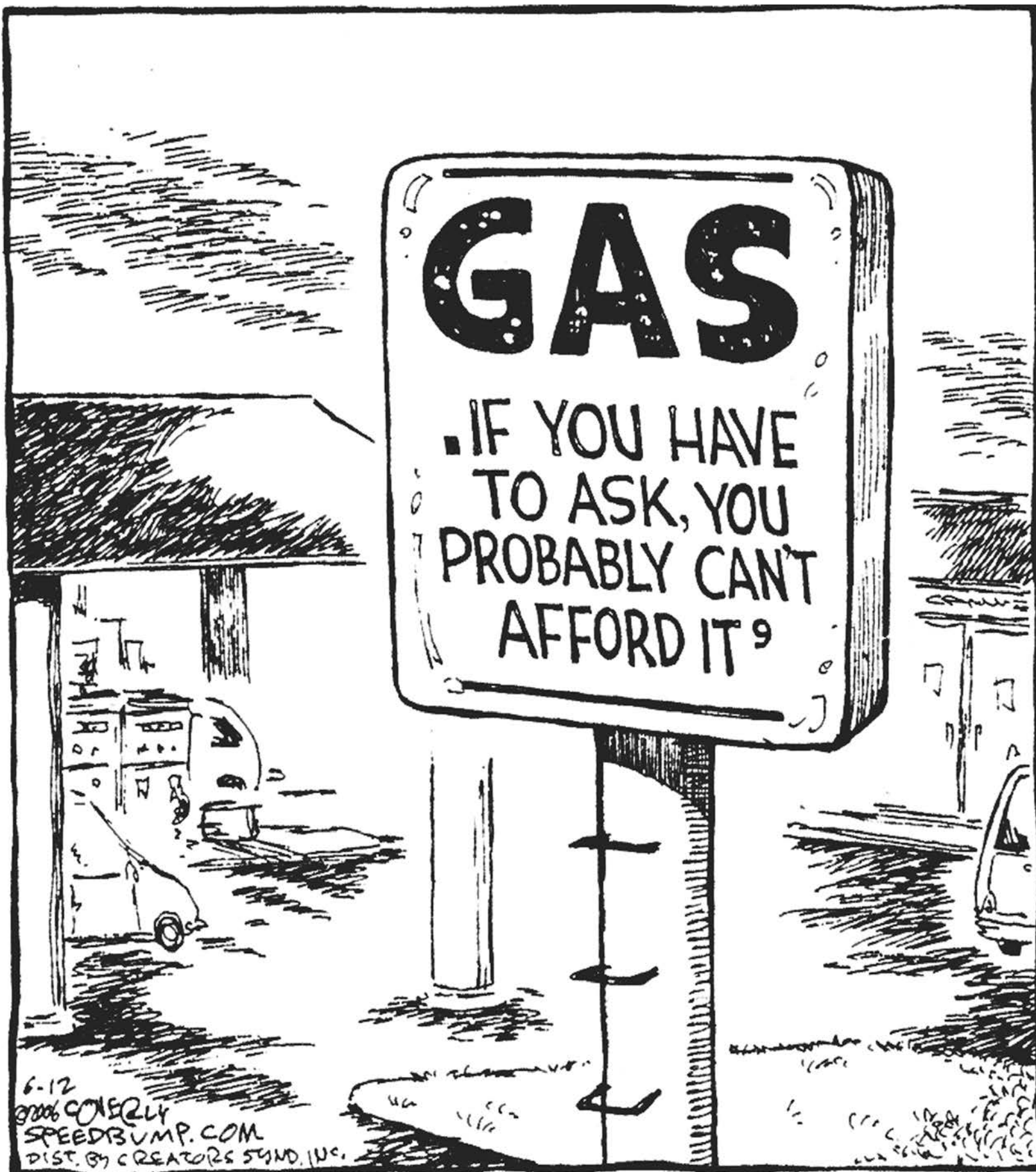
In non-agenda public comment, Ron Barbanell, DDS, drew a troubling picture of brazen vandalism and "outrageous" behavior perpetrated mostly on Friday and Saturday nights by "out-of-town" teens directly across the street from the Krikorian Theatre.

City Councilman Rick Trejo promised to confer with police authorities and other affected parties, and "look into the situation more closely," and consider viable options on how to address the festering situation.

The Mayor's Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Economic Development Analyst Jessica Flores, who has just graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Urban Planning and Development.

Ralph Ewers, who is retiring after 29 years with the city of Downey, as an employee and consultant to the Division of Building and Safety, received a Certificate of Appreciation.

The next regular public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



Letters to the Editor:

Fight back against 'mansionization'

Dear Editor:

Re Stacy A. Rodgers' letter, "This could happen to you!" (The Downey Patriot, 6/23/06), I would like to say that I support her views on the subject of "mansionization."

Over the past few years the city of Downey has chosen to ignore certain Civic Codes giving builders the opportunity to build just about anything they please. The Downey Code 91.10.14 states: "The architecture and general appearance of the building shall be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and such as not to be detrimental to the general welfare of the neighborhood in which they are located." Stacy and I can understand what this means, but oddly enough, the city cannot. They simply throw their hands up and say, "How do we enforce this code?", "What is neighborhood character?", "What exactly is detrimental?"

One reason for this could be that many of the city staff do not live in Downey. Another reason could be that the City Council is not standing up and representing what the people of this city want. With upcoming election on the horizon, maybe it is time to ask the right question of the candidates running for these positions. It is a given that these candidates will be supporting strong police and fire departments, but how do they feel about enforcing building codes and are they going to support preservation of historical landmarks and art in our community? These questions will be important if we are to maintain an attractive community and a desirable place to live.

The Rives Mansion has just been sold as well as the Ball/Steere Home on Cherokee Drive. Both are very well known historical homes in our city. What are the plans for these properties? I have noticed that the Ball/Steere House has a construction fence up around the property. I understand there will be some major construction going on there that could possibly destroy the character of the home.

After reviewing the research I found in a 1977 historical home survey done by the State of California, I discovered that the Ball/Steere Home was found to be a historically significant landmark. The city, however, does not see this landmark as historical and has done nothing to preserve it. As you can see there are many things in our city that still need to be looked at more closely. The Downey Homeowner's Alliance (preservedowneyhomes@yahoo.com) has fought long and hard to change some of the building codes to help preserve what we still have.

Stacy, you are not alone in your thinking. There are many people, myself included, who feel as you do. If your neighborhood is one of many that have been overbuilt with these huge oversized homes, I might suggest a few plans of action. Check your house papers for CC&R's (Covenants, Codes and Restrictions). According to California Civil Code #01-310, CC&R's are enforceable, as long as they are reasonable. It is the resident's responsibility to enforce these neighborhood restrictions.

Start a petition to rally neighbors that are willing to enforce neighborhood CC&R's. Start a homeowners association to protect homes within its boundaries. Call the City Council at (562) 904-7274 and tell them to make sure Downey Civic Codes are enforced. Call the Planning Department at (562) 904-7154 and ask them to enforce Code 91.10.14.

If you want to see plans for new homes that are being built in Downey neighborhoods check with the Building Department located inside City Hall. Do your research; there is an abundance of information on Mansionization, Historic Preservation and Homeowners Association on the Internet if you look for it.

Get supporters to write to the Downey Patriot, Press Telegram, and the L.A. Times, the more press you get the better off you are. Try to get a

local news station involved. Consult legal help to look more closely at Downey Code 91.10.14 as well as CC&R's on neighborhood properties. Check with the State of California to see if the contractors building these homes have a current contractor's license.

These are just a few things that can be done. But whatever you do, don't give up! Keep up the pressure. Let's change Downey for the better and move it forward in a positive direction!

—George Redfox,
Downey

Celebrate safely this fourth of July holiday

Contributed by the City of Downey

DOWNEY – Independence Day is just around the corner, the fireworks stands have arrived and it is time to begin our safe journey through the holiday. The Downey Fire Department would like to remind the public of the Fireworks Ordinance. The highlights are as follows:

- Fireworks shall only be discharged within the city boundaries between 3 and 10 p.m. on July 4. It shall be unlawful to discharge fireworks at any other time or date of the year.

- Fireworks may not be discharged upon any city property or public right-of-way (includes streets and sidewalks).

- The discharge of "Safe and Sane" fireworks shall be in the presence of a responsible adult 18 years or older. No fireworks shall be sold to any person under the age of 18 years.

- Anyone found to be discharging fireworks in the manner contrary to their intended use would be in violation of the code.

- The sale of fireworks shall not begin before noon on July 1 and shall not continue after 8 p.m. on July 4. Regular hours of sale are July 1 and 2 (noon to 10 p.m.), July 3 (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and July 4 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

Rules and regulations

The Downey Fire Department is asking the public's assistance in adhering to all fireworks related California Health & Safety and Downey Municipal Codes this 4th of July holiday. Enforcement patrols will be visible and active during this holiday period.

Residents should remember to prepare a spot in daylight hours for discharging fireworks. This area should be free of combustibles and overhead hazards. Consider placing a piece of drywall under the discharge area to protect the lawn or driveway. Place the viewing area at least 15 feet away from the discharge area.

An adult needs to be present at all times. Keep a water supply nearby. Soaking discharged fireworks in a bucket overnight before placing in a trash receptacle will prevent trash receptacle fires.

Supervise children

Do not allow children to light fireworks. This sends a clear message to all children that fireworks are to be respected and not misused. Use "Safe and Sane" fireworks approved by the California State Fire Marshal (look for a State Fire Marshal Seal).

Any firework that propels into the air is illegal in Downey. Possession of this type of firework is a crime. Do not alter or modify fireworks as this is also a violation.

Due to the Federal Storm Water Act, fireworks may not be discharged in places that drain into the storm drain system (city streets, curbs, sidewalks). Keep streets clear for emergency vehicles and traffic.

Have a safe 4th of July.

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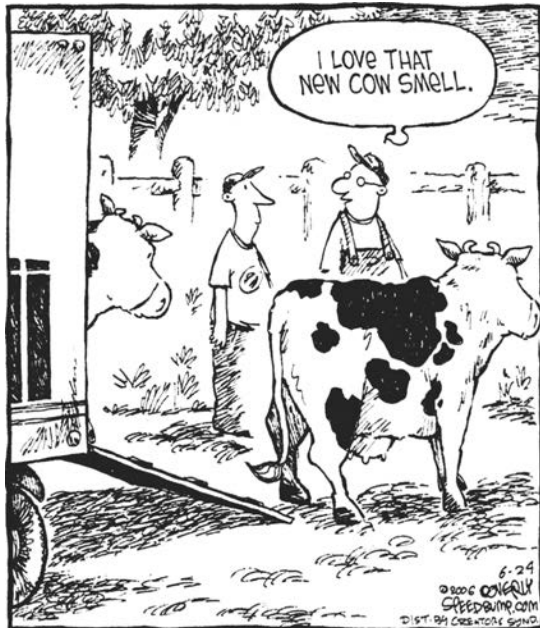
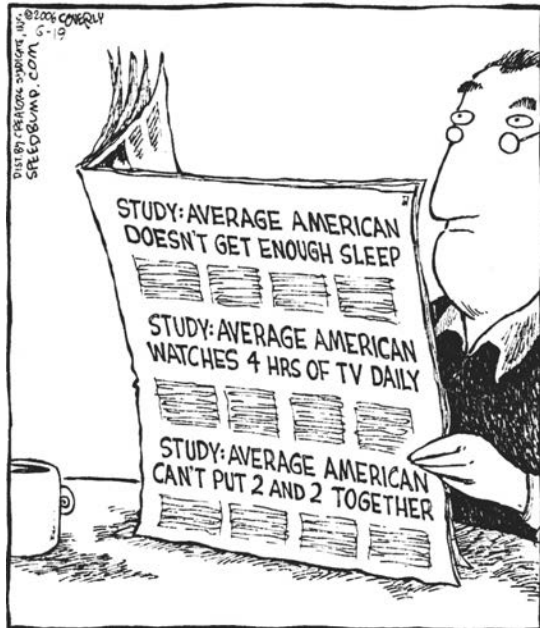
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Sun. July 2, 10:00 a.m.: **Special Patriotic Musical** to honor all military veterans with complimentary lunch for them at Abundant Hope Christian Center, 10335 Paramount Blvd. For information call 928-8651.
Wed. July 5, 7:00 p.m.: **The Wiseguys Big Band** performs for the annual Summer Twilight Concert Series. Food available for sale or attendees may bring their own picnic. At Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7230.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

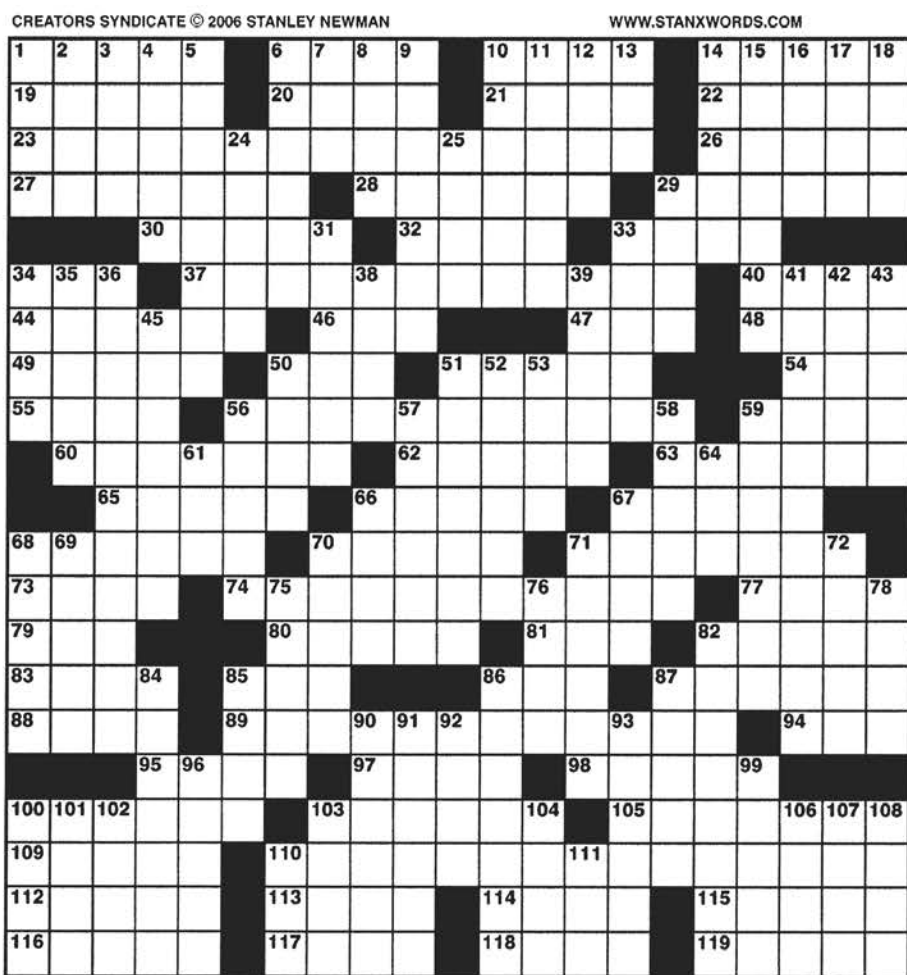
Fridays

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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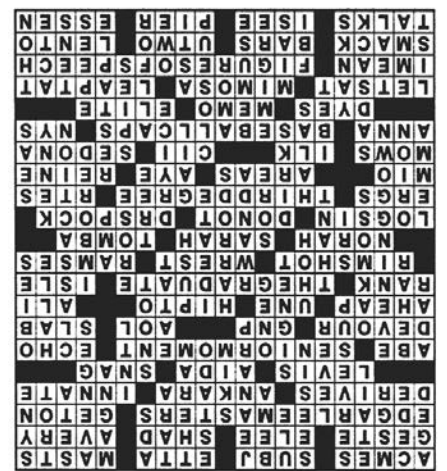
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Italian skier Alberto Tomba (67 Across) won a total of three gold medals in the 1988 and 1992 Winter Olympics. The reference at 72 Down is to the 1983 #1 Dolly Parton/KENNY Rogers duet "Islands in the Stream." NFL founder George HALAS (75 Down) owned the Chicago Bears for 63 years, and was the team's coach for 40 of those.





CONCERT COMMITTEE – Members of the 2006 Downey Chamber of Commerce “Oldies” Concert Committee took time out for a photo during a recent planning meeting. The third annual benefit show will feature Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. on stage at the Downey Theater. Pictured in the back row (from left) are Robert Zavala of Freedom Vacations, Chamber Executive Director Sue Nordin, Fionnuala Anderson of Western States Glass, Chairperson Myra Benjamin of Budget Blinds, Jeannie Woods of Albertsons Markets, Jerry Brady of The Downey Patriot, and Laurie MacIsaac of Century 21 My Real Estate. In the front are Tony Taylor of Qwest Homework Assistance and Gwynn Gustafson of Co-Op Cache Consulting.

Emblem Club making trip to Barona


DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is making its first “fun, fun, fun!” trip to Barona Casino on Wednesday, July 19. It is the club’s summer fundraiser.

Bus leaves the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. and returns approximately at 5:30 or 6 p.m. There will be Bingo on the bus. Cost is \$6 for members, \$11 for nonmembers. Mail check to Downey Emblem Club #309, P.O. Box 562, Downey, CA 90241.

For information, call Mary Guzman, (562) 622-1003.

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Downey Band makes Hollywood Bowl history

DOWNEY—The Downey High School Jazz Band performed on opening night at the Hollywood Bowl Friday, June 23—the first time the Hollywood Bowl had allowed a high school band to perform there—and received a standing ovation from an audience of 16,000 people.

The Downey Music program has a partnership with the L.A. Philharmonic which is part of its “Music Matters” program. This allowed them the opportunity to perform at the Hollywood Bowl.

The Downey Music program will receive a \$2,500 grant from Fidelity Investments and \$11,000 in musical instruments. The band director, Cory Olariu, received an “Inspire the Future” award autographed by L.A. Phil conductor John Mauceri.

This benefit concert was a fundraiser for the Music Matters program. Performing with the L.A. Philharmonic was the Blue Man Group. Carlos Santana, who also performed, was inducted into the Hollywood Bowl of Fame.

Idolization of celebrities discussed

DOWNEY—The EZRA Center for Mature Adults will have Dr. David Kaufman, associate professor of American Jewish Studies at Hebrew Union College, at its upcoming meeting Tuesday, July 11 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Registration, coffee/tea and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m. and the program begins at 10 a.m., with Dr. Kaufman discussing the phenomenon of celebrity idolization in contemporary Jewish life. Based on a book he is writing, he will focus on four key figures: Sandy Koufax, Lenny Bruce, Bob Dylan, and Barbra Streisand.

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

Polynesian dance class starts July 12

DOWNEY—The city of Downey Community Services Department is offering Polynesian Dance for children ages 5 and older beginning Wednesday, July 12 at the Apollo Dance Studio.

Students will learn and enjoy graceful hand, arm and body movements of hula, set to the music of the islands. Fee for the 10-week course is \$40. For information/to register, call 904-7238.



MADE HISTORY – The Downey High School Jazz Band earned the distinction of being the first high school band to perform at the Hollywood Bowl when they performed there last week in front of 16,000 people. They received a standing ovation.

Fail-Safe plans fundraising dinner

DOWNEY – Fail Safe 4 Felines, a nonprofit organization working towards reducing the population of unwanted cats in Downey, will host a beef stroganoff night on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Elks Lodge.

The dinner will include salad, beef stroganoff, dessert, coffee, tea and a 50/50 raffle. The cost is a \$20 donation.

The Downey Elks Lodge is at the corner of Woodruff Ave. and Firestone Blvd.

Church to present ‘patriotic musical’

DOWNEY—Abundant Hope Christian Center, 10335 Paramount Blvd. (south of Florence Ave.), is presenting a special Patriotic Musical Sunday, July 2 at 10 a.m. to honor all military veterans. There will be a complimentary lunch for them. Call 928-8651 for information.

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PAST AND PRESENT SERVICEMEN—At UITC's annual Flag Day ceremony June 17.

Pro Networkers elect officers

DOWNEY – Pro Networkers of Downey have elected new officers for the 2006-2007 year. They include Harry Sacks of Pre-Paid Legal Services, president; Dr. John McAllister, DDS, as vice-president; Debbie Hernandez of ACB Real Estate as secretary; and Linda Dong, tax consultant, as treasurer.

The group meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Mimi's Cafe for networking and exchanging business leads.

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Treasure Island celebrates Flag Day

By Devi Kokaram,
 Unity In The Community, Treasure Island

DOWNEY—The Treasure Island community celebrated its annual Flag Day on June 17, at 9 a.m., at the Treasure Island Park flagpole.

The event was a tremendous success. We had in attendance three active and 11 retired servicemen.

These servicemen had the opportunity to speak of both their experiences in the armed forces as well as what this great country means to them. They had many interesting stories to tell: some were funny and joyous and some were sentimental and emotional. The residents in attendance that morning were truly blessed to be in the company such greatness.

Servicemen present were Messrs. Edward Bullion, Robert Bullong, Paul Arce, Manny Contreras, Jerry Rogers, William Parker, Jack Revland, Al Tyner, Elvin Galindo, Earl Krause, Robert Bergquist, Ken Grow, David Grow, and Michael Grow.

We as Americans are truly blessed to live in such a great country. It is truly a nation where freedom is paramount and individuals such as our very own Treasure Island residents are prepared to lay their lives on the line to ensure this freedom.

We are eternally grateful to these and all US servicemen for all that they do to ensure America's safety and freedom. God bless America.

'Pizza at the Pool' planned this summer

DOWNEY—With the onset of summer, the city of Downey Community Services Department is offering trips to Pizza at the Pool for ages 7-12 on three different Fridays, all from 1-4:30 p.m., with a cost of \$5 each trip: July 7 and 21, and Aug. 4.

All trips are supervised by Recreation Leaders. Registration is now underway at City Hall's Community Services Department. Due to limited space, sign-ups are limited. For more information, call 904-7238.

ESL summer Bible study starting July 8

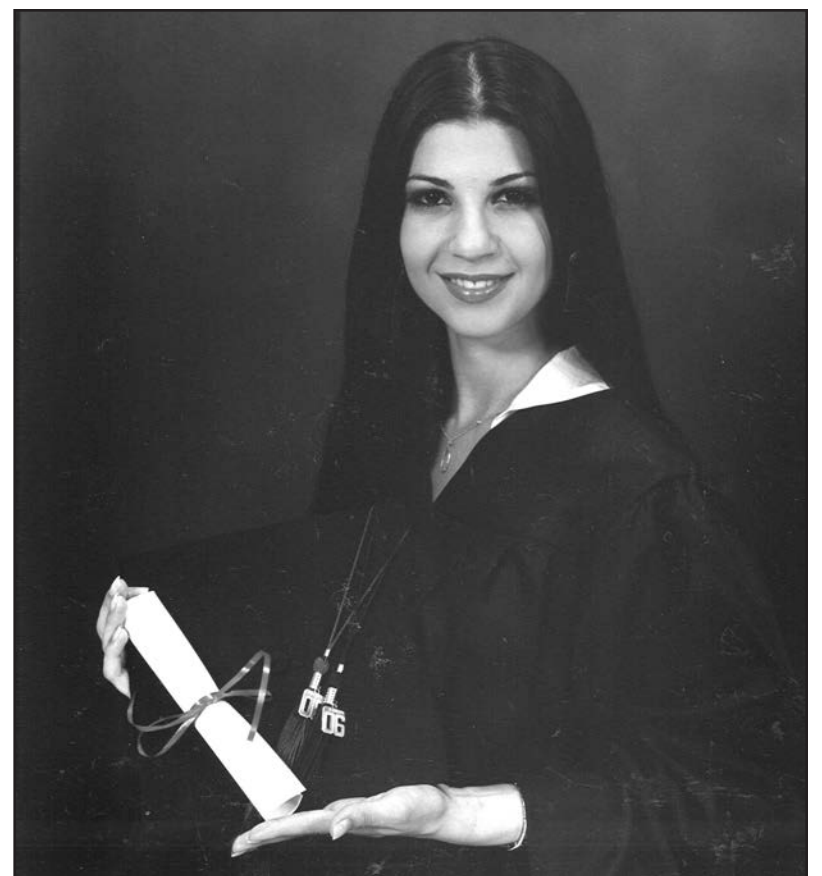
DOWNEY—An English through Bible Study Class will begin Saturday, July 8 and be taught for eight consecutive Saturdays at Christ Lutheran Church located at 7707 Florence Ave. in Downey. All classes will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and held in the church conference room.

There is no charge for these classes. Contact the church office, (562) 927-4421, to register.

Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

DOWNEY—The Downey Union High School class of 1953 will hold a 53rd anniversary picnic at La Mirada Regional Park Saturday, Sept. 30.

Anyone interested from nearby classes is also invited to attend. For more information/location specifics, call (562) 923-0544 or e-mail duhs53@gmail.com



SARAH N. GESHTI – A 2001 alumni of Downey High School, Geshti graduated this June from UC Irvine with a double major in biology and drama. A former Miss Teen Downey Princess in 1998 who previously sang solo Off-Broadway, she plans to pursue a masters in physiology at Pepperdine.

Book Lover's Club meeting at library

DOWNEY—Downey City Library's Senior Librarian Jan Palen says people wishing to discover the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction, may want to join the Downey City Library Book Lover's Club.

The monthly book discussion group meets Thursday, July 13 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the library, located at 11121 Brookshire Ave. July's featured selection is "Their eyes Were Watching God" by Nora Neale Hurston, about a black woman in the 1930s, Janie Crawford, and her journey from a free-spirited girl to a woman of independence.

The story, rooted in black folk tradition, celebrates African-American culture and heritage.

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ADVANCED TO STATE — The Downey 10U All-Star Fastpitch softball team finished undefeated in the L.A./South Bay District Tournament held last weekend at Independence Park. The girls will represent Downey at the State Tournament in Lancaster the weekend of July 7-9, where they will compete with 21 other teams for a chance to advance to national competition in St. Louis. Third row: Coach Mario Vallejo, Head Coach Tino Hanks, Manager Susan Rodriguez, Coach Auggie Acuna and Coach Jorge Navarro. Second row: Darian Forseen, Natalie Pasillas, Larisa Petakoff, Rachel Rodriguez and Esperanza Sanchez. First row: Alyssa Acuna, Alyssa Hanks, Amanda Flores, Amanda Vallejo, Kendall Zarate, Jenny Navarro and Leilani Miyadi.



WARREN REPRESENTS—Seven members of the Warren High team that competed May 19-21 at Lake Skinner in Temecula at the 2006 Solar Cup competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California line up behind Mark Moss (MWD sponsor): from left, Robert Webster, Brian Knox, Arby Argueta, Jonathon Cuellar, Glenn Yamasaki (WHS Advisor), Tony Ramirez, and Diego De La Cruz. The team, like 40 other Southern California high school teams, entered an electric boat running on solar power. The boat had to perform a 90-minute endurance course as well as a 200-meter sprint. This year's first place winner was Diamond Bar High.

Women's golf club seeks new members

DOWNEY — The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, is accepting applications for membership.

General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month following play. For more information, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

Rancho golf classic will be played Aug. 4

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation will host its 16th annual Rancho Golf Classic to benefit patients at the world-famed Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

This year's tournament will be offered at the Friendly Hills Country Club on Aug. 14.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 to benefit patients and services at Rancho.

Sponsors are sought, ranging from dinner only (\$100); and foursome sponsorship (one foursome for golf plus four awards dinner tickets), all the way to platinum sponsorship (\$7,500) including two foursomes for golf, one tee sign, a full-page ad in the event's program book, your logo on the welcome banner, eight dinner tickets, vendor recognition at the awards ceremony, and a special plaque presented to you at the awards ceremony.

Tournament Chairman for this year's event is County Supervisor Don Knabe (4th District including Downey).

For tickets and information, call Yolanda James at the Rancho Foundation, (562) 401-7033.

Warren cheer plans 50 year reunion

DOWNEY—In celebration of Warren High School's 50th anniversary, the Warren Pep Squad invites all former cheerleaders, song leaders, and mascots to the homecoming game on Oct. 20.

Contact Kellie Acosta at warrenceerlumni@yahoo.com or (562) 469-7001, ext. 87889 for more information.

Recent grad completes combat training

DOWNEY—Army Pvt. Derrick C. Cordova-Marolda, a 2005 graduate of Columbus High School, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Roberta Cordova-Onken of Downey.

YMCA offering summer childcare

DOWNEY—The Downey YMCA is offering summer childcare for children ages 2 to 5 at its Downey Trinity Baptist Church site.

Care is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and includes arts and crafts, stories, games, music and movement, an educational curriculum and character development.

For more information, including cost, call 862-4201, ext. 1735.

Red Cross renews call for volunteers

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross is in immediate need of volunteers to assist with their blood drives in Downey and surrounding cities.

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Downey Christian Club meets July 12

DOWNEY — The Downey Christian Women's Club, which is open to the community, including men, will meet Wednesday, July 12 at Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

The buffet luncheon will feature a presentation on the Orange County Ronald McDonald House by Ronald Van Winkle. Speaker Gerda Kuykendall will speak on "one woman's story of triumph over the hardships of war."

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Roybal-Allard calls for raise in minimum wage

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Claiming that millions of working Americans who earn the minimum wage are struggling to afford the basic necessities for their families, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) is working to increase the federal minimum wage, which is at its lowest point in 50 years when adjusted for inflation.

In the United States, 7.3 million people would benefit from a raise in the minimum wage, including 1.8 million parents with children. "A minimum wage earner who works full-time all year earns just \$10,700, leaving them well below the poverty line. This is simply not acceptable in America. No American who works full-time all year should live in poverty," Roybal-Allard said.

"The argument that an increase in the minimum wage will result in job losses is bogus. In fact, a study released by the Center for American Progress and Policy Matters Ohio in May 2006 found that small business employment and payrolls grew more in states with higher minimum wages," she said.

On June 13, Roybal-Allard joined her colleagues on the Appropriations Committee in passing an amendment to raise the federal minimum wage to the FY2007 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill. The measure would gradually increase the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over two years. State laws establishing a minimum wage vary throughout the country. Where federal and state laws differ, the higher standard applies. The current minimum wage in California is \$6.75.

While the minimum wage amendment passed with bipartisan support in committee, Republican leaders have stopped the Labor-Health bill from coming to a vote before the entire U.S. House of Representatives because they fear they will not have the votes to remove the wage increase from the final measure.

"The federal minimum wage has not been increased since 1997, and it is unconscionable that the Republican-controlled Congress has blocked all efforts to increase it," Roybal-Allard said, adding, "More than 80 percent of the American people support an increase in the minimum wage, and Democrats will continue pushing for action on this issue until Republicans allow a fair vote in the House of Representatives."

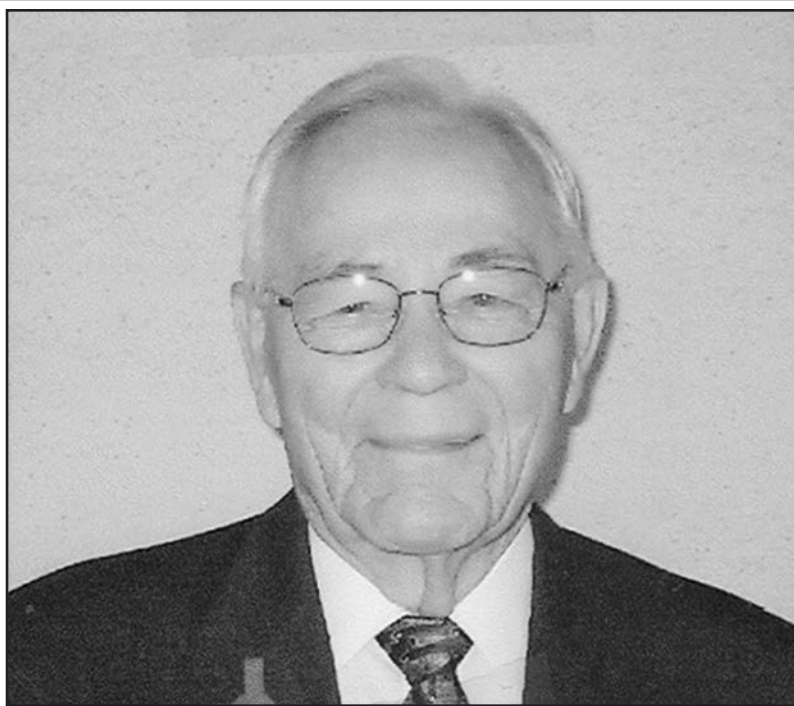
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VERN EUGENE AERNI—Services were held June 22 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Memorial service held for Vern Eugene Aerni

DOWNEY—A memorial service was held at Messiah Lutheran Church on June 22 for Vern Eugene Aerni, who was born July 24, 1916 in Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska and died on June 15.

He was the eighth of 10 brothers and sisters born to Frank Aerni, a native of Switzerland, and Martha MuellerAerni, a native of Germany. His siblings included Walter, Leonard, Marcella, Helen, Melvin, Harold, Lawrence, Phillip and Frank, Jr. With the exception of Lawrence, Marcella and Vern, the family remained in the Columbus, Nebraska area for the rest of their years. Vern married Polish Dorothy "Dot" Czapl, and came to California, in 1937.

He was a route salesman, for 20 years, and driver of a semi truck for another 10 years, for Helms Bakeries of South Gate. When Helms went out of business, he went to work for the Los Angeles Times as a driver for another 18 years.

An avid bowler, he also enjoyed baseball. Cabinetry was another of his passions, taught by his brother Lawrence, of Culver City, and Ben Czapl of Downey. The Aernis had transferred from Redeemer Lutheran Church of South Gate to Immanuel Lutheran Church in 1961, and when Immanuel merged with Messiah Lutheran in 1967, he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Usher, and Elder. He became a Lector for the worship in his last years, enjoying the job immensely.

He leaves behind his son, Jim, and his daughter, Jane; grandchildren, Jennifer, Amber, Jason and Judson; and great grandchildren, Layton, Penelope, Ireland and Natalie.

Viola Kotraba came to California in 1935

DOWNEY—Viola Katherine Augusta Kotraba, who found employment with Kaiser as an x-ray technician and then became manager of the x-ray laboratory, passed away, after a series of strokes, on June 16. A memorial service was held in her honor on June 21 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Born second of 11 children in St. Louis, MO Oct. 27, 1914, to parents Lewis Gerling and Selma Dodel, she was a graduate of Central High School of St. Louis. She went to work as a secretary at Shell Oil Company in St. Louis, then as an x-ray technician with the same company. She came to California in 1935.

After her marriage in 1948 to Walter Kotraba, they moved to Bell Gardens, then to Downey when they purchased a home on Paramount Blvd. She lived here ever since. They hosted a Friday night card group, lasting until her final illness. They also camped in the mountains and enjoyed music.

They transferred from Zion Lutheran Church in Maywood in 1957 to Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey. She enjoyed gardening and sewing as well.

She is survived by her sisters, Wilma Ibarra of Torreon Coah, Mexico, and Florence Allmeroth of Salem, MO; two sisters-in-law, Bertha Sweeten of Covina and Mildred Oliveira of Lawrenceville, GA; nieces, Carol Kirkland of Lompoc and Rosemarie Boring of Lawrenceville, GA; nephews, Raymond Kinsey of Downey and Gerald Kinsey of Newport Beach. Raymond had moved in with her in 2004.

Local cadets take part in training voyages

DOWNEY – Two Downey residents were aboard the California Maritime Academy's 500-foot training ship *Golden Bear* when it returned to the Academy's Vallejo, CA, campus recently for a brief layover.

The ship disembarked its first crew of 254 cadets and picked up a second of 234. This year, the ship's itinerary takes cadets and staff along the West Coast of the Americas to Mexico, Peru, Chile and Costa Rica. Joining the second sailing are about 100 cadets from the Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston.

Kenneth Corbett Christie and Rebecca Jebanathan, both of Downey, are part of the training program.

Also aboard are two cadets each from Mexico's Escuela Nautica Maritime Academy and from the Maine and Massachusetts Maritime Academies. The *Golden Bear* departed on the first 12,000 nautical mile cruise April 30th and returned to its berth Wednesday, June 28th. It departed again July 1 and will return to Vallejo August 29.

During the two 2-month training voyages, cadets run every element of 24-hour vessel operations under the supervision of 50 Academy faculty and staff. The practical hands-on experience covers everything from engine operations and maintenance to navigation, lifeboat and ship safety drills, communication, and watch standing. Depending on their majors, cadets may take part in as many as three cruises during their four years at the Academy, with itineraries to nations throughout the Pacific Basin. Many also gain additional work experience interning for commercial companies operating oil and chemical tankers, containerships, tugboats and ferry boats – experiences which often lead to employment with those companies immediately upon graduation.

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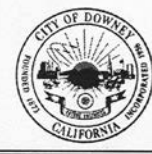


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Ask the Contractors Board

By Matt Kelly,
Chair, California Contractors State License Board

Q: I have heard that you need to make sure your contractor has general liability insurance. How can I verify if the contractor I hire is insured? I want to make sure the person who repairs my home has the right coverage.

A: Contractors are required to give you a notice about commercial general liability insurance and tell you if they carry it. If he or she is insured, your contractor must provide you with the telephone number and name of the insurance company. Go ahead and check with the insurance company to see if the contractor is insured with them before work starts. Although it's optional for contractors to carry this, it's best to hire a contractor with general liability insurance to cover any property damage or third-party injury that occurs on the work-site.

Q: I am preparing to landscape my backyard and I want to install an in-ground spa as well. Do I need to get a swimming pool/spa contractor in addition to the landscape contractor to install the spa, or can the landscape contractor install it?

A: Since the spa is in-ground, it must be installed by a swimming pool/spa contractor. If your landscaper has the classification as well, you're good to go. If not, they can sub-contract the job to a licensed swimming pool/spa contractor. Your landscaper cannot install a spa if he/she only has a landscaping license. Make sure to also check the license of the sub-contractor who is hired to install the spa, in addition to the license of the landscape contractor. Also ensure the contractor has workers' compensation insurance to cover all sub-contractors, in order to relieve you of all liability in case of an accident or job-related injury. For more information, visit www.cslb.ca.gov and look at the "Choosing the Right Landscaper" for your landscaping questions.

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A: You are right, there are operators who will prey on the elderly, but you don't have to be one of the victims. It is important that you research different contractors for our job, get at least three bids, verify the contractor's license, and ask friends or family for referrals of contractors that have done work on their home. The CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov has more information designed just for seniors. If you don't feel safe when a contractor is working in your home, then invite a friend over, or ask a family member to assist you in the process of managing the contractor. If you are vigilant about the project and the paperwork that accompanies it, you are more likely to have a worry-free contracting experience.

Former Lakers to host basketball camp

DOWNEY – Former Los Angeles Lakers Jeff Lamp and Petur Gudmundsson will be hosting a basketball camp this summer at the Downey YMCA.

The first session runs July 10-14 and the second session will run July 31-Aug. 4.

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The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and costs \$125 for Downey YMCA members and \$150 for nonmembers. Financial aid is available.

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ART CONTEST WINNERS – Red Carpet Heritage Realty accumulated over 100 entries for their art contest held in April. Ten participants received honorable mentions and five top winners received cash prizes and certificates. Pictured are (back row, left to right): Reece Decker, Isaac Gutierrez, Eugene Vaudry, third place winner Richie Vaudry and Victoria Serrano. Front: Miguel Olivarez, first place winner Megan Hernandez, Nohemi Bazua, Sarah Bazua, Nicholas Serrano and Elizabeth Serrano. Not pictured are second place winner Kelly Knowles, third place winner Aaron Israelian and Steven Gutierrez.

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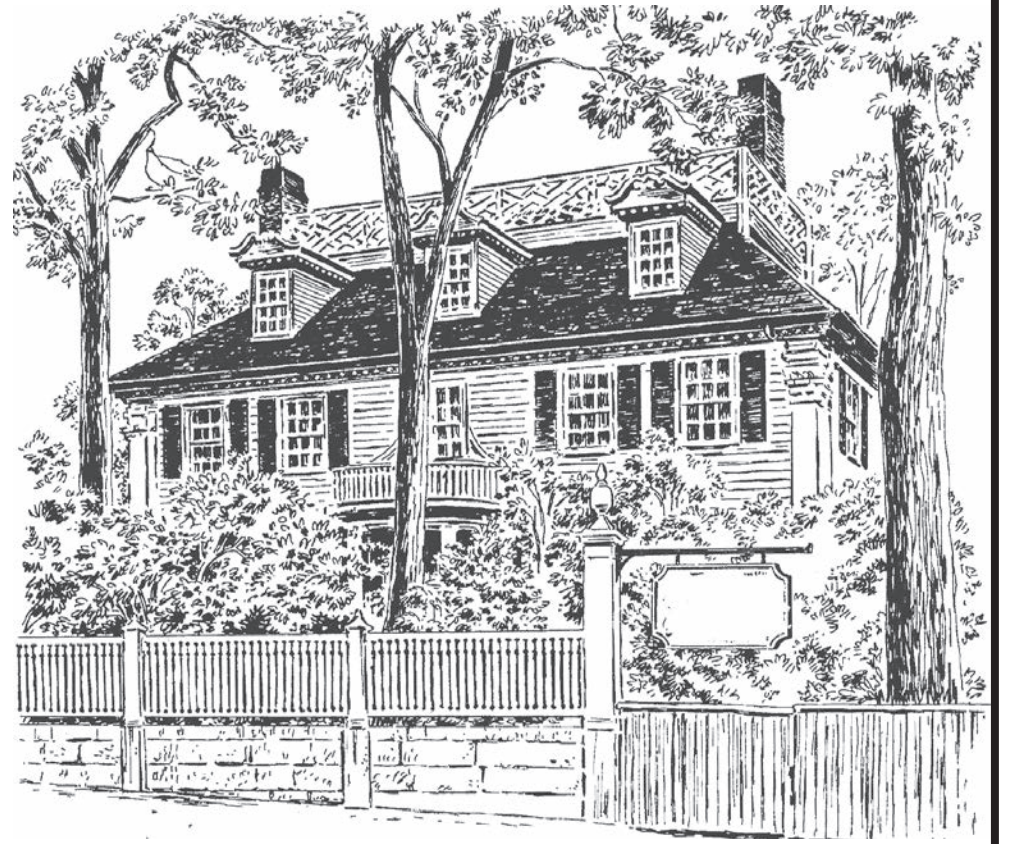
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