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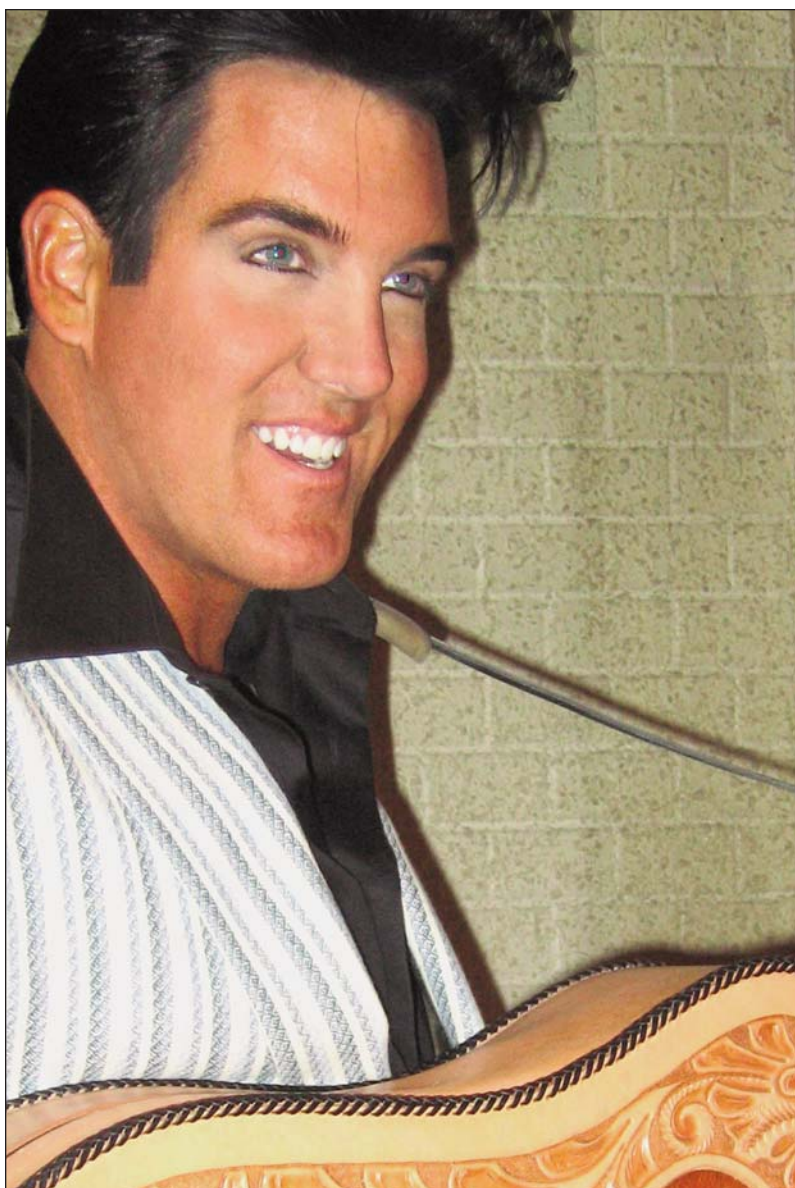


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Elvis impersonator Scot Bruce, above, will perform Wednesday when the summer concert series starts up again at Furman Park. *Courtesy photo*

Elvis act to kick-off summer concerts

Free summer concerts begin Wednesday at Furman Park.

DOWNEY – Downey residents can expect to get “all shook up” when the city’s summer concert series kicks off Wednesday at Furman Park with a tribute to the King of Rock and Roll.

Elvis Presley impersonator Scot Bruce will take the stage at 7 p.m. The concert is free and residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

The Downey Rose Float Association will be selling food and drinks as they raise money for their annual entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Originally from the Pacific Northwest where he was a radio personality and a drummer, Bruce has lived in Los Angeles since 1990. While pursuing a music and acting career, he began a 1950s-era Elvis show as a way to survive the lean times. The result was a surprise to Bruce: a part-time gig to supplement his income blossomed into a full-time career.

Bruce’s uncanny resemblance to the young “King” and his ability to sing, strum a guitar and swivel his hips has taken him across the U.S. and around the world. As Elvis, Bruce has appeared in music videos with Faith Hill and Sheryl Crow, and has been heard as the “resident Elvis” on the Mark and Brian morning radio show.

Bruce has also enjoyed recurring roles on the hit soap operas “Days of our Lives” and “The Bold and the Beautiful,” and has filmed commercials for Pizza Hut and the California Lottery.

He has appeared in several productions of “Idols of the King,” including runs at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, the Barter Theatre in Virginia, and at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery.

Bruce recently performed with the Jordanaires (Elvis’ original backup singers) and was hired by E! Entertainment for their “True Hollywood Story” on Elvis.

Bruce performs regularly at Disneyland and tours with the “Legends of Rock & Roll – Buddy, Roy and Elvis.” Aside from portraying Elvis, Bruce is a songwriter and performs an acoustic guitar/harmonica solo act in local pubs. He also plays the drums with L.A.-based rockabilly bands.

Wednesday’s performance will be Bruce’s first appearance at Downey’s Twilight Summer Concert Series. All concerts are held at Furman Park and begin at 7 p.m.

The Downey Patriot is the official media sponsor of the concert series. Other sponsors include Downey Party Rental and the Thompson Family (\$2,000) and CareMore (\$1,000).

The remaining concert schedule includes:

July 15: J.B. Walker Band and Chaparral (country and western)

July 22: Mariachi Divas

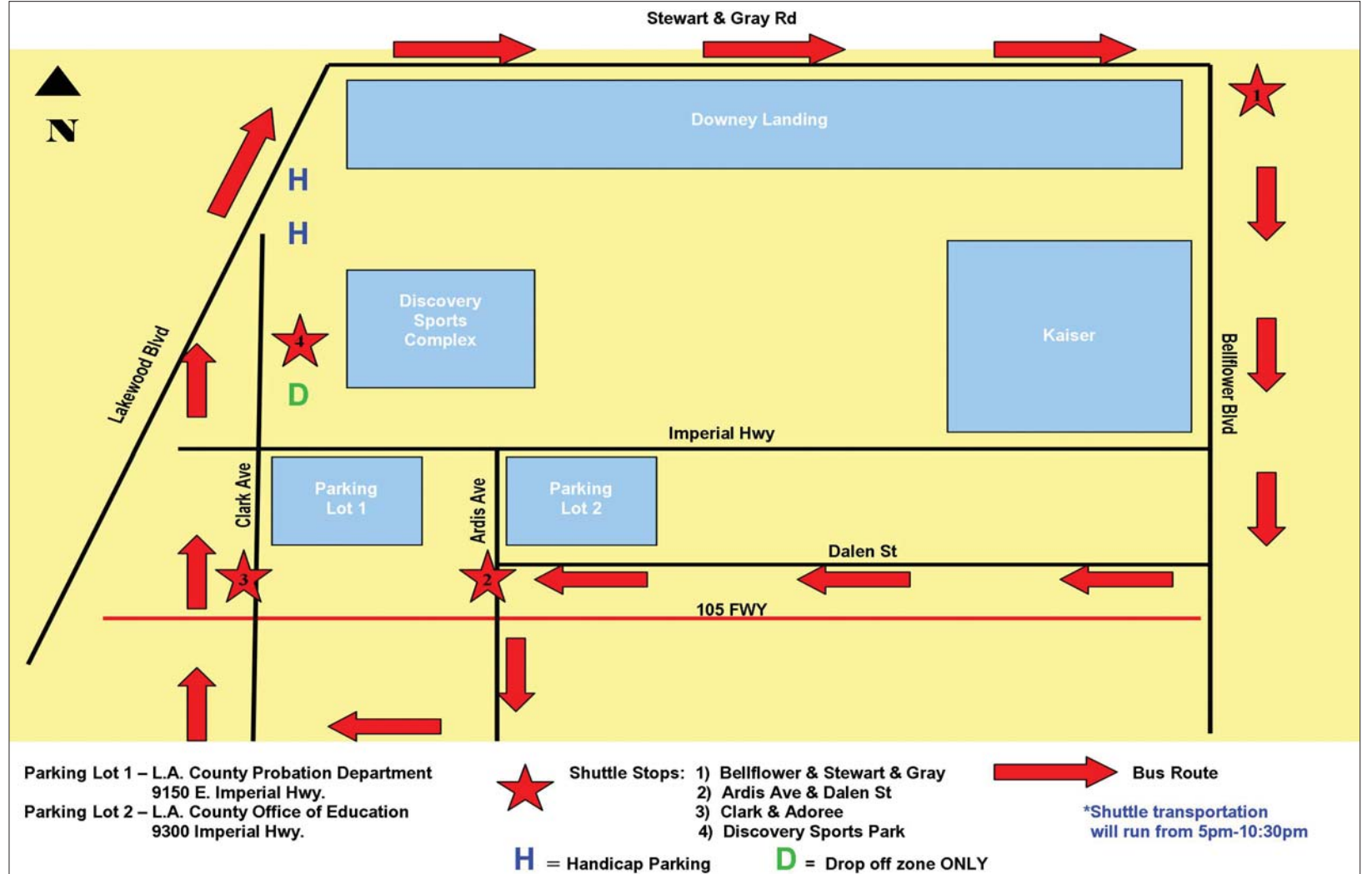
July 29: The Answer (classic rock)

Aug. 5: The Wiseguys Big Band

Aug. 12: Downey Symphony

Aug. 19: Orquesta Charangoa (Cuban)

Aug. 26: Marine Corps AGCC Band



City’s fireworks show expected to draw thousands

DOWNEY – Final preparations are underway for the city of Downey’s 4th of July fireworks show tomorrow at the new Discovery Sports Complex near Downey Studios.

The free, all-day event will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting and flag-raising ceremony. Youth sporting events begin at 10 a.m.

The festival will also include jump houses for kids, carnival games, live music and entertainment, and food.

The event will culminate with a 30-minute fireworks show at 9 p.m.

No on-site parking will be

available at the event. Instead, residents are urged to park at the L.A. County Probation Department (9150 E. Imperial Hwy) or at the L.A. County Office of Education (9300 E. Imperial Hwy.).

A limited amount of handicap parking will be available at 12400 Clark Ave., immediately adjacent to the park.

Free shuttle service will be available from 5-10:30 p.m. A drop-off only zone will also be available directly in front of the park.

Alcoholic beverages, barbecues and pets will not be permitted inside the park. Also prohibited are all forms of fireworks, includ-

ing “safe and sane.”

Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. For security reasons, coolers and other packages may be searched.

“The city of Downey would like this to be a fun and safe event for everyone,” city officials said in a statement. “Please join us as we celebrate our country’s Independence Day and the grand opening of Downey’s newest park in over 30 years.”

For more information on the celebration, call the Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238.

Event Schedule

- 9:45 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Flag-Raising
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Youth sporting events
- 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Carnival games, food, jumpers
- 6 - 8:15 p.m. Live music
- 8:15 - 9 p.m. Grand Opening ceremony
- 9 - 9:30 p.m. Fireworks show

Auto theft climbs to 10-year high

More than 1,200 vehicles were reported stolen in Downey last year.

By ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Auto thefts continue to plague the city of Downey, and last year the number of stolen vehicles reached at least a 10-year high, according to statistics released by the Downey Police Department last week.

Figures show that 1,231 vehicles were stolen in Downey during 2008. That’s a jump from 1,033 thefts in 2007.

The statistics were part of the FBI Crime Index and included in the Downey Police Department’s 2008 Annual Report, released to the media last week. The report includes local crime statistics going back a decade.

Auto thefts have been steadily increasing since 2000, when a relatively low 811 vehicles were reported stolen. The number rose to 999 in 2001, and has not dipped

below 1,000 since.

The Downey Police Department did not return a call seeking comment on the statistics.

Other crimes

The report does, however, show decreases in robberies (from 288 in 2007 to 252 last year), aggravated assaults (208 to 172), and acts of larceny and theft (2,173 to 2,038).

The number of reported rapes rose from 17 in 2007 to 24 last year, and burglaries jumped from 669 to 711.

Murders stayed even with three homicides last year.

The city’s dispatch center received 34,733 calls for 911 emergency service in 2008, and fielded an additional 137,000 non-emergency calls.

A total of 4,347 people were arrested, with 3,281 being adults. The report shows 14,625 reports were processed by police.

Traffic

Police officers issued 15,536 citations for moving violations (speeding, etc.) last year, down from 17,191 the previous year. But 25,867 citations for non-moving violations, such as parking tickets,

signified a jump from the 23,630 issued in 2007.

Downey saw three fatal traffic collisions last year, the lowest tally in four years. Reports of hit-and-run collisions hit 264, up from 233.

Other data

The report also notes an investigation last year “concerning a large scale drug organization operating within our city.” The investigation, conducted jointly with the Drug Enforcement Agency, led to 32 arrests and the seizure of 129 pounds of heroin that carried an estimated street value of more than \$7 million.

The Downey Police Department worked with surrounding agencies to conduct probation searches on people who had previously been convicted of graffiti-related crimes. “In all, over 200 individuals were contacted and several arrests were made.”

The department conducted 113 background checks on potential employees, resulting in 23 new hires, including 18 as police officers.

Forensics specialists recovered 436 latent prints from

Downey crime scenes and identified 83 suspects using fingerprints.

New weight and cardiovascular machines were installed in the police department’s gym, which replaced equipment originally purchased in 1984. The gym also received new rubber flooring, fresh paint and a stereo system.

Last October, the department switched to a three-day, 12 ½ hour work week. Police officers previously worked four-day, 10-hour weeks.

The department introduced a new police cadet program last year. The program offers qualified candidates a part-time job “that will train them in the various aspects of police work.” Cadets must be enrolled at a school full-time and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Code Enforcement responded to 2,116 cases in 2008. They also assisted officials from the Secret Service and IRS who were investigating a crime ring “responsible for over \$2 billion in fraudulent gain involving identity theft and real estate fraud.” Twelve people were arrested.

School board hears updates on budget, modernization

By HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – With most teachers and students gone for the summer and the excitement of high school graduation over, the Downey Unified School District Board of Education Tuesday heard updates on the budget, modernization at Downey High School, state standards-aligned elementary report cards, and student intervention efforts.

It also witnessed the conferring of the Vision Award to JoAnn Sims, senior director of budget and finance.

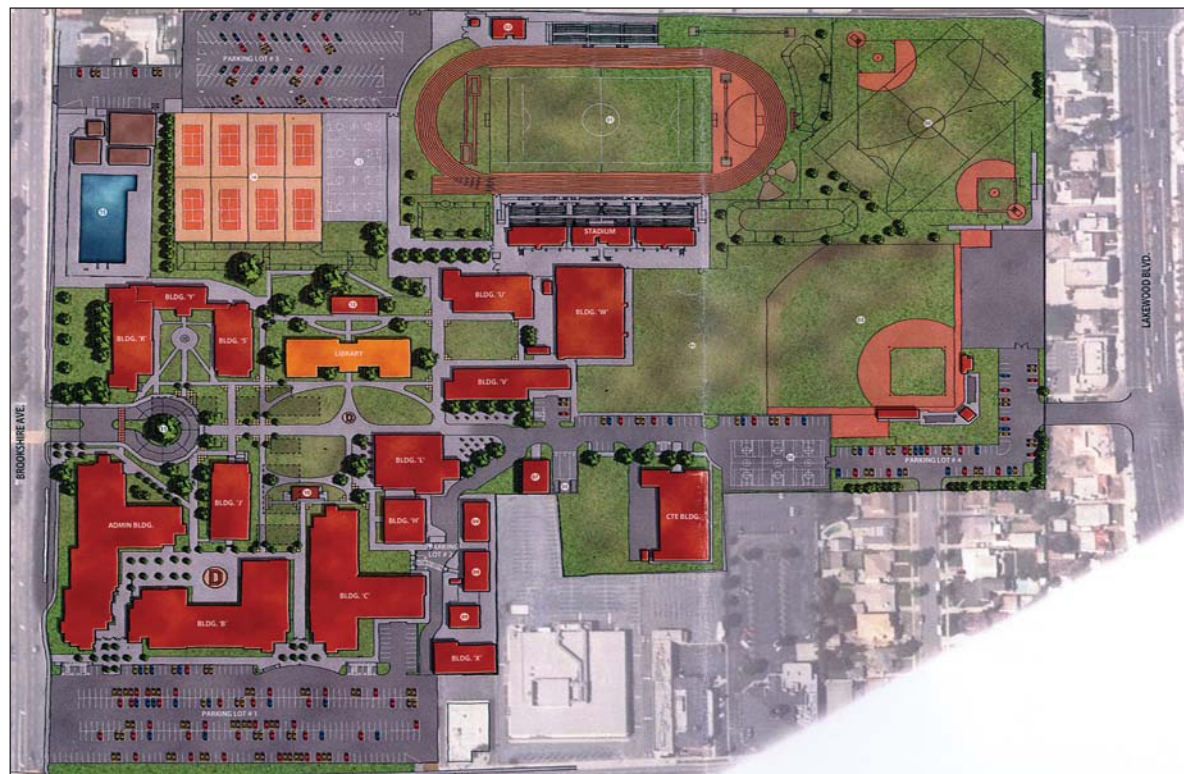
To no one's surprise, the district will operate in 2009-10 with a further budget cut of \$6.5 million (from \$180 million in 2008-09 to roughly \$173 million), said Kevin Condon, asst. superintendent for business services. This is in addition to the projected operational deficit of \$2.9 million in 2008-09.

However, these deficits will be offset by injections from DUSD's share of federal stimulus funds. Add to these offsetting funds the various savings here and there as a result of continuing conscious efficiency measures district-wide, buttressed by accumulated reserves due to the district's fiscal discipline, and the district can face the immediate future in a more enviable position than a great many school districts across the state.

In fact, it is hoped that the district's September budget revise will show an accumulated deficit of "only" \$4 million.

In any event, said Condon, if figures and economic conditions stay on their present course, the district should be prepared for a worst-case deficit scenario of some \$9 million by 2012. He's optimistic, however, that things should turn around by then.

The accompanying 'master



A master plan shows what Downey High School will look like when modernization work is complete. The redone cafeteria, not shown, will be located just north of Bldg. B and east of Bldg. J.

plan' schematic shows the new configuration of Downey High School when its modernization program is completed. The objective of the rearrangement, said Maintenance, Operations and Transportation director Buck Weinfurter, is to achieve 'functionality' – student-friendly classrooms and facilities and the provision of more open spaces.

"Everything should flow," he said, with nothing hindering teacher or student or campus visitor from easy access to one's intended destination or activity (with safety a paramount concern, of course).

Weinfurter echoed principal architect Paul Westberg's elucidation of the master plan, which features a more centralized drop-off round-a-bout and library, lots of ground-floor and second-floor

classrooms, and a "steel-framed" (to signify solidity) CTE automotive building.

Elementary Education director Denise Takano traced the five-year progress of the district's standards-based elementary report card system, the leading reason why she was hired by the district, she said. Starting from scratch, Takano said her team developed guidelines, procedures, assessment techniques, and the technology that assured complete alignment with state standards in reporting student grades. "Its physical appearance alone," she said, "places it above other report cards."

Robert Jagielski, director of pupil services, was equally upbeat about his program of student intervention. He pointed to the steadily declining '03-'04 to '08-'09 figures in suspensions as well as the significant reductions in expulsion referrals today versus five years ago, a tribute, he said, to the close collaboration among scores of concerned individuals and the various support groups (10-20 Club, Character Counts, Gangs Out of Downey, ASPIRE, police on campus, Amer-I-Can, SARB, TLC, etc.) operating in Downey, and to the philosophy of giving the [floundering] kids a second chance. Recipient of the superintendent's Vision Award for budget and finance was senior director for budget and finance JoAnn Sims, who came aboard at the district a second time in 2005, after she finished her bachelor's in business administration (1990) from the University of Redlands and her MBA (2000) from National University.



JoAnn Sims

Condon said he's impressed by her ability to manage both people and budgets, which is a "delicate and difficult combination." What's more, he said, she has a "rare blend of professional skills and human warmth and openness."

In other action, the Board: *Accepted with gratitude cash and in-kind donations from various individuals and organizations/groups, including \$1,000 from T & F Sheet Metal for the 8th grade picnic at West Middle School, and various amounts/donations from United Way, Starbucks, and Pina Pizza benefiting various programs at Rio Hondo and Williams Elementary Schools, and West Middle School; as well as cash donations of \$1,849.85 from Rio San Gabriel Elementary, \$650 from Kiwanis Club of Downey, \$650 from Warren High, \$625 from Unsworth Elementary, \$455.25 from Imperial Elementary, \$200 from Katherine M. and

Souhail Y. Israwi, \$100 from Jerilyn King-Brown, \$100 from Peter S. and Karen S. Nadell, and \$100 from Price Elementary, to be used in support of the TLC Family Resource Center;

*Approved the payment of expenses for convention and conference attendance;

*Approved the payments for special education placements;

*Approved Part I of the consolidate application for funding categorical aid programs, and authorized the application to the State Department of Education;

*Accepted the quarterly uniform complaint report summary;

*Authorized the signatories, as presented, to become effective July 1, 2009, and to remain in effect until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education;

*Approved the monthly mileage allowances for ten-month, eleven-month, and twelve-month employees for 2009-10, as submitted, at an estimated annual cost of \$60,570;

*Approved purchase orders by the Purchasing Department;

*Approved the purchase of specific excess workers' compensation insurance for the 2009-10 fiscal year, from Safety National Insurance Company, at a premium rate of \$0.1270 per \$100 of Payroll;

*Ratified the agreements between Downey Adult School (DAS) Career and Education Center and Marquez Family Dentistry, Teresita Pabalan, DMD, Inc., and Perfect Smile of Dr. Ramon Rahimi, to furnish practical experience to students enrolled in the Dental Assistant program; between DAS and Michael B. Scott, M.D., Inc., to furnish practical experience to students enrolled in the Medical Assistant program; and between DAS and Elizabeth McShane, M.D., to furnish practical experience to students enrolled in the Medical Billing & Coding program;

*Approved the one-year safety agreement for food safety inspections by the L.A. County Department of Health;

*Ratified the establishment of four new Senior Instructional Assistant-level positions (for the severely-handicapped, behaviorally-challenged, etc.) for assignment to Sussman Middle School, Rio Hondo Elementary, Alameda Elementary, and Warren High; of two Senior Accounting Assistant-level positions, for Financial Services; of new limited-term positions, to be assigned as needed, with Intermediate Clerical Assistant-level duties and classification; of three new limited-term positions with Lead Custodian-level classification;

*In the meanwhile approved the changes to the duties of Lead Custodian, as well as those of Utility Worker;

*Approved payment of those classified employees deemed eligible to receive the Professional Growth Award for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2009;

*Endorsed the actions taken by the Superintendent on all student cases; and

*Approved the waivers for student petitions No. 200809-CAHSEE-037 to No. 200809-CAHSEE-044.

The next meeting of the Board will be at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 in the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

*Renewed the annual contract with McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens for fencing work, representing the fourth year of a five-year optionally renewable period; and approved the renewals of bids by various other contractors/suppliers, whose products and services are to be used mainly by Maintenance and Food Services;

*Authorized LACOE to make the appropriate transfers necessary at the close of the 2008-09 school year to permit payment of obligations incurred by the district for the period, in accordance with Section 42601 of the Education Code;

*Approved the adjustments (increase/decrease to the fund balance) in the 2008-09 General Fund unrestricted and restricted budgets, as well as in the Adult Education and County School Facilities Fund restricted budgets;

*Approved the destruction of Class 1, 2, and 3 disposable district records, and appointed Katrina Juarez-Lorenzetti, clerical assistant, as document destruction coordinator;

*Approved routine Personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board;

*Approved the abolishment of one vacant 6-hour Instructional Assistant at DAS, one vacant Senior Instructional Assistant position at Carpenter Elementary, four Child Care Assistant positions at Alameda and Unsworth Elementary, and two 6-1/2 hour Senior Instructional Assistant positions, one at Griffiths Middle School and another at West Middle School;

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Deputy-involved shooting reported in Downey

DOWNEY – A shooting involving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department shut down a portion of South Downey early Monday morning.

A deputy fired at a male Hispanic adult at about 3:15 a.m. near Airpoint Avenue and Gardendale Street in Downey.

Neither the suspect nor the deputy was injured, sheriff's officials said. It was unclear if any arrests were made.

Officials from the sheriff's internal affairs were on scene. Several streets were closed as a result of the investigation.

Newcomers to honor Lonie

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will honor Selina Lonie at its July luncheon for her many years of service.

Lonie has been with the organization for more than 25 years, and twice served as president.

The Newcomers Club is also accepting new members. While they are not a service club, they do support Downey PTA Helps, the Downey Rose Float Association, and other groups. They also award three scholarships annually.

Anyone interested in joining the Newcomers Club is asked to call Barbara Emry at (562) 869-1044.

Sister Cities installing board

DOWNEY – The Downey Sister Cities Association will install its executive board for 2009-10 on July 8 at Maude Price Elementary School.

The installation will take place inside the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Mario Guerra will serve as installing officer.

The Downey Sister Cities Association was established in 1960 after President Dwight D. Eisenhower requested, "A voluntary effort of private citizens to advance the cause of international friendship."

Downey currently enjoys sister city status with Guadalajara-Jalisco, Alajuela, Costa Rica and Ensenada, Baja California.

The community is invited to the installation. For more information, call Leonard Zuniga at (562) 869-5444.

Bingo luncheon July 12

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Catholic Church will host a bingo luncheon July 12 at 1 p.m. inside the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12349 Paramount Blvd., in Downey.

Cost is \$10 and includes one bingo card, door prizes, and lunch. A \$25 money tree and other prizes will be raffled off.

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

Student makes dean's list

DOWNEY – Matthew Johnson, of Downey, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Loyola University New Orleans.

Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher to earn the distinction.



Ashley Abdon, of South Gate, daughter of David and Lisa Abdon, will wed Jason Ibarra, of Downey, son of Sally Ibanez and Antonio Ibarra, in a marriage ceremony tomorrow at Messiah Lutheran Church. Ashley is a 2007 graduate of Downey High School and is currently a student at Westwood College. Jason graduated from St. John Bosco in 2003 and works as an accountant. After a honeymoon cruise to Mexico, the couple will reside in Downey.

Casino bus trip July 6

DOWNEY – Seats are still available for a bus trip to the Pechanga Resort & Casino on July 6.

Money raised by the trip will support the Woman's Club of Downey's scholarship fund.

The bus will leave the Woman's Club at 8 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 for Woman's Club members, \$11 for non-members, and includes a \$5 voucher for casino play.

Guests must be at least 21 years old. Bingo will be played on the bus.

For reservations, call Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

Class teaches financial solvency

DOWNEY – Financial Peace University (FPU), a 13-week program taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey, will be offered at the Lord's Grace Church in Downey beginning July 11.

The program consists of 13 lessons taught by Ramsey on DVD. After each lesson the group meets to help each other plan budgets, discuss successes and temptations, and support each other in their quest to beat debt and build wealth.

Topics include saving for emergencies, budgeting, buying big bargains, getting out of debt, understanding investments and insurance, retirement and college planning, real estate mortgages, careers and extra jobs, and more.

Students of FPU are required to purchase a kit before beginning the class. For more information, call Jeremiah Kerkhoff at (626) 829-5339.

Library reading program aimed at adults

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library is offering a program this summer to encourage adults to do more leisure reading.

"Master the Art of Reading," which runs through Aug. 1, is the theme for the free independent reading program for adults. Adults can register for the program starting Monday.

Participants will receive a "Book Bingo" card and will be awarded a free prize after completing five boxes in a row.

"This is a fun and easy way for adults to brush up on their literary skills," said Librarian Nancy Munoz. "You will be setting a great example for children and teens while you catch up on the latest bestsellers or classic books."

Munoz said the program is ideal for anyone who has a few minutes each day to read.

"You will enrich your life by discovering the reading habit," she said. "Even if you have a busy schedule or are on a budget, you will benefit from this program."

"Master the Art of Reading" is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library and community donations. To register, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132, or visit the library.

Donations by Knights of Columbus top \$15K

DOWNEY – The Downey Knights of Columbus recently donated more than \$15,000 to local community programs.

Some of the Downey programs that have benefited from the Knights of Columbus are the Downey police and fire departments, the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, Arc, the Living Help Center, St. Vincent Meals on Wheels, Los Padrinos Juvenile Detention Center, Gangs Out of Downey, Hope University, and local Catholic churches and their sandwich programs which benefit the homeless.

In addition to these programs, the Knights of Columbus also support civic entities, including the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools program, which sends small groups of musicians to schools to play classical selections and encourage children to participate in music programs.

"The Downey Knights are proud to have rendered assistance to these and other groups for many years and plan to continue this twice-a-year assistance in the future," said John Kirschner, Grand Knight for the Downey Knights of Columbus.

Christian Club meeting July 8

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will listen to a presentation from Josephine Duran of Seed Bead Jewelry at its July 8 meeting at Los Amigos Country Club.

Also at the meeting, Sandi Rogers will lecture about "Speaking the Languages of Love."

The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch. The community – including men – is invited.

RSVP by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.

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Robert Zavala, owner of Freedom Vacations, was installed as the 106th president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce on June 26. From left: Councilman David Gafin, Zavala, Ernie Garcia and Johnny Croshaw.

Zavala is new Chamber president

DOWNEY – Local business owner Robert Zavala was installed as the 106th president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce last Friday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Zavala, owner of the Freedom Vacations travel agency in Downtown Downey, was sworn-in by Councilman David Gafin, himself a past president of the Chamber.

Ernie Garcia, owner of West Coast Metal Finishing, served as master of ceremonies for the country-themed event. Johnny Croshaw provided entertainment.

Mike Murray of Downey Used Cars was installed as president-elect of the Chamber. Other officers include vice president Jan Scott (Pacific Western Bank); treasurer George Zoumberakis (Trilogy Financial Services); and immediate past president Rick Rodriguez (RMI International).

Sue Nordin, executive director of the Chamber, will serve as board secretary.

Incoming and returning directors include Joe Becker (Bob's Big Boy), Bob Ciatti (Efficient Lighting & Electric), Marlene Dowls (Jesse Blessings Promotional Solutions), Steve Hoffman (Law Office of Steven J. Hoffman), Patricia Kotze (Diversified Risk Management), David Llamas (Mambo Grill), Dr. John McAllister (DDS), Alex Saab (Law Office of Alexis Saab), Min Thai (Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle), and Elizabeth Trombley (Kaiser Permanente).

Classes of '79-80 reuniting

DOWNEY – Warren High School's classes of 1979 and 1980 will celebrate a 30-year reunion July 11 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

The two classes will also host a golf tournament July 10 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club at 10 a.m. No reservations are needed to participate.

For more information on the reunion, visit www.greatreunions.com.

Class of '99 reuniting

DOWNEY – Downey High School's class of 1999 will celebrate their 10-year reunion Aug. 8 at The Grand in Long Beach.

Tickets are \$90 until July 10. After that date, tickets increase to \$100.

For more information, visit www.greatreunions.com. Classmates are encouraged to submit a biography for a bio book by July 10.



PEO Chapter JK recently celebrated its 70th birthday at the home of Diane Hunt. Members pictured, left to right: Frances Benson, Barbara Briley-Beard, Peggy Morgan, Marian Curtis, Adele Alexander, Judy Faust, Jean Johnson, Laurie Marks, Helen Rodgers, Marilyn Evans, Lea Fratello, Ione Van Petten, Colleen Edmonson, Yvonne Swain, Diane Hunt, Margie Jo Powell, Arlene Hofmayer, Sophie Giebler, Kathy Brandon and Nancy Nash. Members not pictured are Frances Barnes, Georgia Benadom, Peggy Farnham, Bernice Mason, Debbie Miller-Hernandez, Chloe Mocchiario, Mary Stauffer, Marilyn Stromberg and Cathy Sullivan.

'Spamalot' tickets still available

DOWNEY – Downey residents age 21 and older are invited on an excursion to watch Monty Python's "Spamalot" at the Ahmanson Theater in Los Angeles on Aug. 8.

"Spamalot" won the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical. Tickets are \$70.

Seniors over age 50 are invited on a separate excursion to Legoland in Carlsbad on Sept. 26. Cost is \$52.

Fees for both trips cover admission and transportation. For more information, call the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center at (562) 904-7227.

Seminar deals with Alzheimer's

NORWALK – A free seminar on Alzheimer's disease will be offered Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Norwalk Senior Center.

A separate seminar July 16 will focus on memory loss and aging.

Both seminars are sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call (562) 929-5580.

The Norwalk Senior Center is at 14040 San Antonio Dr. in Norwalk.

Property tax seminar in Lakewood

LAKEWOOD – A seminar for property owners who feel their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in their property value will be held Aug. 10 at the Angela M. Iacoboni Library in Lakewood.

The 90-minute meeting will help taxpayers understand the assessment appeals process. The seminar will also cover how to prepare for a hearing, what qualifies as admissible evidence, what will happen at the hearing, and what to expect afterwards.

The Angela M. Iacoboni Library is at 4900 Clark Ave., near Del Amo Boulevard. For more information, call (213) 974-7953.

The meeting is free and sponsored by the County of Los Angeles.

Family-friendly Monday nights

DOWNEY – A series of free family-friendly events at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center begins July 6 with an Animal Tracks show at 7 p.m.

The series continues each Monday night until Aug. 3.

POET'S CORNER

Poet in the City

I went to L.A. the other day.
I had an appointment at the
Arco Towers. My round
shoulders scraped corners.
I poked through square doors.

Electric carpets shocked
my shoes. Silvery ceilings
made my eyes blink. I
walked past windowless
offices. A voice echoed hello.
My heart pumped faster!

Was it real? Piped in?
No, it was YOU. You took
me to a conference room.
You played a cassette called
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We finished our meeting.
You walked me to an elevator.
Or was it a cage? I started
to sweat! I crept in, held my
breath and descended alone.

When the cage door opened
I stumbled outside. I gulped
air and sank into the sidewalk.
Cement solidified my feet and
I was drowned in the crowd.

—Margaret Hehman-Smith,
Downey

The Fact of the Matter

How is it that a spider can
fall off a roof top and live
to thread yet another web?

Do not answer

You will only ruin my imagination.
I would much rather be ignorant
And let my imagination run wild, amuck,
astray, anything but boring
Than walk about as a walking, talking
encyclopedia

Void of any wonders
and spoiler of facts.

Is it magic or is it that we don't
quite understand?

Anyway, the spider falls coiled up in a
ball and rises the instant its eight walking
sticks surface the ground.

Finding the will to get up again is a feat
hardly any humans can conquer and bound.
Some humans never get up.

Fact.

—James Hernandez,
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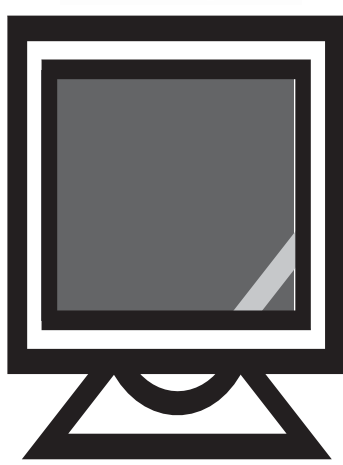
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Blow stuff up

By Eric Pierce

It's time like these I'm glad I don't have any kids. Don't get me wrong, I look forward to raising children one day and teaching them how to shoot a properly moistened spit ball out of a straw, and that day will come.

No, I'm grateful I don't have children right now because I can't afford them. I can barely afford a bucket of balls at the driving range. (I know, I know...I would probably have more money if I cut back on video games for my Wii and spontaneous road trips to Vegas, but we're not going there.)

If I had children, I just know they would be asking to shoot off some fireworks tomorrow. And fireworks, even at "buy one, get one free," are expensive. (The good fireworks are expensive anyway.)

That's what makes the city-sponsored fireworks show tomorrow such a great idea. Yes, \$50,000 is a lot of money, but the city has \$50 million in reserves. The cost to produce this show is a mere drop in the bucket, and it will provide immeasurable relief to cash-strapped families.

I'm not big on the city's argument that sponsoring a fireworks show will prevent fires and injuries. Knuckleheads who get a kick from shooting a mortar out of a soda can will do that regardless. I prefer the simple argument that the city is doing something nice for the community, at a time when families are struggling to make ends meet.

The bigger concern is how the new park will hold up against the thousands of people expected to show up tomorrow. The streets surrounding the park are narrow and parking is scarce.

I'm only half-kidding when I say it would be easier to climb up on the roof and catch the fireworks show from there. (Not a good idea, please don't do it.)

Still, something tells me that come 9 p.m., with fireworks splashing across the black sky and the beautiful (but, cough, still unopened) Columbia Memorial Space Center in the foreground, the night could be magical.

Legislation earmarks funds for programs

Contributed by the Office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34) applauded last week's House passage of the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act, which makes critical investments in law enforcement, as well as science education and global climate change research programs.

Passed by a vote of 259 to 157, the legislation (HR 2847) funds a wide-variety of programs administered by federal agencies that include the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Nationally, the legislation invests in important justice programs to help local and state governments keep their streets and citizens safe, including an additional \$252 million above 2009 levels for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that, when combined with funding from the Recovery Act, will allow local municipalities to hire more than 7,000 new police officers.

Roybal-Allard secured \$2,625,000 in the House-passed version of the FY 2010 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for projects to benefit constituents and communities in her 34th Congressional District: •\$250,000 for the Hollenbeck Police Activities League Youth Crime Prevention Program to expand crime prevention training and leadership development programs for youth ages 9-18 and their parents in the communities of Boyle Heights;

•\$500,000 for the Chrysalis Ex-Offender and Homeless Job Training Initiative for a training program to help ex-offenders re-enter the workforce;

•\$375,000 for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program for Infants and Toddlers to recruit, train and supervise court appointed special advocates to address the needs of infants and toddlers in the Los Angeles foster care system;

•\$500,000 for the City of Los Angeles' Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program to decrease gang-related crime in the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles;

•\$200,000 for the U.S. Soccer Foundation's Champions of Change: Youth Soccer Gang Prevention Initiative to fund a pilot program in the 34th Congressional District that uses soccer as a tool for keeping at-risk children and teenagers from joining gangs; and

•\$800,000 for the Phoenix House Strengthening Family and Mental Health Services for Underserved Youth in Los Angeles County to expand substance abuse recovery management services, which include outpatient, mental health, family, and vocational services.

The measure now awaits passage in the U.S. Senate.

Financial education starts at childhood

By Arkadi Kuhlmann, ING Direct

Financial illiteracy has become an epidemic. According to a recent report from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, more than 40 percent of Americans grade themselves a C, D or F on their knowledge of personal finance issues.

This illiteracy most often manifests itself in over-spending and under-saving. The average American household with at least one credit card has nearly \$11,000 in credit-card debt. And the average worker saves just four cents of every dollar she earns.

In many ways, the financial crisis was spawned by this borrow-and-spend behavior. For much of the last decade, mortgage brokers and financial advisers told Americans to buy as much house as they could. And many folks listened, borrowing as much as the bank would lend them.

We've all since discovered that it's not much fun when the country is financially maxed-out. To get back on solid financial footing — and to prevent another collapse — we need to get back to the tried-and-true formula of saving money on a consistent and disciplined basis.

That lesson should be taught from day one.

Unfortunately, most parents would prefer to speak with their kids about the birds and the bees than budgeting and finances. Yet, a 2009 Harris Interactive survey found that nearly all - 94 percent — surveyed parents of children under the age of 18 believe that parents are primarily accountable for educating kids about the importance of money and responsible spending. Furthermore, almost half - 42 percent — think schools should start financial education for kids before 5th grade, and most - 82 percent — think it should happen before high school.

Schools, however, aren't picking up the slack. Educators haven't prioritized financial education in the classroom, in part because standardized exams don't test for it. Indeed, only 17 states require that students pass an economics class before graduation. Just seven require a personal finance class.

It should come as no surprise, then, that once kids grow up and head to college, they're prone to financially irresponsible behavior and easily lured toward credit borrowing.

A major survey just released by the University of Arizona found that nearly three-quarters of college students had made a "risky" financial move in the last six months. Those moves included maxing out a credit card, not making the full payment on a credit card, taking out a payday loan, and paying a bill after its due date. Over 12 percent had engaged in four or more of these activities during that time.

Equally disheartening were the results of a basic "true/false" money management questionnaire administered by researchers. The average score was below 60 percent. These results are in line with other surveys of young adults.

Parental guidance turned out to be the major determinant of whether a college student behaved in a way that would lead to poverty or prosperity. In fact, researchers found that parental teaching had more influence than high school work experience and high school financial education combined.

So how do we fix this deficiency?

For starters, children need to be taught the "Pay Yourself First" principle. Whether it's an allowance or a paycheck from delivering pizzas, kids should be taught to immediately deposit a preset amount of each and every check into their own savings account.

And kids should be able to spend their own money as they'd like. If your child blows it — say your teenage son spends all his money on some video games and therefore doesn't have the cash to catch a movie with friends — let him live with his decision. It will be a valuable lesson, because as an adult, such overspending could be disastrous.

Giving our kids a degree of financial freedom will also allow them to experience the satisfaction that comes from successfully saving up for a big purchase. That can inspire a lifetime of healthy financial behavior. The discipline a child learns at age 8 when saving to buy a soccer ball will serve her well when she's 17 and saving to buy her first car or when she's 30 and saving up for a house.

Too few young people understand that wealth is something you earn through hard work and prudence.

To right the economy, we need to change the culture of spending in this country. That process starts early, with parents teaching their children how to save.

Arkadi Kuhlmann is president and CEO of ING DIRECT USA



Letters to the Editor:

Cultural group organizes

Dear Editor:

As we celebrate our country's birthday and all of the freedoms that so many have fought for through its history, we would like to celebrate the formation of a group of Downey citizens who have rallied together to save a piece of Downey history. We thank our forefathers for the rights granted in our Constitution, especially free speech, which includes the right to petition.

When we became aware of the city's purchase of the Avenue Theatre with housing monies and the threat this imposed on the historic building, we started making phone calls, sending e-mails, and becoming "friends" on social networks. This modern day revolution evolved through the Internet. An online petition was started two months ago and we met each other face-to-face at a City Council meeting in May.

We represent a variety of backgrounds, cultures and ages. We share a common interest in preserving a Downey landmark, so that it can continue to provide entertainment for our community as it has for more than 80 years.

We have met numerous times discussing and strategizing how we must proceed. We have written letters to this newspaper and spoken before our City Council. We are now formally organizing as a non-profit group — we are the Avenue Cultural Arts Foundation. Our vision is to have the ground floor of the city's proposed multi-story building, the marquee, and the entrance to the theater restored and preserved as a special entertainment venue where patrons can enjoy independent and classic films, live shows and community events. We believe that the Avenue Theatre is a historic and cultural gem that can and should continue to be an important and vital part of our community.

Members of the foundation will be collecting signatures for our petition at the city's Fourth of July celebration tomorrow at the Discovery Sports Complex. You can also sign the petition online at www.thepetition-site.com/2/save-the-historic-avenue-theater-in-downey-california.

If you would like to join our foundation, please contact us online at savetheave@gmail.com or by calling Gary Head at (562) 928-2928 or Kathy Perez at (562) 862-2044.

—Kathy Perez,
President, Avenue Cultural Arts Foundation

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Celebrating America's birth

By Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34)

Two hundred and thirty three years after the ratification of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the principles outlined in this historic document remain our country's guiding light. It defines what we stand for and who we are as a nation and embodies the heart and spirit of the American people.

Today, our men and women in uniform continue to exemplify Thomas Jefferson's glorious words stated eloquently in the Declaration of Independence "... with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred honor."

As we observe our Independence Day, the month of July is also an opportunity for all of us to pay tribute to the nearly 2.3 million men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and reserve, and their families. Just as our forefathers sacrificed on the battlefield, they too have answered our nation's call to duty.

They are enduring harsh conditions and some will never return home. Since 2001, nearly 5,000 of them have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 33,000 have been wounded.

To honor their contributions, I am proud that Congress under the leadership of our new President took significant steps in recent weeks to provide our service members and their families with additional services and benefits.

The Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations measure signed into law on June 24 provides more than 185,000 service members who have had their enlistments involuntarily extended since September 11, 2001 with \$500 for every month they were held over. The measure also includes more than \$708 million for military family advocacy programs and \$276



million for the construction of new child development centers, which will provide care for an additional 5,000 military children.

In addition, the legislation builds on the new GI Bill signed into law last year by allowing for the extension of college education benefits to the children of members of the armed forces who die while on active duty. The new GI Bill covers the costs of a four-year education up to the level of the most expensive in-state public tuition for soldiers who served three years on active duty since September 11, 2001. More information about this comprehensive law is available at www.gibill.va.gov

Congress also passed a budget resolution in April praised by major veterans' groups for its funding increase of 11.7 percent or \$5.6 billion for veterans' health care and other important veteran-related services. This commitment to our veterans builds on other landmark federal spending measures over the last two years that included the largest funding increase for the Department of Veterans Affairs in its' 77-year history. These spending measures make critical investments in veterans' medical care, in hiring additional claims processors, and making badly needed improvements in VA medical facilities.

Through the passage of long overdue legislation such as the new GI Bill and the Supplemental, this Congress and our President are demonstrating, with action and not just words, that we too share the honorable military code of conduct "to leave no soldier behind" — on or off the battlefield.

To our veterans past and present, and to all of our men and women in uniform, we thank you for your service. Your dedication and sacrifices strengthen our country and keep alive the patriotic ideals embodied in our great Declaration of Independence, including our "unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

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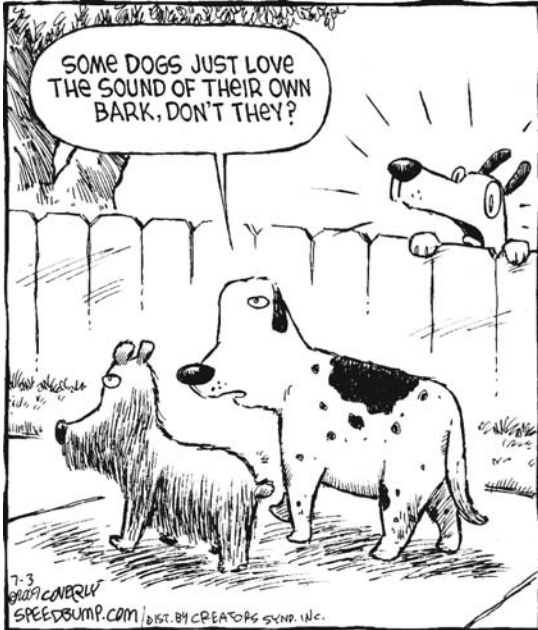
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

- Sat. July 4: **Fourth of July celebration**, Discovery Sports Complex, 9:45 a.m.
- Mon. July 6: **Trip to Pechanga**, Woman's Club of Downey, 8 a.m.
- Mon. July 6: **Animal Tracks show**, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- Wed. July 8: **Christian Club meeting**, Los Amigos Country Club, 11:45 a.m.
- Wed. July 8: **Concerts in the Park**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.
- Wed. July 8: **Sister Cities installation**, Maude Price Elementary, 7:30 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info, call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Pat Rooney at 923-5352.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Brian Saylor at 927-2000.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
- 4th Weds., 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Cafe N Stuff, for information, call Sandy Esslinger, (310) 491-8989.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call (562) 904-7246.

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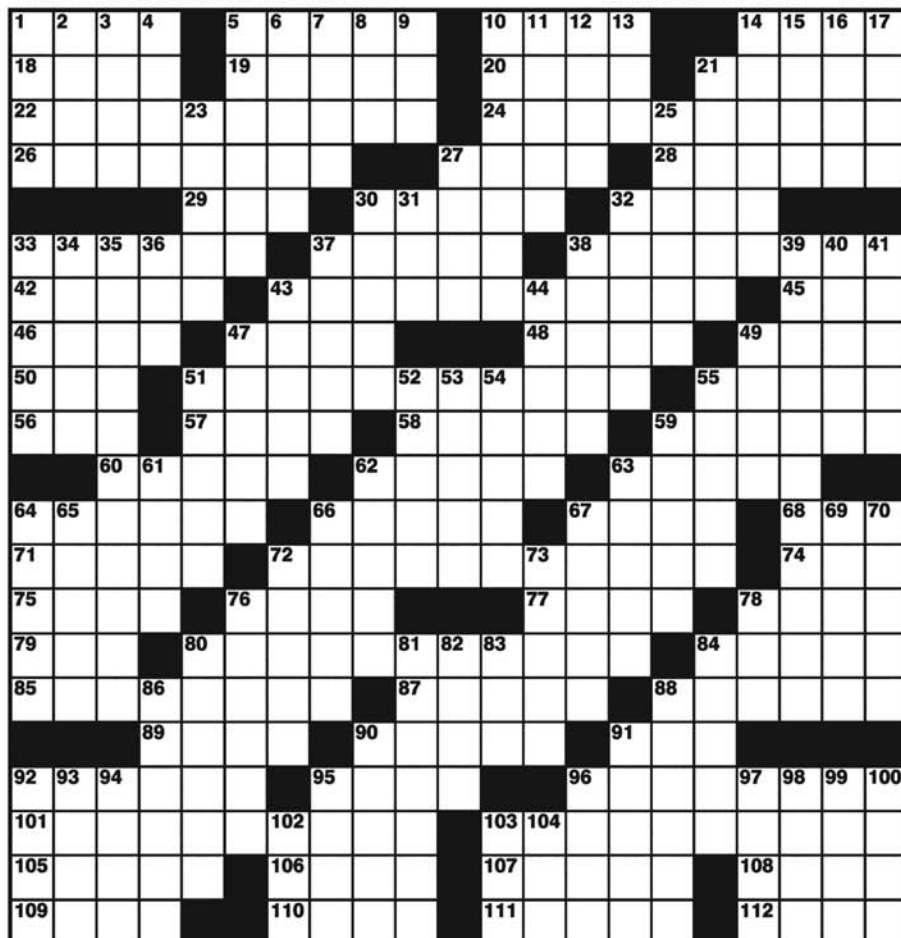
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- 1863:** Final day of the Battle of Gettysburg.
- 1884:** Dow Jones publishes its first stock average.
- 1962:** The Algerian War of Independence ends.
- 1986:** The relighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty takes place.
- 2005:** A national law legalizing same sex marriage is passed in Spain.
- Birthdays:** "Viva La Bam" castmember Don Vito (53), talk show host Montel Williams (53), actor Tom Cruise (47), and NFL player Manny Lawson (25).

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| 38 Touchy subject | 92 Disinterested in right and wrong | 33 Increased |
| 42 Nectar sources | 95 Match the last raise | 34 Chaucer pilgrim |
| 43 Shipping route since 1914 | 96 Recyclable stuff | 35 Least acceptable amount |
| 45 <i>A Chorus Line</i> number | 101 Rolling digs | 36 Etchings and such |
| 46 Fresh-mouthed | 103 Gilbert & Sullivan genre | 37 Kid-lit pachyderm |
| 47 Ox of legend | 105 Ordinary talk | 38 Oral-vaccine developer |
| 48 Explorer Tasman | 106 Jillions | 39 Arctic mass |
| 49 Collegians wearing Y's | 107 Get-up-and-go | 40 Chilling |
| 50 Party time, maybe | 108 Skip | 41 Checks out |
| 51 "Enough!" | 109 Margin marking | 43 Devonshire dad |
| 55 Make into law | 110 Some House votes | 44 Bamboo plants |
| 56 LBJ or BHO | 111 "All ___ in favor..." | 47 Municipal vehicles |
| 57 Computer owner | 112 One caplet, perhaps | 49 Extremities |
| 58 Skater Sasha | | 51 Windowpane securer |
| 59 National League team | | 52 Words of compassion |
| 60 Prefix meaning "between" | DOWN | 53 They're over rotundas |
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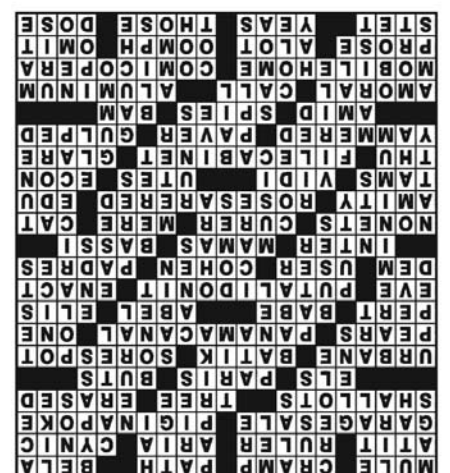
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The word CYNIC (21 Across) is derived from the Greek word for "dog." In addition to discovering Tasmania, ABEL Tasman (48 Across) led the first European expedition to reach New Zealand and sight Fiji. The theme of the puzzle, as hinted at by the title "Back and Forth": phrases with alternating vowels and consonants.





College the next step

By: Brianne Schar, Intern

High school is over. I am so excited to move on to the next big chapter in my life: college.

However, I have an entire summer vacation to experience before furthering my education. The summer of '09 is bound to bring many fun-filled adventures.

It is time for me to live my life as it comes and have a blast while doing it. My eighteenth birthday was on Sunday, so I can finally get in to those over-18 clubs.

This summer there will be trips to the beach, window-shopping in fancy malls, awesome concerts and long car rides with no particular destination.

I want to spend as much time as possible with my friends before we all become separated in the fall. Still, distance is really not a factor in my friendships since modern technology makes it so easy to communicate. With facebook and myspace I can read all of my friends' updates and see their pic-

tures and feel as if I were there with them.

Of course I will also spend time with my family. We are going to visit my relatives in Virginia and North Carolina. While on the east coast, we will also spend time in New York and Washington DC, two places that I have always wanted to visit.

Then I will be jetting off to Germany. Actually, that last sentence will only be happening in my dreams, which will be occurring frequently. Sleep will probably be my main activity this summer, since I need to make up for all of the hours I missed while doing homework during the school year. I will also spend time writing, since this is not even close to the end of my writing days. I am definitely going to continue writing in college, since I am on the staff of the Daily 49er at Cal State Long Beach and I will continue to contribute stories to The Downey Patriot.

Fun until the end

By: Keysi Carrasco, Intern

So the school year has finally come to an end and what a fun year it has been. From meeting great new friends, to taking on even more responsibilities and even picking up on some great opportunities, like writing for the Patriot; it has all been wonderful and exactly what I pictured my senior year of high school to be like.

Now, it is time to shut off the alarm clock, drop all the text books, put away the pen and paper and just take some time to relax, at least for a month or so until college starts.

While I know that having fun this summer is important, I will be

sure to continue my writing for the Patriot every once in a while at least, not only because I enjoy it, but also because I would like to make sure my writing continues to stay strong so that I can return next year with even greater articles for the paper.

There is no doubt in my mind that this summer will be one of my best. It is now time to have some fun with my friends, squeeze in some great summer books and get ready to leave for college, where my new life will start.

See you next year for a fresh new Student Life!

Marathon is finally over

By: Michelle Muller, Intern

My senior year was like running a marathon. I was excited to take on something that I worked so hard to reach, I got exhausted halfway through, but quickly thought about all the effort and energy I put towards accomplishing my goals and I could not give up. This year was definitely one that I will always cherish.

From the start I knew it would be one to remember, not only because of my position as Editor-in-Chief for Warren's *The Justice Newspaper*, but also because of the people that I was going to be able to enjoy senior year with.

While others were worried about taking multiple honors and AP courses to inflate their gpa's, I was simply taking the courses that I wanted to, not because it would

boost my academics but because I wanted to.

Senior year was a lot of work, but one of my favorite things that I worked hard for was writing for *The Patriot*. It has been a great experience because I was not only able to work on my writing skills, but I had the opportunity to evolve my communication skills.

Alongside those skills, I also had the opportunity to work with journalist who gave the interns guidance on any issues we faced when it came to writing. That and being Editor-in-Chief, are two of the many things that I have worked very hard for and loved doing.

Despite the fact that the high school has concluded, if possible I would like nothing better than to continue writing for *The Patriot*.

Summer is upon us

By: Britawyna Craft, Intern

Well, once again it is time to put an end to late night study sessions and early morning alarms. Summer has finally arrived and for many that means endless days at the beach, countless nights away from home and sleeping in. This year has been a sensational year, from prom to visiting college campuses, senior year was all it was cracked up to be. Although graduation has passed, reminiscing on the most influential moments in high school is only expected. Meeting new friends, planning for the future and trying to discover yourself all along the way, a new life is to begin. As my father told me at graduation, "This is your day, day

one of your life, what are you going to do?". Even though my plans are pretty concrete in what happens from here on out, I know that anything at the drop of a hat can change that.

Through out the summer I will continue writing with the Downey Patriot, so that I will never lose my touch. I was once told that you are never to forget about those who helped you while you were trying to succeed, the Patriot has strengthened me as a writer and I shall never forget all that I've learned. So now as I set off into the great endeavors of life, I'll never forget where my roots were formed.

Musical Theatre

By: Ruby Muller



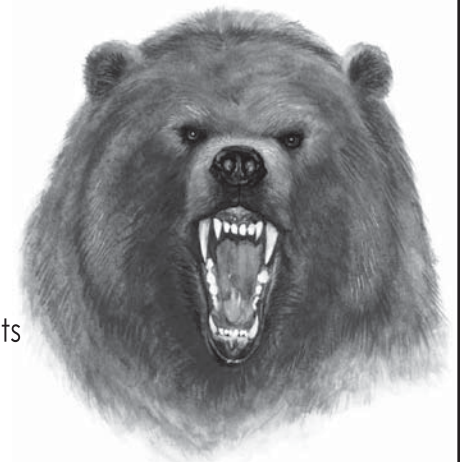
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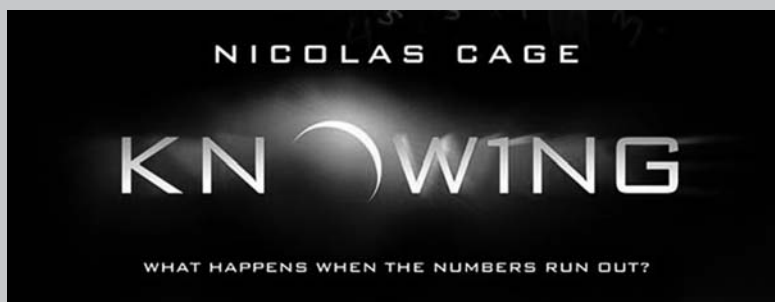
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Community needs a spot for Frisbee golf

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

This column is for the sports enthusiast. I'm about to unveil a sport that will challenge even the most seasoned athletes. Start lifting weights, running and increasing that endurance, and begin disciplining your mind because this sport is about to blow you away. My friends, welcome to the world of Frisbee golf.

I'm sure you're asking yourself "He must be kidding right? Frisbee golf?" No I definitely am not kidding. While the sport doesn't have the swagger of basketball, intellectual aptitude of baseball, or the diehard fanaticism of football, it still challenges you physically and mentally.

The game is rather simple. It's nothing more than throwing a Frisbee at a basket and trying to throw it as few times as possible. The game essentially is golf without the mess of sand traps, fairways, confusing rules and \$900 sets of golf clubs.

If you've ever played before though, you've probably seen a few people with bags that have multiple discs in them. Like golf clubs, every disc does a little something different. In golf, the clubs have different lofts and give you different distances with your shots. The discs in Frisbee golf are a little similar in the fact that they all do a little something different.

There is your driver disc which normally is a more aerodynamic disc that tends to weigh a little bit more than your other discs. There are discs that bend to the left or the right creating a draw or a fade. And there is your lightweight disc that floats and is often considered your putter.

In a lot of ways, Frisbee golf is another one of those low-profile sports, like paintball, table tennis and so on. It's not going to get much (if any) coverage on ESPN and the US Disc Golf Championships probably won't be aired on ABC anytime soon.

But it should be known that there is an actual governing body for the sport. The Professional Disc Golf Association watches over tournaments, ranks players worldwide and keeps statistics for those on tour.

Like the PGA, the PDGA ensures the integrity of the game and keeps its history rich. According to the PDGA website, it's unsure where the origins of Frisbee golf begin, but they cite a period between the 20s and 60s where it may have started. Also according to their website, the game rapidly grew and is becoming one of the more popular games in the world.

It's not hard to see why that may be. When you look at the game, it's very friendly to people of all sports abilities and talents. It very much caters to those who want to have fun, those with disabilities, or those hardcore athletes

looking for a new challenge.

At first the game can be very difficult (like this sports writer quickly found out after his first time last week), but one can quickly improve. A few adjustments need to be made and some additional tosses can build confidence. It's rather easy to get sucked into the game because not only is it fun, it's also very cost effective which most sports aren't.

The most expensive Frisbee can be found online at a listing of \$15 and can go as low as a few dollars. Like previously mentioned, each disc does a little something different and the prices will reflect that, but all in all, you're not going to break the bank for this sport.

When you go to courses, most of them won't charge much because they're typically found in public parks. For example, Huntington Beach has a course in

their main park. They ask for a couple dollars to play the course and normally that couple dollars allows you access to the course all day.

The only problem with Frisbee golf for Downey residents is this: We don't have it anywhere in the city.

According to Downey's website, we have more than 100 acres committed to 11 area parks. But when you look at the parks, we don't have the sport. Does Furman Park have it? No. How about Wilderness Park? Nope. But Apollo Park is pretty big. I'm sure we have it there right? Negative.

For a sport that is growing rapidly and becoming a fan favorite of everyone with any ability or desire to play, it's sad that we don't have it in the city. One would have to travel to either Huntington Beach or even Long Beach to play.

Safely dispose of hazardous waste

DOWNEY – Residents can dispose of their hazardous and electronic waste at a roundup Aug. 29 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education in Downey.

Residents can bring up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste per vehicle to the roundup.

Household hazardous waste includes unused pharmaceuticals, antifreeze, car batteries, used motor oil, paint, pesticides, syringes, needles, fluorescent light bulbs, and more.

Electronic waste can include TVs and monitors, VCRs, stereos and cell phones.

The roundup will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Los Angeles County Office of Education is at 9300 Imperial Hwy, between Clark Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard.

Mary Jane Lee was longtime realtor

DOWNEY – Mary Jane Lee, a longtime Downey resident and realtor, passed away June 24.

She was born March 24, 1941 in Bloomington, Ill. and moved to California in 1952.

She lived in Downey for 45 years and was a realtor for more than 30 years.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter, Pam Lee; brothers, George (Yvonne) Spence of Tustin, John T. (Nancy) Spence of Long Beach, and Tim (Linda) Spence of Whittier; and six nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter J. Lee.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Good Samaritan Hospital for the Neuromuscular Research of Dr. W.K. Engle, Development Department, 1225 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017.



Margaret Cain was realtor and volunteer

DOWNEY – Margaret Cain, a longtime resident of Downey, passed away at her home on June 25. She was 84.

Cain was born in Los Angeles on July 16, 1924, the youngest child of Horace and Margaret Otero (Arnett).

She married Albert LeRoy "Roy" Cain on Feb. 15, 1948 and had four children, Kenneth, Terri, Julee and Roy Douglas. The family belonged to St. Raymond's Catholic Church since moving to Downey in 1960.

Cain was a member of the Downey Board of Realtors and worked at Wendt Realty in the 1960s-70s. She led an active retirement – traveling often – and volunteered for many years at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and Downey Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Roy Cain; daughters, Terri Cain and Julee Schrader; grandchildren, Megan Schrader, Jeffrey Cain, Ryan Schrader, Patrick Schrader, and Jake Cain; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Kenneth and Roy Douglas; brothers, Alfred Otero Sr. and Horacio Otero; and sisters, Cricelia Olvera and Olga Fleming.

Services and interment will be held today at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles.



Winifred Heilman, 93, passes away

DOWNEY – Winifred "Winnie" M. Kreiser Heilman, a Downey resident for 58 years, passed away June 27. She was 93.

She was born in Sand Beach, Pa. on Oct. 14, 1915. She worked at the Hershey Chocolate Company for 12 years.

In 1943, Heilman enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp. Later, she became an active WAC-Women Army Corp. member, reaching the rank of Corporal. She was assigned to serve as a receptionist at the Roswell Army Air Base Hospital in Roswell, N.M.

As a volunteer, she passed out reading materials to patients in the hospital. It was at this time that a patient introduced Heilman to her future husband, Erv.

Heilman was discharged when World War II ended in 1945. She returned to Pennsylvania and worked at the Hershey Chocolate Company for three more years.

In May, 1947, she accepted Erv's marriage proposal and they were married in Kansas. They subsequently lived in Long Beach until December, 1950, when they made Downey their permanent home.

Heilman worked in the Paramount and Compton school districts as a cook for nine years. In later years, she volunteered at the Los Angeles Air Base and helped decorate the Downey rose float.

Heilman is survived by her husband, Erv; and several nieces and nephews. She was laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery on July 2.

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Fireworks show may affect non-profits

DOWNEY –The public fireworks show that the city of Downey has funded for \$25,000 may prove problematic for the organizations running firework booths this year.

The 17 organizations, whose sales began July 1, are hoping that residents will not eschew their own firework purchases in favor of attending the public show.

Downey First Christian Church, a first time participant in firework booth sales, hopes to gross \$5,000 by the end of the event. The youth pastor of the church, Stephen Plate, states, "people that always buy fireworks will still always buy fireworks, although it might affect people that are on the fence as to whether they will buy fireworks."

Though Plate is cognizant that the public fireworks display may be inopportune for the church's new booth, he still believes that "the loyal ones will buy."

Another organization, the Elk Lodge, estimates that by the end of the event they will earn \$10,000 - \$15,000 in proceeds, which will be

used to serve the area's handicapped children as well as shuttle children from the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to Disneyland.

The Elk Lodge group feels that though the city's fireworks show might adversely impact their sales, the bad economy will ultimately present a much greater challenge to their booth's success.

The American Legion feels that the Downey public fireworks show will not affect them, although Henry Diebel, the adjutant for the American Legion, said, "I seriously doubt that we will do as well as last year because of the economy." The American Legion hopes to raise \$4,500 to help pay for their rising insurance expenses.

-Stephanie Cobau, Intern



These seven young women will represent the city of Bellflower at various civic events.

Young women chosen for Miss Bellflower

BELFLOWER – Seven young ladies have been chosen to become the city of Bellflower's new ambassadors.

The Miss Bellflower Competition held June 5 in the William Bristol Auditorium was themed "Around the World." Contestants performed dances, songs and skits representing their country of choice.

Contestants also competed in Business Wear and Evening Gown categories, where they were escorted by Bellflower firefighters.

Unlike past years when contestants answered a single question, this year the ladies faced a panel composed of previous Miss Bellflower courts and a Miss Downey queen.

Out of 21 contestants, seven were chosen for the Court: Nelly Umeh (princess), Kira Orta (teen princess), Raquel Ramirez (princess), Karla Gonzalez (queen), Rocio Martinez (teen queen), Shola Olashebian (princess) and Stephanie Rivas (teen princess).

Lucy Lynn Wilson directed and choreographed the event.

Dinner and an orchestra show

DOWNEY – The Brotherhood of Temple Ner Tamid is organizing a July 25 dinner at Steven's Steakhouse followed by a trip to the Hollywood Bowl.

The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra will present "Art of Song" starring Michael Feinstein. The concert will be followed by a fireworks display.

Tickets are \$75 per person and include transportation, dinner and the show. A bus will leave the back parking lot at Temple Ner Tamid at 5 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Temple Ner Tamid Brotherhood and mailed to TNT Brotherhood, c/o Jim Pinsky, 9355 Lubec St., Downey CA 90240. Indicate your dinner preference of roasted sirloin of beef or a roasted half-chicken.

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Kari Johnson will represent Downey when she competes in the Miss International beauty pageant this September.

Johnson going for title of Miss International

BY STEPHANIE COBAU, DOWNEY PATRIOT INTERN

DOWNEY – Kari Johnson, an employee at Downey Federal Credit Union and first runner-up in the most recent Miss California Pageant, will be representing Downey in the Miss International beauty pageant, which will be hosted in Downey this September.

The upcoming event, whose history dates back 21 years, will feature 60 girls from a wide variety of age groups competing for the title of Miss International 2010.

The pageant will include a five minute interview with the judges, a physical fitness competition, an evening gown segment, and a more relaxed fashion cocktail dress segment. The interview, which comprises 40% of each contestant's score in the pageant, will focus on the issue she has chosen to advocate.

Johnson explains, "The interview is a good opportunity to share what is important to me." Having suffered from an eating disorder during high school, Johnson has taken a strong stance on eating disorder awareness. If Johnson becomes Miss International 2010, she said she will embark on a year-long venture to increase the public's exposure to the ramifications of this serious issue.

Reflecting upon her 11 years of pageant competition, Johnson says, "Pageants have helped me in all areas of my life, particularly in developing skills that I now use in my job." Johnson also shared how scholarship money from the pageants that she won allowed her to attend Azusa Pacific University.

For additional information regarding attending or competing in the Miss International Pageant go to www.californiantl.com.

Even in death, Jackson inspires local instructors

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, DOWNEY PATRIOT INTERN

DOWNEY – Joe Lofton has met Michael Jackson more times than most, but wasn't home the first time the pop icon stopped by his house.

"Back in 1974, Michael and his brothers were touring in California," said Lofton, while looking down his wide eyeglasses. "My cousin was interviewing them at the time. He told them about me and they drove all the way to Crenshaw and Venice to see me."

Lofton, however, was gone. But he returned to find a note on his front door signed by Michael and his brothers.

"Michael, to me, was destined for genius. He set a legacy that will be hard for any other entertainer to match," said Lofton soberly.

The 69-year-old jazz musician and music instructor is just one of the many local dance and music instructors to express both praise and pain since the death of the King of Pop last Thursday.

To hip-hop instructor Tomas Olivera, 24, Jackson was an idol and unmatched talent. At the age of 5, Olivera started emulating Jackson and his signature moves on the dance floor.

"I imitated him," said Olivera, while wearing a grey T-shirt that portrayed a teenage Michael on the front. "When I heard he died, I didn't believe it at first, but once I heard his music playing on the radio, it hit me. He wasn't coming back."

Now at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, Olivera teaches eager kids how to glide, jerk and pop-lock to the latest hip-hop music. His class is just one of many across the city that teach choreography made famous by Jackson.

With a class of five students, Ashley Williams, 19, set up her radio. Bending down, she leads the kids in a series of stretches while hip-hop resounded in the background. Williams, who teaches at the Downey YMCA, credits Jackson as the "James Brown of his era."

"It's undeniable," said Williams. "He was a man that overcame the many obstacles in his life to take Black entertainment to another level."

For one of Williams' students, Enrique Curiel, 16, Jackson did not influence him personally; however, Curiel recognizes that Jackson's music and choreography influenced the hip-hop of today.

"He influenced others, who influenced our generation," he said. "We were influenced by him second-hand."

Unlike the teens of today, dance instructor and choreographer Humberto Escobar, 44, remembers the Michael Jackson of 1978.



White House photo

"Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough' was one of my favorites. When I was a teenager I would dance to all his songs," said Escobar, who teaches Afro-Latin dances such as salsa, mambo, bachata and merengue.

"It was a complete shock. You never expect this to happen," he said. "No one is going to ever dance like him."

Brittany Mireles, 23, of OnStage Dance Center has been teaching dance since she was 15 and she admits to borrowing some of Jackson's moves.

"We would watch the videos

and use his turns, even the pelvic thrusts," said Mireles in a telephone interview. "His style was so original."

Mireles teaches her class the choreography to Michael Jackson's 1983 music video 'Thriller' every Halloween.

Lofton, who teaches voice, piano and drums at the Downey Music Center, knows that Jackson's legacy will live on.

"Michael will be talked about 20 years from now. Young and old, he captivated everyone," he said. "Everyone has a little of Michael in them."



The Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) awarded for graduating high school seniors with \$500 scholarships. From left, Sossi Gabriel, president-elect of DAOR; Charlene Ramos, Warren High School; Diane Santos, Downey High School; and Carrie Uva, scholarship chairperson. Not pictured is recipient Fernando Rivera of Columbus High School.



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