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READY TO 'ROCKIT'— The Rockit Scientists, with their classic rock 'n roll sounds, will kick off Downey's 50th anniversary celebration with a concert Wednesday, July 26, at Furman Park. The show starts at 7 p.m.

'Rockit Scientists' bring classic rock 'n roll

DOWNEY— The Rockit Scientists, four talented musicians that celebrate the music from the early days of Rock 'n Roll will entertain at the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and is held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue, Downey. The concert also kicks off the celebration of the City of Downey's 50th birthday.

Since 1995, the band has entertained audiences as large as 20,000 at city concerts in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties and venues, such as, Edison Field (Anaheim Stadium), the Orange County Fair, the Laguna Beach Sawdust Festival, the San Diego Fair and the Orange International Fair. Their shows have been broadcast on numerous local cable networks and even imitated by other groups.

The band features Derek Davis (vocalist, guitar) who began his musical career by studying piano in 1960. Derek switched to guitar in 1964. Following graduation from the University of California with a minor in Music in 1973, he became a member of Dick Dale and the Deltones performing in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Hawaii and throughout the Southwestern United States. Later he toured across the United States with his own group. During the 1980's, The Derek Davis Group entertained at corporate events throughout Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

Charlie See (vocalist, guitar) first became interested in music in 1962 with the trumpet and transferred to the bass in 1968. He performed in various nightclubs in the Orange County area. Since 1986, Charlie has been the Entertainment Chairman for the Orange International Fair, which annually draws hundreds of thousands of visitors. He has used his impressive musical and performing skills to entertain veterans at the VA Hospital and at various children's organizations.

Steve Trivoli (vocalist, drums) has been a percussionist, guitarist and singer for thirty-five years. During his musical career, he has played all styles of commercial music throughout Southern California, Japan, Alaska and was selected from 5,000 applicants to be a member of Beatlemania. Steve pursued a music degree at Cerritos College and was a member of the hugely popular Orange County band, Emperor.

New works by Charles Villiers at DMOA

By Kate Davies,

Executive Director, DMOA/New Museum Project

DOWNEY—Artist Charles Villiers' new original digital paintings are on display at the Downey Museum of Art in Furman Park through September.

Villiers' new works are accomplished by combining photography, painting, and digital technology to create the original image in the computer which is then printed out on a large format Epson printer.

For this series, Villiers experimented with canvas instead of archival paper. The result are prints with the quality of a painting—rich, saturated color and an almost three-dimensional quality to the imagery. The prints however are extremely fragile, printed [as they are] on canvas and then

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Greg Walker (vocalist, keyboards, guitar) began musical training began at a very early age with violin lessons. He became interested in Rock n' Roll and picked up the guitar and later keyboards. Greg toured the United States with his group, the Perfect Day, in which he performed on keyboards, bass, guitar, saxophone, congas and was a featured vocalist.

On concert Wednesdays the Downey Museum of Art is open before the concert and the Downey Rose Float Association sells food for all to enjoy. For information about the 2006 Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series call the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7230.

Too late to cover school board, but...

■ Board expected to review policy revisions and employment contracts at special Thursday meeting.

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District met Thursday evening at the School Administration Center.

While too late for the Patriot to cover the event, we will print the agenda in full with the recommended action suggested by the Superintendent to the Board.

Among items on the Board's agenda were a review of proposed revision to AR 2108, District Open Enrollment; a review of proposed revision to AR 2110.2, Intradistrict Permits; and a review of proposed revisions to AR 2220.1, reporting pupil progress in elementary school.

In Personnel matters the Board was to consider approval of an addendum to employment contracts for the superintendent, assistant superintendent of business services, assistant superintendent of instructional services and assistant superintendent of personnel services to extend their contracts to June 30, 2010, all provisions to remain in full force.

In other action the Board:

Purseglove honored

•Heard a presentation by Kevin Condon, assistant superintendent of business services, honoring Darren Purseglove, who works in Budget and Finance.

•Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector, including a cash donation of \$2,400 for instructional supplies at Rio San Gabriel School from the Rio San Gabriel PTA; a cash donation of \$500 from Macerich Corp. for the Big Buddy Banquet; and many smaller but no less appreciated gifts.

•Ratified and approved fees for attendance at conventions and conferences.

•Ratified payments for special education placement.

•Ratified purchasing orders.

•Ratified payroll orders for Hourly, Overtime, Civic Center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the month of May.

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You may be part of living history

■ Space Science Learning Center turns to the public for help in shaping its archives.

DOWNEY—The director of the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center has appealed for residents who were part of the 70 years of living history to step forth and add their memories and stories.

Loren Behr, in a letter to the public, writes that, "Just 26 years after the Wright Brothers' historic first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, an industrialist named E.M. Smith built an airport and airplane manufacturing plant in Downey, thus beginning a fascinating 70-year history of aeronautics in Downey.

"Over the course of that history, Downey was at one time, the most prolific producer of war planes in the country, was at the forefront of missile development and testing, and made a unique and enduring contribution to the nation's space exploration program.

Thousands worked here

"Thousands of local residents worked at the site over the years, for employers including Vultee, North American, Rockwell, Boeing, and NASA. But while many of today's Downey residents attended a community event during the Rockwell and Boeing days, watched the great events like the lunar landings or shuttle lift-offs on television, or even had a family member or friend that worked at the site, few of those of us who didn't go to work there every day have a real sense of what it was like inside the plant's secure gates.

"Cognizant of the fact that as each day passes fewer and fewer of those in the know are still around to tell their stories, many have wished that someone could gather the collective memories of those who worked at the former NASA site. Now there is a program that is doing just that.

Aviation History Archive

"Developed by the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center—part of the City of Downey—The Downey Aviation History Archive is a way to gather memories, stories, anecdotes, history and photographs that help document the rich history of the site and preserve Downey's heritage as a site of aeronautic innovation.

"The archive can be found on the Internet at <http://aviationhistoryarchive.org/>. There, former workers for any of the companies or government entities at the former NASA site can record their thoughts, memories and images for posterity. The general public is welcomed to log on and read the stories."

Behr calls for additional submissions, saying the design of the archive makes it possible for many more recollections and viewpoints to be included than a few doing personal interviews. But it can only work if people take the time to remember. He urges former workers at the site take their history seriously. He termed their knowledge and experiences "unique."

The City of Downey Aviation History Archive is sponsored by Financial Partners Credit Union. For those without access to a computer, one is available at the credit union main entrance, and computers are also available at the Downey City Library.

Symphonic season 'a season of favorites'

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Four concert performances by the Downey Symphony, scheduled for the 2006-2007 season, comprise the orchestra's 49th consecutive year of providing fine music in our community.

Following the popular summertime Concert in the Park on August 9th, the orchestra moves to the Downey Civic Theatre for the remainder of its programs. Conductor Thomas Osborn calls the coming concert year "A Season of Favorites."

The first subscription concert will be on Saturday evening, October 28th, featuring Mozart's "Jupiter Symphony" and a clarinet concerto with virtuoso soloist Gary Bovyer.

The orchestra welcomes a return engagement on January 27, 2007 by pianist Norman Krieger. He will play Brahms' First Piano Concerto on a program that includes Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. Audiences are still talking with enthusiasm about Mr. Krieger's appearance here two

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Downey Patriot launches new web site and blog

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY— The Downey Patriot unveiled a new redesigned web site this week, with features including an interactive events calendar, updated archives with text files for faster downloading, and the introduction of a blog.

The new web site can be accessed at www.thedowneypatriot.com. The calendar now allows users to submit their own event, in addition to those posted by The Downey Patriot. When a user-submitted event is approved, it appears immediately on the site's main page for public viewing.

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WELCOME ABOARD - Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting and the Downey Patriot welcomes John Korkis of 1-800-Got-Junk? as one of the newest members of Pro Networkers of Downey. The group meets weekly for breakfast on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. for networking and exchanging business leads at Mimi's Cafe. For information, call Gustafson at 869-5366.

Kids invited onboard the 'Gospel Express'

DOWNEY—Kids ages 5-11 are invited to climb aboard the Gospel Express conducted by Christ Lutheran Church, 7707 Florence Ave. in Downey, Monday-Friday, July 24-28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each day.

By hopping on board what the church also calls "God's Celebration Train," kids will experience Bible stories through an interactive combination of music, art, snacks, games, worship, and drama—all part of its 2006 Vacation Bible School program.

"From blowing their very own authentic wooden train whistles," according to the notice of invitation, "to making theme-related crafts to ridin' the rails with 'Melvin', kids will have a blast aboard the fast-moving Gospel Express."

More information can be obtained by calling 927-4421.

Chamber business awards set July 28

DOWNEY—The annual Downey Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards will be presented at a luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center at 11:45 a.m. Friday, July 28.

The Center is located at 10627 Old River School Road, in Downey. Reservations for the 2006 Business of the Year Awards are \$25 in advance, and may be made by phone at (562) 923-2191, e-mail downeycc@verizon.net or fax at (562) 869-0461.

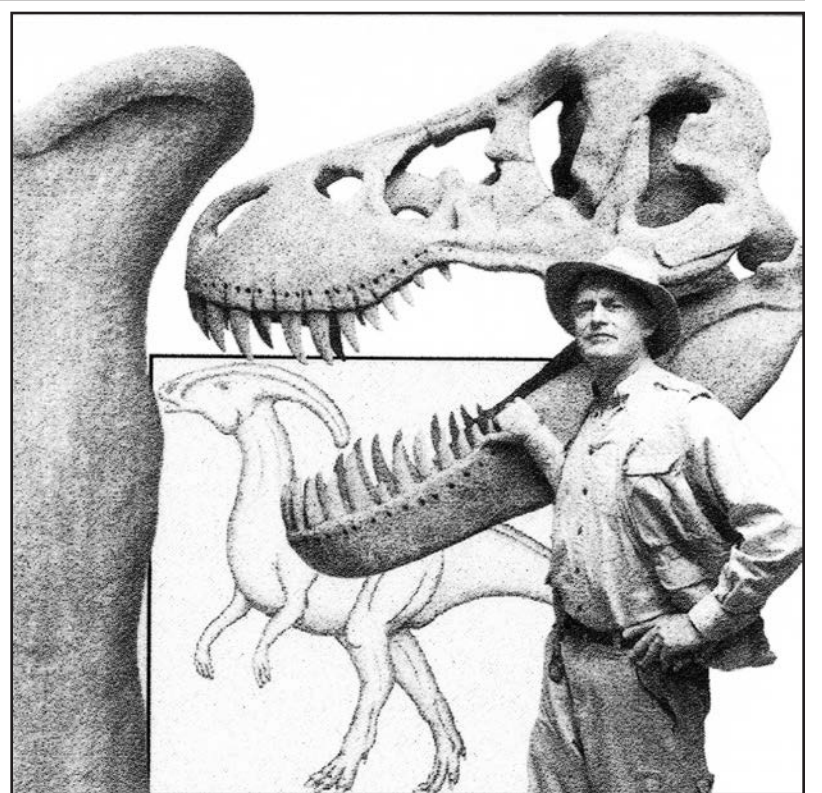
Forcemasters Club installs officers

DOWNEY—Dynamic Forcemasters Club 587, whose officers and members all told represent over 123 years of public speaking experience, recently installed its officers for the year: Roger Noor, president; Ralph Diaz, vice-president of education; Jonathan Sanchez, vice-president of membership; Don Perez, vice-president of public relations; Javier Sanchez, secretary; Rene Estrada, treasurer; Richard Elliott, sergeant-at-arms; and Rick Escamillo, club mentor.

Installing officer was District Governor Alex Ruiz.

Club 585 is one of 41 clubs out of 10,000 to have an International Speech Contest winner, Roy Fenstermaker, on its roster. The award represents the "world's best speaker."

Dynamic Forcemasters Club 587 meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Downey First Baptist Church, 8348 E. Third St., Rm. 116.



SCIENCE SPEAKER RICHARD WADE—Brings the dinosaurs to life at the Downey City Library Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Dinosaurs come alive in interactive program

■ Kids invited to handle real fossils and meteorites. A 7-foot Brachiosaurus model will be on display.

DOWNEY—Popular children's science speaker Richard Wade will present "The Last Days of the Dinosaurs," a fun and interactive program about how the dinosaurs lived and died—even the sounds they made—for children ages 5-12, Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library, 1121 Brookshire Ave.

Wade will share how fossils are made and show original drawings of dinosaurs. Kids will have a chance to handle real fossils and meteorites and see a full-scale model of a Brachiosaurus leg bone which is over 7 feet high. Each child who attends the free event will receive an original dinosaur illustration to take home and color.

Show passes will be distributed 30 minutes before show time. Arrive early due to limited seating. The event, part of the Children's Summer Reading program which runs through Aug. 5, is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4.

Kids can learn origami at free workshop

DOWNEY—Middle school children ages 11-13 can learn the art of Japanese paper folding by attending a free workshop, "Make an Origami Pet," Monday, July 24 from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library, 1121 Brookshire Ave.

At the workshop, which is part of the Children's Summer Reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales" (which runs through Aug. 5), kids can create a special paper pet and learn more about this ancient craft. The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

Arrive early since seating is limited. Free passes will be distributed 30 minutes prior to show time. For more information, contact Children's Services, 904-7360, ext. 4.

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years ago. Mr. Osborn has programmed Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 for the final concert, along with Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, to be played by soloist Roger Wilkie, concertmaster of the Long Beach Symphony. The performance is set for March 24, 2007.

The concert in Furman Park on Wednesday, August 9, is free to the public, and details on this enjoyable evening will appear in coming issues of The Downey Patriot. For information on the theater concerts, please phone (562) 403-2944.

Downey is rightly proud of its symphony orchestra, and encourages audiences from this and neighboring cities to experience the enrichment of great music, performed with excellence and imagination, in our own community.

ONLINE

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The archives section offers past issues of The Downey Patriot as both a PDF and text file. The PDF version, while a large file to download, is an exact replica of The Downey Patriot's print newspaper, complete with advertisements and classifieds. The text file includes only the week's stories and is designed for quick download.

The Downey Patriot blog will be updated throughout the week and is linked through the web site's front page. A subscription feature allows users to receive an e-mail alert when a new post is published.

"Our goal with the redesign was to make thedownepatriot.com as user-friendly as possible, while still delivering news in a clean and efficient manner," said Gibran Latif, who serves as the site's webmaster and administrator. "We feel this web site really strengthens our link to the Downey community, which, as a community newspaper, we highly pride ourselves on."

For more information, visit www.thedownepatriot.com.

Christian Women's Club luncheon

DOWNEY—The Downey Christian Women's Club will hold its monthly Buffet Luncheon Wednesday, Aug. 9 at its usual venue, the Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Drive in Downey. The meeting starts at 11:45 a.m.

Special feature is a "Tea Party" arranged by Marilyn Madru. Speaker is Diana Taylor, whose topic is "Runaway finds her Home."

Reservations are requested by the Monday before the luncheon. Cost is \$12. For information or reservations: Ginnie, 927-8488, or Delores, 868-7135.

Romo completes basic combat training

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Army National Guard Pvt. Salvador Romo, grandson of Rosa Romo of Downey, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

His father, Salvador Romo, lives in Los Angeles.

DRMC-Red Cross blood drive July 26

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. (near Firestone Blvd.) is inviting community members in to donate blood Wednesday, July 26, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at an American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the DRMC Volunteer Corps. It will be held in the hospital's lower-level conference rooms.

All donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

The Southern California American Red Cross reports a critically low blood supply. There is a special need for Group O Blood, officials say. Nearly one-half the population has this blood type, and Group O negative blood is also the "universal" donor blood often used in emergencies. About one-half of those who do not know their blood type will be a Group O donor. The Red Cross reports that only five percent of the eligible U.S. populations gives blood.

Those considering donating blood must be in good health, be at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit on your ability to donate. Conditions that require a temporary deferral are pregnancy, travel to certain parts of the world, inoculations, some health conditions and certain medications. A healthy donor may donate red blood cells every 56 days.

Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live.

To schedule an appointment, call the DRMC Volunteer Office at 904-5321, or go to the www.givelife.org site and enter the sponsor code, DOWREG. Walk-ins are welcome, but may experience delays. The entire process generally takes about one hour.

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.



WORLD SERIES CHAMPS – The 10U Downey Nemesis girls fast-pitch softball team went undefeated to win the Triple Crown World Series held last week in Park City, Utah. The girls also finished in first place in every segment of the softball skills competition, which included fastest base-running, quickest throws around the infield, throwing accuracy, and a home run hitting contest. Bottom row, left to right: Chloe Michery, Alizah Mayagoitia, Allyson Painter, Emily Sanchez, Alina Vega, Jordan Sargent and Anissa Urtez. Middle: Justene Reyes, Arianna Palomares, Silvia Escalera, Brooke Smith, Sharlene Godoy and Elizabeth Ham. Top: coaches Felix Palomares, Brenda Urtez, Rob Painter and Manny Ham.

Fiesta for kids at Messiah Lutheran

DOWNEY – A vacation Bible camp will take place starting next Monday, July 24 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 10711 Paramount Blvd. The camp is for children ages 3 years old through the 6th grade.

The theme is "Fiesta – Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus," according to Rev. Norm Stoppenhagen, pastor of the local congregation. The event continues each day of the week through Friday, July 28.

For information contact the church office at 923-1215.

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•Accept the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report summary.

Gang prevention

•Ratified an agreement with the L.A. County Probation Department effective July 1, 2006 through June 30 2007 for gang Alternative Prevention Program (GAPP) services.

•Ratified an agreement with Southern California Alcohol and Drug Program for a counseling and intern program.

•Ratified the SFSPac agreement for sanitation and safety program and HACOP.

•Approve a data processing service/support agreement for the fiscal year.

Whittier College

•Approved a student teaching agreement with Whittier College.

•Cancelled the renewal bid for purchase of irrigation supplies and equipment with Coastal Pipco of Oxnard, and re-bid the contract at a later date.

•Approved the Bond for release of Stop Notice in the sum of \$311,952 as submitted by B. Hayward Inc., of Monrovia Against a bid in General Works for the Unsworth School New Construction, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

•Accepted the use of the Waterford Unified School District bid with A-Z Bus Sales of Colton by the district to fill orders for buses with the same terms and advantages.

•Approved change order 1 for Warren High School new classroom and modernization bid package 11, paint and vinyl fabric wall coverings with Barbon Inc. of Buena Park in the increased sum of \$20,304.

•Approved change order 3 for Warren High School modernization, bid package 19 with Master K Electric in the increased sum of \$48,890 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

Accepted as complete

•Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$12,194 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

•Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$35,080 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

•Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$26,541 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

•Approved the declaration of surplus and the sale of surplus district property by Nationwide Auction and abating the income to the General Fund.

•Approved the destruction of class 3 disposable district records.

•Approved the abolishment of several vacant pupil support and clerical assistant positions, and approved the creation of a new position corresponding to senior instructional assistant-behaviorally challenged.

The next meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

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stretched, as the ink only lays on the surface whereas if painted the pigment would saturate and bond with the canvas. The prints are extremely experimental because of the artist's use of canvas and his ability to push the medium of digital technology and digital printmaking. LACMA Graphic Arts Council member Richard Duardo calls Villiers' works "groundbreaking."

Villiers returned to Los Angeles from Vancouver Island, Canada to produce this series of prints. A longtime L.A. resident until his move to Canada seven years ago, Charles also remembers living briefly in Downey in the 50s when his noted father, Amherst Villiers, worked on various space programs here. Charles told the Museum he was pleased to return to Downey for this exhibit as Downey and Pacific Palisades with their [respective] ranch home and bungalow neighborhoods are his best memories and the quintessential way to live in Los Angeles.

The Museum will be open Concert evenings 4 to 7 p.m. and regular hours Thursdays and Fridays 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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.

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.



CURBING DRUNK DRIVING—Miss America 2006 Jennifer Berry (left), a national spokesperson for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), thanked Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard for her efforts in Congress to curb underage drinking at a briefing in the U.S. Capitol Building. Berry was in the nation's capital to encourage Members of Congress to support a measure - authored by the congresswoman - called "The STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act". The STOP Underage Drinking Act would create a permanent national media campaign aimed at parents to combat underage drinking. In addition, the measure would establish a permanent interagency committee to coordinate the efforts of various federal agencies charged with addressing the problem; provide additional funding for the Drug Free Communities program; provide competitive grants to states, non-profits, and institutions of higher education to create statewide coalitions to prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse by university students; and increase federal research into the physical impact of alcohol on adolescent brain development.

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By Katie Dunsworth,
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DOWNEY—John Korkis considers himself the modern day equivalent of famous junkman Fred Sanford. One part psychologist and one part junk hauler, Korkis is in the business of helping people remove obstacles and get rid of junk.

Instead of the beat up red pickup, John and his team drive a shiny blue 1-800-GOT-JUNK? truck.

"We actually have people stop us at lights to ask if we can come to their house next and get rid of their junk."

Junk-free life

The Downey-based junk-removal service is part of a growing industry dedicated to helping people clean up and move on in the quest for a junk-free life. The junk removal industry, once dominated by dingy one-truck operations, is increasingly becoming more professionalized with services like 1-800-GOT-JUNK? providing uniformed teams, customer service guarantees and online booking.

"Everyone has junk," says John Korkis who opened his 1-800-GOT-JUNK? operation six months ago. "We're just making it easier for them to get rid of it."

With more than 100,000 small to medium sized junk removal businesses operating across the U.S., the field is getting more and more crowded.

"1-800-GOT-JUNK? is definitely leading the pack in terms of recycling, donation and professionalism, but we are just waiting for the day we see a major competitor give us a run for our money."

The types of junk pickups can range from a few small items to loads of furniture and appliances. The industry generally sees a spike in jobs around the first and last week of the month.

"People that are moving tend to think only about the stuff they want to bring with them and not what they are going to do with all the junk that's left over," says Korkis.

The industry has also benefited from new reality television series like *Clean House* and *Mission Organization*, which show the potential to transform your home simply by clearing out the junk.

"Clutter is definitely an issue," adds Korkis. "Once things are organized and pared down people are amazed at how much better they can utilize their space."

"There is huge potential in this business," he says, "people have always had junk, and they are just now starting to realize how easy it is to get rid of."



CONG. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (CA-34)—(Center) Meets with, from left, L. A. County School Superintendent Darline Robles; County Board of Education Vice-President Rudell Freer; County Board of Education President Sophia Waugh; and County Board of Education Member Angie Papadakis to discuss a 6-county collaborative effort to assist Southern California's English Language Learner students (which comprise 65 percent of the state total) achieve high levels of academic achievement. Located in the congresswoman's 34th district, the main administrative offices of the Los Angeles County Office of Education are in Downey, on Imperial Highway.

The Poets' Corner

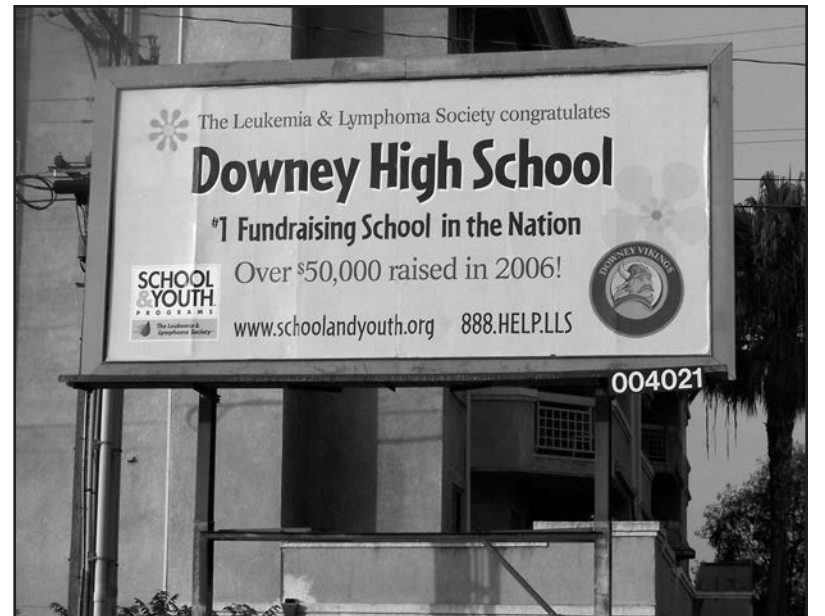
The River

Unending is the river on its journey to the sea
Flowing swiftly past great cities, belching smoke incessantly
Slowing only as it wends and slashes thru the rock and gorge
Creeping, seeping, gaining strength and plunging over waterfalls
Moving slowly past small hamlets, gliding on its liquid way
Pirouetting like a dancer, gracefully on stage of clay
Never stopping, never stopping, moving everlastingly
Unending is the river on its journey to the sea.
Seasons come and seasons go, still the river keeps its flow
In the winter though it wears a crystal mantel on its head
Yet its current always moves, ever gliding on ahead
Moving onward, moving onward, toward its goal unceasingly
Never stopping, never stopping, moving everlastingly,
still the river towards its goal, makes its way eternally
Unending is the river on its journey to the sea.

—George Geller,
Downey



STUDENT LEADERS OF DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL—Celebrate their achievement as #1 in the nation in raising \$50,046.30 in the recently completed Pennies for Patients campaign to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's fight against blood cancers. Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins recognized the feat, done as it was with 18,500 schools completing the program, by presenting them and Downey High's activities director Gordon Weisenburger with an award.



BILLBOARD ON BROOKSHIRE AND RAILROAD TRACKS—Proclaims Downey High School as the No. 1 fundraising school in the nation in the recently completed Pennies for Patients campaign benefiting fight against blood cancers.



GUESTS OF HONOR—Downey paramedics were special guests at a summer picnic held last week at Treasure Island Park.

Treasure Island residents hold summer picnic

DOWNEY—"Treasure Island" residents once again got together on Saturday, July 15, at Treasure Island Park for their 3rd annual Summer Picnic which had a tropical island look, and sustained by lots of food and drink.

Guests were greeted with leis and serenaded by Hawaiian music. Resident sisters Elizabeth and Araisia entertained attendees with their Hawaiian dances, in turn motivating the adults as well as the children to participate in the dancing.

Valerie Fairman led other "island" residents in involving the children in fun and games.

The festivities commenced at 1 p.m. with a special welcome by Xavier Granados, and encouraging words from the lips of Downey Police Chief Roy Campos. Other special guests included other police officers from the city, as well as Downey Fire personnel including paramedics; Mark Galvan; Eddie Tafoya (representing Cong. Lucille Roybal-Allard), Downey Councilman Rick Trejo; and Community Services' Angie Avery. Raffle prizes, donated by residents and local businesses, were given away to lucky winners. Spearheading the festivities was Unity in the Community (UITC).

Senate should act on Voting Rights Act

■ Voter discrimination, particularly among minority citizens, still exists today.

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, CA-34

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On July 13, I was honored to join my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in passing the *Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendment Acts of 2006*.

This important legislation, known as the VRA, was first enacted in 1965.

During the 1960s, many brave men and women fought against bigotry and injustice to secure the right to vote for all Americans. The price paid by those allied with the Civil Rights Movement was high: churches were burned and bombed, people were beaten and shot, and some were killed. Among the brave people fighting for voting rights was Fannie Lou Hamer of Mississippi. She was a sharecropper and the granddaughter of slaves. In 1962, at age 44, she was surprised to learn from civil rights workers that African Americans actually had a constitutional right to vote. When the workers asked for volunteers to go to the courthouse to register to vote, Hamer was the first to raise her hand. After she got to the courthouse, she was jailed and beaten by police. She began to receive death threats and was even shot at. But, undeterred, Hamer became a civil rights activist and spent the next three years traveling around the country speaking out on voting rights.

Since the passage of the VRA, many discriminatory practices and barriers to political participation have been eliminated, enfranchising millions of racial, ethnic, and language minority citizens.

Sadly, in spite of these advances, this landmark legislation is still needed today. The fact remains that hate groups continue to exist in this country and unscrupulous politicians, for their own political advantage, continue efforts to disenfranchise vulnerable voters.

Just last month, on June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *GI Forum v. Texas* that a 2003 redistricting plan in Texas Congressional District 23 violated the voting rights of Latino voters. The Supreme Court ruling was a resounding affirmation of the need for the Voting Rights Act.

The National Commission on the Voting Rights Act recently released a report which highlighted a troubling pattern of voter discrimination against minority citizens across the nation. Without a complete reauthorization of the VRA, key provisions that protect against these abuses will expire in 2007.

One key provision that will expire is Section 203. Voting instructions and ballot information can be confusing even for the native-born, fluent in English. Section 203 ensures that tax-paying American citizens, who are not fluent English speakers, receive the language assistance they need in order to participate in the election process through well-informed choices. The ability to vote in an informed way will also encourage greater voter participation.

Another key provision set to expire in 2007 is Section 5. Section 5 requires certain states, with a history of discriminatory practices, to get permission from the Justice Department prior to changing their election process. This is a necessary safeguard against the potential disenfranchisement of poor and minority voters living in these states.

The Voting Rights Act continues to be as relevant today as it was in 1965. Discrimination today may take a different form than it did in 1965, but the fact remains that discrimination still exists in 2006. As the model of Democracy for the world, we cannot afford to lose one of the fundamental expressions of our democracy—open, free and unencumbered elections.

Now that the House has acted, I urge my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to support the full reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act. While substantial progress has been made in the area of voting rights over the last 41 years, we must continue our efforts to protect the rights of every American voter.

Letters to the Editor:

Delighted at museum's grant increase

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the City Councilmembers who voted to increase and provide a generous grant to the Downey Museum of Art (DMOA) this year.

The Museum provides education and enjoyment to Downey residents and visitors each week for 46 weeks a year. And now thanks to the grant funding, in October the Museum will be open an additional day on Saturday each week.


I also would like to thank Thad Phillips, Community Services Director, and the Public Arts Commission for taking an interest in the work of the Museum and supporting the arts by restoring the Betty Gold Sculpture that graces Furman Park.

The vitality by which we support culture in our community is an indication of the quality of life and prosperity we will create.

I am delighted to witness renewed vitality and leadership in support of the arts and culture in Downey as this energy supports an important economic and life source for the community.

—Kate Davies,
Executive Director,
DMOA/New Museum Project

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Letters to the Editor:

Downey rezones: How convenient!

Dear Editor:

Downey rezoning?

Isn't this convenient—Downey City Council deciding to rezone Single Family lots to Multi-Family lots (The Downey Patriot, 7/14/06). How very, very convenient. I guess the City Council can just do anything they want these days.

Sixteen properties, from Stewart and Gray Road. My, my, the property taxes will increase there! However, the surrounding properties get to enjoy the noise pollution, trash, and parking problems. Oh joy, another misfortune for Downey residents! I for one am so thankful to have such a competent City Council, aren't you? What the heck are they thinking? More outrageous building to house more and more people? What will they do next?

It's time, people, time to restructure the City Council completely. I for one am sick of their poor decisions. Decisions that wreck the nice quiet family-oriented neighborhoods of Downey. Too many buildings destroy a city. The Council claimed it was necessary and desirable for the development of the community? Please! Please, let's get a consensus here. Do we, the citizens of Downey, want another multifamily housing unit in our city? I think not! Just another one of those brilliant plans from our beloved City Council to make more property tax dollars.

Does anyone from this fair city attend these meetings? I think the taxpayers need to be awakened. Attend the City Council meetings, people. Your city is being destroyed by poor decision-making at the hand of some slum-Council we elected (by mistake I might add).

But cheer up, there is hope, new Council candidate openings are available for the asking. There are seats going to be available in District 2 (Southwest Downey) and District 4 (Northeast Downey). You must file between July 17 and August 11, 2006. Come on, there must be someone willing to do this fair city some justice. Thank you, Meredith Perkins, and Anne Baker [sic] for your services. But it's time for some new blood to come in and take control of a council that's been out of control for some time now.

Oh, and by the way, the Property Tax Assessment Seminars set by the county. Don't bother! All the properties in Downey have gone up in value (no matter what's going in or next to you). If you have filed an appeal, withdraw it. You'll only end up paying more taxes. That's right, more. It's a filthy ritual to lure you into thinking you can reduce your property taxes when, in fact, each year your property goes up in value, now the county has a chance to re-evaluate your property and guess what? You'll be re-evaluated at the increase. I'm just saying, things are better left alone sometimes.

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m. at our City Hall located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue. Be there and I'll see you there!

—Diane Chambers,
Downey

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Correction

A letter to the editor by Len Moffatt in last week's edition of The Downey Patriot included a few typos, including the misspelling of the name, "Burroughs." The error was made on our part and we regret the mistake.

Disputes Chambers' claim(s)

Dear Editor:

I continue to be amazed by the seemingly endless discussion on the so-called "mansions" of Downey and the allegations which the self-asserted opponents of such put forward as describing the practical situation surrounding these homes. The latest installment comes from Diane Chambers (The Downey Patriot, 7/14/06).

Ms. Chambers puts forth the standard contention that these houses bring an inordinate amount of cars to the neighborhood and that multiple families end up residing in them. But she goes further and states that these houses end up as rentals with "10 to 20 people, who are non-related, all of them illegal [...], trash piling up around the premises, and God knows what else." (Ellipsis mine).

Since the amount of space I have is extremely limited, I'll get right to the point. I live near a number of these so-called mansions, and I walk and drive by them regularly. I have yet to observe an excessive amount of cars connected with them, and the cars I do see are usually high-end and luxury cars, and certainly not the unsightly "Junkers" that one might envision being driven by "illegal renters." I have yet to see "trash piling up" either. I have not observed any stark evidence for that matter, that any multiple families are being housed in these structures, either—whether they be renters or owners.

Since I don't claim to have inspected every "mansion" that has been erected, I am quite prepared to be enlightened as to the "real" situation that people like Ms. Chambers are continually so outraged about. To that end, perhaps Ms. Chambers and/or her like-minded cohort would like to provide some specific addresses of the demoralized "flophouses" (i.e., show us the cars, show us the trash) she has in mind so we can view the problem with our own eyes and be converted. To the same end, how about some proof that these are actually being bought or rented by several families—preferably not emanating from any "secret source" this time around.

Why the "anti-mansionization" crowd is constantly allowed to make these preposterous claims without anyone calling them on it is attributable, most likely, to the fact that there is only a very small group of residents who are terrified by the prospect of people actually improving our city by building new and attractive housing and showing an interest in investing in the future of the area. Perhaps we have just privately laughed off the "mansionization" critics as cranks on a foolish mission. I think the rest of us either smile on the idea (of new building) or are simply indifferent to it. But it is the thorough inaccuracy of their assertions vis-à-vis the reality I have observed that annoys me.

To be taken seriously, folks like Ms. Chambers are going to actually have to start showing us the abominations of these properties. I, for one, am not seeing the problem, but I will be the first to admit the error of my ways.

—David T. Bouffard,
Downey

Illegal immigration needs to stop

Dear Editor:

Re "Downey's 'dirty little secret'" by Diane Chambers and T. Simpson's "Grim outlook for U.S." (The Downey Patriot, 7/14/06), I fully agree with both writers about illegal immigrants. It should be stopped.

American English should be the official language of America.

1. It will unite the US—everybody understand [sic] just one language no possible confusion as in Babel [sic].

2. It saves money no need [sic] for foreign language instructions for drivers traffic booklets and voting books.

—Paul K. Tan,
Downey

Children's Theater to perform at library

DOWNEY—Children ages 5-12 will enjoy "Flights of Fantasy Story Theater," a live, multicultural theater performance at the Downey City Library Wednesday, July 26 from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Cornack Room.

The lively production will include props, masks and costumes in a performance of folktales, fables and musical rhymes celebrating the creativity of children. 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.

Free show passes will be distributed 30 minutes prior to show time. Arrive early since seating is limited. For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Cold Tofu improv comedy show July 22

LOS ANGELES—Cold Tofu, deemed the nation's premier Asian American improv comedy group, has been presenting monthly comedy shows since January at the Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center, 222 S. Hewitt St. in Los Angeles (outside of downtown L.A.'s Little Tokyo District). All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. The group is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

This month's improv comedy show is tomorrow, July 22. Admission is "Pay-What-You-Can".

Dedicated to promoting diverse images of Asian Pacific Americans through comedy and developing multiethnic talent through education and performance, Cold Tofu was founded in 1981 by Los Angeles-based artists Irma Escamilla, Denice Kumagai, Judi Momii and Marilyn Tokuda.

"Having our comedy improv shows in Little Tokyo has been a win-win situation for the Little Tokyo community and Cold Tofu. Little Tokyo has been such a great supporter of Cold Tofu, [and this] has enabled us to provide more shows every year. Not only are our cast members able to perform improv comedy regularly, we have been able to bring in a diverse audience to Little Tokyo, introducing them to a community that has an important history and is a vital part of Southern California," said artistic director Helen Ota.

Future Cold Tofu improv shows are scheduled, all on Saturdays, on Aug. 19, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16. For more information, e-mail coldtofu@hotmail.com or visit www.coldtofu.com.

New musical comedy season set

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

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

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RETURN APPEARANCE—Charlotte Carpenter will reprise her role as Miss Adelaide in "Guys and Dolls", the opening production of the Downey Civic Light Opera playing Oct. 5-22 at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. She won a Drama-Logue Award for her portrayal 12 years ago and starred as Sally Bowles in "Cabaret" last season. Carpenter just finished an extended run at the Glendale Centre Theater as Anna in "The King and I." For tickets and information on "Guys and Dolls" call 923-1714.

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Trip to Solvang coming in September

DOWNEY—The Community Services Department of the City of Downey will be featuring a one-day trip to one of the most charming Danish towns in the United States, Solvang, on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will be time to do some shopping and have a meal at one of the many food venues. A wake-up stop will be made at Dupari's in Thousand Oaks for a beverage and pastry. The fee is included in the cost of the excursion, \$20 per person.

The annual Danish Days will be taking place at the time of the visit, so participants may see the parade or other special events.

Information and registration are available at Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought.

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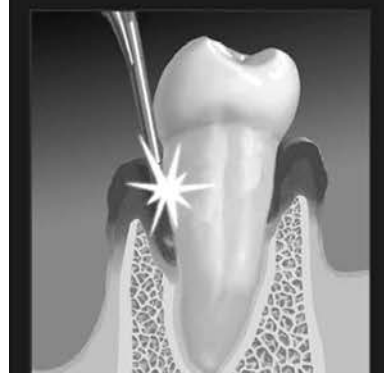
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Former Downey resident Leo William Lemmens

DOWNEY—Leo William Lemmens, who was born April 4, 1915 in Kenosha, Wisconsin to parents John Lemmens and Aleida Greve, both of whom came from the Netherlands, passed away in Downey on July 10 at the age of 91.

His family migrated to the Hemet area when he was very young. A graduate of Inglewood High School, he married Sonia Chuevsky in Inglewood; the couple raised their family in South Gate and Downey. He was a World War II veteran.

Lemmens worked as an awning salesman with Canvas Specialty and later was an owner/partner at Hoegee and Sons. When he retired in 1979, he and his wife moved first to Wimer and then to Rogue River, OR, where they joined the Our Lady of the River Catholic Mission. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, both in Downey and Rogue River. He and his wife spent several winters as 'snowbirds' in Parker, Arizona.

He is survived by his four children: Robert, of Wimer, OR; Susan Bouris, of Downey; Richard, of Westlake Village; and Teresa Nero, of Houston, TX; 8 grandchildren, Yanna, Amy, Peter and Michael Bouris, Duke and Lauren Lemmens, and Lyla and Adrienne Nero; and his two sisters, Marcella Harrington and Anne Lund.

He was predeceased by his wife in 2000 and by his brother Lawrence.

His ashes will be buried next to his wife, in the Woodville Cemetery in Rogue River.

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.

For information, call (562) 904-7159.



CONNIE POP – Services were held July 20.

Connie Pop was former 'Woman of the Year'

DOWNEY – Connie Pop, Downey's "Woman of the Year" in 1988, died on July 13.

She was born March 17, 1915 and moved to Downey in 1955 with her husband Charlie Horn and teenage son Chuck.

She worked extensively with Catholic Daughters of America and was named "Woman of the Year" by the Downey City Council in 1988.

Pop was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and attended regularly until she moved to a senior home in Costa Mesa in 2002.

She is survived by her son, Chuck; daughter-in-law, Barbara; granddaughter, Melissa (Kevin); grandson, Matthew; and three-year-old granddaughter, Natalie, in addition to other family and friends.

Services were held in her honor on July 20 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. Services were performed by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

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DR. CYNTHIA WORDEN—One of a number of Downey Regional Medical Center doctors, nurses and emergency medical technicians who administered sports physicals July 14 to more than 200 youngsters participating in Downey Youth Football and Cheer, listens to David Diaz' heart. The athletes' vital signs, systems, posture and range of motion were checked. David will be in the 8th grade in the fall, playing for the Razorbacks.

'Shabbat under the stars' July 21

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform congregation, will be having a picnic outdoors at 6 p.m. Friday, July 21. Everyone is asked to bring their own family dinner. "Shabbat Under The Stars" follows at 7:30 p.m. in the garden setting of the temple. Dress is casual.


Services will be conducted by Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill. There will be an Oneg (Reception) afterwards with desserts and beverages provided by the Temple Sisterhood.

Temple Ner Tamid is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Downey. For information, call 861-9276.

Su Casa planning poker tournament

DOWNEY—Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center, which serves victims of domestic violence and child abuse in Downey and neighboring cities, will hold their inaugural Texas No-Limit Hold'em Poker Tournament Sept. 10 at the Cerritos Senior Center.

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Moravian Church planning a fiesta

DOWNEY—The Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Road in Downey, is holding a Fiesta, from 9 a.m.-12 noon, July 31-Aug. 4.

The weeklong event, says Bishop Hopeton Clennon, "will provide fun and memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages" and allow them to "sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Maraca Munchies, take on a Daily Challenge to let Jesus' love grow into their homes...and create Bible Point Crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long."

The bishop adds, "Fiesta is an exciting way for kids to learn more about Jesus' love. They will take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach children in need here in our community, as we collect Back-to-School supplies for the youngsters at the Rio Hondo Temporary Home. Each day concludes at Fiesta Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:30 a.m. We hope Fiesta will lift up Jesus' love in our community."

For information, call the church office, 927-0718.

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	6/26 - 8/3	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Alameda Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:30-11:45 a.m.
Lewis Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:30-11:45 a.m.
Rio Hondo Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:05-11:20 a.m.
East Middle School	6/26 - 7/27	10:45-11 a.m.
West Middle School	6/26 - 7/27	10:45-11 a.m.
Downey High School	6/26 - 8/3	11-11:15 a.m.
Warren High School	6/26 - 8/3	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.

Pet adoption at Downey Landing

DOWNEY—SEAACA and Fail-Safe 4 Felines, which occupy the pet adoption section at the new PetSmart at Downey Landing, are holding Pet Adoption Weekends Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. at the location, affording you a chance to adopt rescued cats and kittens in need of indoor homes.

These cats, according to sponsors SEAACA and Fail Safe 4 Felines, "have had their shots, are vet attention-tested, dewormed, de-flea'd, microchipped, and very healthy"—all ready for adoption.

For information, call Fail-Safe 4 Felines, (562) 927-7793, or SEAA-CA, (562) 803-3301.



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50'S NOSTALGIA—Soroptimist of Downey recently held a successful casino night at the Woman's Club in Downey, where they raised funds for scholarships and community organizations. The theme, "Nifty Fifties," was chosen to celebrate the city's 50th anniversary. Pictured are club members dressed in '50s attire, including poodle skirts.

Optimist Club has weekly lunches

DOWNEY - The Optimist Club of Downey, headed by Steve Allen, meets at Sambi's Restaurant every Thursday at noon. Call 806-3701 for more information.



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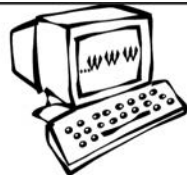
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The City of Downey, Department of Public Works, is proud to announce the availability of an online graffiti reporting and a street sweeping parking permit system.

For years, City of Downey residents have been able to help keep Downey beautiful by reporting graffiti sightings using an automated phone service. Now, residents can also report graffiti online. The new online graffiti reporting system will diminish the time needed to review voice recordings and increase the accuracy of the reports. As always, the reports will be acted on within 24 hours of receipt.

The Department of Public Works has also made the street sweeping parking permit system available online. Within ten days of submitting an application, residents will be informed, via e-mail, whether or not an application was approved. Upon approval residents need to come to City Hall to pay the permit fee and pick up the permit. The Street Sweeping Parking Permit fee is \$16.00 per year and is prorated quarterly.

Both online services are now available. Log on to <http://www.downeygis.org> then, on the left side of the page, click on the section of choice.

Venancio completes military training

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Air Force Airman Susana N. Venancio, a 2004 graduate of Warren High School and daughter of Susana Murphy of Downey, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Venancio also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Students doing well at Azusa Pacific

DOWNEY – Three Downey residents were among those honored by being named to Azusa Pacific University's Dean's List for the spring 2006 semester.

Brianne Huff, a graduate of Warren High School and a Psychology major, completed the semester with a 3.894 GPA.

Jennifer Pillow, a graduate of Ramona Convent Secondary School and a Liberal Studies major, completed the semester with a 3.94 GPA.

Jamie Coulson, a graduate of Calvary Chapel High School and an Art major, completed the semester with a 3.575 GPA.



AUTHENTIC PERUVIAN DANCE – These performers, dressed in the colorful fashions of Peru, sang and danced at a recent concert at Furman Park. Performances from different groups are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. as part of the Furman Park Twilight Concert Series. Photo by Art Montoya

Sweet Peruvian rhythms serenade Furman crowd

By *Jacqueline Mejia*,
St. Joseph High School

DOWNEY – Melodious rhythms from the mountains of Peru serenaded the large crowd at the second concert in the 2006 Furman Park Twilight Concert Series.

The performance included authentic Peruvian songs and dancing. Vicky Castilla, a dancer who has been performing for four years, said she likes that dancing allows her to see new people. Her friend and fellow dancer, April Espejo, has a little bit more time in the dancing scene. A dancer for the past 10 years, 14-year-old April feels that it is fun to see and do cultural dances.

Walter Amora, the director of this dancing troupe, started dancing and performing in his native country of Peru. He is glad that kids can carry on their cultural traditions. He was also extremely happy that Downey puts on community events as this one. He describes them as "positive and healthy."

The organization that is responsible for putting on the concerts is the Downey Rose Float Association. They make the delicious food and sell Downey Rose Float memorabilia in order to fund the rose float they produce annually.

Kelley Roberts, one of the main float designers and builder, stated that they were very busy, cooking about 300 hot dogs and 80 hamburgers.

Next up for the series: The Rockit Scientists on July 26. All concerts are free and begin at 7:00. So bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some musical bliss.

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E-waste added to list of roundup

DOWNEY—E-waste has been added to the list of hazardous Household Waste to be handled free of charge at a hazardous waste roundup Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbus Continuation High School, located at 12330 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

Materials such as motor oil, paint, turpentine, dye based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides and garden herbicides can damage the environment if dumped or poured down the drain.

E-waste is any electric equipment near the end of its life, such as computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, fax machines, computers, keyboards and cellular phones.

Do not bring explosives, radioactive items or tires. Items should be in their original containers, placed in a cardboard box. Drive to the roundup site. You never have to leave your car.

The roundup is sponsored by the County in cooperation with the City of Downey and other area cities. For information call the County Public Works at 1-888CLEANLA or the Sanitation District 1-800-238-0172.

Yard sale permits available at City Hall

DOWNEY – Two-day permits for garage/yard sales are available for \$10 by visiting the Cashier's window at City Hall.

Permits are issued only to the person who resides at the address of the sale. For more information, call 904-7331.



MEET THE INTERNS – Art Montoya and Jacqueline Mejia have joined the staff of The Downey Patriot as student interns. Montoya, who hopes for a career in photography, is a 2006 graduate of Warren High School and will attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall. Mejia is a soon-to-be senior at St. Joseph High School, where she writes for the student newspaper.

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 barbecue 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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USC senior spending month as an intern

■ Downey resident is working with congresswoman in preparation for future in public service.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—One of eight students in the country selected to participate in the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials' (NALEO) internship program, USC senior Juan Alvarez of Downey has been working in Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's Washington, D.C. office as an intern performing a wide range of duties, including assisting with legislative research, attending legislative briefings on policy issues and managing constituent correspondence.

His month-long internship ends July 28.

Alvarez, son of Juan and Martha Alvarez who have made Downey their home for about 10 years, is studying public policy at USC with an emphasis in law and society. A graduate of Paramount High School in Paramount, he plans after graduation from USC in December to attend law school and one day enter public service.

Quilt show at the Ritz Gardens

WHITTIER—The Los Angeles County Quilters Guild presents its "Garden Party at the Ritz" Quilt Show Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 14-16. The event will be held at The Ritz Gardens, 11201 First Ave. in Whittier.

Show hours are Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Information: (Send SASE to) Arlene Millett, 12339 Creekwood Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703.



VALUABLE EXPERIENCE—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard thanks 22-year-old Juan Alvarez of Downey, currently a senior at USC where he is studying public policy with an emphasis in law and society, for his assistance in her Washington, D.C. office during a one-month summer internship that ends July 28. For information about internship opportunities in the congresswoman's district or Washington, D.C. offices, students who live in the 34th Congressional District should call her district office at (213) 628-9230.

Home sales continue to increase

DOWNEY – The Downey Association of Realtors reports Single Family Residence, including condo sales, in Downey is up 10 percent from first quarter 2006, with the average sales price of \$660,211.

Homes stayed on the market an average of 51 days.

Out of the 192 homes listed and sold in Downey second quarter 2006, 61 percent were listed and/or sold by a member of the Downey Association of Realtors. For more information, call (562) 861-0915.

Home remodeling show Aug. 25-27

PASADENA—The 30th annual Home Remodeling & Decorating Show, featuring "do it yourself" workshops focusing on kitchens, floors, windows, doors, and everything from roofs to rose gardens, will be presented by National Exhibitions & Communications Group, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 25-27 at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena.

Organizers say homeowners should get answers to all their home improvement questions at the show.

Hours are Friday noon to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. General admission is \$6.75, seniors \$4, and children are free.

For more information, contact National Exhibitions & Communications Group at (818) 557-2950, or visit www.thehomeshow.com.

Networking group to hear Loren Behr

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.

Visitors should RSVP by calling the chamber at 923-2191.



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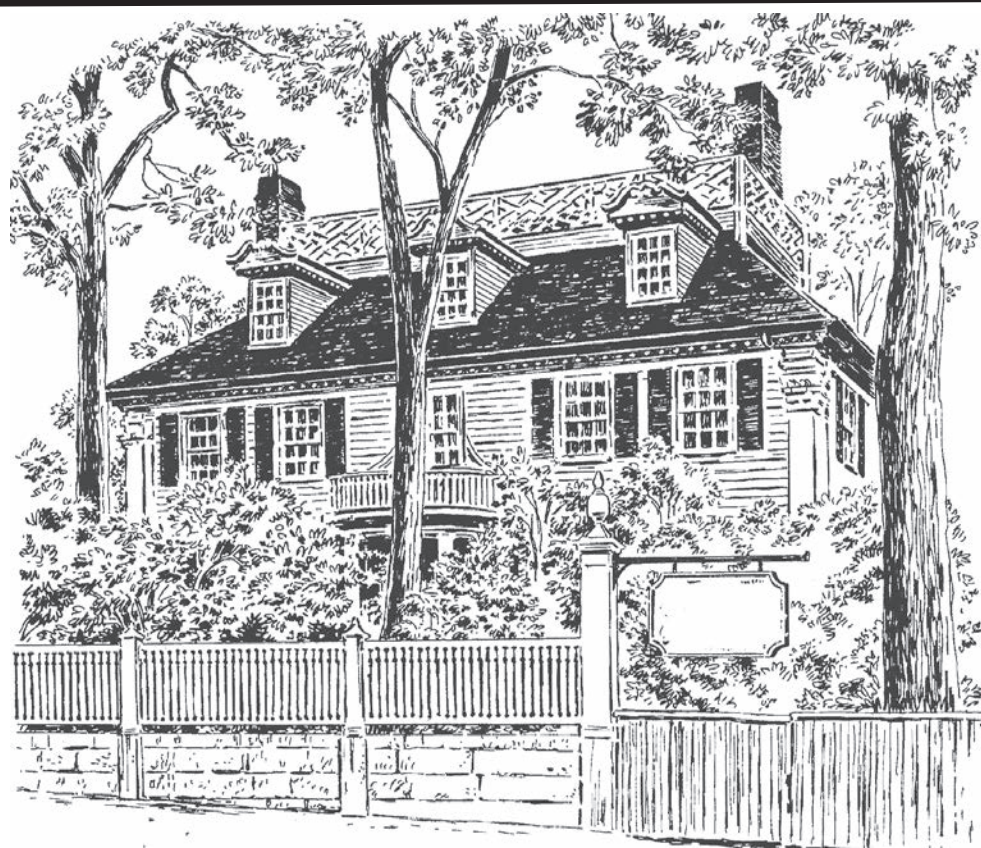
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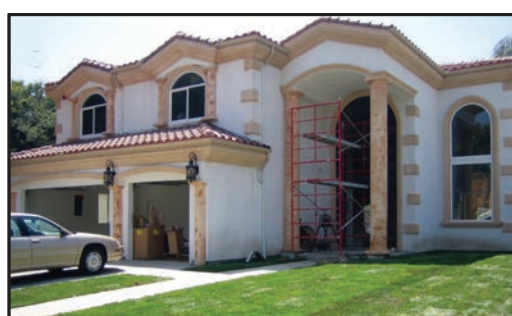


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