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INCA – The Peruvian Ensemble will perform their colorful songs and dances at Furman Park on Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. The group features as many as eight dancers dressed in typical costumes from exotic South American regions.

Peruvian Ensemble to perform at Furman Park

DOWNEY – South American Festival, featuring INCA, the Peruvian Ensemble, will be the featured entertainment at the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and held at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey.

INCA offers the exciting, uplifting and colorful music and dances of Peru and the Andean region. INCA's concerts include musical pieces and dances from the Incas, the Hispanic Peruvian coastal cities (Criollo), the Black communities from southern Peru (Afro-Peruvian) and the natives from the Peruvian and Bolivian Amazon jungle. Exotic woodwinds, string instruments, percussion and vocals from these South American regions are featured in the performance.

Since establishing the first multi-cultural Peruvian Ensemble on the west coast in 1981, INCA has been providing high quality performances, workshops and educational presentations to the general public and students of all ages at venues that include the Hollywood Bowl, The Music

Writer honored for folk songwriting

DOWNEY – Author-songwriter Laraine Elizabeth Turner of Downey recently received the honor of being named finalist by the Song of the Year songwriting contest. Song of the Year is an international songwriting contest supporting VH-1's Save the Music Foundation.

Turner was recognized for her song, "Long, Long Ago" in the Folk category February of this year. She competed against songwriters from all over the world for the honor.

All of my songs are directly related to the books I've written. This song would be for the sequel book to my debut action-thriller," said Turner. "It tells a story within a story. God always inspires me."

Turner was also awarded the honor of being named finalist for the January Song of the Year pop category last year for her song, "The Thorns of the Rose."

Who's Who

Turner, a fourth grade magnet drama teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, was profiled in the 2005 edition of Marquis' Who's Who in America. She's also been profiled in the 2006 edition of Marquis' Who's Who of American Women, the 25th Silver Anniversary Edition of Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in American Education, and Who's Who in the World.

Marquis' Who's Who is the leading biographical reference publisher of the highest achievers and contributors from across the country and around the world.

Turner is the author of the action-thriller, "The Rise and Fall of the Witch on the Bayou," having completed a successful "Bayou Book Tour" in 2002 in Louisiana, where her debut book is set. While there, she appeared on TV news shows and did book signings in major cities, including Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

She also has composed other songs related to the books she's written, such as "Song of the Bayou," "Poor Li'l Baby," and "The River of Life." She has completed another children's book titled "The Little Rosebud," as well as a sequel to her debut book, "Return to the Bayou: Phantoms of the Past."

Center of Los Angeles County and almost ever museum and college in Southern California.

INCA's dancers represent the traditional dances from the various areas of the Andean region. The dances are performed in their original format utilizing the very colorful costumes that are a hallmark.

The Downey Museum of Art is open before all concerts and the Downey Rose Float Association sells food or attendees may bring their own picnics.

For information about the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7230.

Kids splash around at city's waterslide

By Jacqueline Mejia

DOWNEY – Last week, on Wednesday, June 28, Downey Summer Camp participants had the chance to enjoy several waterslides that were set up at Apollo Park.

Dan Belling, the city's recreation supervisor, stated that this was the first time that Downey had set up the waterslides, hoping to provide a different interest than the usual trips the camps would take to the community pool. Five different camps came to revel in the summertime splendor.

Eric Cornejo, a recreation leader for the Downey Parks, said he set up the slides from 8 to 9:30 a.m., but the work was worth it.

When Nathan Gauderman, 11, one of the campers using the slides, was asked how he felt that day, he stated, "[it] felt [that] we were going to have a great time..."

Nick Cabibbo said, "It's fun because you can show off your tricks that you've been waiting for."



SLIPPING AND SLIDING—Children from Downey's summer day camps found a fun way to escape the heat, thanks to large waterslides that were set up last week at Apollo Park. The kids are also taken to the community pool at Downey High School. Photo by Art Montoya

San Gabriel River corridor plan adopted

LOS ANGELES—The L.A. County Board of Supervisors has adopted the San Gabriel River Corridor Master Plan, which has been developing over several years and meant to guide government agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in enhancing the San Gabriel River Corridor.

Master Plans outline a philosophy for improving rivers and include lists of projects to beautify the river corridors, provide more open space and recreational opportunities, conserve water and prevent pollution. It provides a consensus-based plan to maximize the river as a resource for residents.

For decades, the San Gabriel River Corridor has provided flood protection and water conservation for surrounding communities and the 21 cities along its reach. The Maser Plan presents a cohesive, coordinated, multi-use approach to new projects along the river corridor that maintain public safety while improving quality of life.

A similar Los Angeles River Master Plan was adopted 10 years ago on June 13, 1996, which has been guiding enhancements along the Los Angeles River corridor ever since. To date, under the Los Angeles River Master Plan, stakeholders have collaboratively implemented over \$112 million in completed projects along the Los Angeles River.

Projects planned

Projects range from beautification of river entrance gateways, to pocket parks, bike trails, pollution control systems, native landscaping and other multi-use, community-focused improvements such as the Los Angeles River Bikeway that stretches from the city of Vernon to the city of Long Beach, and the Riverfront Greenway in Bell and Cudahy, which was kicked off last May when students from Ellen Ochoa Learning Center worked to bring more green to the area.

Flap over Patriot's page one picture

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The hostess at the front desk of The Downey Patriot says six readers called the newspaper complaining the picture on last week's page 1 was inappropriate. It is a publicity shot of the band, "The Wiseguys Big Band" seated with their instruments.

They opened the free annual Summer Wednesday night Concerts in the Park Series at Furman without furor last week.

In the picture, Seated on an occasional musicians lap in the photo are scantily clad female dancers.

Big Bands, clubs and crime

Part of the problem has to do with the easy association Big Band music had with organized crime in the 20s 30s and 40s. The very years the Bands took hold.

To me, there are ominous sides to being a "Wise Guy" in that on one hand you know something dangerous. Then the term is often turned around to imply the "Wise Guy" only thinks he is dangerous.

Sometimes groups gear their publicity and hype to a particular event or ad promotion. You don't glitz an ad for Vegas as you would for a Concert in Furman Park.

Not nasty, but not quite right

In particular this applies here. The page one photo is a technical feat of casting. It's not that they're doing anything so wrong in the picture. It's that they're getting away with it.

All this evidences that it isn't what you do, as where you do it.

About 30 year ago Downey was the hub of a drive to clean up books in the local public library. One famous target was Edgar Rice Burroughs and his character Tarzan. It seems that Tarzan was vulnerable since he and his beloved Jane lived together in sin in the jungle without being married. The debate got so hot the Burroughs Family considered rewriting the books to include a wedding.

So don't take it all so seriously, call us and tell us when you find something inappropriate and maybe this creaky old planet can survive after all!

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 lovely 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.



LOCAL STUDENTS—Justine Colln, left, of Downey High School; Vanessa Castillo of Warren High; and Rio Estebano, not pictured, of Columbus High, were each awarded \$5,000 scholarships by U.N.I.C.O. of Downey at a dinner at Pina's Pizza House June 21.

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The constable looked good sitting on horse

By John Adams

DOWNEY—No history of Downey would be complete without mention of the Constable who enforced law and order here for 18 years.

Benjamin Franklin Witherspoon was majestic astride his horse and wearing his star on his vest the later part of the nineteenth century.

He brought his wife, Martha Maniza Nelson, to Downey from her home in Texas in 1882 so she could be closer to her mother, who had moved here earlier with three sons.

A daughter, Zora, was born to the Witherspoons 11 years later.

Witherspoon or "Spoony" as he was known familiarly was the constable in Downey from 1883 to 1923.

No jail

His daughter recalled there was no jail in town for many of Spoony's early years here, and when someone had to be taken to Los Angeles, Spoony had to do it.

Her father would have to ride the train to Los Angeles. She said when her father wasn't using the rail pass she would borrow it to make wonderful shopping trips to L.A.

They lived in a small woodframe house her father had built at what is now Firestone and Paramount Boulevards.

By 1920 Downey was a colorful small town with a train depot, a gas station, two saloons, a fire station, two banks, two newspaper offices, several dress shops, grocery store and the sheriff's office.

Standing watch

The girl recalled that one day her father came home and told her there had been a murder. Witherspoon had to stand guard at the murder scene here until the coroner could arrive from L.A. The body of the dead couple's two year old child was also later found.

She also recalled Downey's worst disaster, a gas station which exploded in flames in 1922.

In the early years Spoony enforced the law by himself, but as age took its toll, he used to deputize George Kellerman to help him.

The young men of Downey showed the aging Constable no mercy. They used to run the stop signs in the old downtown and then race to the nearby orange groves where they hid from the old lawman.

Whether he actually could have caught them or not is a moot question. He probably thought about that long train ride to Los Angeles before attempting a pursuit.

Teens invited to 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.

"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., next to City Hall.

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.



STATE-OF-THE-ART—Photo of the new Teacher Computer Training Center at the Downey Unified School District complex on Brookshire Ave.

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.

Book Lover's Club meets July 13

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

The free monthly book discussion group meets Thursday, July 13 from 12 noon-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 Zora 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.

Reservations are recommended by calling 904-7360, ext. 3.

Christian Club meeting for buffet lunch

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."

Cost of the lunch is \$12 and reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at (562) 927-8488 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.

City offers summer youth trips

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.

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The Downey Family YMCA has special funds available to assist families in managing the cost of camp. Financial Assistance (Camp Scholarship) applications can be picked up at the main YMCA facility, and should be turned in to the Downey Family YMCA Camp Whittle Director, Cecilia Butler or Eddie Ravelo.

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MAGICIAN DAVID SKALE—And his parrot friend, "Crackers," will entertain children ages 5-12 at the Downey City Library July 19. Arrive early since seating, in the Cormack Room, is limited.

Magician to entertain kids at Downey Library

DOWNEY—Children ages 5-12 are invited to a free live performance by magician David Skale Wednesday, July 19, "The Search for the Missing Elephant," from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

Children will join David and his parrot friend, "Crackers," on their quest for the elusive white elephant, Goliath.

Show passes will be distributed 30 minutes before the performance and visitors are advised to arrive early since seating is limited.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library, the event is part of the Children's Summer Reading program which runs through Aug. 5. For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4. The city library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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Downey student in Grammy program

DOWNEY—Edward L. Thompson, a student at Parkridge Private School in Long Beach, has been selected to participate in the 2006 Grammy Camp, a 17-day interactive program hosted by the Citrus College Entertainment Technology Complex in Glendora.

He is one of only 75 students nationally and internationally chosen for the prestigious experience, a program of the Grammy Foundation. He is the son of Edward Thompson of Downey.

This year's Grammy Camp, scheduled July 15-31, offers 14 music career tracks with fully-immersive instruction provided by Grammy Award-winning and -nominated professionals and /Recording Academy-affiliated industry specialists, along with Citrus College faculty.

The program explores the creative process and engages students in the technical aspects of performing, recording and distribution while emphasizing new and emerging technologies impacting the music industry.

Rancho Foundation hosts mixer July 13

DOWNEY—Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, 7601 E. Imperial Highway, is hosting a Downey Chamber of Commerce Mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, featuring a live performance by the Rancho Los Amigos Choir. The reception will take place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Harriman Building.

The Rancho Gallery will also be open so guests can view artwork created by the hospital's renowned Art of Rancho graduate artists. There will be door prizes.

Networking group meets July 25

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group will have Loren Behr, executive director of the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center, as guest speaker at its meeting Tuesday, July 25 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: 923-2191.

Downey Emblem Club Barona bus trip

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. (The casino wants your name, address and birthdate ahead of the visit so they will have your player's card ready when you arrive).

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



DOWNEY CIVIC THEATER'S—Mark Keller plays the calliope as Twinkles the Clown and Children's librarian Gina Orello invite kids to read.

Summer reading program open to kids

DOWNEY—With sounds of calliope music filling the air, more than 400 children registered on the first day of the Downey City Library's Summer Reading Program that began June 26 and runs through Aug. 5.

The program had a circus theme, and Twinkles the Clown was on hand to entertain kids with a puppet show while Children's librarian Gina Orello gave out books and balloons.

Children ages preschool through 8th grade may join the free program which offers reading prizes and special events. Call 904-7360, ext. 4, or visit the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Chamber Golf Classic slated for Aug. 7

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce holds its 10th annual Golf Classic Monday, Aug. 7 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. It will be a four-man Best Ball Scramble affair, with the usual putting, hole-in-one, and closest to the pin (on all par 3's) contests and cash prizes, with a BBQ lunch and dinner. Shotgun start is at noon.

Entry fee of \$140 covers green fees, carts, both luncheon and dinner, awards and prizes. A portion of the proceeds will provide scholarships to youths at the local high schools (Downey High, Warren High, and Columbus High), and for the winner of the Miss Downey Pageant.

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Local company's chorizo lauded as one of the best

DOWNEY – A recent A.C. Nielson report shows Reynaldo's Mexican Food Company Inc. continues to dominate its competition with its number one product, chorizo (Mexican sausage).

Reynaldo's is a local company based in Downey.

Chorizo has been Reynaldo's top-selling product for more than five years and it continues to outsell its competition. Reynaldo's is not only the number one seller of chorizo, but also claims to be the price leader when it comes to its product line of beef, pork and soy (vegetarian) chorizos, as well as a premium chorizo called Longaniza.

Chorizo is also becoming a cross-over product for Reynaldo's. Today, Chorizo is being used in all kinds of dishes from the standards - eggs and chorizo and potato and chorizo - to pizza toppings, pasta sauces and chili beans.

The A.C. Nielson report is conducted periodically to verify sales rankings of sausage companies in the greater Los Angeles area.

Reynaldo's currently operates seven food processing plants in Southern California. In addition, Reynaldo's maintains nine warehouse/distribution centers in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Texas. The Reynaldo's product lines are sold throughout the Western United States in such stores as Wal-Mart Super Centers, Sam's Club, Costco, K-Mart, Smart & Final, Albertsons and more.

Free summer lunches for Downey students

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District will be offering the Seamless Summer Food Service Program (all lunches free) to all students in the community at the following locations this summer. All children (ages 3-18) are invited to participate:

Golden Park	11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
Alameda Elementary	11:30—11:45 a.m.
Lewis Elementary	11:30—11:45 a.m.
Rio Hondo Elementary	11:05—11:20 a.m.
East Middle School	10:45—11 a.m.
West Middle School	10:45—11 a.m.
Downey High School	11—11:15 a.m.
Warren High School	11—11:15 a.m.

Meal service is on a Monday-Thursday schedule only - no lunches available on Fridays. Any questions, contact the Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

Franklin completes basic combat training

DOWNEY – Army Pvt. Scott A. Franklin, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

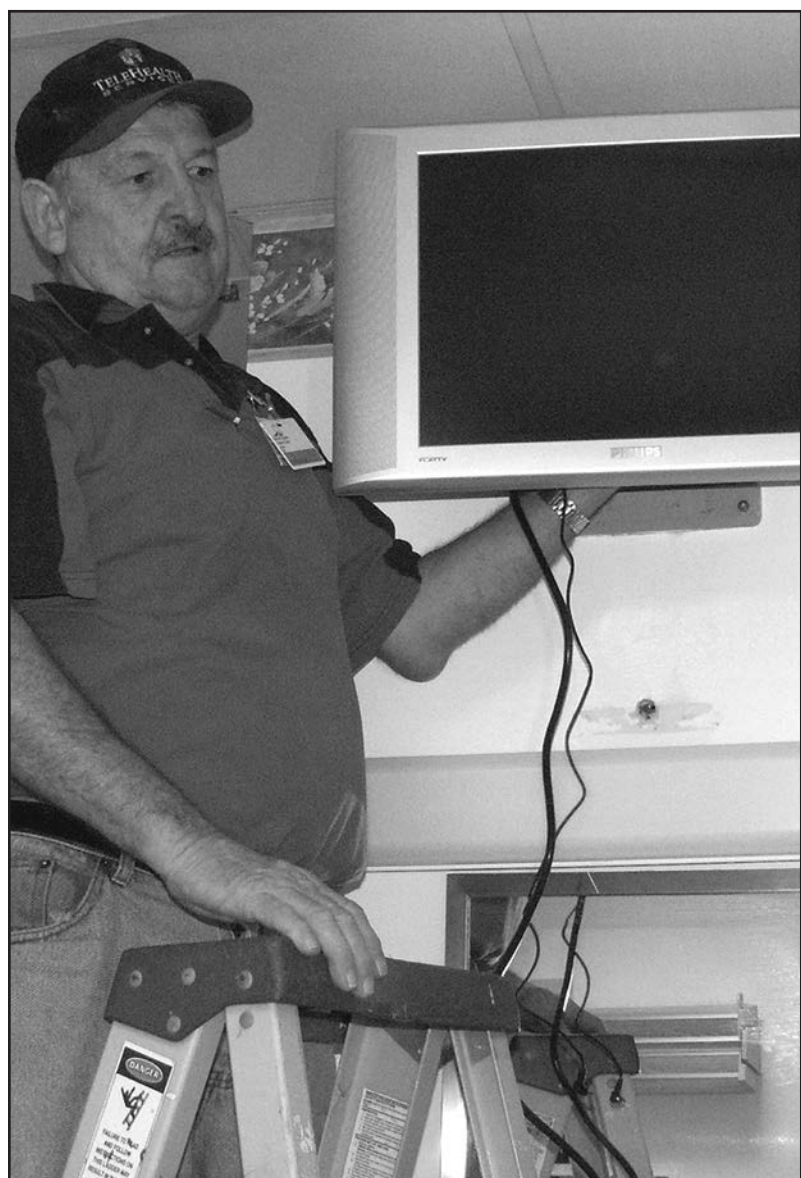
Franklin is the son of Eric Franklin of 140th Ave. S.W., Tenino, Wash., and Karen Theiss of Tristan Drive, Downey, Calif.

He is a 2005 high school graduate of South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia, Wash.

Football camp starts today at Downey

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.

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.



A NEW PHILIPS 20" LCD (FLAT SCREEN) TV—Is installed in a patient room at Downey Regional Medical Center by Gene McCollum of TeleHealth Services. The hospital has installed 185 such flat screen TVs to enable patients to choose from among 30 channels. This is part of DRMC's effort since the end of June entitling patients and their visitors to experience added comfort and well-being at the hospital.



MARIO GUERRA—At the third annual GOOD Golf Tournament held June 28 at the Rio Hondo Country Club. Over 130 golfers participated in the tournament, which helped raise funds for Gangs Out of Downey. Granata's Italian Villa sponsored the event.



OPTIMIST CLUB OF DOWNEY PRESIDENT—Don Moniz, middle, poses with \$1,000 scholarship student awardees, from left, Benjamin Gutierrez (Warren High), Jacqueline Rodgers (Calvary High), Elizavette Castillo, Downey High, and Samantha Hernandez, Columbus High. The Optimist Club of Downey scholarships were awarded June 15 at a luncheon at Sambi's of Tokyo.

Talon Marks reunion at CC tomorrow

NORWALK—There is a reunion of former and current *Talon Marks* staff members at the Cerritos College Student Center and the *Talon Marks* newsroom at 4 p.m. tomorrow, July 8. It is presented by the Cerritos College Journalism Department.

The reunion provides a chance for *Talon Marks* staff members to reconnect with their past through the special event, which includes dinner and a newsroom tour. *Talon Marks* memorabilia from the past 50 years will also be on display.

For information, contact Rich Cameron, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2619, or visit www.talonmarks.com and click on the reunion link.

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.

Church bingo luncheon July 16

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a "Bingo Luncheon" Sunday, July 16 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Donation is \$10 which includes one free Bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will be a raffle of a \$25 money tree as well other prizes. Guests must be 18 years of age to play.

For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto, 693-9430, or Charlene Drobeck, 928-1937.

'A mile of bargains' along Pangborn Ave.

DOWNEY—The residents of Pangborn Avenue in Downey invite the community to their 6th annual Mile-Long Yard Sale Saturday, July 15, from 7 a.m.-noon.

Last year, over 30 homes on Pangborn (between Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.) hosted yard sales for the event.

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.

Chamber set to honor volunteers

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will honor who it deems are the outstanding individuals and business of the year at its annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon Friday, July 28 at the Rio Hondo Events Center, 10627 Old River School Rd. The luncheon will have a "Fabulous Fifties" theme.

For information/reservations, call 923-2191.

Arts and child's imagination

DOWNEY—The power of the arts combines with the imagination of a child in KidArts, teaching the arts through children, to be offered Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third St., Downey.

The program begins each day at 9 a.m., and is for children first through fifth grades. It features The Symbolizer, which teaches symbols through dance, art, vocal music, video, costume design, culinary arts and more.

The program requires a nominal registration fee. For information, call Sherri Lacy at (562) 923-1261, ext. 269.

The Poets' Corner

Midnight Ballroom

I arrange the garden
but sometimes that isn't the way the possum likes it
he rearranges
knocking over a potted delphinium
adding that one touch of careless disorder
decorators and poets strive for

we walk our parallel paths
he in the nighttime I by day
usually in agreement on domesticities
but when he does his slow dance at midnight
lifting one paw above the other
he has the last word

—Lorene Parks,
Downey

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.

Lamp is a former All-American at the University of Virginia and was a first round draft pick in the NBA. Gudmundsson played for three teams during his NBA career, including the Portland Trailblazers, Lakers, and San Antonio Spurs.

Other notable staff members will be assisting with the camp as well.

The program is geared towards the serious basketball player willing to commit the required time and effort. Skills will be taught at game-speed so players can quickly incorporate them into actual game play. Drills will be taught the same way they are practiced by professionals.

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.

For more information, call Bill DeMedio, Downey YMCA sports director, at 862-4201.

Learn word processing skills at library

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers free computer classes Wednesday, July 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Computer Lab.

The class is "Beginning MS Word" where students will learn how to create, select and modify text, as well as how to edit and save documents.

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

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet July 11

DOWNEY—Annaluisa Padilla of the Law Office of Annaluisa Padilla and Nick Adams of Philly's Best will be the guest speakers at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group 7:30 a.m. meeting Tuesday, July 11 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: 923-2191.

Legislative committee meets

DOWNEY – The Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the third Thursday of every month at noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.



HONORED FOR WORK – Rosemary Ferraro, flanked by her husband, Kenney, and YMCA immediate past board chair Bob Wittingham, accepts her recognition as YMCA Board Emeritus status.



BOARD EMERITUS – George Saikali, Stella and Jim Derry, and Bob Wittingham pose at the YMCA's Annual Dinner held last month.

YMCA honors two longtime friends

DOWNEY – Jim Derry and Rosemary Ferraro were the recipients of board members emeritus status during the Downey YMCA Annual Dinner held last month.

The honor was given in recognition of decades of work towards the Downey YMCA.

"Our YMCA is strong today and very valued in Downey because of these hard workers, Jim and Rosemary," said Bob Wittingham, YMCA immediate past board chair. "We will always be in debt to them."

Said Steve Roberson, current YMCA board chair: "Jim and Rosemary are the first two recipients of the Board Emeritus status at the Downey YMCA. Both Jim and Rosemary are planning to remain involved with our YMCA and I believe they will still make a significant contribution to our YMCA work for years to come."

Now is good time to consider flood insurance

Contributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

SACRAMENTO—As California's rainfall season ended on June 30, now is a good time for homeowners to sign up for flood insurance in anticipation of next winter's storms.

"The best way for property owners to protect themselves against devastating loss from flooding is through flood insurance," according to Federal Coordinating Officer Michael H. Smith of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the National Flood Insurance Program.

The best time to buy a policy is in the summer. It may be too late once it starts raining again because a new policy does not take effect until 30 days after it is purchased.

"We fully encourage any of our citizens living near or around water to acquire flood insurance," said State Coordinating Officer Henry Renteria, director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES). "Californians must be aware of their risks to be adequately prepared for incidences such as floods...for some it's not a matter of 'if,' it is a matter of 'when' will it occur again," Renteria said.

Floods are the most common natural disaster. In a high-risk area, there is a 26 percent chance of flood damage during the 30-year life of a typical home mortgage, compared to a 9 percent chance of fire damage.

As little as an inch of water can ruin the walls, floors and carpets of a home, requiring expensive repairs. About a quarter of National Flood Insurance Program claims are for properties outside floodplain areas.

Homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage. But most property owners can buy separate flood insurance. The key requirement is that their local government participates in the federal program. Maximum coverage is \$250,000 for residential structures and, under a separate policy, \$100,000 for contents. Renters can buy content-only policies. Premiums are tied to flood risk determinations. Persons who borrow from federally-insured lenders to buy properties in high risk areas are required to buy the insurance.

This past winter brought seasonal precipitation levels to between 140 percent and 150 percent of normal in much of central and northern California, according to National Weather Service data.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a state of emergency for 38 counties for damages suffered in either the December/January storm period or the March/April storm period, or both. This resulted in two separate federal disaster declarations by President George W. Bush, covering a total of 36 California counties. The declarations provided renters, homeowners and businesses of all sizes with emergency assistance from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration in 13 counties. In 12 of the 13 counties, FEMA is also providing "public assistance" to help local governments pay for clean up and repairs. Another 23 counties are receiving federal public assistance, but no assistance for individuals was provided.

Of those who registered for disaster assistance in the 13 counties, only about 11 percent had flood insurance, FEMA data showed.

Not every flooding incident will result in a federal disaster declaration. And not every declaration will provide assistance to individuals. Even when it does, the bulk of the assistance is likely to be in the form of an SBA loan that must be repaid, in addition to any other loans outstanding on the property.

But losses suffered by flood insurance policy holders are covered whether or not a disaster is declared. And the money paid out is not a loan.

Keep Downey Beautiful seeking street help

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, an independent community beautification group, is seeking groups and individuals as volunteers to maintain clean roads and thoroughfares in Downey.

The Adopt A Street program allocates streets in the city to groups and individuals who provide the labor and \$225 (\$325 if KDB provides the cleanup crew).

Carol Rowland, director of the program, said a sponsors period runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, during which a designated section must be cleaned and debris picked up and removed at least four times. Street sections range from a half mile to mile in length. After the first pickup KDB will install Adopt A Street signs, one each for each direction, indicating the name of the business or individual.

If KDB recruits the volunteer such as a local church group, school or civic club, their names will be listed. For information, call (562) 904-7159.

Volunteers needed for Rancho Gift Shop

DOWNEY—The Rancho Gift Shop, a major source of income for the Amigos Fund which has provided funding for physical, social and recreational services forming the core of the rehabilitation process at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center since 1954, is in dire need of volunteers to work in the shop. It is located next to the historical Harriman building on the grounds of Rancho. It opened in 2002.

The Amigos Fund has dedicated itself to improving the lives of both inpatients and outpatients at Rancho. Served are adults and children with severe disability that follows spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke neurological disorders and birth defects.

The shop is looking for anyone who can volunteer for a minimum of four hours each week. Contact Marty Krumm at (562) 401-7667.



Letters to the Editor: Different rules today

To The Downey Patriot:

I was shocked at some of the content of the John Adams editorial entitled Your Right To Know (The Downey Patriot, 6/23/06). I do not know John Adams but I know him to be editor and publisher of our fine Downey Patriot and his reputation as a person of highest integrity.

We are in a war against terrorists that want to kill us. Remember 911 and subsequent attacks all over the world. Your defending those that leak classified information is not defensible. There is something sadly wrong when journalists endanger our national security for a story.

You cite the case of Mary McCarthy, a CIA officer that leaked the fact that suspected foreign terrorists with contacts in the United States are being wiretapped giving the opinion that safeguards are being ignored. Attorney General Gonzalez sees it differently. We now have more surveillance operations being exposed. That of our system of tracing money transfers by terrorists. Always follow the money is the motto to curtail nefarious activities. The result is now those who want to kill us know how they are being foiled and they need to find new methods of communication and money transfer.

As for Mary McCarthy, of course she had to be fired from the CIA and should be indicted for treason, and sent to prison.

Mccarthy was a big contributor to the John Kerry campaign. She was given her position in the CIA by former Clinton administration National Security Director Samuel "Sandy" Berger who himself was convicted of stealing highly classified documents and was let off with a fine.

In her position she took an oath not to divulge classified information.

After she failed several polygraph tests she confessed and was fired. she has betrayed her country and probably has violated the Espionage Act.

This should not be political, it should be about honor, virtue and love of country.

—Carl Jackson,
Downey

Prostate cancer vehicle touring country

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC), which is celebrating 10 years of saving lives by seeking to reduce the burden of prostate cancer on American men and their families through awareness, outreach and advocacy, says that if only American men knew that 99 percent of them would survive if prostate cancer were caught early, deaths from the second leading cancer killer among U.S. men would drop dramatically.

It is estimated that only slightly more than half of American men over 50 get tested for the disease.

To offset this grim statistic, NPCC has expanded its *Drive Against Prostate Cancer* campaign (the only national mobile screening program for prostate cancer) that was initiated on Father's Day.

The Drive will visit over 50 cities by the end of 2006 and will screen over 14,000 men for free. The program is underwritten by Thor Industries, the Gillette Prostate Cancer Challenge, Fiji Water, the Cancer Research Institute, and individual contributions to the NPCC.

The Drive is the only national mobile screening program where local licensed physicians conduct a two-part screening procedure, which includes a complexed Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test and physical examination. The screenings are conducted in a 39-foot Airstream Land yachts.

For information, call (202) 463-9455.

Optimism over job picture expressed

DOWNEY—Key economic indicators, coupled with oral surveys indicate continued optimism of controlled growth in both the U.S. and local economies.

From April to June, 30 percent of the area companies interviewed said they planned to hire more employees, while only 13 percent said they planned reduced payroll. Another 47 percent expected to maintain current staffing levels while 10 percent said they were not sure on whether there would be changes.

The numbers are from a survey undertaken by Manpower Employment Outlook.

The survey noted however that employers are less optimistic than they were last year at this time, when 43 percent were optimistic about hiring and 13 percent predicted cutbacks. In the coming quarter, the survey tabbed job prospects strongest in Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation/Public Utilities, Finance/Insurance/Treat, State and Education. Hiring in Construction and Public Administration will remain about the same.

According to the national seasonally adjusted results of the Manpower Employer Outlook Survey, U.S. employers show no sign of changing their healthy hiring pace in the quarter.

Of 16,000 U.S. employers surveyed 30 percent see an increase in hiring while only 6 percent predict reductions.

WRD receives financial reporting award

CERRITOS—The Water Replenishment District (WRD), which was established in 1959 to manage groundwater for nearly four million residents in 43 cities throughout southern Los Angeles County, has for the second year in a row been awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

What they do

WRD protects the groundwater resources and groundwater quality in the Central and West Coast Basins, two of the most utilized groundwater basins in the state of California. Customers in the 420-square-mile service area use approximately 250,000 acre-feet or 81.5 billion gallons of groundwater annually which amounts to 40 percent of the area's total demand for water.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, DC.

Networking group meets July 25

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group will have Loren Behr, executive director of the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center, as guest speaker at its meeting Tuesday, July 25 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: 923-2191.

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Orange County Fair time for fun, music

COSTA MESA—Now comes the Orange County Fair at the Fair Grounds in Costa Mesa which kicks off opening day Friday, July 7 and runs through Sunday July 30, with the nostalgic theme of "Flower Power." Year of the Garden. As in previous years, the Fair will be closed on Mondays.

New features this year will be the Fuel Cell Exhibit, straight from its debut showing at the 2005 World Exposition in Aiechi, Japan. The product of scientific research by National Fuel Research Center at UC Irvine, the fuel cell exhibit demonstrates the functionality of the fuel cell as well as the possible applications of this environmentally friendly energy source.

They call it AGA-BOOM!

AGA-BOOM! will make its debut at the fair. This is described as a theater of physical comedy and circus arts, and will be performed three times daily in the special AGA-BOOM! Theater, with an additional show each weekend. Show times may vary so visit www.ocfair.com for exact times.

The Pacific Amphitheater will once again offer nightly star-studded performances of the Pacific Amphitheater Summer Concert Series, starting a week before the fair with an appearance Friday, June 30 by the Scorpions. Pacific amphitheater shows require additional admission.

Free shows, too

The Fair will also offer free entertainment at the Washington Mutual Arena, including Ozomatli, the Fab Four, Jump 5, the Jones Brothers, as well as Speedway, the annual Demolition Derby, Bull Riding, and Lucha Libre (Mexican style wrestling.)

The Fair is famous for its abundance of foods, contests, exhibits, carnival rides and entertainment. More than 80 vendors offer a wide variety of foods, including barbecued beef, turkey legs, corn dogs, cinnamon rolls, lemonade and deep fried Snickers and Twinkies.

Free party-precade

Other annual features which have made the Fair famous include the Taste of The Fair, a free kickoff party held yesterday, July 6 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., at the Pacific Amphitheater. Theme foods are sampled, there's free entertainment, fireworks and a performance by AGA-BOOM! which is said combines the unbridled silliness of slapstick physical comedy, goofy mime, theatrical expressionism, poetry and European Avant-garde.

A Salute to Southern California Heroes, Friday, July 7 at 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission for all active duty military, law enforcement and fire personnel, plus one guest with a valid ID.

A Culinary Art Series Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Plaza Arts Stage.

Peking Acrobats

The Peking Acrobats daily on Plaza Arts Stage. See www.ocfair.com for show times.

Hypnotist Mark Yuzuik, two shows nightly at 7:30 ad 9:30 p.m. on the Heritage stage.

The Orange County Fairgrounds is located off the 405 and 55 freeways at 88 Fair Drive in the heart of Costa Mesa. For information visit www.ocfair.com or call (714) 708-FAIR (3247).

Admission to the Orange County Fair for adults (13-59) is \$8, with seniors 60-plus \$6, children 6-12 \$4, and children 5 and under free. Hours are Tuesdays through Fridays noon to midnight, closed Mondays, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to midnight.



NEW SEASON – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the selection of musical comedies slated for the 2006-07 season. They include "Guys and Dolls," "The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd," and "Oliver." For season ticket information call 923-1714.

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.

Luke Yankee serving up 'diva dish' in comedy

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, which is celebrating its 77th year of continuous operation, presents "Diva Dish," a one-man show starring raconteur and son of the late Eileen Heckart, Luke Yankee, July 21-Aug. 26 at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach.

During the evening, Luke "dishes" about the major divas in his life and his mother's—Marlene Dietrich, George Cukor, Marilyn Monroe, Ethel Merman, Lyndon B. Johnson, Bette Davis, and Ellen Degeneres—to name a few, accompanied by video clips, photographs and even a rare audiotape of Joan Crawford.

Adding to the fun of the evening, the audience shouts out names in the programs as he rattles off hilarious anecdotes about Carol Canning, Paul Newman, Martha Stewart, Lucille Ball, Arthur Miller, Debbie Reynolds—and many more.

Tickets

Ticket prices are \$20 and \$18 for seniors and students. For tickets/information, call the Box Office at (562) 494-1014, or visit www.lbph.com.

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Granata's

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated, donated and volunteered in the 3rd Annual Granata's Gangs Out Of Downey golf tournament held June 28th.

G.O.O.D. strives to involve the entire community in the prevention of youth gang activity. It unifies local government, business, schools, civic organizations and residents in this effort.

Some of the main goals are:

- Promote awareness
- Sponsor graffiti removal
- Gang suppression
- Educate youth and parents in gang avoidance
- Interventions for youths
- Establish new diversionary programs
- Stimulate responsible behavior through recognition

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and I am extremely proud to be affiliated with this wonderful organization. G.O.O.D. is essential to all of us who live in Downey, all of us who want our young people to achieve the most out of their educational and difficult teen years.

We are fortunate to live in such a great community and all of us need to work together to keep Downey one of the best places to call home!

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Bustamante antique show/sale Aug. 4-6

PASADENA—The Bustamante Antique Show & Sale takes place Aug. 4-6 at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena. It will feature antiques and collectibles ranging from 18th century tapestries to art nouveau, deco accessories and jewelry.

Over 190 quality antique dealers are expected to fill the Pasadena Conference Center with every type of antique imaginable, making the show arguably the largest and most prestigious event of its kind in Southern California. "Stunning" displays of rare antiques, Ming vases, Tiffany lamps, jewelry art, Georgian silver and Renaissance furniture are all under one roof.

General admission is \$7, seniors \$4, children 12 and under are free. For information, contact Bustamante Enterprises, (209) 358-3134, or go www.bustamante-shows.com.

The show closes on Aug. 6.

Rauschenberg comes to MOCA

By Henry Veneracion

LOS ANGELES—Word is that "Robert Rauschenberg: Combines," the current exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 250 S. Grand Ave. in Los Angeles, is quite good. It was shown first in New York, debuting last December at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It stays here 'til September, then it's on to Paris and Stockholm.

Rauschenberg, soon to be 81, is known for forging elements of painting and sculpture to produce hybrid art. Andy Warhol has been mentioned as a disciple. MOCA curator Paul Schimmel calls him "America's Picasso" and suggests he may be better than Pollock. The exhibit's core is the collection of what are called Rauschenberg's Combines, which show collages of ordinary objects and detritus transformed into pieces of modern art. The MOCA syllabus describes the exhibit as consisting of "pop art, performance art, found art, painting, sculpture, silkscreen—you name it." Price of admission is \$5 to \$8. For information, call (213) 626-6222.



AWARD WINNER – Pat Schilling of Watkins Cooking and Home Products was named Pro Networker of the year at the group's meeting last Friday, June 30. She received the Elton Waller Award named for the late longtime Downey business man. Pro Networkers meet every Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast networking and exchanging of business leads at Mimi's Cafe.

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OASIS program meets on adult school campus

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's OASIS program (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meets every Monday for a dinner and educational presentation in the campus's cafeteria, with weekly topics ranging from legal and medical news to art appreciation.

Dinner tickets are \$3.50 but visitors can attend the program only at no charge. Programs begin at 4 p.m. but doors open an hour earlier.

Past program topics have included consumer issues, nutrition, cooking tips, financial advice, shopping ideas, travelogues, music programs and safe and fraud protection advice. There is a new speaker every week.

Harriett Paine is the resource instructor for OASIS. Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

Bocce every Tuesday at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – Downey Bocce Club meets at Apollo Park for games on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Join the group by calling (714) 761-4439.

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COREY CHURCHILL—A Seabee with the 40th naval Construction Battalion, Downey native Petty Officer Corey Churchill has been serving in Iraq since April. He entered the military in 2004, graduating from Navy basic training in Chicago in March of that year, then graduated at the top of his class that same year at the training facility in Gulfport, Mississippi. A product of Rio Hondo Elementary, Griffiths Middle School, and Warren High (1998), he was deployed to Mississippi to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina last year.

SEAACA accepting toy donations

DOWNEY – The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), 9777 Seaca St., is accepting donations of toys for their animal population, part of their ongoing program called Environmental Enrichment. The program's goal is to reduce the stress of newly arriving pets. Call 803-3301, ext. 223 or 221, for more information.

Francine Marie Biller was active in church

DOWNEY – Services will be held today for Francine Marie Biller, born in Brooklyn, New York on October 2, 1936 to William and Marie Gagliastro, died June 30 at the age 69.

She had a bachelor's degree in nursing and was active in the Catholic Church. She was a member of the Legion of Mary, the Our Lady Guild, and was involved in pro-life work.

She is survived by her husband, Doyle; sons William Gene Biller and Doyle F. Biller; daughters Teresa Marie Ascarte, Margaret Anne Bartlett, and Susan Diane Rickbar; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to Downey Zrelak Mortuary and will take place today, July 7, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10 a.m. with interment at All Souls Cemetery.

Health group adds new insurance plans

DOWNEY – Alliance Pioneer Medical Corporation (APMC) has announced the addition of two new senior insurance products to its existing plans called "California Medicare Advantage HMO" and "CareMore Value Plus."

APMC's leadership is comprised of physicians practicing Internal Medicine, Emergency Room Medicine, Pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology. With this combination, the Board works in conjunction with primary care physicians to provide convenient and responsive health care.

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Downey TOPS seeking new members

DOWNEY – Downey Chapter #63 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international organization that aims at helping men and women to have happier lifestyles by improving eating habits, is seeking new members. The club says it's there to "help you reach your idea weight sensibly – no gimmicks, no harsh diets or exercises – just lots of support, motivation and fun."

Their meetings are held Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 Third St. in Downey. For more information, call Lou at 861-9425.

Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

DOWNEY—The Downey Union High School class of 1953 will hold a 53rd anniversary picnic at the La Mirada Regional Park Saturday, Sept. 30. It will be a Bring-Your-Own no-host event.

For more information/location specifics, call (562) 923-0544 or e-mail duhs53@gmail.com.



PAULA LOU ROBERTS—Will be honored by the Downey Newcomers Club at their general meeting Monday, July 10 at Los Amigos Country Club. She is very active as 1st vice-president, as well as with Scholarships and many other activities. For luncheon reservations, call (562) 861-2545.

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Captain Cardiac here in September

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce has announced it will sponsor the Third Annual Oldies but Goodies Concert featuring Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries with their vibrant sounds of the 1950s and 60s.

The night of nostalgia will be Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the chamber office at 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey. Payment may be by cash, check or credit card. For information call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.

SHHH meetings every Thursday

LAKWOOD – Self Help for Hard of Hearing people (SHHH), a group offering education on coping skills and resources to help survive in a hearing world, meets the second Thursday each month at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Ave. in Lakewood. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free.

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Follow these 10 rules to prevent child drowning

WESTWOOD—With the arrival of summer, UCLA emergency physicians would like to remind parents how to prevent drowning and water-immersion injuries involving children. These unfortunate and heart-wrenching events most often occur in the summer months that are filled with water activities.

Annually in Los Angeles County, 72 percent of child drownings occur during June, July and August, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Most of these tragic events occur in private backyard swimming pools. Close to 70 percent of toddler-aged children who were found in a pool or spa were thought to have been elsewhere in the house either sleeping or playing.

"Drowning remains the leading cause of accidental death among toddlers ages one to two," said Dr. Larry J. Baraff, professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine at UCLA. "One of the most preventable causes of death, this tragedy can be avoided with just a few simple precautions."

In the past five years, there were on average 2,200 children under five years old treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments for swimming pool submersion injuries and 280 pool-related drowning deaths per year. Ninety percent of these deaths occurred at home.

Parents should follow these 10 basic rules to prevent a child drowning:

- 1) Never leave a child unattended, or with a young sibling, in a swimming pool, wading pool, bathtub or Jacuzzi. Only a momentary lapse in supervision may result in a drowning. A child can drown in just two minutes.
- 2) Pools should be fenced and gated with self-locking gates. These include pools located in neighborhoods, apartment complexes, family backyards, etc. Pools must be kept clean with no covers or rafts that might obstruct one's view of a child.
- 3) Always secure the safety cover on your spa or hot tub.
- 4) Be sure all containers with liquids are emptied immediately after use. Do not leave empty containers in yards or around the house where they may accumulate water and attract young children.
- 5) Adults and teenagers, ages 14 and older, who supervise children should know CPR. Studies have demonstrated that nearly drowned children given quick CPR suffered no brain damage, while children not receiving such immediate treatment all sustained brain damage or death.
- 6) Children should be given swimming lessons but should not be considered water safe until they are 14 years old.
- 7) Keep small children out of bathrooms unless supervised by an adult or older child. Since 1973, more than 500 children have drowned in bathtubs, hot tubs, toilets and five-gallon buckets.
- 8) Older children and even adults should not swim alone in the ocean or fast-moving rivers.
- 9) Children should wear bright-colored flotation devices when boating.
- 10) Don't mix alcohol, children and water.

New chamber president set to speak

DOWNEY – Steve Allen, newly installed president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the Wednesday, July 12 meeting of Citizens For Downey.

Allen just began his second term as chamber chief. He has a long career in local banking as well as being a leader in civic affairs, including 15 years on the City Planning Commission. It is expected he will speak on Downey's business community and related matters.

The meeting starts at 7 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club and is open to all interested citizens. A breakfast buffet will be available.

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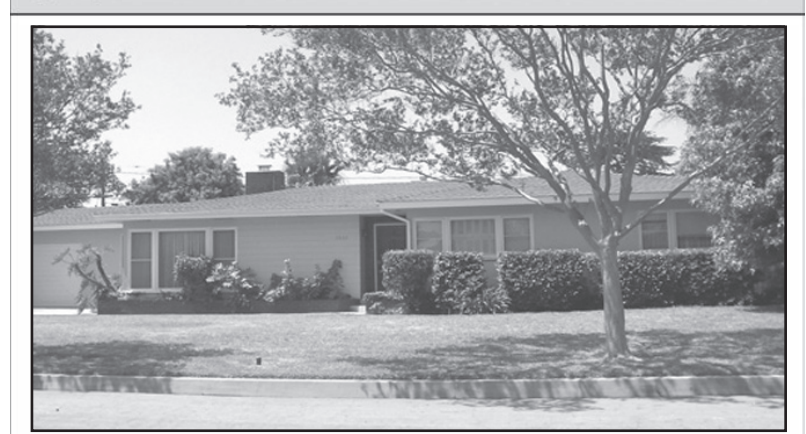
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Optimist Club has weekly lunches

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16-unit apartment complex sold

DOWNEY—The Beau Rivage Apartments, a 16-unit apartment complex located at 11502-11506 Adco Ave., Downey, has been sold to Daniel and Graciella Flores of Whittier for \$1,325,000. The property was previously owned by Beverly Jones of Laguna Niguel.

Morgan Skenderian Investment Real Estate Group, a real estate firm specializing in the sale of apartment complexes throughout Southern California, handled the sale, with Doug Rodermund of the firm's Newport Beach office representing the seller and buyer in the transaction.

Genealogical society meets in Whittier

WHITTIER—Jean Wilcox Hibben, M.S., will be the presenter at the Saturday, July 15 meeting at 1 p.m. of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier.

Her topic is "Nathan Wilcox: The Story of a Union Soldier and His Family." The Civil War made a significant impact on people's ancestors and the nation. His story will be followed by an examination of how the family's migration was tracked, including a reminder about verifying family folklore with document examination and an emphasis on the value of on-site research.

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings. For information, call (562) 941-0818 or (562) 695-5431, or see www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags.

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

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

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

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.

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Attendees will learn how to purchase, with "little or no money down," property without having to qualify for a loan, get money for closing costs, fix-up expenses and even get money back at the closing. Students will be shown how to find the deals, negotiate and write contracts. The workshop is designed for the beginner to intermediate real estate investor.

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Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

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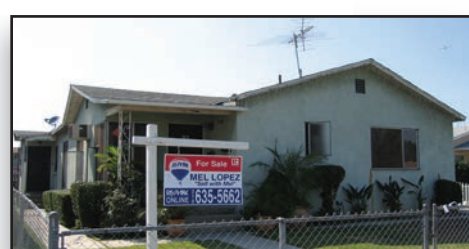
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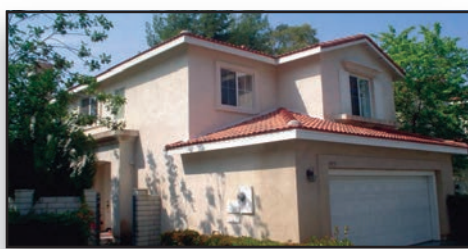
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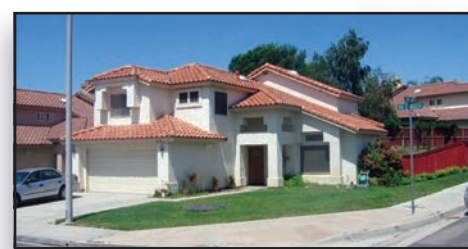
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