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Quality of life threatened here

Worsening traffic congestion and Air quality, the lack of affordable housing and the loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs present a real threat to maintaining Southern California's quality of life, according to a new State of the Region report released by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

The State of the Region serves as an annual "Report Card" for the six-county SCAG region, rating its performance in seven policy categories, including transportation (D-minus), employment (B), income (C-minus), housing (D-plus), air quality (C-minus), safety (B), and education (D). In light of the report's findings, SCAG's leaders also noted that the funding cuts currently being considered in Sacramento could make matters significantly worse for the region.

Dynamic region

"Southern California is one of the most dynamic regions in the world, but the challenges we face are significant," said Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge, who chairs the SCAG task force that developed the report. "We sincerely believe that this report should serve as an alarm bell for the region and for elected officials at all levels of government."

Southern California again ranked as the nation's most congested metropolitan area and received a dismal D-minus grade for mobility. The region continues to rank as the most congested in the country, with the accumulated costs associated with congestion reaching an astounding \$13 billion. Mass transit has also seen about a two percent decline since last year's report.

Congestion

"We all know how bad traffic congestion is today, and it will only get worse unless we make significant investments in our transportation infrastructure," said SCAG President and Temecula City Councilmember Ron Roberts. "Our roads and freeways become more bogged down every year, and our transit systems are not meeting their full potential!"

The region's air quality grade also declined from a C last year to a C-minus this year. The number of days in which the South Coast Air Basin exceeded federal ozone standards increased from 49 to 68 days, although ozone pollution improved during 2004 due to milder weather. Both the South Coast and Salton Sea Air Basins continued to exceed federal standards for particulate pollution. The report illustrates the relationship between increasing traffic congestion and worsening air pollution.

Affordable housing woes

With a continued lack of affordable housing, Southern California's housing grade remained at a D-plus in this year's report. While the number of housing permits issued was the largest single year increase since 1990, housing affordability continues to be a significant hurdle. Less than one-third of the region's households could afford a median-priced home in Southern California, compared to more than half of the households nationally. Among the nation's nine major metro areas, Southern California has the highest percentage of households spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing.

The issue of housing affordability, availability and accessibility goes to the core of our long-term economic health and quality of life," said Port Hueneme City Councilman and SCAG First Vice President Toni Young. "Virtually nothing is more sacred than the home, which in Southern California, is becoming more and more difficult to attain each year. But people are having to buy their homes far away from their jobs, which affects the congestion on our roads, the air we breathe, the jobs we are able to attract and maintain, the very essence of our regional community."

Challenges linked

"The challenges raised by the State of the Region are interrelated," said Los Angeles County Supervisor and SCAG Regional Councilmember Yvonne Burke. "Lower income residents tend to have fewer educational opportunities which in turn perpetuate their inability to obtain better paying jobs. Without higher wages, they often find home ownership out of reach. To find a home they can afford, they often have to move farther away from their job out into the suburbs and more increasingly the 'boomburbs,' which means they're spending more time on the roads and adding to congestion and air quality problems. We must work together to solve these problems from a variety of approaches."

Southern California also scored mixed grades in four other areas:

Employment (B): After losing jobs in 2002, the region achieved a 14,000 increase in job generation in 2003, while the rest of the nation continued to decline. On the negative side, the ongoing state budget crisis resulted in the loss of 10,000 government sector jobs for the region.

Income (C-minus): The Southern California region has plummeted from the fourth highest in 1970 among the nation's 17 largest metropolitan regions to 16th in 2003. Nearly 15 percent of the region's population lives in poverty.

Education (D): This represents one of the report's worst grades. Eighth graders continued to perform below the national median in reading and math test scores. Large disparities in educational attainment persist for the Latino and African American communities when compared to non-Hispanic, White and Asian populations.

Safety (B): This represents one of the few bright spots. Violent crime rates across the region declined by nearly six percent, although Los Angeles County continues to have among the highest rates in the nation. The number of hate crimes decreased by about 12 percent.



A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW—Allen Layne has set a high standard of excellence during 40 years with the Downey Unified School District. He recently announced he will retire from his post as Principal at Downey High School at the end of this school year.

Highlights of Career

- Graduated from Utah State University at Logan, Utah in June 1964.
- Hired by the Downey Unified School District in September 1964. Taught government and history at Warren High School, and was assistant football coach from 1964-1970. Also was assistant wrestling coach from 1964-1970.
- Received a masters degree from Pepperdine University in 1972.
- Moved to Downey High School in July 1970.
- Head football coach at Downey High School from 1970-1980.
- Athletic Director at Downey High School 1982-1986.
- Vice Principal 1986-1988.
- Assistant Principal 1988-1993.
- Principal Columbus High School 1993-1994.
- Principal Downey High School 1994-2005.

Jackson, Boland and Hill honored by Board

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District heard presentations honoring Darrell Jackson and Rose Boland for providing a supportive and nurturing environment for children of the District, and also honored Steve Hill, Warren High Athletic Director, who has been named California Director of the Year.

All three were presented to the Board by Earl Haugen, Director of Pupil Services, at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Jackson provides outreach services to the District through support youth groups, as well as family support and community service. He also serves as co-chair for the School Attendance and Review Board and represents Pupil Services for D.A. Mediation hearings, and works with the student body at Columbus High School.

Boland, while officially retired, is the driving force and fundraiser behind the True Lasting Connection (TLC) family resource center located at Pace School, which through a multi-faceted program provides no-cost health, vision and counseling aid to children of needy families. She also serves as health programs consultant for the School District.

Hill was recently honored as the Athletic Director of the Year by the California State Athletic Directors Association.

He was nominated for the National Football League Teacher of the Month Award in 1990 by a former player of his who went on to play for the New York Giants. And for the last eight years he has been selected as the San Gabriel Valley League's Mentor Athletic Director.

The Board then heard and applauded a presentation of the Price Elementary School Chorus, directed by Steve Toay and Jennifer Jara.

In other action the School Board Tuesday:

*Heard a presentation by Jerilyn King-Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, on graduation requirements.

*Received the official 2005 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Ballot for District 24 and cast votes for no more than five candidates.

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Allen Layne will step down as principal at DHS

Outstanding record of success

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Allen Layne, who was recently honored as the Secondary Principal of the Year by the California School Administrators, has announced his retirement as Principal at Downey High School at the end of this semester.

Layne said he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and fishing.

He smiled when told he will be missed by the students and faculty at Downey, where during the last 25 years he has become a legend.

Rural beginnings

Layne was born and raised in a small rural area in northern Utah known as Lewiston. His father was a farmer on land homesteaded by Layne's great-grandfather, Jonathan Ellis Layne. His mother was a school teacher who saw to it that all of her children, five boys and one girl, paid attention to getting an education. His father made certain the children respected hard work. Layne's brother, Jerry, still owns the original Layne land in Lewiston (Cade County) Utah. Layne says he visits there each year.

He graduated from Utah State University in 1964. During the summers he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and was transferred to the Los Angeles Yards. One day in late summer he said he drove through Downey after work and ended up on Brookshire Avenue. He saw a sign that read "Downey Unified" and he stopped and went in, dressed in his railroad attire. He asked for an application for a job as a teacher. He was asked what his majors were and he told them political science and history. And he had a teaching credential from Utah. He was escorted into Don Hart's office, the Personnel Director, who asked a couple of questions and then was asked, "Can you coach football?" Layne said he answered "Absolutely!" He had been playing football for six years, and coaching it would be a snap.

Hart gave him a paper and sent him to see Hanford Rants at Warren High School.

His last year...

Some 40 years later, Layne said he started the 2004-05 school year with the notion that this was going to be his last year. He said he waited until the second semester to announce to friends and colleagues.

Layne says the chances of his driving through Downey and seeing that school sign are still remarkable, and led to one of the happiest decisions of his life.

Between 1964 and 2005 his life has been filled with grand memories of people and the philosophy of excellence. He mentions mentors, superintendents, members of the school board and parents, teachers, classified employees, city council members, fire and police chiefs as wonderful positive forces.

And he says how happy he has been to contribute a little toward the success of a great city and a wonderful school district. His life has led from a dairy farm in Lewiston, to Principal of Downey High School... How could it get any better than that!

Vocational programs threatened at college

Budget cuts looming

NORWALK—The much-applauded vocational program at Cerritos Community College is among those threatened by proposed cuts in the proposed 2005 federal budget of President George Bush.

Under the Bush proposal, about \$1 million in Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act money which in fiscal 2004 amounted to between 5 and 10 percent of the funding for Cerritos's vocational program will be shifted to prop up the No Child Left Behind federal funding. Bush hopes to expand the latter to grades 9 to 12 and set up federal benchmarks for student achievement along with penalties for schools that fail to show adequate progress.

Funding critical

Spokesmen at Cerritos said the 10 percent federal funding at the college is particularly important since it is not stipulated for specific use, as are other state sources of funding. This money has been used in the past for equipment for the aviation and automotive training program as well as training faculty and developing new programs such as security management.

College spokesmen said they hope congressional Republicans in key states in the South and Midwest (also much affected by the cuts) can convince the President to look for funding sources elsewhere. About \$375 million is considered for the switch in funding nationally.

Long Beach City College is threatened with loss of \$1.3 million in like funding cuts.

Nordic Fox is mock jail site for MDA fundraiser

DOWNEY—Over 100 prominent business leaders from the Downey and Norwalk communities are going “behind bars” for a good cause Thursday, Feb. 24. They are all volunteering their time for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), contacting their friends, family and business associates to help raise “bail” for “Jerry’s Kids.” The “jailbirds” will be brought to a mock jail at the Nordic Fox Restaurant where they will turn in their “bail.”

The scenario will unfold thus: between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., volunteers from Washington Mutual, acting as “arresting officers,” will transport the “jailbirds” in vehicles loaned by transportation sponsor, Mercedes-Benz USA, to the jail site. Upon arrival at the site, the “jailbirds” will have their mug shots taken, enjoy the Nordic Fox’s version of “bread and water” and have the opportunity to network with other friendly felons who have also raised their bail. Bail has been set at \$1,200. All the money raised will benefit the South Bay/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of MDA.

The Nordic Fox Restaurant is located at 10924 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Owner Jane Hendricks and manager Joe Becker are past “jailbirds” who have offered to host the Lock Up at Nordic Fox this year.

MDA is a voluntary health agency and a dedicated effort among scientists aimed at conquering 43 types of neuromuscular diseases that affect more than 1 million Americans.

Anyone interested in joining in the project as a jailbird or volunteer should call Long Beach MDA office’s Vickery Hall, (562) 498-4923.

List of participating businesses includes: Arrington Square Barber Shop, Arthur’s Restaurant, Bank of America, Barbara J. Riley Center, Café N’ Stuff, Century 21, Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Escrow, Downey Ford, Downey High School, First Baptist Church of Downey, Gallatin Dental Group, L’Abri Management, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, Red Carpet Heritage Realty, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Free blood pressure screening today

DOWNEY—Pioneer Medical Group (PMG) is sponsoring a free blood pressure screening today, Feb. 18 from 9-11 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

Meanwhile, at 1 p.m. today at the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South St. in Cerritos, PMG will be presenting a seminar on “How to Prevent Heart Disease – the ‘His’ and ‘Hers’ Guide.”



‘BYE BYE BIRDIE’—Stephanie Wall appears as “Kim” in the Downey Civic Light Opera’s production of the Broadway musical “Bye Bye Birdie” which opened Feb. 17 and plays through March 6 at the Downey Theater. For tickets and information call 923-1714. The theater is at 8435 Firestone Blvd, Downey.

Women’s History event at Cerritos College

NORWALK—Cerritos College will host Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D-CA 39) and her sister, Loretta Sanchez (D-CA 47) as keynote speakers in the college’s recognition of Women’s History Month.

The Sanchez sisters are the first women of any relation to serve together in Congress.

They will appear together in a rare public appearance starting at 7 p.m., Monday, March 7 at the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. Free parking will be available in Lot C-10, located off 166th St., and New Falcon Way. Admission is free.

“Women Change America” is the title of the college’s recognition of National Women’s History Month. For information and a complete schedule of the month’s events, visit the Web at www.cerritos.edu/whm.

Island residents mark a year of progress

By: Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – Over 50 residents and city leaders packed a hall at The Lord’s Grace Church in Downey this week to celebrate Unity in the Community’s (UITC) one-year anniversary. UITC is a grassroots service organization credited with helping reduce crime and increase community awareness in the northern Downey border-community known as The Island.

Pastor Frank Campos, UITC founder and host of the event, used the occasion to note The Island’s progress throughout the year – including a considerable decrease in crime, the adoption of community town hall meetings and routine parties at Treasure Island Park – while city council members pledged their continued support.

“It’s hard to believe it’s only been a year,” said Downey Mayor Anne Bayer, who presented Campos with a certificate of appreciation. “Thank you for taking back our park, taking back our city.”

Said city councilman Dave Gafin: “If we could have 110,000 more people like this, this city would be a paradise.”

The attendance of city leaders, particularly government officials, was important, Campos said, because Island residents were feeling increasingly neglected. Campos eventually made contact with city employee Mark Galvan, who now serves as the unofficial liaison between The Island and City Hall.

“I don’t remember if there was a particular incident [at Treasure Island Park] but there was an increase in crime and people started calling me,” explained Galvan, now a regular at UITC monthly town hall meetings. “One year ago, people felt isolated from the rest of the city. And as I talked to more people, I felt that was a common sentiment.”

Galvan relayed UITC’s messages to the city and, eventually, officials began to take notice.

“Oftentimes, government isn’t always the quickest to respond, because of budgetary issues, time constraints, a variety of issues,” said city councilman Kirk Cartozian, who was serving as mayor when UITC was in its upstages. “But, like the saying goes, the squeaky wheel gets the oil. This group is part of the lifeblood of Downey. If other parts of the city did things like this, we would be there too. But, unfortunately, they don’t.”

UITC announced their plans to raise an American flag at Treasure Island Park, where one has been missing for over 20 years. In the meantime, Eddie Tafoya, Field Representative for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, said that a flag would be flown over the United States Capitol in UITC’s honor.

Hard-line on grad requirements urged

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District Board heard a report by the District Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services that painted a sorry picture of the present system that allows many students who are 10 or less credits short of graduation requirements to “walk” through graduation ceremonies with their classmates.

The report was at Tuesday’s regular Board meeting. The grim truth is that only half of those who “walk” go back and finish their credits for graduation.

Jerilyn King-Brown backed up with hard numbers her position that only through a tougher policy can the District ensure that students make an effort to earn their diplomas.

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PLANNING MARDI GRAS MENU—For Feb. 25 Downey Symphony Guild major annual fundraiser are, left to right: Katy Hare, Marie Eckstrom, Andro, Pauline Hume and Rosalie Sciortino.

Feast, music, beads to mark Mardi Gras gala

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—Direct from New Orleans to Downey, bright, shiny beads will be in evidence Friday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel when the Downey Symphony Guild presents their Mardi Gras Gala, their major fundraiser of the year.

Guests will be feasting on an authentic Louisiana menu prepared by Chef Gregory Andro: a main entrée of filet of beef Benedict and Cajun crusted chicken breast with vegetable rice jambalaya, baby spinach salad, shrimp gumbo and other culinary surprises, ending with bananas Foster.

“Come very hungry,” advises Andro, “because we’re serving food aplenty.”

To benefit the Downey Symphony Orchestra and Music in the Schools program, the evening will feature a silent and live auction. Musical entertainment by talented Kathy Bee will keep toes tapping.

Charge for the evening, part of which is tax deductible, is \$65 per person, and payable to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3003 by Feb. 21, please. For information, call (562) 869-2120.

Two injured during late-night shooting

DOWNEY — Two men were shot as they sat in their car at a McDonalds restaurant at Paramount Blvd. and Orange St. about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

The men were hit in their legs and treated at local hospitals. An unidentified man walked up and fired with a handgun, police said. Police are asking for clues to the suspect today.

Pacific Western names Scott new Assistant VP

DOWNEY—Jan Scott, who has lived in Downey since 1969 and been very active in the Downey Chamber of Commerce, has been named Assistant Vice-President/Account Relationship Officer of Downey-Pacific Western National Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community Bancorp.

In making the announcement, Pacific Western’s Eastern Region President, Chris Blake said: “Jan has been with our bank over three years. I know Jan has been and will continue to be a great resource for existing customers and her excellent customer service will bring new customers to Pacific Western Bank from Downey and the surrounding communities. She was very excited to hear about her promotion to an officer position with the bank.”

Since joining the Downey Chamber of Commerce in 1995, Scott has served on its Board of Directors and its various committees such as Ambassadors, City Affairs, Holiday Lane Parade and Golf Committees. At present her major preoccupation is as Chairperson for Downey’s upcoming 12th annual Street Faire May 7. She also belongs to Soroptimist International of Downey, Woman’s Club of Downey and Downey ProNetworkers. Her grandparents moved to Downey in 1949, and opened and operated “Wenzel’s Music Town” in 1959.

Scott’s two sons were raised in Downey and graduated from Downey High. Oldest son Brian lives in Peoria, AZ with his wife and their two sons. Her other son, Chris, resides in San Francisco and is a graduate of ASU.

Downey-Pacific Western National Bank, located at 10245 Paramount Blvd. in Downey with tel. 806-3701, is one of 22 Pacific Western Bank branches located throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Its holding company, First Community Bancorp, has assets of \$2.8 billion as of Sept. 30, 2004, and owns Pacific Western National Bank and First National Bank, which has 13 branches across San Diego County.

Book sale at Downey City Library

DOWNEY – The Friends of Downey City Library are holding a half-price sale on selected books from Tuesday, Feb. 22, through Saturday, Feb. 26. In addition to the sale, 25-cent magazines, boutique items, puzzles, videos and unique greeting cards will be available.

The library’s regular book auction is also scheduled to close at noon on Feb. 26.

Visit the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

‘Women of Distinction’ breakfast

DOWNEY—Soroptimist International of Downey will honor the following “Women of Distinction” at their Thursday, March 10 7:30 a.m. breakfast at Rio Hondo Country Club: Joanne Bauer, Stacy Brabant, Faye Campbell, Jean Kiskadden, Lucy Lynn Wilson, Dorothy Pemberton, and Violet Richardson Award winner Kathleen O’Connell.

Dawn Marie Lemonds, who is liaison for Project Independence/Women Survivors of War, is the guest speaker. RSVP by March 3, 928-3826.



JAN SCOTT—Enjoys a new title at Downey-Pacific Western National Bank: Assistant Vice-President – Account Relationship Officer.

‘Stroke Awareness Days’ at DRMC

DOWNEY—Tomorrow, Feb. 19, and Tuesday, March 1, are “Stroke Awareness Days” at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), featuring free stroke screenings and seminars for those attending.

Tomorrow’s “Life After Stroke: Where Do I go From Here?” 8 a.m.-1 p.m. program will consist of private consultations, stroke screenings, blood pressure and heart rate checks given on a first-registered, first-served basis. A licensed physical therapist, speech pathologist and registered dietitian will speak and answer questions about recognizing and dealing with depression after a stroke, post-stroke rehabilitation, treating communication disorders after a stroke, and how to feed a stroke victim.

The program March 1 will focus on defining the help needed as a caregiver to a stroke victim. In addition to screenings and opportunities to ask questions, topics of healthcare professionals at DRMC will include “Living at Home after a Stroke,” “When Your Loved One is Hospitalized,” “Caregiver Support Groups,” and “Help for the Stroke Family Caregiver.”

Seating is limited at these DRMC events, hence registration is required by calling 904-5162.

Voters League to discuss city boards

DOWNEY—The League of Women Voters Downey Area will discuss how city management selects city boards and commissions at their 9:30 a.m. meeting tomorrow, Feb. 19 at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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New Space Museum

By John Adams

We received a copy of a letter addressed to Meredith Perkins, Downey Councilman District 2, from Cleo Latimer, expressing discontent over the naming of members of the Commission for the new Learning Center/Space Museum to be built on a portion of the former NASA property.

Latimer's letter starts:

"As I read the names of the members of the Commission for the Learning Center/Space Museum, I was disappointed to see that no one from the Aerospace Legacy Foundation was appointed to that Commission. That group was formed in 1996 to develop plans for a Learning Center/Space Museum at the old Boeing Site. Over the years members of the ALF have spoken to numerous Downey clubs and organizations, acquainting residents of their dream of having a Space Museum at the site where the Space Shuttle development began. All who heard them were enthusiastic for such a development.

"The ALF is a non-political organization whose only wish is to make their dream a reality. There is no doubt that the City of Downey has made a mistake by not naming a member of the Board of Directors of ALF to this Commission.

"I am sending a copy of this letter to the Downey Patriot. —Cleo Latimer, Downey"

The Editor was also surprised by the names selected for the new Commission, but they make good sense. Raul Lopez is a hard-working businessman (insurance), who has been seeking a means of giving something back to his community. He will be an effective fundraiser. And Orlando Waters is well tuned in to the business community and will raise funding through his connections with the Boeing community.

But the City Council didn't have to stop there. There is no evident reason why the City could not have named Larry Latimer or someone else from the ALF to the new Commission. The ALF has spent years working tirelessly for this project. It makes no sense to shut them out now that the dream is about to be realized.

In addition, the federal seed money for the Museum and Learning Center (about \$3.5 million) was granted by the Congress with the understanding that groups (specifically the ALF) have continued input into the program. The City should stop trying to have this program its own way and let some of these dedicated aerospace fans have some input. They have supported the City and the concept of a museum for long years, and deserve better treatment than a cold shoulder now.

Congressional art competition underway

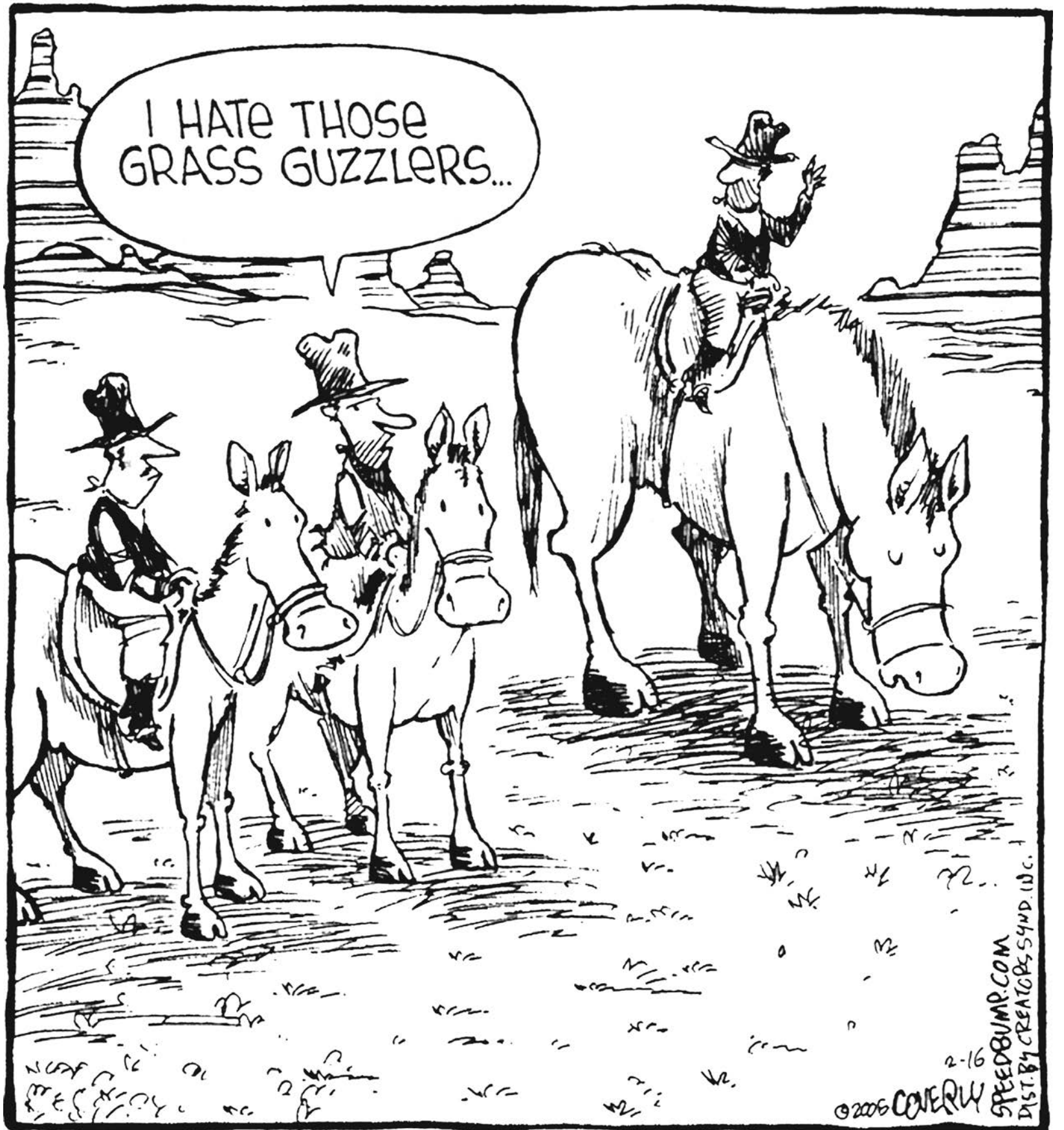
LOS ANGELES—U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34th) has invited all interested high school students living in California's 34th Congressional District to participate in "Artistic Discovery" — the 2005 Congressional Art Competition. The competition is now in its 12th year. Last year's first-place award winner was Christine Bae of Bellflower, a sophomore at Mayfair High School. Her winning watercolor drawing, titled "Reflection," is currently on exhibit at the U.S. Capitol.

The art competition is open to students (grades 9-12) residing in the 34th Congressional District, which includes Downey, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Boyle Heights, Commerce, Cudahy, Downtown Los Angeles, Huntington Park, Little Tokyo, Maywood, South Park, Vernon, Walnut Park, and portions of Chinatown, East Los Angeles, Florence, Pico Union, and Westlake.

Artwork must be two-dimensional, no larger than 30 inches by 30 inches and must be an original concept. Entries along with completed and signed entry forms should be delivered to Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's District Office at 255 E. Temple Street, Suite 1860, Los Angeles, Ca 90012 by March 1.

Complete guidelines and information packets are available at all high school guidance and community centers in the 34th Congressional District. Interested students may also contact Lorena Sanchez at Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's district office at (213) 628-9230 for more information.

The winning entry will represent the 34th Congressional District for one year in a national exhibit at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The winner will be awarded prizes that include a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$200 gift certificate for art supplies, and \$100 cash. The student, the parents, or guardians, and the art teacher will be flown to Washington, D.C. for the opening of the exhibit.



Take advantage of these tax credits

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34th)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Each year, thousands of hard-working families in the 34th Congressional District and throughout the Los Angeles area lose money they're entitled to because they fail to take advantage of two important tax credits — the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). Could you be one of them? As the April 15 deadline approaches for filing our taxes, I encourage you to find out whether you qualify for these credits. The answer could mean more money in our pocket.



If your family earned less than \$35,458 in 2004, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Eligibility for the credit depends on factors such as your total income and family size. For some families, the EITC is worth up to \$4,300. The Child Tax Credit allows families to claim a credit worth up to \$1,000 for each dependent child under 17. Most low-income working families qualify for both credits. The funds are first used to pay any federal taxes owed by an eligible worker. After any tax liability is paid off, taxpayers receive all of their remaining Earned Income Tax Credit dollars in the form of a check from the IRS and may also receive an "Additional" Child Tax Credit refund. Eligible workers who owe no income tax can also receive both credits. However, to qualify for the "Additional" Child Tax Credit refund, workers must earn more than \$10,750.

Last year, I was pleased to support measures passed by Congress to provide certain workers increased Child Tax Credit refunds. Under the new rules, workers with no tax liability who qualify for the "Additional Child Tax Credit" will receive increased refund checks. In addition, other changes to the tax code permit more military families earning combat pay to qualify for both the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit — providing a welcome financial boost to our men and women in uniform. So even if you haven't qualified for the programs in the past, you might qualify for this filing season.

For taxpayers earning less than \$35,000 annually who need help filling out their tax forms, free tax preparation services from trained community volunteers are available through the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)" program provided by the IRS. For the Los Angeles locations nearest you, please visit www.eitc-la.com or call 1-800-601-5552. Seniors can also locate free AARP tax-aid counseling sites in their area by calling 1-888-227-7669.

By taking advantage of the Child Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit and the free tax preparation services, eligible families can keep more of their hard-earned dollars. Additional eligibility information about both programs appears below. Your questions can also be answered by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or by visiting the federal agency's web site at www.irs.gov.

Here are the highlights of the 2004 EITC eligibility requirements:

- *A taxpayer must provide valid Social Security numbers for everyone listed on the tax return, including infants born before Dec. 31, 2004. Social security numbers issued to non-citizens who have permission to work legally in the United States are also accepted.

- *Workers with one child who earn less than \$30,338 in 2004 (or less than \$31,338 for married workers) are also eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$2,604.

- *Workers with two or more children who earn less than \$34,458 in 2004 (or less than \$35,458 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$4,300.

- *Childless workers who earn less than \$11,490 in 2004 (or less than \$12,490 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$390. Eligible EITC taxpayers who failed to file previously can file amended tax returns for the past three years to collect overdue refunds.

- *The 2004 Child Tax Credit eligibility requirements are as follows:

- *The taxpayer must have either a Social Security number or an individual Taxpayer Identification Number issued by the IRS.

- *The taxpayer must be able to claim an exemption for a dependent child under age 17.

- *The taxpayer must have earned more than \$10,750 in 2004 to receive an "Additional" CTC refund.

- *The CTC is available to married couples filing jointly with incomes up to \$110,000; \$75,000 for those filing as single, head of household or as a qualifying widow(er); and \$55,000 for married couples filing separately. At incomes above these amounts, the benefit of the CTC is reduced.

- *Eligible CTC taxpayers who failed to file previously can file amended returns for the past three years to collect overdue refunds.

For more information about federal services, visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard or call my district office, (213) 628-9230.

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.

To sign up to help, call (562) 904-7159.

UCLA Healthcare seeks volunteers

WESTWOOD—UCLA Healthcare Volunteer Services department will host an Open House from 2-4 p.m. on 3 upcoming Saturdays — March 5, April 2 and May 7 — at the Marisa Leif Conference Room located at 300 UCLA Medical Plaza in Westwood.

New volunteers are needed to serve at the UCLA Medical Center, Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital and the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. Bilingual individuals who speak both English and Spanish are especially needed to volunteer.

Unique opportunities are available in a variety of departments including patient care, research labs, emergency rooms, admissions, information desks, pediatrics, the Jules Stein Eye Institute, outpatient clinics, gift shops and many more.

Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age and should commit to at least 4 hours per week. An orientation and training are provided to help volunteers become valuable members of the UCLA Healthcare team.

For information, call (310) 825-6003 or go on-line to www.healthcare.ucla.edu.

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*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector to the District including a cash donation of \$5,000 for instructional materials at Rio San Gabriel School, from the Rio San Gabriel PTA; a cash donation of \$4,350 for trip expenses at Ward Elementary, from Ward PTA; a cash donation of \$6,000, \$4,000 to be used for ASB activities and \$2,000 for ASB Renaissance, from the East Middle School PTA; a donation of \$500 for student recognition at Griffiths Middle School, from Ursula Erwin; a cash donation of \$4,400, \$800 for printing costs of the journalism class, \$2,200 to be used by the Movie Club, and \$1,400 to go for health supplies at Griffiths Middle School from the Griffiths PTA; a cash donation of \$1,000 for dictionaries for students at Griffiths from the VK Family Foundation; a cash donation of \$31,000, \$2,000 of which will go for accelerated reader discs and books at Griffiths, \$11,000 for the Movie Club at Griffiths, and \$18,000 towards teacher grants throughout the District, from the Dr. Mary Stauffer Foundation; a violin and bow valued at \$1,300 for use in the Music Department at Warren High School from Dolores E. Lamont; a guitar and trombone valued at \$600 for the Music Department at Warren High School from Mrs. Neil Diess; office and classroom furniture valued at \$3,800 for use at the Adult School from Shogun Precision Castings; a cash donation of \$2,500 to support the TLC Center from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing California; and a cash donation of \$2,000 for eye exams and eyeglasses for underprivileged students from the Ellen and Clarence Peterson Foundation, as well as many smaller but no less appreciated gifts.

*Reviewed proposed changes in BP 5245 and AR 5245, Early Retirement Benefit Plan.

*Reviewed proposed changes in AR 8510, Schedule of Regular Board Meetings.

*Adopted a resolution No. 200405-07 authorizing the issuance and sale of 2005-06 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes.

*Reviewed proposed abolishment of BP 3138, Minority Enrollment Guidelines.

*Reviewed proposed revision to BP 4134 and AR 4134, Tutoring.

*Approved attendance and registration fees for conventions and conferences.

*Approved as general agreement with Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for the 2004 fiscal year retroactive to July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

*Approved a general agreement with Oalinga School for the Hearing Impaired for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to Oct. 18, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

*Approved payments as submitted for services for various Special Education Placements.

*Approved an agreement for Special Education Hearing Officer for case #SNU02582.

*Approved revisions to BP 1105, Uniform Complaint Procedure.

*Adopted AR 1105.1, Williams School Uniform Complaint Procedure.

*Approved Part II of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs and approved submission to the State Department of Education.

*Approved the 2005 Elementary School Summer Proposal.

*Authorized 2004-05 payment of membership fees for Association for Career and Technical Education and California Association for Career and Technical Education to be charged to a specified account number.

*Approved purchase orders by the Purchasing Department.

*Ratified the issuance of Payroll Orders for Hourly, Overtime, Civic Center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of December.

*Ratified B Warrants.

*Ratified an amendment to the current agreement with Downey Regional Medical Center and Downey Adult School, effective Feb. 1.

*Approved the legal services agreement with Bannan, Frank & Terzian LLP, effective Feb. 15, 2005.

*Accepted as complete projects related to roof repair, replacement and asbestos abatement by FC & Sons Roofing of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$6,500 to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.

*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Whittier in the sum of \$74,627 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence Co., of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$44,516 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

*Accepted as complete backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$14,512 to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance or and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$3,865 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order No. 4 to a purchase order for contract labor by electricians with Spike Electric Co. of Anaheim in the increased sum of \$40,000 to be charged to the General Maintenance and Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order No.1 to a purchase order for tree trimming and removal services with George's Tree Trimming & Landscape of Downey in the increased sum of \$15,000 to be charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

*Approved Change Order No. 3 to a purchase order for irrigation parts with Aqua Flow of Torrance in the increased sum of \$5,000 to be charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

*Approved Change Order No.1 to a purchase order for testing services with Smith-Emory & Laboratory of Los Angeles in The increased sum of \$25,000 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order No. 7 for the new stadiums package for Downey and Warren High School with R & G Builders of Irvine in the increased sum of \$54,576 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 11 for Downey and Warren High School Stadiums electrical package bid with Mel Smith Electric of Stanton in the increased sum of \$8,619 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

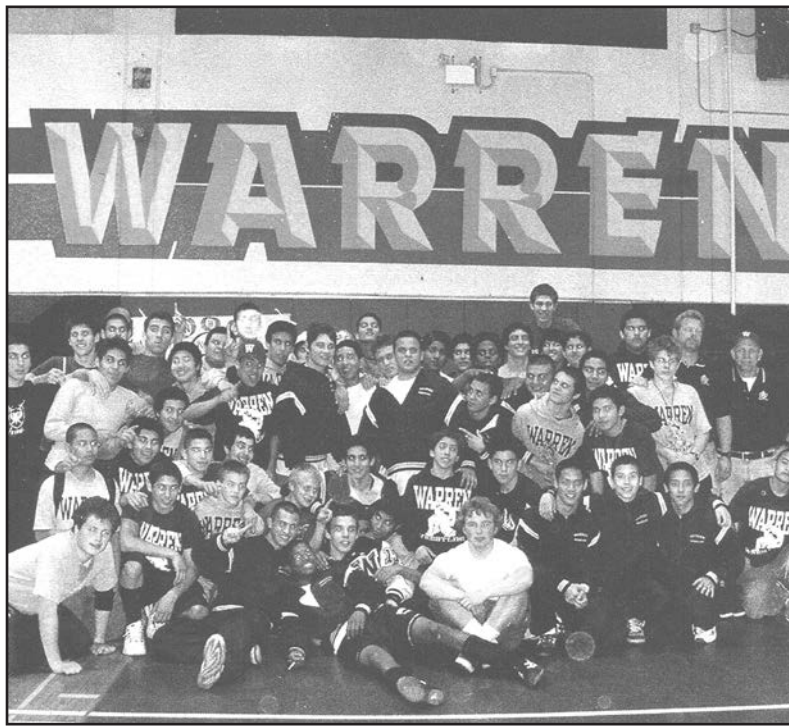
*Approved Change Order 3 for Downey and Warren High School new stadium interior and exterior finishes and asphalt paving Bid Package 1 by Terra Pave of Whittier in the increased sum of \$16,650 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Abolished the position of Director of Alternative Education and established the position of Director of Support Programs and Career Vocational Education and approved revised descriptions of Director of Support Programs and Career Vocational Education and Director of Pupil Services effective July 1, 2005.

*Certified and approved the abolishment and creation of several positions at Downey Adult School, Rio Hondo Elementary, Gallatin Elementary, Williams, Pace and Rio San Gabriel Elementaries.

*Approved changes in the duties of Assistant Director of Financial Services as detailed in a duty statement, effective Feb. 16, 2005.

The next public meeting of the Downey School Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



WRESTLING CHAMPS—The Warren High School wrestling team won big this year, winning the League Championship. Both varsity and junior varsity wrestling teams placed first, winning all their matches. Work of Coach Brogden and Coach Don drew praise from school.



NEW HIRE—Joann Sims is the newly-hired Senior Director of Financial Services for the Downey Unified School District, effective March 1.

School Board airs likes and dislikes

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District Tuesday wished its athletic teams well in the CIF Playoffs, then expressed anger at the current budgetary impasse in Sacramento.

The Board's William Gutierrez led the panel in wishing the two basketball teams, water polo and wrestling teams well.

Donald La Plante expressed doubt that the budget stand-off in the state capital can be settled any way but at the polls. And he said that such a ballot would be so confusing as to throw any results in doubt, leaving the state without any legal means of paying for itself.

The Board's Tod Corrin said he was impressed by the work of PTA HELPS, which operates a foodbank for the needy here.

And Betty Ferraro said she took a very hard line on a report of seniors who are allowed to "walk" through graduation ceremonies with their classmates, and how few of them fulfill their promise to return and finish their remaining units for a diploma.

She favors a strict policy of units completed or no walk-through.

Board President Barbara Samperi said she was impressed by the sum donated to the District by the private sector this month. (\$31,000 alone by the Mary Stauffer Foundation.)

And several board members commented on the high quality of the District's high school drama department productions.

Waste roundup set for March 19 in Pico Rivera

PICO RIVERA—County residents are invited to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste and e-waste at a free hazardous waste roundup in Pico Rivera at the Southern California Gas Co., 8101 S. Rosemead Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19.

Household hazardous wastes including motor oil, paint, turpentine, acid or lye-based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides and herbicides which may be brought for free disposal, as well as e-waste which includes computer monitors and TV sets, VCRs, fax machines, cellular phones and computer keyboards.

No explosive or radioactive material will be accepted.

Do not mix products together.

For information, call the L.A. County Department of Public Works at 1-(888)CLEAN LA or the L.A. Sanitation District at 1-800 238-0172.

Downey sports reunion Feb. 26

DOWNEY—A "Downey Sports Reunion" will be held Feb. 26 in Santa Ana for Downey High School graduates, class of 1956, '57 and '58. Film of Downey's 1956 football game versus Anaheim High School at the Coliseum will be shown.

Country Garden Caterers will host the event. RSVP by calling (714) 972-9069.

'Shabbat Tetzaveh' tonight at Ner Tamid

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid, 10620 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, is holding a family night service, Shabbat Tetzaveh, at 7:30 tonight, Feb. 18, to which the community is welcome. Services are conducted by the Temple's spiritual leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe.

An 'Oneg' provided by the Sisterhood will be enjoyed following services. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

The poets' corner

Kid Next Door

Kid obsessed with cars and girls,
neighborhood nuisance...
pain in the butt...you play your
music too loud and I hate it!

You'll never break this system kid
So get out of here and get a life!

...and kid... please take me with you.

—Richard Thormodsen,
Downey



BOLAND HONORED—Rose Boland was honored by the Board of the Downey Unified School District for her work in support of the TLC Center which provides free health and social services to children of low-income families in the District. From left, the District's Earl Haugen, School Board President Barbara Samperi, Boland and School Superintendent Wendy L. Doty. The presentation was Tuesday at the Board meeting.



JACKSON HONORED—Darrell Jackson was honored by the Board of the Downey Unified School District at Tuesday's regular meeting for his outreach efforts in helping provide a safety net for youths threatened with dropping out of school. From left, Jackson, the District's Earl Haugen, Board President Barbara Samperi and School Superintendent Wendy L. Doty.



HILL HONORED—Steve Hill was honored at the Tuesday meeting of the Downey Unified School District for winning statewide honors as Athletic Director of the Year. From left, Hill of Warren High School, the District's Earl Haugen, Board President Barbara Samperi and District Superintendent Wendy Doty.

City of Downey hotline numbers

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, a functional arm of the City of Downey Public Works Department, has provided the following hotline numbers for the public's use:

Graffiti

562-923-4484

Shopping Carts

800-252-4613

Illegal Dumping

562-904-1161

Household Hazardous Waste

1-800-CLEAN-LA

Free hotline magnets, courtesy of Keep Downey Beautiful, are available at City Hall's 2nd floor at the Public Works counter.

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE YOURS
CALL THE
DOWNEY FAMILY YMCA
(562) 862-4201**

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DAVE COVERLY



Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Fri. Feb. 18, 8:00 p.m.: **"Bye, Bye Birdie"** musical comedy presented by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Through Mar. 6 on Fri., Sat. and Sun. For tickets and information call 923-1714.

Sat. Feb. 19, 8:00 a.m.: **Stroke Recovery Day** at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. Free Consultations, screenings, etc. Registration required. To register call (949) 305-8450.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.

1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.

3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Emergency Preparedness Committee, Barbara Riley Senior Center.

3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: Parking Place Commission, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg., for information call 426-6786.

6:30 p.m.: Overeaters Anonymous, at Downey Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.

1st Mon., 4 p.m.: 2nd Century Foundation, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.

2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.

4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.

9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

9:30 a.m.: Adventure with the Bible, at the First Baptist Church Call 928-4153.

12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo, for information call Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.

6 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.

7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.

7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.

7:30 p.m.: Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, at Downey Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.

1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: Quota International Southeast Cities, for information call (323) 569-2854.

2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: Women's Agape, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (562) 622-3785.

2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Chamber "Rise & Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.

2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at the Nordic Fox, for information call (562) 927-6438.

2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.

3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.

3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: Huff and Puff Respiratory, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.

Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, for information call 869-8782.

6 p.m.: Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.

1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.

1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790.

1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.

1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.

2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087.

2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 869-5444.

2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.

3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: Diabetes Support Group, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.

Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.

7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.

9 a.m.: Senior Californians of Downey, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.

12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call 928-4153.

12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.

12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.

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 803-4571.

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

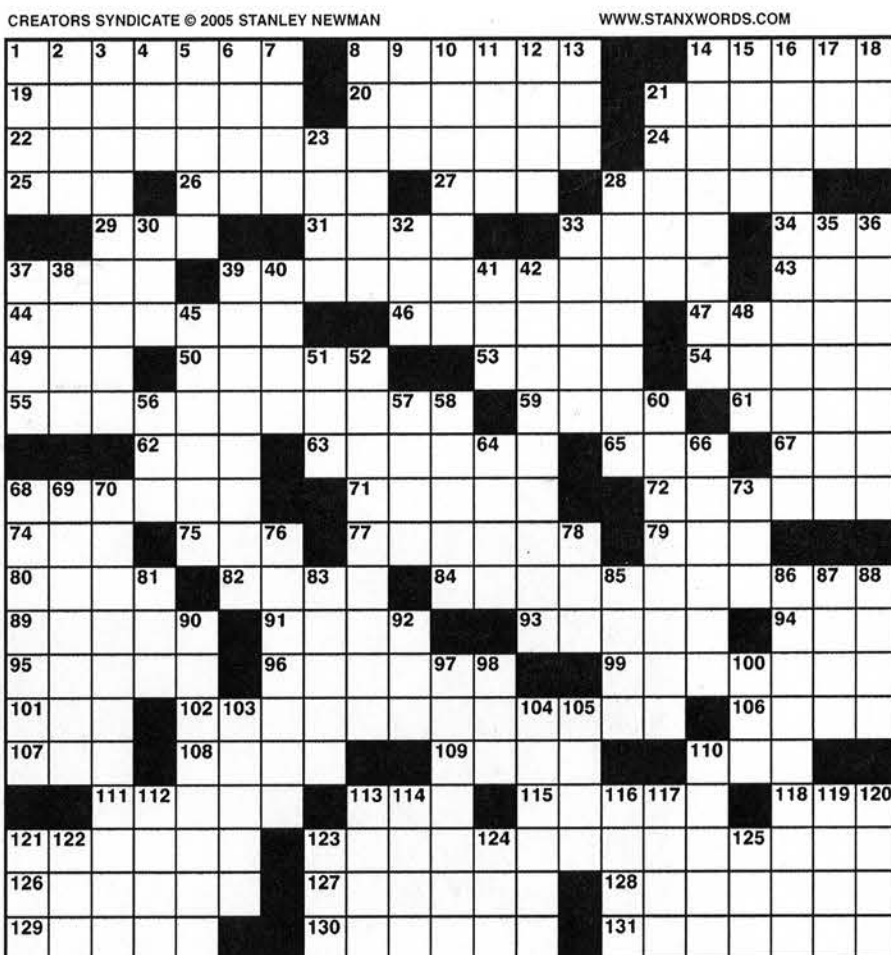
7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.

7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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Syphax plays Sundays at the Nordic Fox

DOWNEY – Robert Syphax, singer, guitarist, and composer will play easy listening music of the 60s and 70s Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Nordic Fox Restaurant in Downey.

His favorites include James Taylor, Jim Croce, America, Eagles and Don McClean.

Syphax has opened for such well-known acts as Oingo Boingo, the Go Go's, and Josie Cotton.

There is no cover but reservations are suggested as seating is limited.

The Nordic Fox is at Third Street and Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Call 869-1414 for reservations and information.

Concerto contest winners performing

LONG BEACH—CSU-Long Beach's University Symphony Orchestra will perform and feature the winners of the 2005 CSULB Concerto Competition Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Gerald Daniel Recital Hall. Richard Rintoul conducts.

The winners: Jeremy Swem (trombone); Sean Franz (alto saxophone); Katherine Koh, piano.

The program will include *Concertino for Trombone* by David, *Concertino da Camera for Alto Saxophone* by Ibert; *Piano Concerto No. 3* (3rd Movement) by Prokofiev; and *Don Juan* by R. Strauss.

Tickets are \$10 adults and \$7 for seniors and students with valid ID. For information/tickets, call (562) 985-7000.

W.C. Fields films at Riley Center

DOWNEY—Two long-lost W.C. Fields films, "The Dentist" and "The Fatal Glass of Beer," will be screened in the John Downey Room of the Barbara J. Riley Center on Rives Ave. at Quill Dr. Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Discovered by "Tracer of Lost Home Movies" Jeff Vilencia, these Paramount-Sennett pictures are pre-Hayes, i.e., pre-censor, and provide a fine portrait of Fields as a budding feature actor.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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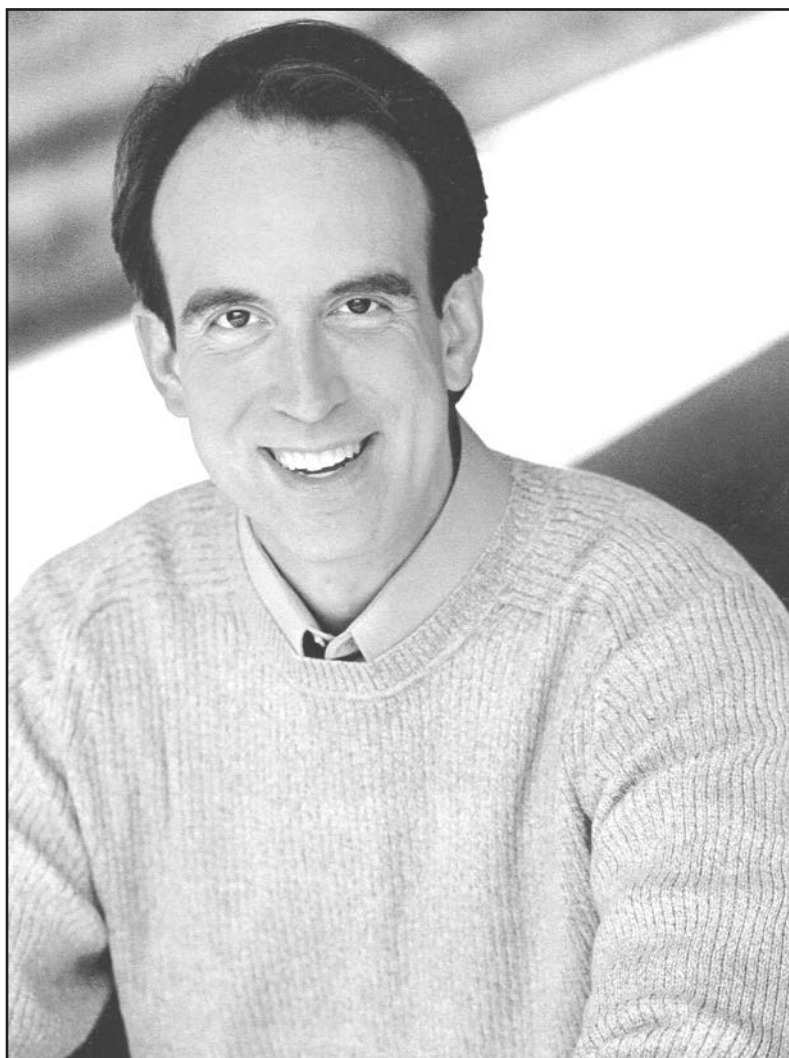
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Wind symphony spring concert Mar. 10

LONG BEACH—The University Wind Symphony, under the direction of John A. Carnahan, will perform their first spring concert Mar. 10 at CSU-Long Beach Gerald Daniel Recital Hall.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 985-7000.



DOWNEY CIVIC LIGHT OPERA – "Bye, Bye, Birdie" is the latest production of musical comedies for the local group and stars Dink O'Neal in the role of Albert Peterson. It plays through Mar. 6 at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For tickets and information, call 923-1714.

'Bleacher Bums' plays at Cerritos

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Department of Theatre and Associated Students will present "Bleacher Bums," about a group of die-hard Cubs fans while they root for their star-crossed team at Chicago's Wrigley field," March 4-13. It was written by members of The Organic Theatre Company and conceived by Joe Mantegna.

Faculty director Dr. Robin Huber says of the play, "Although a baseball game is the setting for 'Bleacher Bums,' it is not a play that focuses on the players and coaches. [It] focuses on the fans and is very optimistic. We see the triumph of our better natures: hope over despair, generosity over greed and caring over callousness."

March 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 performances are at 8 p.m.; March 13 is at 2 p.m. Prices are \$12 general, and \$10 for students and senior citizens. For information/to purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058, or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

'My Medea' making world premiere

LONG BEACH—CSU-Long Beach's University Players brings the classic Greek tragedy of *Medea* into the 21st century with the world premiere production of Susan Hansell's *My Medea*, opening Friday, March 4 in the Players Theatre on the CSULB campus. It runs through March 19. Performances are Tuesdays-Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

My Medea is presented as a companion piece to the California Repertory Company production of Euripides' *Medea*, which opens tonight, Feb. 18 at the Edison Theatre and runs through March 12. CalRep is the professional, graduate studies arm of the theatre program at CSULB. Patrons who wish to attend both *My Medea* and *Medea* may purchase special combination tickets at a discounted price.

A relevant retelling of the Euripides' classic, *My Medea* is set in modern day Los Angeles and tells the story of a beloved celebrity, M. J. Medea, who finds himself in the center of a media frenzy, as he seeks revenge on his ex-wife. The characters of M. J. Medea and Mrs. Medea were inspired by both the Greek legends of Medea and her husband, Jason of the Argonauts, as well as the real-life personas of O. J. Simpson and Nicole Brown Simpson.

Single tickets for *My Medea* are \$10 and combination tickets for *My Medea* and *Medea* at the Edison Theatre are \$25. For tickets/more information, call (562) 985-5526 or visit www.csulb.edu/depts/theatre/.

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Muriel E. Cox was longtime resident

DOWNEY – Muriel E. Cox, a Downey resident for nearly 65 years, died Feb. 4 at a local nursing home.

Born Oct. 17, 1919, she moved to Downey in 1940.

Cox is survived by daughters Carolyn Cox of South Gate and Terri DiTalia of Downey; grandchildren Jennifer and John Maese, Catherine and Nabil Cummings and Lindsay Perez.

Three great-grandchildren also survive her.

Helen M. D'Amico mourned by many

DOWNEY—Helen M. D'Amico, who was a resident of Downey for the past 35 years, has passed away. She died on Feb. 12 at the age of 94.

D'Amico, who worked as an accountant for Sears and Roebuck Company for 43 years, was born in Sicily July 20, 1910 to parents Peter and Catherine D'Amico. She belonged to the Woman's Club of Downey and was a member of AARP.

She is survived by her sister Angeline Badame; niece Catherine; and nephews Joseph and Peter. Numerous friends also mourn her.

Services were held in her honor on Feb. 17 at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary, to whom the family entrusted arrangements. Entombment was at the Los Angeles Abby Cemetery in Compton.

Services held Feb. 12 for Deborah Russell

DOWNEY—Deborah Russell, who was born, raised, and lived in Downey for all of her 53 years, passed away recently.

Born June 9, 1951 to parents Donald and Janice Russell and employed at Fidelity National Title Insurance, she died Feb. 8. Services in her honor officiated by Rev. Liz Habecker were held Feb. 12 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey. Visitation was Feb. 11 at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Russell graduated from Warren High School in 1969, and received her B.S. degree in computer science and worked as a systems analyst for over 20 years, managing the development of proprietary software for title companies. She was a member of the Rotary Club of San Fernando Valley.

She enjoyed travel and as a young woman lived in Germany working as a nurses' aide in the nursery of the Frauleiner Clinic in Munich. She flew small airplanes and did snow skiing, boating and camping.

Russell is survived by daughters Kim and Kelly; parents Donald and Janice; sisters, Gayla and Patty; nephews Brian and Matthew; nieces Amy, Rebecca, Markie and Allison; and grand niece and nephew McKenzie and Logan. She was predeceased by sister Cheryl.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

'Shabbat Kee Tissa' at Temple Feb. 25

DOWNEY—Student Rabbi Bryna Milko will be officiating with Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ, for a Shabbat Kee Tissa service scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25.

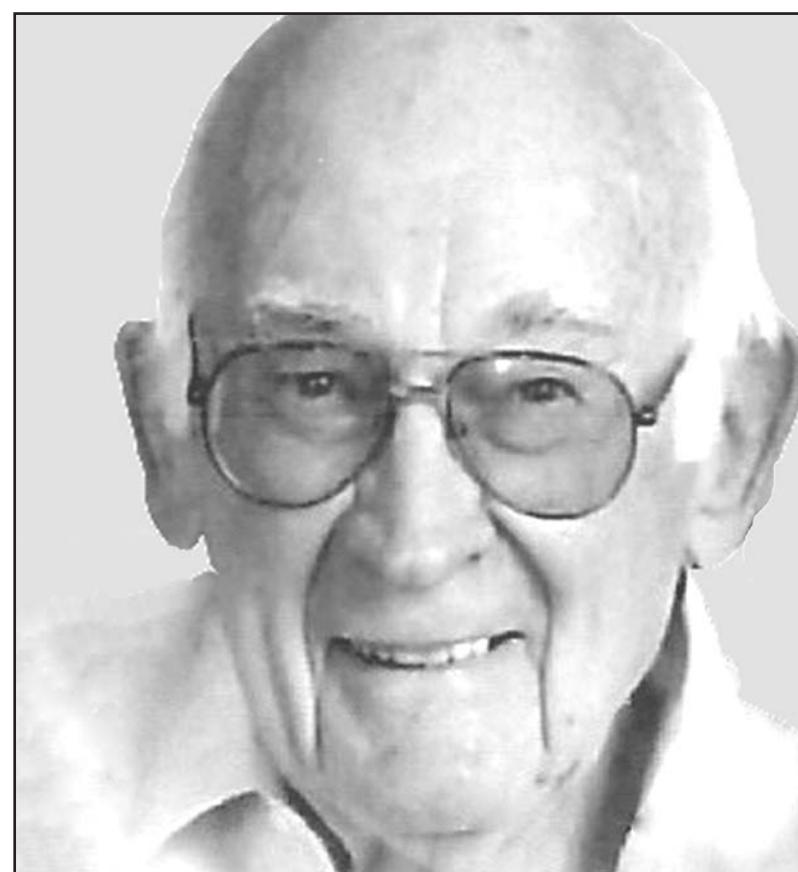
The Temple invites the community to attend.

Local economist featured speaker

DOWNEY—Downey resident and L.A. Chief Economist Jack Kyser will speak at the Legacy Society Luncheon Feb. 24, as presented by the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Kyser will give an economic forecast for 2005-06.

RSVP by calling (626) 799-0841, Ext. 805.



PAUL CLAYTON – Was a practicing architect for over 50 years and was responsible for the design of Harvey's Broiler. Funeral services are scheduled for Feb. 22 at Rose Hills.

Paul Clayton designed Harvey's Broiler

DOWNEY –Paul Busath Clayton, a longtime Downey resident and architect who designed the classic Harvey's Broiler on Firestone Blvd., died Feb. 14. He was 91.

Born Jan. 17, 1914 in Salt Lake City to Peter Affleck and Agnes Busath Clayton, he moved to Downey when he was 15 years old. He was the eldest of five sons and one daughter. He married June Carrol Anderson on June 11, 1941. Together, they raised four children. They remained married for 47 years until her death in 1989.

Clayton was a practicing architect for over 50 years. One of his most notable accomplishments was his design of Harvey's Broiler – a Southern California car culture landmark that regularly drew thousands of classic cars per weekend during its heyday. He began designing manufacturing plants for Elixir Industries in the 1970s and was actively working last fall when he became ill with leukemia.

Clayton is survived by his four children – Pam (Ron) Bailey, Craig (Rose) Clayton, Paula (Don) Walters and Kim (Mark) Robinson; brothers Byron and Peter Clayton; sister Jane Jensen; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, June; brothers Robert and Russell (Ted) Clayton; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Marrott.

A visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the State Room at Rose Hills in Whittier. Funeral services will take place Feb. 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Downey, followed immediately by interment at Rose Hills.

GriefShare seminar at First Christian

DOWNEY—Downey First Christian Church offers a bereavement seminar series on Sunday evenings entitled "GriefShare," starting March 6. The seminar, held from 6-8 p.m., continues for 13 weeks.

GriefShare is for people grieving the loss of someone close. Each 2-hour seminar consists of a 35-minute video presentation and group discussion. The series features biblical teaching and video talks by leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. In addition, real-life stories will be told of how individuals, experiencing a loss, are coping with that loss.

A \$15 donation for the workbook materials is requested. Additional information may be found at www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare, or by calling the church office at 862-2438.

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Kaiser Permanente hands out awards

DOWNEY—Celebrating individuals and organizations who are lending a helping hand in the community, Kaiser Permanente Bellflower's recent 9th annual "Hearts at Work" Community Breakfast honored: five local students with "Beat the Odds" scholarships, two organizations with grants totaling \$65,000 and two Kaiser Permanente employees with "Hearts of Gold" awards for their "invaluable commitment" to community service.

The breakfast was hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, who said: "This event showcases to the community a few of the many great projects Kaiser Permanente supported in 2004. Community benefit programs not only bring our community closer, but also improve the health status of those in need through the sharing of resources and information."

Two \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds were awarded to middle school students and three \$1,000 scholarships to high school students who "Beat the Odds." These scholarships are given to those who not only overcome significant obstacles, such as socio-economic and personal hardships, but rise above them and go on to achieve academic excellence.

Kaiser Permanente also presented two grants to local safety net providers who are serving uninsured residents in Southeast Los Angeles: the American Indian Healing Center in Whittier, which received a \$35,000 grant to help the clinic acquire medications needed to serve an additional 250 patients; and \$30,000 to South Central Family Health Center, for refurbishing a donated mobile vehicle that will serve uninsured children and adults.

Receiving "Heart of Gold" awards were KP - Bellflower Medical Center employees Joyce Cho, CMA, for her commitment to supporting community service projects throughout the medical center's service area, and Victor Wong, MD, for his leadership in supporting the medical center's school-based clinics and nurturing an 8-year relation with Students Run LA.

Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center in 2004 donated over \$12 million in grants, charity care, staff support, and in-kind supplies to residents and non-for-profit organizations in Southeast Los Angeles.

Kaiser Permanente, America's leading health care organization, was founded in 1945 and is a nonprofit, group-practice prepayment health care program with headquarters in Oakland, CA. The Center serves 280,000 members throughout Southeast Los Angeles County.

NARFE meets at Furman Park Feb. 23

DOWNEY—The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) holds its monthly meeting at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 S. Rives in Downey, at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Featured speaker is a representative from the County Alzheimer's Association who will talk on "Memory Loss & Aging."

Retired and active Federal workers, as well as the general public, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For details, contact Chapter president Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

Legislative committee meets

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K-P BELLFLOWER—Medical Director Martin Gilbert, MD, American Indian Healing Center executive director John Andrews, and 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe are shown above, from left to right.

Tai Chi classes get underway Feb. 22

WHITTIER - Tai Chi, a meditative and healing art said to help reduce stress while developing strength, flexibility and balance, will be taught in a six-session class beginning Feb. 22 at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

Sensei Frank McGouirk, a sixth degree black belt, will teach the class. Cost is \$30 for the six sessions, which meet Tuesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Reservations are required by calling 698-0811 ext. 2444.

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Knabe hosting Arc 'walk for independence'

DOWNEY—The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, will be held Saturday, March 12 at 8 a.m. at Downey's Stonewood Center, near the Acapulco Restaurant.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe is the host and Platinum Sponsor for this event which raises both awareness and funds for people with developmental disabilities served by Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County.

Joining Supervisor Knabe will be Master of Ceremonies Phillip Palmer of KABC, and "Lucy," Johnny Croshaw, the Warren High School Marching Band, the Mayfair High School Jazz Band, and a Marine Corps colorguard are among those providing music.

Acapulco Restaurant y Cantina will serve its famous Burrito Breakfast to all participants. Diamond sponsors CareMore Medical Group, Carol Pearce - CPA #1 International, Haire/Scott Family, Downey Kiwanis Foundation, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Lopez Insurance Agency, Inc., Rotary Club of Downey, Century 21 My Real Estate Co., Inc., Gary & Betty Morse, Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, and Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis will also have a presence.

The event includes two walking courses, a one-mile and a three-mile course. Registration fee is only \$10, and children under 10 are free. Arc urges everyone to "Get your team together and join us for a morning of help and hope for people with disabilities."

For information/registration, call (562) 803-4606, or e-mail arc-kmac@aol.com.

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Magician correctly predicts basketball score

DOWNEY—Exactly as magician/illusionist John Gabriel predicted, the final score of the basketball game Feb. 10 between rivals Downey High School and Warren High School turned out to be: Downey High, 50, Warren High, 46.

Three days before the game, Gabriel's voice and written prediction were recorded on tape, which was then locked and sealed inside a box, and isolated high above everyone. At game's end Feb. 10, the box was opened to reveal Gabriel's prediction.

"I didn't think he'd be able to do it," according to one student, who figured it was such a close and low-scoring game, "but he did." Another said, "I was right there, right in front of him, and I still can't figure out how he did it."

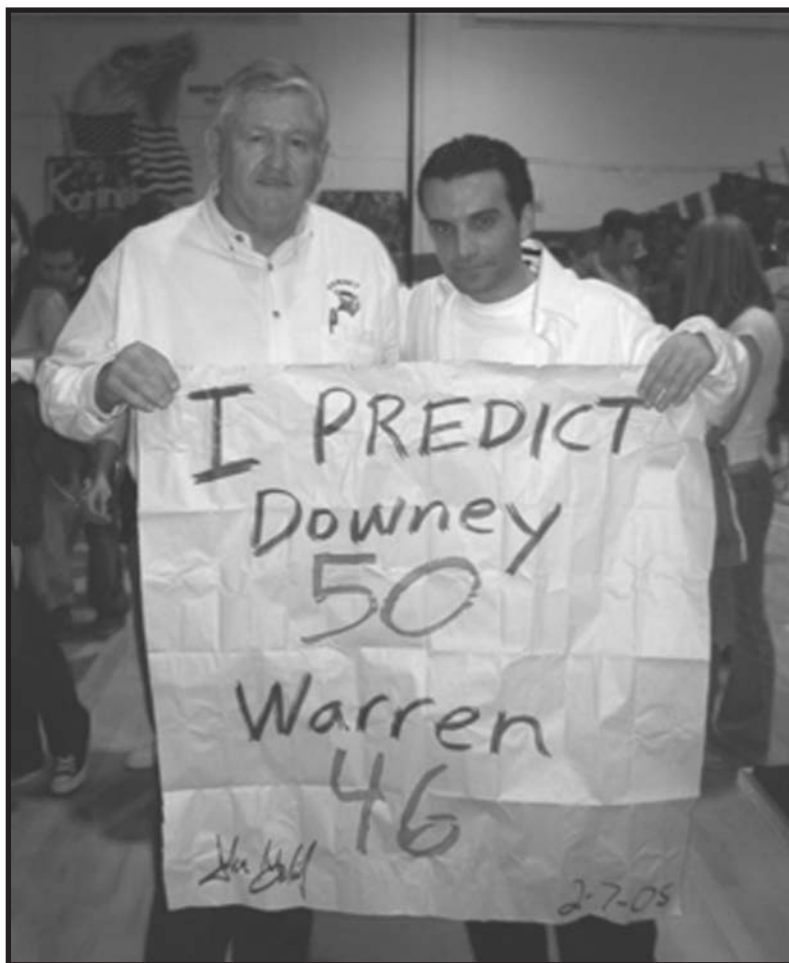
"I love what I do, that's really what keeps it going for me," says Gabriel, who recalls predicting the game's outcome brought so much fun, as he prepares for yet another engagement March 12 at the Downey Civic Theatre. Other stops in his Southern California Tour are the Annenberg Theatre in Palm Springs March 19, Alex Theatre in Glendale April 7, and Fullerton College Theatre May 15.

For tickets to the March 12 show at the Downey Civic Theatre, call (323) 440-7297. Or log onto www.johngabrielmagic.com for further information.

Downey boys advancing in playoffs

DOWNEY — The Downey boys basketball team rallied for a 21-5 run in the final minutes of the game to secure a 65-52 victory over A.B. Miller High School in a CIF Southern Section Division I-AA wild-card playoff game.

Anthony Rollins scored a career-high 25 points for Downey, who continue their playoff push with a visit to Ayala tonight.



DOWNEY HIGH PRINCIPAL—Allen Layne and magician John Gabriel hold up prior prediction.

EPC meeting schedule changed

DOWNEY—The Emergency Preparedness Committee, which previously met the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Center, will now meet regularly the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at 12222 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

For information, call the city of Downey Fire Department, 904-7344.

GOOD annual luncheon at Rio Hondo April 13

DOWNEY—Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) will hold its annual luncheon Wednesday, April 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club, located at 10627 Old River School Road.

The luncheon will highlight the tremendous work done by this community-based organization to combat gang activity in the community of Downey. GOOD is made up of many community leaders and has received national recognition, including the President's "Points of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

This special luncheon event costs \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. In addition, sponsorships are available as follows: Platinum sponsor for a donation of \$5,000 or more; Gold sponsor for a donation of \$2,000 to \$4,999; Silver sponsor for a donation of \$1,000 to \$1,999; and Bronze sponsor for a donation of \$500 to \$999. All proceeds are used to fund anti-graffiti programs, programs for "at-risk" students, the 10/20 Club for gang suppression, camperships for troubled youth, and the Community Policing in the Schools Program. The Downey Police, the City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District are recipients of funds raised by GOOD. For more information/to make reservations, contact Harry Montanez, Vice-President for Finance, Downey Federal Credit Union at 862-8141, or Stan Hanstad, DUSD Assistant Superintendent, at 562-469-6541.

The event is a yearly sellout with over 400 in attendance.

Symphony Guild free concert preview

WHITTIER—The Rio Hondo Symphony Guild invites the public to attend a free Concert Preview Friday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. at the First Friends Church, 13205 Philadelphia St. in Whittier, featuring musician/conductor/arranger Lars Clutterman, who will speak on the Viennese masters, Beethoven and Mahler, and their music.

Clutterman has been acknowledged for his music preparation for Broadway musicals, the Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Philharmonic and many movies, including Star Wars, Polar Express, Harry Potter series, Electra and Flight of the Phoenix.

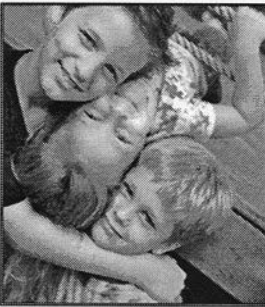
The Guild is in its 31st year of cultivating musical interest and talent in the community, and provides financial assistance and time in promoting the Rio Hondo Symphony's four free concerts a year.

Physical therapy massage screening

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department, in conjunction with La Flash Medical Clinic, offers free sample physical therapy massages at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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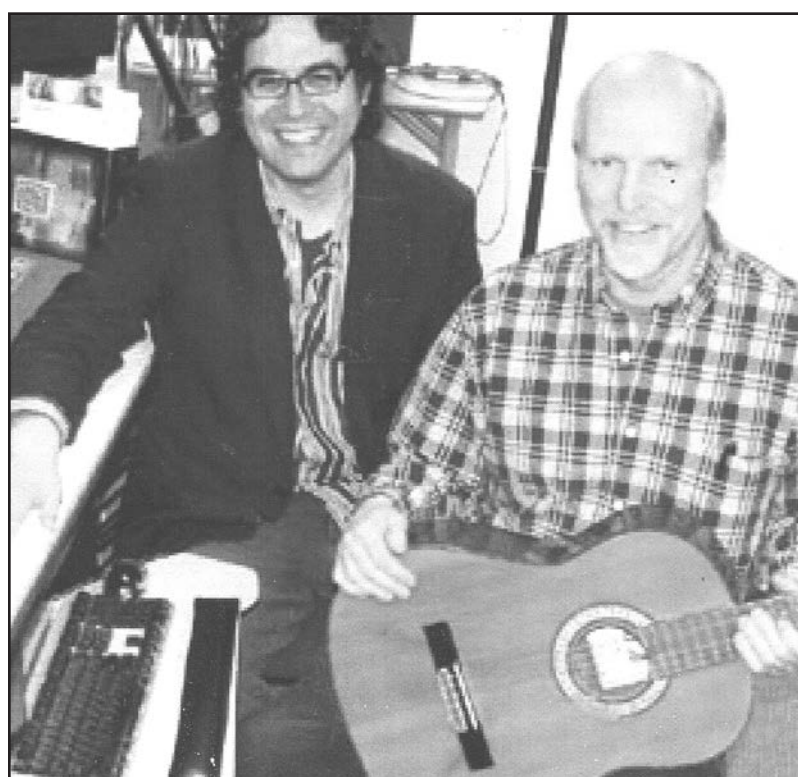
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CERRITOS COLLEGE—Fine Arts professors Gary Pritchard, left, and David Nelson, who have performed in the annual faculty gala for six and 18 years, respectively.

College faculty to perform Feb. 27

NORWALK—In one of only two music department performances that charge attendees a small entrance fee (the Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert held April 1 is the other), nearly 40 full- and part-time music faculty at Cerritos College will display their musical talents at the 20th Annual Faculty Gala Sunday Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

The concert in the college's Burnight Center Theatre is a fundraiser for the music department which will enable faculty members to later provide scholarships to deserving students. Faculty members collaborate to develop material for the program. Their musical styles cover a broad spectrum, ranging from classical works to more contemporary music such as songs composed by Eric Clapton.

General admission is \$10; senior and student admission is \$5. Tickets are available for purchase at the theater box office or in the music department office.

Information: Amara Aguilar, (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2638 or visit aaguilar@cerritos.edu.

Rock band to play at Anarchy Library

DOWNEY—Sound of Urchin, a rock band with a built following after opening for bands like Tenacious D, Mike Watt and Public Enemy, will play Monday, Feb. 22 at Anarchy Library, 13250 Woodruff Ave.

Managed by Twisted Sister member and industry veteran Sean Sullivan, Sound of Urchin's live shows have been said to "ooze with spontaneity and vibe of a true rock show." The group is anticipating the April release of their record, "The Diamond."

The concert is free. For more information, call 803-9134.

Downey Newcomers to tour Arc

DOWNEY—A tour of the Arc headquarters at 12049 Woodruff Ave. in Downey has been arranged by Downey Newcomers' tour chairman, Vicki Augimeri, for Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.

There is no charge for the tour, and everyone is invited to join it. Car pools will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Christian Church on Florence and Brookshire. Others can meet at the Arc site itself.

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Preparations for annual Street Faire in full swing

DOWNEY—Specific guidelines and procedures have been issued by the Downey Chamber of Commerce for its 12th annual Downey Street Faire scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at Brookshire Avenue between Firestone Blvd. and Civic Center Drive, where attendance is expected to again exceed 18,000.

Main draws include the entertainment, its car show, the food court, crafts of all kinds, and the ever-popular Kid's Zone.

Cost to participate for non-food vendors is \$85 per space, \$95 for food vendors (restricted to Chamber restaurant members only or Downey non-profits); cost is for a 10' X 10' space only—vendors provide canopy, table and chairs, and own portable generator/electrical cords.

Other important guidelines:

*Desired optimum vendor mix is 1/3 business, 2/3 arts, crafts and collectibles

*No used items (i.e., clothing, garage sale items, resale items or bankruptcy buyouts) may be sold

*Anyone selling must have a Resale Permit number

*Those selling or giving away packaged foods (including packaged foods, vitamins, herbs, water) must have a health permit

This year's Street Faire Committee co-chairs are Fionnuala Anderson and Pacific Western Bank's Jan Scott. For information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, (562) 923-2191.

Real estate and tax meeting Feb. 19

DOWNEY—Brookstreet Securities Corporation, along with Colin Clarke of Century 21 Jarvis & Associates, will host a two-hour meeting Feb. 19 at the Rio Hondo Country Club beginning at 9 a.m. that will cover property exchanges, capital gains and other real estate and tax topics. The meeting is free and a complimentary breakfast will be served.

Reservations should be made by calling 904-6652.

Pianist performing at CSULB

LONG BEACH—Steven Spooner, a noted pianist who has performed around the world, will give a show CSU-Long Beach Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students. The Gerald Daniel Recital Hall, located in the CSULB Music Complex behind the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, will host the event.

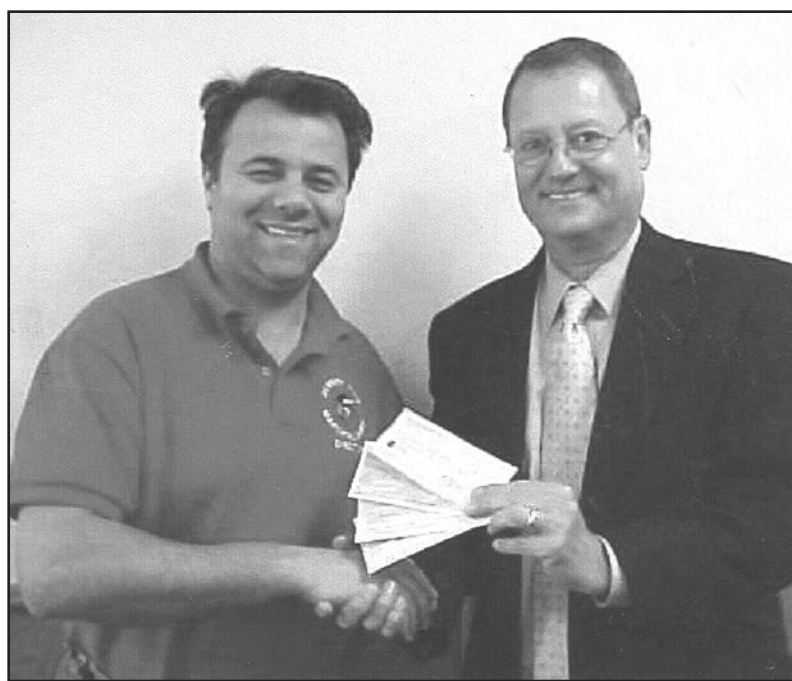
Purchase tickets by calling (562) 985-7000.

College to offer Spanish courses

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Adult Education and Diversity Programs and the General Consulate of Mexico in Los Angeles are hosting the inauguration of the "Plaza Comunitaria" program, designed to bring literacy opportunities to the Latino community, Mar. 2.

The program offers courses for adults of the Latino community who wish to improve their reading, writing and language skills in Spanish in preparation for learning English.

"Plaza Comunitaria" also provides a bridge for adults who later wish to take bilingual or English-language college courses at Cerritos College. Call 860-2451 to register for the program.



STEVE ROBERSON—President of Kiwanis, presents a check for \$400 to Corey Olariu, Jazz Director, for Downey High School. The students helped to open the evening for the Kiwanis play, "The Odd Couple," at the Downey Theater. "This is an energetic group with a great blend of musical talent. It is our pleasure to support them and thank them for their outstanding performance on behalf of the Kiwanis," Roberson stated.

Business guide on city's website

DOWNEY—The City of Downey website, www.downeyca.org, offers a step-by-step guide on starting a business in this city.

The guide provides general information, from choosing a name to specific required permits and licenses. The guide is free.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. will conduct a site visit of the Cerritos College Associate Degree Nursing Program March 1-3, 2005. If you wish to share information about the nursing program you may do so at a public forum on March 2, 2005 from 1-2 p.m. on the Cerritos College campus in the Health Occupations Building room HS 105.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commissions, Inc (NLNAC) is responsible for awarding accreditation status for nursing education programs across the country. Accreditation is a voluntary, self-regulatory process by which nongovernmental associations recognize the quality of participating educational institutions or programs. The NLNAC assists in the ongoing quality improvement process as it relates to nursing program resources, curriculum and evaluation.

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Ronald McDonald scholarships announced

LOS ANGELES—Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California (RMHCSC)/Scholars of Tomorrow Scholarship Program announced its inaugural college scholarship, offering \$25,000 in scholarships to qualified high school students throughout Southern California.

The program is sponsored by the McDonald's Operators' Association of Southern California (MOASC) and scholarships are jointly funded by grants from the Global and Southern California chapters of RMHC.

Twenty-five high school seniors who excel in the classroom and demonstrate leadership in the community will be selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships to the accredited college or university of their choice. Applications for the scholarship program were mailed to more than 1,000 public and private high schools throughout the Southland and are available through guidance counselors' offices. Applications can also be obtained by calling (310) 444-7000. Completed applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 1 for consideration.

To be eligible, students must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura County and must be enrolled as a high school senior. Students who plan to attend an institution of higher learning which offers accredited, post-secondary instruction, may apply. Students must submit a completed application form, high school transcript, letter of recommendation, and an essay, no more than 2 pages in length, describing how their leadership has made a positive impact on their communities and how they plan to continue making a difference.

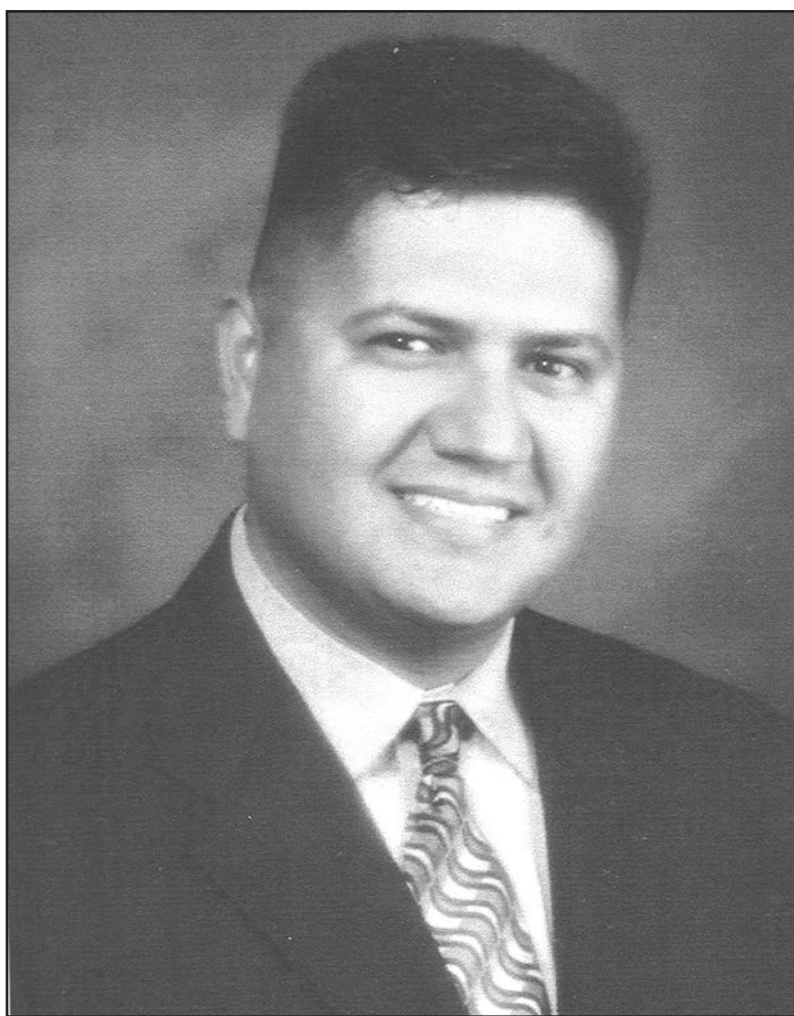
MOASC is composed of more than 600 franchised and company-owned McDonald's restaurants in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

Hospital planning senior day trips

WHITTIER—Life Connections of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital is organizing senior day trips through the month of March.

On the agenda so far are trips to Sam's Seafood and Polynesian Show (3/3), Barona Casino (3/7) and the Crystal Cathedral (3/23).

Prices for each show vary. Call the hospital for reservations.



CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE—Has welcomed Miguel Calvillo to the office. Miguel has worked with the City of Santa Monica and has attended Cerritos Community College. "Miguel is a bright young man and very motivated. We are happy to welcome him to the real estate field," stated Steve Roberson of Century 21 My Real Estate Company. Calvillo can be reached at 927-2626.

Exhibitors, sponsors wanted for Job Fair

DOWNEY—Latest corporate sponsors to sign up for the upcoming Job Fair Saturday, March 12 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey, are Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, Downey Regional Medical Center and Mitchell Personnel, it was announced by Tina Campos of the Downey Adult School and event chairman. Putting up the event, scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m., are the Downey Adult School and the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

"Last year's fair drew over 900 job applicants," said Campos, "and we want this year's fair to have the same results."

Several businesses will bring their recruiters to the event. More are needed, however, to make it the outstanding success it usually is. For \$50, Chamber-member exhibitors receive a skirted table and space to use for their display and recruitment purposes. Exhibitors will also be treated to a post Job Fair luncheon. Non-Chamber members may participate for a cost of \$60 per table.

"We can use additional corporate sponsors, too," said Campos. They are available at \$500 and entitle the sponsor to a table, two lunch meals, and a company name used on a banner displayed at the Job Fair. Their name/logo will appear as well in posters, flyers, advertising and news releases that are distributed throughout the community.

Exhibitors-to-date are: Avon, Downey Federal Credit Union, Curves Downey - East, Downey Unified School District, Downey Regional Medical Center, Escrow Net, Home Instead, Jafra, Jiffy Lube, Keystone Lanes, Mitchell Personnel, Primerica, Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, UPS, and U.S. Army Recruiting.

For more information, call the Chamber office, (562) 923-2191, or Tina Campos at Downey Adult School, (562) 940-6237.

February book auction at Downey city library

DOWNEY—The Friends of Downey City Library are holding their monthly book auction Saturday, Feb. 26 at 12 noon. Now on display in the 'auction cabinet' in the lobby of the library are hand-picked collectable or special interest books and videos.

You may place your bid(s) in the Friends of the Library bookstore, which is located inside the library, up until bid closing at noon on the 26th. Winners will be contacted by phone and can pick up their 'treasures' from the bookstore. For information, call 904-7360 or visit www.downeylibrary.org.

A shortened list of the books up for auction (bids are increased by minimum \$1 increments) includes: "The Inaugural Addresses of the American Presidents: from Washington to Kennedy" (This is the first complete anthology of presidential inaugural address ever published) - minimum bid: \$5; "Life: World War 2" (The story is covered year by year around the world, beginning in 1919 and flowing through the war and its aftermath; includes rare and never before seen photos) - minimum bid: \$8; "Lincoln: An Illustrated Biography" (The #1 paperback edition of the acclaimed best-selling companion volume to the memorable ABC television documentary) - minimum bid: \$8; "Simon & Schuster Book of the Opera" (Over 400 striking illustrations, more than 800 entries containing specific information on composers, performance dates and more; a must for all opera-lovers) - minimum bid: \$5; "Reader's Digest: First Day Cover Collection (Includes a collection of stamps, the history behind the stamp and day it was first issued; collection includes stamps from 1981-1985) - minimum bid: \$8 (missing one stamp).

Wine tasting and show Feb. 27

DOWNEY - Downey Regional Medical Center will host a wine tasting Feb. 27 prior to the Downey Theater's performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Wine tasting will run from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; the show follows at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person for the show and wine tasting or \$10 for season ticket holders or for wine tasting only. Tickets are available in the hospital gift shop or by calling Claudia Graham at 944-6724.

K-EARTH 101 names new morning host

LOS ANGELES - Major market radio veteran Sean "Hollywood" Hamilton has been named as the new morning show host for radio station K-EARTH 101.1 FM. Joining Hamilton on-air will be his former sidekick and producer Dr. George Brothers starting Monday, Feb. 21.

Previously, Hamilton achieved #1 ratings for his shows at Z-100, New York and KIIS-FM, Los Angeles.

Current morning show host, Gary Bryan, will move to 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; "Shotgun Tom" Kelly will move to 6 p.m.-10 p.m. and Christina Kelly will move to 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

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RUDY GARCIA - Of ReMax Online in Downey recently earned the California Association of Realtors' Graduate Realtor Institute designation. Garcia completed a 14-session class that was said to improve his marketing and negotiation skills, as well as enhance his understanding of the latest legal, technological and financial developments in the field of real estate. Garcia has been with ReMax Online for three years.

Genealogical Society meets Feb. 19

WHITTIER—Speaker at the Saturday, Feb. 19 monthly meeting at 1 p.m. of the Whittier Area Genealogical society (WAGS) held at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier, is Stephen Morse.

Morse's topic, "White, Blue, Gray! What Color Ellis Island Search Form Should I Use?," will deal with the going on-line in April 2001 of the Ellis Island ship manifests and passenger records. The One-Step Ellis Island website was created to make this resource easier to use. It has expanded to include new search capabilities and an array of color-coded search forms which will be described from both an historical and practical perspective.

Saturday, Feb. 26, the annual WAGS seminar will be held at the same location. Popular teacher Gary Shumway will present "United States History for Genealogists: The Colonial and National Period and Why My Ancestors Moved."

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings. For information, call (626) 919-1713 or (562) 695-5431.

Adult school nurse guest speaker

DOWNEY—Rose Boland, from the Downey Adult School Health Services, will be the guest speaker Tuesday, Feb. 22 when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meets at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., at 7:30 a.m.

Through the exchange of ideas/business cards, the Chamber networkers promote their business/service among themselves and their guests. RSVP: (562) 923-2191.

Colon cancer discussed at hospital

WHITTIER—A free lecture, "Taking Care of your Colon," will be presented Mar. 17 at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

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DUI checkpoints in Downey Feb. 26

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Unlicensed drivers or drivers found driving with a suspended driver's license will be cited and their vehicles subject to impoundment. Drivers found to be under the influence will be arrested.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the Business Transportation and Housing Agency.

Medicare help at Presbyterian Hospital

WHITTIER—Do you have questions about Medicare, long-term care insurance or Health Maintenance Organizations? The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program provides free assistance to Los Angeles County Medicare beneficiaries who need help at weekly meetings at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

The sessions run every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Flo & Frank L. Scott Conference Center.

Cancer support group at DRMC

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. Information: 806-2790.

Story of two rivers depicted in mural

LONG BEACH—A mural exhibit that explores the journey of water from the mountains to the sea, "Rios de la Vida" (Rivers of Life), has debuted at the Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach. It is free and runs through April 30.

The ceramic mosaic mural surrounds the city of Long Beach's Wave Fountain and presents a tapestry of images that evoke the two uniquely urban rivers—the Los Angeles and San Gabriel. Highlighted in the mural is the surprising diversity of flora and fauna still found today in and around these rivers. The history and conservation issues surrounding the rivers are explored through interpretive graphics.

The mural starts at the rivers' headwaters in the local San Gabriel Mountains, traveling through the floodplains where many of us live, and ends along our coastal wetlands and river delta tidal zone. An array of boulders illustrates the geological story of our watershed and the erosive power of water as it travels to the ocean.

"Our goal is to remind us of our rivers' connection with the ocean, their remaining beauty, and threats to their conservation. We hope this exhibit inspires stewardship by providing educational information on our local rivers, watersheds, and the animals that depend on them," said Aquarium of the Pacific president & CEO Jerry R. Schubel.

The Aquarium of the Pacific is open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (except on Dec. 25 and during the weekend of the Grand Prix of Long Beach April 8-10, 2005). Admission is \$18.95 adult (12+), \$16.95 senior (60+), \$10.95 child (3-11), and free for Aquarium members and children under three.

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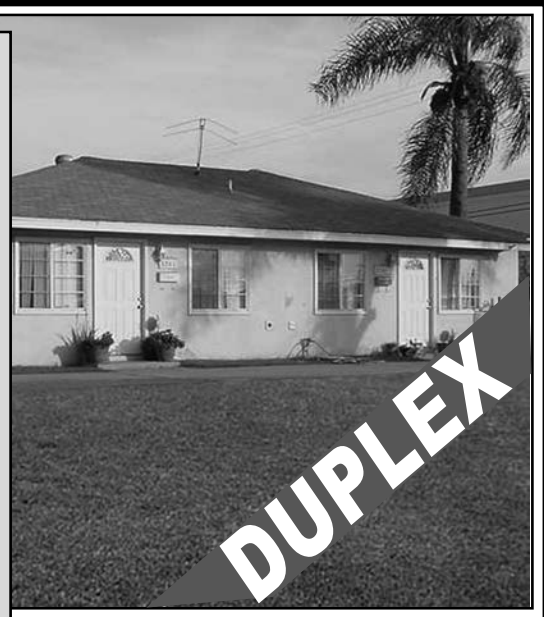
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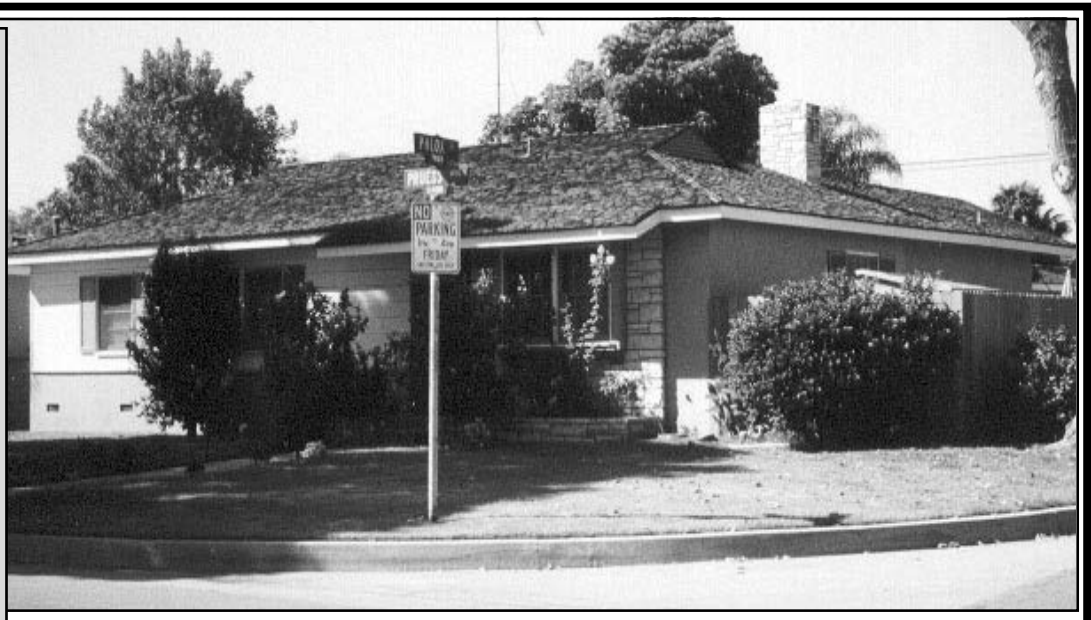
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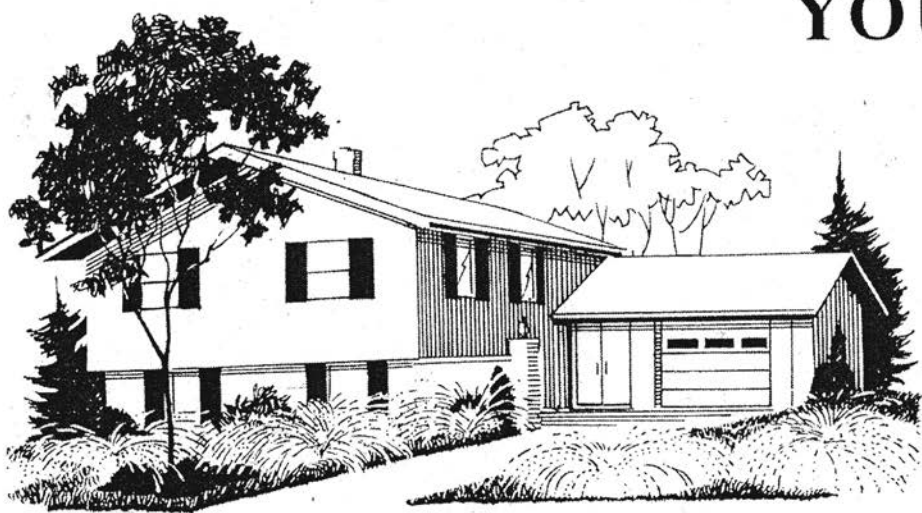
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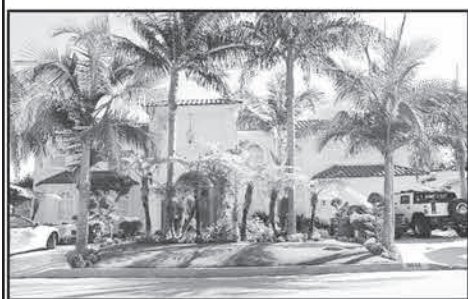
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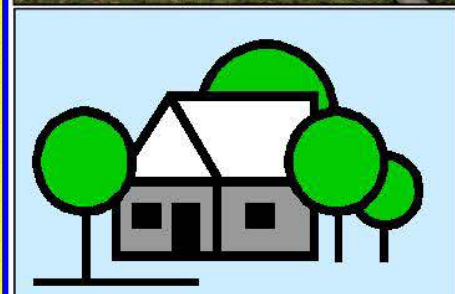
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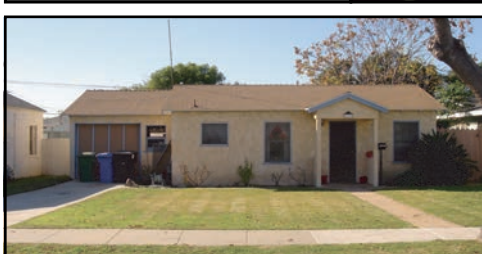
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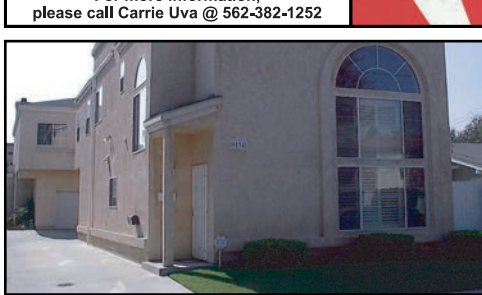
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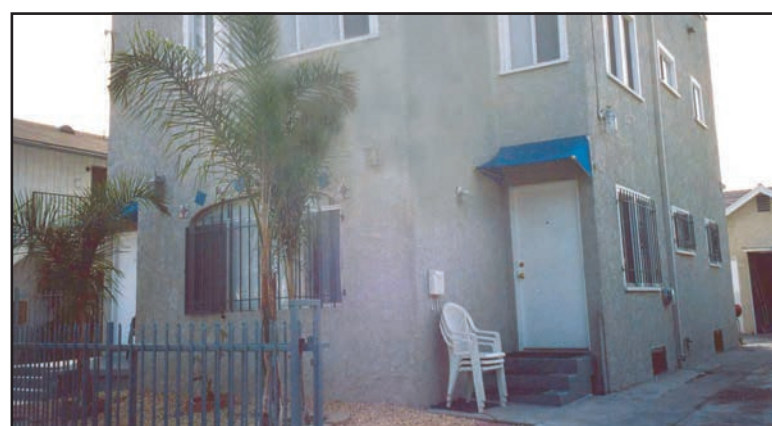
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