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DUSD announces new assignments

Houts named Downey principal

DOWNEY—The following personnel changes at the Downey Unified School District for the 2005-2006 school year have been announced by DUSD's Board of Education:

*Tom Houts, currently Assistant Principal, Instruction and Student Affairs at Warren High School, will be replacing retiring principal Allen Layne as new Principal at Downey High School. Houts has been employed in the district since 1989 as a teacher, coach and administrator.

*Robert Jagielski, currently Assistant Principal, Instruction and Student Affairs at Downey High School, will be replacing retiring Earl Hauger as Director, Pupil Services at the district office. Jagielski has been employed in the district since 1992 as a teacher, coach and administrator.

*Phil Davis, currently Principal, West Middle School, will be taking over the helm of retiring Dale Lostetter as Director, Support Programs and Career/Vocational Education at the district office. Davis has been employed in the district for 19 years and has served as a teacher, co-administrator and principal.

*Gregg Stapp, currently Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Guidance at Downey High School, will become the new Principal at Griffiths Middle School. Stapp has been employed in the district since 1985 as a teacher, coach and administrator.

*Wayne Diulio, currently Principal at Griffiths Middle School, will be moving to Downey High School as the Assistant Principal, Instruction and Student Affairs. Diulio has served in the district since 1988 as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Arc Walk offered tomorrow morning

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The great Arc Walk for Independence, the major fundraiser to fund this group which helps those with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, will be offered tomorrow morning, Saturday, March 12, with ceremonies starting at 8 a.m. at Stonewood Center next to the Acapulco Restaurant.

Registration is \$10 for participants with children under 10 free. The event features a one and a three-mile walk to raise funds. A free breakfast is offered courtesy of Acapulco Restaurant.

Palmer and "Lucy"

A special guest will be Philip Palmer of KABC-TV, as well as "Lucy," and music will be provided by the Warren High School Band.

The walk will begin at 8:30.

The Arc provides education and job and skills training as well as independent living help for more than 400 developmentally challenged persons at the group center in Downey. For registration and information, call (562) 803-4606 or come early before the walk.

Family oriented

This is one of Downey's best-attended charitable events which now produces a throng of more than a thousand. Bring the whole family!

Platinum sponsor is Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. Diamond sponsors include Acapulco Restaurant, CareMore Medical Group, CPA #1 International Carol Pearce, the Haire Scott Family, Downey Kiwanis, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Lopez Insurance Agency, Rotary Club of Downey, Century 21 My Real Estate, Gary and Betty Morse, Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, Kaiser Foundation and Wells Fargo Bank.

Gold sponsors are too numerous to list here.

New look at plan at Downey Landing

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has passed a resolution directing the Planning Commission to review the Downey Landing Specific Plan with an eye to amending it.

The action was at Tuesday's regular City Council meeting.

Background

As background a staff report noted that City staff requested such a move and study at the last Council session, as a number of areas need review and update since the present Specific Plan was approved in 2002. Areas include traffic circulation, permitted uses, and consistency with the new general Plan Update. The review will also allow staff time to study needed changes and bring back recommendations to the Planning Commission and Council.

Environmental study

It is understood that the level of review may necessitate additional environmental documentation to support the Specific Plan Amendment. Staff will meet with impacted developers at the site to determine potential costs and a cost sharing formula in such case.



CURRENT WARREN HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Tom Houts assumes new duties July 1 as Principal at Downey High School, replacing retiring principal Allen Layne.

Symphony captures young imaginations

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Music in the Schools, the Downey Symphony's outreach program for students from first grade through junior high, is currently visiting every elementary school in the city with a presentation by its quintet of musicians.

Now in its 11th season, Music in the Schools performances have touched, delighted and educated thousands of our youngsters by demonstrating such themes as Tempo, Rhythm and Meter, or Melody and Accompaniment. This year's emphasis is Style in Music.

Tom Osborn

Orchestra conductor Tom Osborn fills dual roles as narrator and performer from the orchestra's reed section, playing two clarinets in different keys (though not, alas, simultaneously) as well as the recorder. And of course he is wearing his signature necktie, an exact replica of a B-flat clarinet.

The school scheduled for this day is Rio San Gabriel, with two morning performances. The cafeteria floor is literally covered with kids, 380 first, second and third graders sitting neatly with knees crossed, ready to watch and listen. Principal Theresa Ford asks the children how many recognize the quintet from last year's visit. Hands soar.

Dr. Osborn has arranged classical music from different periods and a wide range of countries, and he has done it, miraculously, for five instruments played by principals from the Downey Symphony. Violin, clarinet, trombone, string bass, percussion.

Changing styles

He explains that styles in music change just as styles in clothes do. "Way, way, way back in time, in the 1600s," he tells the audience, "in the Baroque Period—can you say Baroque?" "Baroque!" comes the shout. "Back then a lot of people played the recorder. It is a rather quiet instrument. Music gets louder through the centuries, did you know that?"

As each instrument is introduced, the musician shows what it looks like and sounds like, demonstrates how it is played, and then performs a work as featured instrument joined by the others. The string bass solos in a movement from a Haydn symphony, the trombone plays Stravinsky. Music representing Russia, France, Mexico, and China is performed, and from the U.S.A. there's Jazz—20s style and Dixieland.

Tom tells the kids that they have all heard symphony orchestras, but may not realize it. Whenever they go to a movie they hear symphonic music, which contributes enormously to the mood and action of every film. The quintet dives into "He's a Pirate" from Pirates of the Caribbean. Then Tom asks for two volunteers and from the sea of eager hands calls up a couple of students to assist Paul, the percussionist, on woodblocks.

The program for Rio San Gabriel's upper-level students includes a bonus: the announcement that in a couple of weeks they will join all other fifth graders in Downey to hear a Pied Piper Concert performed for them by the full Symphony Orchestra in the Downey Civic Theater.

At the end of the quintet's performance, teacher Amy Wang guides a long queue of kids back to their classrooms, but pauses to say thanks. "These programs provide such a valuable foundation for the children," she says, and fellow teacher Mary Dagan agrees, adding that guitar and drums are taught at this school to about 90 youngsters who voluntarily come early four days a week for instruction, funded by the Stauffer Foundation.

Timing just right

The timing for all this activity is just right. An informal poll of the morning's orchestra members yields these statistics: Violinist Cheryl Ongaro began her study of violin in 4th grade; Paul Sternhagen launched into drums and piano in 5th grade, but he liked playing with people in a band or orchestra, so he stuck with percussion; Mark Artusio and the string bass have been buddies since elementary school; Robert Coomber, trombone, took drums in elementary school "partially to meet girls," then switched to the brass section in middle school; and Tom Osborn started on

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Perkins wants action on hospital reports

By John Adams

DOWNEY—City councilman Meredith Perkins wants action over what he sees as a lack of response by Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) in getting reports it is required by terms of its lease to turn over to the City.

Perkins cited at Tuesday's regular Council meeting that the hospital has still not delivered a copy of its audit for the fiscal year 2004, eight months late.

Perkins said he is tired of drafting letters to the hospital which are ignored, and said he wants the new in-house City Attorney to take legal action to force the documents to be produced. He added that the hospital is reportedly losing \$1 million a month.

In other comments, Perkins said he attended the recent openings of the Northwest and West Little League and the Downey Ponytail. Councilmen Kirk Cartozian and Rick Trejo said they also attended and enjoyed the baseball openings.

Councilman Dave Gafin invited all to the Arc Walk Saturday morning at Stonewood Center.

The Council congratulated the Downey High School Girls Water Polo Team for winning the CIF Division Championship.

And a speaker from the audience asked that May be declared Motorcycle Safety Month.

Synchro of lights on Firestone 'OK'

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has accepted improvements and maintenance responsibility for work completed on two Firestone Boulevard cash contracts and approved the final sum of \$1,019,370 for the work.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting. A staff report notes that on April 13, 2004 the Council awarded the contract for the work to GMC Engineering, for traffic signal and roadway improvements on Firestone Boulevard. The project was organized into two cash contracts for accounting purposes. S.S. 533 is primarily funded by a discretionary grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), while S.S. 547 is funded by gas tax funds.

The S.S. 533 improvements work on Firestone includes:

*Intersection widening at the Stonewood Shopping Center Entrance to provide dual eastbound left-turn lanes.

*Roadway widening east of Old River School Road to provide a west-bound right turn lane and facilitate traffic flow.

*Traffic signal upgrades and timing enhancements at intersections to

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KDB's Carol Rowland addresses litter problem

By Linda Pak

DOWNEY—When Carol Rowland became the coordinator of Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) in 1994, she not only planned on aesthetically cleaning up the city, but also committed herself to teaching the community about the larger implications of litter and its effects on the quality of life for everyone.

Although most people acknowledge litter as a major source of environmental hazard, it has become a growing problem in many communities and is the biggest problem in the ocean today. In 1978, the city of Downey responded to these concerns by establishing KDB to counter these negative trends.

"Litter is the first visible sign of change in people's attitudes and the environment," said Rowland. "There is a direct correlation of litter to the population, and the community needs to be responsible."

Rowland's staunch refusal to ignore the city's problems led her to KDB. After driving past a liquor store one morning to drop off her daughter at Ward Elementary and being alarmed at the sight of a group of gang members, she decided to take an active role by attending the Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD) meetings. When she heard that KDB was looking for a coordinator, she jumped at the chance to get involved. Since then, she has successfully led KDB to 2nd place in the state's 2004 Community Improvement Award for Environmental Achievement, organized over 600 volunteers for beautification projects around the city, taught elementary through high school students ethics on being responsible citizens, and inspired neighboring cities to adopt similar programs. According to Rowland, Downey is one of the few, fortunate cities to have a beautification program.

Rowland's efforts, along with the many dedicated volunteers, have made a visibly positive impact on the city and the morale of the citizens, but trash continues to creep onto the streets and other public spaces. To dispel the stereotype of young people, men, or singles as the ones who litter, she states that in reality everybody litters.

"People need to stop complaining and be a part of the solution, not the problem," said Rowland. "We all need to have a real, vested interest in our community."

Young people's concert at Moravian Church

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—As one of its continuing outreach programs for the community, the Downey Symphony Guild will present a young people's invitational musicale on Saturday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Moravian Church, 10337 Old River School Road in Downey.

Program vice-president Pauline Hume has invited a group of outstanding young musicians to perform. They are advanced students from the following teachers: Louise Earhart, piano; Allan Maufner, cello; Arthur Mautner, violin; and Elizabeth Wilson, piano duo.

To encourage and help support the musical endeavors of these talented students, the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation will provide a scholarship to each of them.

Seating for the performance will be on a first come, first served basis. While there will be no charge, the audience is invited to donate \$10 at the door to cover necessary production expenses.

Refreshments will be served following the concert. For more information, call Pauline Hume at 869-0422.

Rise 'N Shine meets March 22

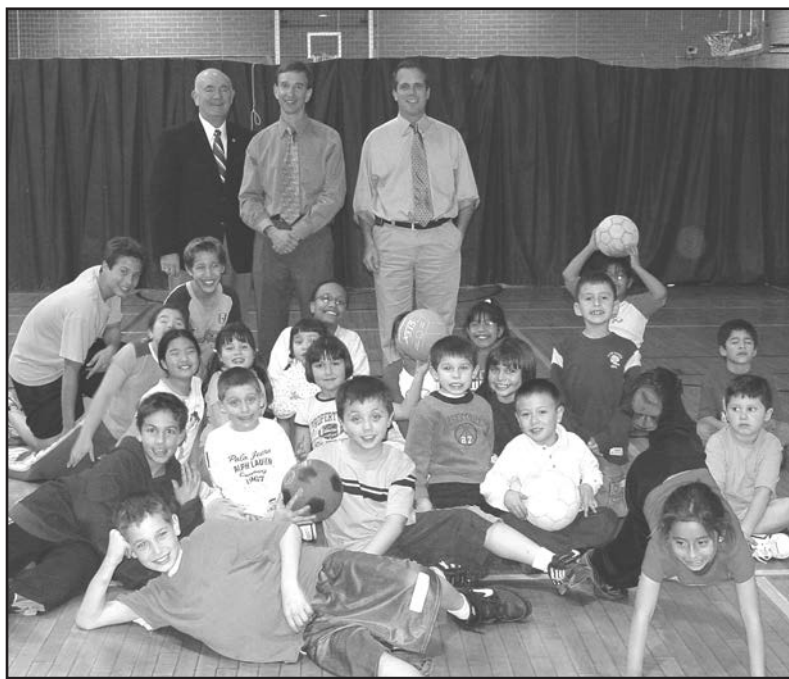
DOWNEY—Guest speaker Ryan Blair of Path Connecting will talk about "Five Principles of Fulfillment" when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise "N Shine Networking Group meets Tuesday, March 22 at Nordic Fox.

The group meets weekly at 7:30 a.m. RSVP 923-2191.

Holy Shroud presented over lunch

DOWNEY—Our Lady of Perpetual Catholic Women's Guild invites the community to a presentation of the Holy Shroud by Father Paul Caporale, March 18 at the Parish Center at 11:30 a.m.

A lunch will be served. There is no charge for the meeting, but an offering will be taken.



FUN AND FITNESS — Downey Select IPA doctors Robert Wielenga and Mark Buchfuerer, along with Jim Derry, took time out of their busy schedules to shoot hoops with some of the kids from the Downey YMCA Fun and Fit Program. Downey Select IPA donated \$1,000 to the Y, to be used for their Healthy Lifestyles Program for children.

Suspected homicide under investigation

DOWNEY—Downey Police officers found the lifeless body of 29-year old Alma Landeros when they were dispatched Monday (March 7) to a residence in the 13600 block of Klondike Ave.

Downey Police detectives are handling the cause of death as a homicide. The Los Angeles County Coroners Office was also called to investigate the death.

They are asking anyone with information regarding this case to call Det. Cooper at (562) 904-2391 or Det. Hernandez at (562) 904-2332.

Spring Beautification Awards nominations deadline is April 1

DOWNEY—Nominations for the 2005 Spring Beautification Awards are now being accepted in the following categories: 1) Home Beautiful; 2) Home Improvement; 3) Multi-Family Dwellings; and 4) Business Beautification.

Deadline for submission of entries is April 1. Judging takes place in May, with the Awards Reception which sponsoring Keep Downey Beautiful says is "just one way that the City of Downey recognizes many of the special beautification efforts of residents and businesses" set for June 2.

Award winners from the last three years are not eligible for nomination.

Entrants in all categories are typically nominated by property owners, neighboring residents or other interested residents. All categories will be judged on the following criteria: 1) Overall general appearance; 2) Maintenance; 3) Use of landscaping; 4) Creativity; and 5) Neighborhood impact.

For Home Beautiful entrants, the specific criteria are: 1) Exhibit pride in their home; 2) Excellence in exterior home upkeep and maintenance; and 3) Show creativeness. Home Improvements include painting, landscaping, driveway repairs, garage doors, awnings and additions. Only improvements completed within the last 18 months, which greatly improve the exterior appearance of the home, will be considered. A photograph before repairs is required for this category. Residential units which are zoned for Multi-Family Housing include: apartment houses, senior citizen complexes and condominiums. The Business Beautification category has the following subcategories: Most Improved (a "before" photo is required), Restaurant, Retail Center, Religious Building, Service Station, Industrial Building, Lending Institution, Commercial Building, Institutional Building, and Special Recognition.

Entry forms are to be returned to: Spring Beautification Awards, Keep Downey Beautiful, 12324 Bellflower Blvd., Downey, CA 90242-2805. For information, call (562) 904-7159.

Bible teachings at LPH Church

DOWNEY—The Love, Peace & Happiness Family Christian Church, located at 11022 Old River School Rd. in Downey, offering a "warm friendly atmosphere, dynamic music and Bible teaching to meet your needs," announces its Sunday worship services: one at 8 a.m., another at 10 a.m., and a third one at 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 11:30 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School is also offered at 9 a.m.

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GOOD RESPONSE – Dave Gafin, President of Gangs out of Downey (GOOD) and a Downey city council member, along with Stan Hanstad, Assist. Superintendent Downey Unified School District, receives a \$2000 check from Downey Federal Credit Union's Nan Budman and Barbara Lambouth, who will take the reins as CEO when Budman retires next month.

Big Job Fair set for tomorrow

DOWNEY—Downey's annual Job Fair, which is co-sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Adult School, takes place tomorrow from 9 a.m.-1p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

There will be three free workshops offered during the morning program, Dress for Success from 9:30 to 10 a.m., Interview Skills from 10:30 to 11 a.m., and Job Search/Resume Writing from 11:30 to 12 noon.

Employers at the fair will include Apple One, Avon, Bank of America, City of Downey Federal Credit Union, Curves Downey-East, Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Unified School District, Escrow Net, Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Hometown Buffet, Home Instead Senior Care, Human Services Assoc., Jafra, Jiffy Lube, Keystone Lanes, Kitchen Faire, Primerica, RMI International, UPS, U.S. Army Recruiting, and Washington Mutual.

Job seekers are asked to come early, bring plenty of resumes and dress for interviews. Employers will have booths ready and will discuss job openings, then contact potential hires later.

For information, call (562) 923-2191.

Cancer support group at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The hospital is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. For more information call 806-2790.

Warren High Band fundraiser tomorrow

DOWNEY—The award-winning Warren High School Marching Band and Color Guard will hold a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner and Band Marathon tomorrow, Saturday, March 12 on the school campus at 8141 De Palma St., Downey.

The event is a fundraiser to raise money for new musical instruments and supplies for the music program. In addition to dinner, which begins at 5 p.m., and the concert, which starts at 7 p.m., there will be a 50/50 drawing.

Tickets are \$7 at the door as well as presale, and sponsorships are available. For information, call Band Director David Niemeyer at (562) 869-7360, ext. 3616.

Street Faire sponsorships still available

DOWNEY—Gold (\$5,000), silver (\$2,500), bronze (\$1,000), and "Friends of the Faire" (\$100) sponsorships for the upcoming Downey Street Faire May 7 are still available, according to the Street Faire Committee co-chaired by Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank and Fiunnuala Anderson.

Gold sponsors are entitled to three booth spaces; silver, two spaces; and bronze, one space. Sponsors' names will appear in news releases and other publicity about the fair, including paid advertisements, posters, and flyers distributed to 10,000 grammar school students. All major sponsors will have their names on banners at the fair.

The following bronze sponsors have recently signed up: Century 21 Jervis & Associates - Colin Clarke; Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Ford, and Financial Partners, Inc. Meanwhile, the newest "Friends of the Faire" include: All American Home Center, Atlantic Lock & Key, Jerry Brady, California Well Being Insurance Agency, Century 21-My Real Estate Co., Inc., Don Dixon & Associates Insurance, Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Edy's Pampered Paws, Efficient Lighting & Electric, Elite Concrete Restoration, Escrow Results, Freedom Vacations, Inc., Los Amigos Country Club, Paramount Iceland, Park Water Company, So. California Alcohol & Drug Program, and Southland Credit Union.

Chicano author making local visit

DOWNEY – Luis J. Rodriguez, one of the leading Chicano writers in the country with eight published books, will visit the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center Apr. 13 for a talk and book signing.

Copies of his latest book, "Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A." will be available for purchase and signing. The event commemorates National Library Week.

A free admission ticket is required and may be obtained by calling the Downey City Library's information desk at 904-7360, Ext. 32.

DowneyLINK services for residents

DOWNEY – DowneyLINK, the city of Downey's transit system, operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information on routes and transfers, call 529-LINK.

Each ride costs 25 cents.



HELPING COUNT COINS—For tsunami victims are these folks whose children attend Downey United Methodist Church Nursery School. The school recently conducted a "Coins for Caring" pennies and loose change campaign, and the youngsters responded by collecting a total of \$1,122.38. From left, Agnes Arnold, Pat Calderon, Joanna Papachristos, and Ping Huang.

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They're staying!

By John Adams

Faces come and go with the passage of time in Downey as elsewhere, yet there are always some you would rather not lose touch with.

They need not be close friends, or even childhood pals, just people you have grown accustomed to and would rather not lose.

A letter to the editor last week raised the question whether Jane Hendricks and manager Joe Becker of The Nordic Fox Restaurant would remain here for long after word surfaced that they had sold the restaurant.

A letter to the editor from Becker in today's edition assures us they are staying here for the long haul. Many successful restaurants operate under a lease and the people of The Nordic Fox decided to take this route to raise operating capital. Sale of the property does not lessen their dedication to the restaurant world or The Nordic Fox one bit. Of course if you want to drop in for dinner or lunch your patronage is always welcomed.

Another assurance comes from John Croshaw who we learn sold his business, Johnny & Co., to two partners. Croshaw also assures us he is not leaving town, but will be staying to help the new owners run the business.

Croshaw is a pillar of strength in the Downtown Businessmen's group and Chamber of Commerce. As we said before, there are some faces you don't want to let slip away.

GOOD luncheon on April 13

DOWNEY—The annual GOOD (Gangs Out of Downey) luncheon highlighting the tremendous work being done by this community-based organization to combat gang activity in Downey, will take place on Wednesday, April 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

With the committed participation of many community leaders, GOOD has received state and national recognitions such as the President's "Point of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

Sponsorships are still available: Platinum sponsor (donation of \$5000 or more); Gold sponsor (\$2000-\$4999 donation); Silver sponsor (\$1000-\$1999); and Bronze sponsor (\$500-\$999). All proceeds are used to fund anti-graffiti programs, "at-risk" student programs, the 10-20 Club program for gang suppression, special activities for at-risk troubled youth, and the high school policing program. Among recipients of funds raised by GOOD are the Downey Unified School District (DUSD), City of Downey, and the Downey Police Department.

Costs for the event are \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. Early reservations are highly recommended, as the luncheon sells out each year with over 400 in attendance. For information/reservations, contact Stan Hanstad at 469-6541 or Harry Montanez at 862-8141.

Central Basin and WRD sign agreement

CARSON—The Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors approved an agreement on Feb. 28 with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) governing the sale of untreated imported water (spreading water) to WRD for the replenishment of the groundwater basin. The agreement includes terms that will allow WRD to purchase a virtually unlimited amount of spreading water at a single annual payment of \$800,000 to Central Basin. The WRD Board approved the agreement last month.

The annual payment was agreed upon by both districts based on Central Basin's current spreading water of \$37 per acre-foot and the 10-year historical average amount of spreading water that has been purchased by WRD (21,622 acre-feet). In addition to the annual payment, WRD will still pay the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California wholesale rate for each acre-foot of spreading water purchased.

"Since this area experiences frequent dry periods, we often purchase a higher than normal amount of spreading water from Central Basin," said WRD Director Norm Ryan. "Even with the recent wet weather we will continue to experience dry weather conditions and continue to expand in population. This agreement will allow WRD to maintain superior levels of groundwater storage at a reasonable rate, ensuring adequate water supplies without an additional cost."

"As precipitation levels could vary greatly from year to year, it was difficult to predict how much spreading water WRD would be purchasing at any given time," said Central Basin Board President Bob Apodaca. "By setting a single annual payment, we are able to financially plan for the revenue every year."

The agreement will be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 2004. WRD has purchased 27,758 acre-feet of spreading water from Central Basin since that date, paying approximately \$1.1 million in surcharges. Since the new agreement is retroactive, Central Basin presented WRD with a refund check for \$227,031 at the WRD Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 2.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Letter to Mayor Bayer

Dear Mayor:

I want to add my concern that no one from the Aerospace Legacy Foundation has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

Like the people who have sent letters to the Patriot, I have had the opportunity to hear representatives from the Aerospace legacy Foundation speak of the work they have done to preserve Downey aviation history. They are enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and dedicated to preserving the history of Downey's role in aviation and aerospace.

One would think that the Space Science Learning Center would be eager to get their input on any project concerning Space, Science or Learning.

—Eunice Hammond,
Downey

Youngsters show they care

Dear Editor:

The children at Downey United Methodist Church Nursery School heard about the tsunami in Southern Asia and wanted to do something to help out. So we set up a "Coins for Caring" campaign. For three weeks, the children, ages three to five years old, brought in all their loose change and put it in big jars placed in their classrooms. The jars soon filled up and we had to replace them with more jars because the children kept on bringing coins! A few children even brought in their piggy banks that we had to literally break open and they gave all of what was inside to the tsunami victims. (This was all their idea!) After all was said and one, our school of around 185 students sent a check to the American Red Cross for a total of \$1,122.38.

This done, we started a collection for the Airline Ambassador program through Jet Blue Airlines, in which we collected toothbrushes and toothpaste for children in need around the world, in places such as Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Argentina, Bolivia and Peru. The children also made Valentines to send to the children of those countries. We collected over 100 of each item to send to this worthwhile program.

—Cheryl Evans,
Director

Patriotism in our schools

Dear Editor:

Why is patriotism not taught in our schools? It was taught in the 20s and 30s as a part of our schooling. It stood us in good stead during WWII. Now the only required subject is physical education.

Our forefathers were men of intelligence with a good understanding of governments in the past. They knew democracy and why it failed in governments in the past. When they set up the United States of America they planned on preventing problems of the past from damaging our country in the future. We were taught U.S. history and civics every year. It stood us throughout WWII very well. The teachers quit teaching U.S. history and civics around the Korean War. As veterans, we know how we were treated when U.S history and civics were not taught. My kids and grandchildren were never taught these subjects. Our elected servants even refuse to endorse sections of our Bill of Rights and the Constitution when asked to do so. Perhaps we should make U.S. history and civics mandated every year in school.

—John McDonald,
Downey

A clarification about Foxy's

Dear Editor:

A Letter to the Editor in the March 4th issue of the Downey Patriot made statements concerning Nordic Fox (Foxy's) that need clarification.

We have sold the property *but* it is not "up for lease." We sold the property but are doing a lease back. When we purchased the business three years ago we also purchased the property. At the time it was a good business decision. We recently decided to sell the property to enable us to utilize the equity and allow us more financial freedom. Many businesses operate for many happy years leasing their office or retail space.

We plan on remaining in Downey at our present location for sometime. We have added a new look to our dinner hour, continue to have live music each Sunday, and are planning a big St. Patrick's Day party with live music. We are *not* planning our closing but rather looking to a long bright future.

We appreciate Ms. Lockridge's concern and comment that we offer good food as well as her desire to save a Downey icon. We offer a *big Thank You* to all of you who visit us and make remaining open possible. The owners and staff look forward to serving all of you in the years to come. We enjoy talking with all of you and many have become our friends.

—Joe Becker,
Manager, Nordic Fox Restaurant

Returning soldiers need help

Dear Editor:

This is an appeal to your readers.

Two Fridays ago, I asked for support for my neighbor who was returning from Iraq. The first phone call I received in response was from the mother of another returning soldier. And it occurred to me that as a community we can really do something to support *our* troops.

I am starting a foundation called Downey Cares. My goal is for this foundation to receive contributions for *all* Downey soldiers that have returned or are returning from Iraq or Afghanistan. I have an outline of what I want to accomplish but I am inviting suggestions *and* contributions. I need a lawyer to draw up the papers. I need a bank. I am calling on the major supermarkets that do business in Downey to donate free groceries for a year to these soldiers and their families.

I want to know of other soldiers that have returned or will be returning from war. Hopefully there have been no soldiers from Downey that were sent abroad and did not return. *But* if that not be the case I want to know and we can add their families to our list.

Both [above-mentioned] soldiers have returned home! It will take time for these two young men to readjust. I spoke to my neighbor this morning and he said he feels strange. We can do a lot for them. *It is not enough to put slogans on our vehicles!*

These soldiers are reservists. They never expected that their lives would be so interrupted. Some are coming home to unemployment! All are going through hardship.

Please call me and give what you can freely so that these families can have the time they need to reunite—to *heal*.

War is cruel and the scars last a long, long time. We as a community can speed the healing process by letting these men and women know without a doubt that they are loved and honored.

I will also be organizing a time and date when they can be properly honored. My phone number is (562) 884-5799.

—Marie Augimeri,
Downey

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COUNCIL

improve signal operation.

The S.S. 547 improvements include:

*Widening to provide a westbound right-turn lane at Brookshire Avenue.

13 change orders

A total of 13 change orders were issued during the project, covering a variety of unforeseen site conditions, upgrades and credits for deleted work.

Change orders resulted in a net increase of \$72,370 in the total contracts.

One change order in particular was for emergency work on a sink hole at Lakewood Boulevard and Firestone. The change order was approved on Oct. 12 by the Council. The other 12 change orders were primarily to replace existing worn equipment at signals to avert future malfunctions.

The Council had already approved \$1,061,000 for the cost of construction.

In other action the Council Tuesday:

*Presented a Certificate of Appointment to Pat Smith to the Personnel Advisory Board representing District 4.

*Honored the Arc (formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens), for its many good works in Downey and the surrounding community, and named March Mental Retardation Awareness Month.

*Proclaimed March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month here.

Billboard doomed

*Approved an agreement for the removal of a billboard sign on Lakewood Boulevard north of the railroad tracks

*Approved Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement with the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board.

Golden Park roof repair

*Appropriated \$35,000 and awarded a contract for emergency roof replacement at the Golden Park Activity Center.

Irrigation system at Rio Hondo

*Appropriated \$20,000 for replacement of the irrigation controller at Rio Hondo Golf Course.

*Adopted a resolution approving the final subdivision map for property at 9412 True and 9420 True Avenue, approving an agreement with the subdivider and accepting a cash deposit as surety.

*Adopted a resolution directing the Planning Commission to undertake a review and consider amending the Downey Landing Specific Plan.

*By a narrow 3-2 vote (with Councilmen Meredith Perkins and Kirk Cartozian voting against the measure), adopted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of one or more series of pension obligation bonds, approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a trust agreement, and authorized other related actions.

Fire Department equipment

*Received and filed a report on recent upgrades of fire equipment.

The next public meeting of the Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Pension obligation bonds are approved

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has passed an ordinance by a narrow 3-2 vote, authorizing the issuance of one or more series of pension obligation bonds, and execute a trust agreement and other matters relating to the bonds.

The bonds will be used to raise funding to pay off the soaring payment owed by the City to the PERS (Public Employees Retirement System), and will not exceed 7.5 percent per annum and will mature no later than 30 years following the date of issuance.

The Council designated as bond counsel the firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, and agreed to pay \$7500 as compensation for a portion of the expected cost action including court fees and publication costs.

The ordinance was opposed by Councilmen Meredith Perkins and Kirk Cartozian.

Staff, in a presentation at a previous meeting, presented the matter as a simple case of taking advantage of low interest rates to save the City some money.

Downey nightclub fight ends in one fatality

DOWNEY—An altercation that took place at about 1:56 a.m. Sunday, March 6 at the Hot Spot Night Club, located at 7857 Florence Avenue, led to the stabbing of four males, resulting in one fatality. The suspects, described as male adult Hispanics, fled the scene on foot.

William Rogers, 24, of San Gabriel, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Downey Police. Pedro Negron, age 23, of La Habra, Alejandro Martinez, age 24, of Santa Ana, and Greg Bell, age 24, of Norwalk, were treated by Paramedics and transported to local area hospitals. Martinez and Bell have since been released from the hospital, while Negron remains hospitalized, and is listed in stable condition.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Det. Steve Aubuchon at (562) 904-2361, or Det. Robert Del Rio at (562) 904-2368.

Pedestrian struck by vehicle March 4, dies

DOWNEY—On Friday, March 4 at approximately 5:03 p.m., a 2003 Acura TL 3.2 driven by Mizue Kawasaki, 74 years of age and a resident of La Mirada, struck a pedestrian at the intersection of Florence and Downey Avenues, as the former was making a left turn on Florence. The pedestrian, Frances Gallardo, age 80 and a resident of Downey, was running west on the south sidewalk of Florence Ave. and began to cross northbound in the east crosswalk of the intersection with Downey Ave.

Kawasaki did not sustain injuries in the collision, but Gallardo was transported to St. Francis Medical Center in extremely critical condition. She subsequently died at approximately 9 p.m.

Based on a preliminary investigation by Downey Police, Kawasaki entered the intersection on a yellow signal as she began her left turn onto Florence Ave. At the same time, Gallardo ran into the crosswalk against a yellow or red signal and was struck in the east crosswalk by Kawasaki.

The accident is still under investigation.



CURRENT GRIFFITHS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Wayne Diulio is moving over to Downey High School as the new Assistant Principal, Instruction and Student Affairs.



DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL'S ROBERT JAGIELSKI—Will be replacing retiring Earl Haugen as Director, Pupil Services at the district office.



DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL'S GREGG STAPP—Will become the new Principal at Griffiths Middle School.



WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Phil Davis will be the new Director, Support Programs and Career/Vocational Education at the district office. He will be replacing retiring Dale Lostetter.

One-day TLC 'super sale' March 23

DOWNEY—The TLC Family Resource Center, a program of the Downey Unified School District, will be having their One-Day Super sale fundraiser Wednesday, March 23 from 3-8 p.m. in the Griffiths Middle School cafeteria, 9633 Tweedy Lane.

The fundraiser will feature new, hang tag-intact, quality women and men's designer apparel overstock from leading national department stores at discounts up to 93% off the original retail. Original retail prices of \$20-\$49 will be sold at \$11.97, \$50-\$99 at \$19.97, and \$100-\$399 at \$29.97. Great fashions by Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, BCBG, DKNY, Liz Claiborne, Sean John, RocaWear and many others will be available. There will be sizes from 0-3X, and all styles from casual to career to evening wear.

Payments may be made by check, cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover cards.

For information/directions, call 469-6890.

The poets' corner

Blarney-Speak

When Ireland dreams her emerald dreams,
The meadows call and trees all dance in arms of wind.
Within a sheltered glen the leprechauns
Are busy mischiefmaking while gentle fairies are
Spreading Love magic in their dream-dust,
To capture us the shy and unsuspecting mortals
Who fall asleep in a clover patch.
What magic dreams are ours when fairy dust lures our minds,
And Blarney woos our thoughts.
We are transformed by wayward sprites,
Yet we are happy because we have the Wearing of the Green,
And Blarney-Speak.

—Zelma S. Dennis,
La Mirada

On the Wings of Memory

The mystic isle of Erin calls across the foam
For beauty and her welcome always brings us home.
One time we walked along the shores of Galway bay
We saw you in the shining sunbeams' golden play.
Then where the wild wave stallions would swirl and prance
Upon the sandy stage yourself would twirl and dance.
We caught a rainbow arching over Tara's hill
And felt the misty drops, your words are echoes still.
The moody songs of Shannon in its surge and flow
Would sing about your presence we have come to know.
We often wandered through the streets of Dublin town
As Irish Poet voices resonated down.
We clasped the hands of loving friends along the way
With joyous memories on Old Saint Patrick's Day.

—Zelma S. Dennis,
La Mirada

MUSIC

recorder at a young age, went to clarinet in 6th grade and learned that he too found great enjoyment creating music with other people. Those early experiences really stuck.

The hope of Downey's extensive (and expensive) Music in the Schools program is that today's children will see the same possibilities for achievement, satisfaction and fun in music performance, or become the knowledgeable audiences of the future. That's what it's all about.

Sebastian Sidi returns to Downey Theatre

DOWNEY – Sebastian Sidi, homegrown composer, arranger and instrumentalist, returns to the Downey Theatre where he will be joined by special guests for a live performance April 16.

Tickets are only available through Johnny & Co. Hair Salon, which is sponsoring the event.

Joining Sidi on stage will be Javier Lima (guitar), Mike Roper (bass) and Tonya Hoodye and Georgia Waggenor (vocals) singing "Time to Say Goodbye" by Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli and newly arranged by Sidi himself.

Influenced by the sounds of rock, classical, jazz and Latin, Sidi has combined them all to create an electrifying genre of its very own.

General admission tickets are priced at \$15 and may be purchased by calling Johnny & Co. at 862-2111 or in person at 10921 S. Downey Ave.

Log on to www.sebastiansidi.com for more information or call (562) 544-7774.

Volunteers sought for Healing Field

DOWNEY—Volunteers are needed to help set up a "Healing Field" of 1,426 American flags on Wednesday, March 30, at the North Field at East Middle School, 10301 Woodruff Ave.

The display will memorialize the 1,400 U.S. children who died last year at the hands of an abuser. Call 904-9590 to sign up.

Newcomers Club luncheon March 14

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club will hold their monthly luncheon Monday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

It will be an advanced celebration of St. Patrick's Day. President Barbara Emry encourages those attending to wear 'green' in honor of "St. Paddy." A traditional lunch of corn beef & cabbage is on the menu. Cost of the lunch is \$10.

To make reservations for the fun get-together, call Vicki at 923-0471 or Paula at 861-2545.

'St. Joseph's Table' at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish will sponsor their 23rd annual "St. Joseph's Table" Sunday, March 13 in Msgr. Bob Gipson Hall at 12348 Paramount Blvd., Downey.

The St. Joseph's Table is a tradition that started many centuries ago in Southern Italy, when Italian Catholics publicly celebrate their greatest saint, Saint Joseph. What turned out to be a 2-day celebration ends when the "Tavola de San Guiseppa" is set out on the piazza on the second day. The table is covered in white, decorated with flowers, and laden with many different foods, especially bread.

The celebration at St. Raymond's March 13 will take place as follows: Viewing from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Liturgy Celebration—Procession at 11 a.m., Blessing of the Table at 12 p.m., and a pasta dinner from 12:30-5 p.m.

For information, call Marguerite Ferraro at 869-7024 or Charlene Drobeck at 928-1937.

Registration underway for lifeguard class

DOWNEY – A spring break lifeguard training class will be offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department March 28 – April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The American Red Cross Certification Course provides the necessary skills and training needed to become a lifeguard.

Students must be at least 15 years of age on or before the last day of class to enroll.

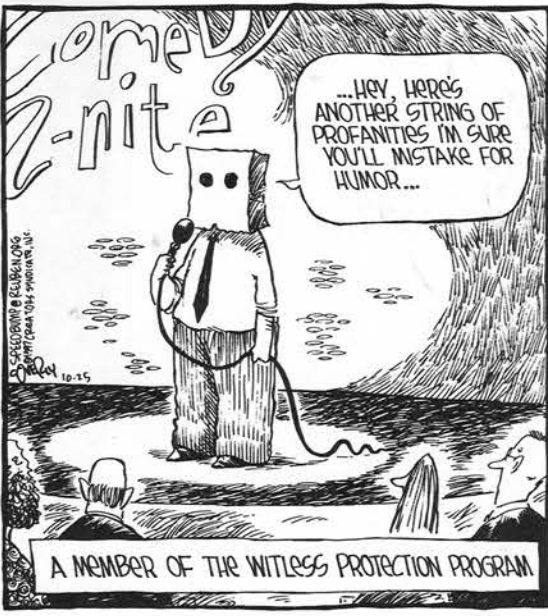
"Training to become a lifeguard can be exciting and rewarding," said Sheila Pautsch, Recreation Supervisor for the Community Services Department. "The skills and knowledge you learn, such as CPR and first aid, can help you as a lifeguard as well as in your day to day life. We encourage teens to enroll in this class because this can lead to jobs with the city for the summer. Applications will be accepted until April 15 in the Personnel Department."

Registration for the lifeguard class began March 7. Cost is \$105 and all materials will be provided.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Sat. Mar. 12, 8:00 a.m.: "ARC Walk For Independence" featuring one mile and three mile courses at Stonewood Center near the Acapulco Restaurant. For information call 803-4606.
 Sat. Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m.: **Job Fair** sponsored by Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Adult School. Bring resumes and dress for interviews. At Barbara Riley Community Center, 7810 Quill Drive. For information call 923-2191.

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 Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
 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 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 Dorothy Paricek at 927-5437.
 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's 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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 CALL THE
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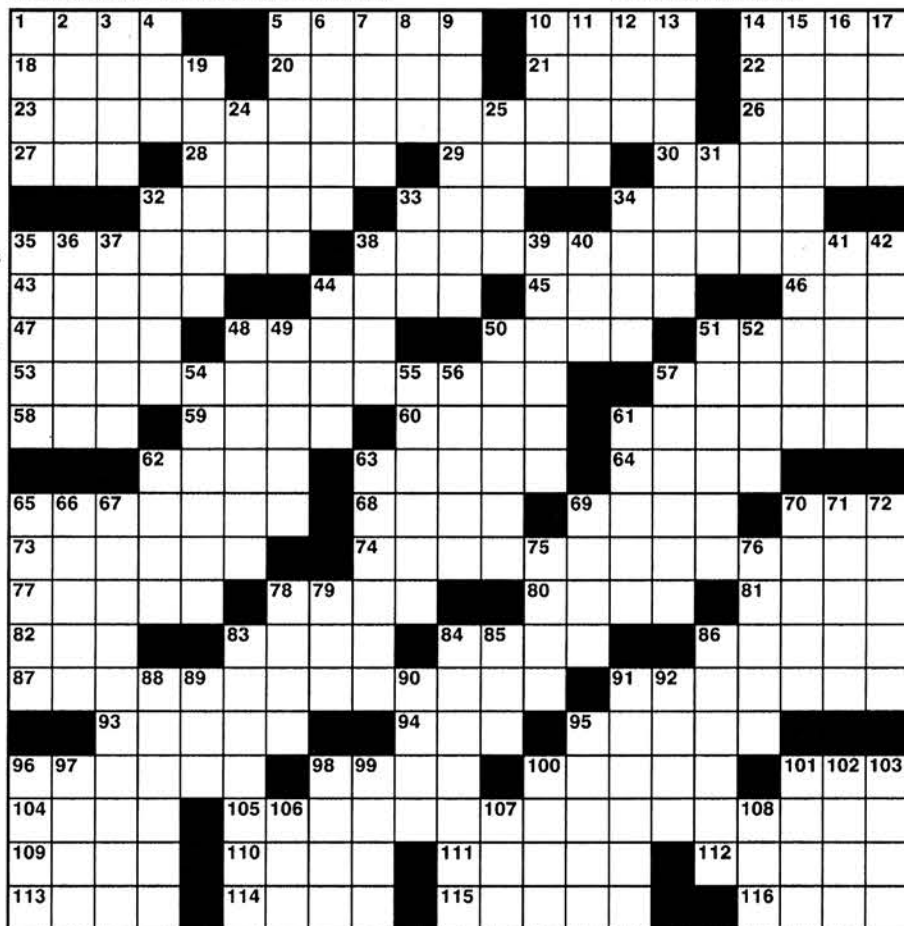
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 - 113 Hobby-shop wares
 - 114 "Now I've ___ everything!"
 - 115 Ragged-looking
 - 116 Needing a boost, as a battery
 - DOWN**
 - 1 BLT spread
 - 2 Perched upon
 - 3 Having no slack
 - 4 Great Flood refuge
 - 5 Maximally crude
 - 6 "It's ___!" (*Frankstein* shout)
 - 7 Participate at the polls
 - 8 Querying sounds
 - 9 In due time
 - 10 CBer's rig
 - 11 Winter Olympics jump
 - 12 Fitting
 - 13 Newborn's footwear
 - 14 Dolor
 - 15 Little Bighorn chief
 - 16 Whodunit hound
 - 17 Petty officer
 - 19 Loafer feature
 - 24 Sooner State Indian
 - 25 Lendl of tennis
 - 31 Esthetic skill
 - 32 Pam or Rosey
 - 33 "... gloom of night..."
 - 34 Promgoer's ride
 - 35 Rebel leader of 1786
 - 36 Mortise insert
 - 37 Revoke legally
 - 38 Increase
 - 39 *Poor Richard's Almanack* tidbits
 - 40 Archaeological site
 - 41 Penetrate
 - 42 Can't do without
 - 44 And others, for short
 - 48 Mongols, e.g.
 - 49 "... that would ___ clock!"
 - 50 Swallow
 - 51 Mount Fuji's island
 - 52 Nurse's helper
 - 54 More level
 - 55 Current controllers
 - 56 Book-back listing
 - 57 Toxicology topic
 - 61 Beseeches
 - 62 "E.T. phone ___"
 - 63 Buddy, in Bordeaux
 - 65 Three Tenors conductor
 - 66 Put studs on, perhaps
 - 67 Nixon interviewer in '77
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 Massachusetts farmers in 1786
 on the play "Ah Sim," Daniel
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 Pong, the first arcade game,
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CAROLINE KINGSTON—Will sing and play popular and classical favorites in an evening of music at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, located at Third Street and Paramount Boulevard in Downey on St. Patrick's Day (Thursday, March 17.) There is no cover, but reservations are advised as seating is limited. Call 869-1414.

Kingston performs at Nordic Fox March 17

DOWNEY—In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Caroline Kingston, vocalist and pianist, will be performing live a collection of favorite Irish songs at the Nordic Fox on Thursday, March 17 from 6-9 p.m.

A versatile and accomplished artist, Kingston specializes in a wide range of music, from popular, to musical comedy, to classical interpretations, and sings in five different languages—Italian, French, Spanish, German and Swedish.

From opera to television commercials, she has spanned the entertainment industry with an eclectic series of major performances, including popular operas at the Greek Theater, such as "Madame Butterfly" and "Tosca," both of which starred Dorothy Kirsten. She has also appeared on popular stage shows, such as "Oklahoma" and "The Music Man," where she held a lead role, and in several motion pictures, such as "You're Never Too Young," "The Helen Morgan Story," and "Pal Joey."

Kingston has also performed in many well-known nightclubs in Las Vegas, such as the Sahara, Desert Inn, and Sands. In Los Angeles, she has performed in the Hacienda Hotel, Golden Pagoda and Statler Hotel.

She has recorded with the Norman Luboff Choir and the Jimmy Joyce Singers.

First Baptist to hold 1st annual keyboard festival

DOWNEY—First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street (behind Embassy Suites), will present its 1st annual Keyboard Festival Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, featuring 4 grand pianos, 14 keyboard players, choir, dance, drama and special effects. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. both days.

The musical program will consist of a variety of selections (featuring many original arrangements), from Handel to Broadway, ragtime to Disney, and sacred to pop. Much of the drama offered will portray life stories of composers and contemporary musicians. Film segments from recent movies, to include *Ray*, *Immortal/Beloved*, and *Beauty and the Beast*, will be shown.

Performing will be the 60-voice choir of First Baptist.

The concert is free to the public (offering will be received). Tickets are required to assure seating. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Keyfest Ticket Office, (562) 923-1261, ext. 276.

Cafe n' Stuff features new business buffet

DOWNEY—Ebie Ghanecian, owner of Downey's popular restaurant, Cafe n' Stuff, has announced the eatery is now featuring a Business Lunch Buffet Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Included in the buffet choices are such items as fresh garden salad, fresh spinach salad, antipasto salad, cucumber salad, tzaziki with pita triangles, fresh fruit, pasta salad, potato salad, homemade soup of the day, special recipe chicken kabobs and beef kabobs, teriyaki chicken, pasta with sundried tomatoes, seasoned wild rice, sautéed mixed vegetables and fresh baked rolls and butter.

The menu selection changes daily and the price is only \$6.95, according to Ghanecian.

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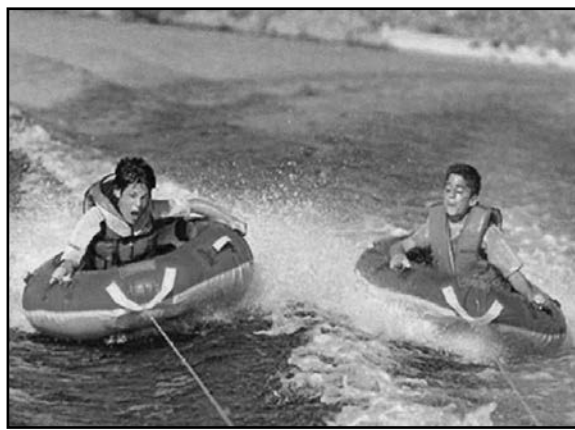


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Women Making History gathering tomorrow

DOWNEY—The Downey League of Women Voters will offer their annual "Women Making History" awards luncheon tomorrow, Saturday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, Suite C, 10627 Old River School Road, in Downey.

The three honorees this year include Frankie Haller, organizer of the Women's Leadership Network, Judy Jacobson, fundraiser for many local groups, and Velma Ploessell, physical education teacher and Silver Medalist at the 1936 Olympics.

The public is invited, with seats at the luncheon \$25. for reservations call Ruth White at (562) 861-2986.

Multi-cultural Songfest March 19

DOWNEY – The 13th Annual Interfaith, Multi-cultural Songfest will be presented Saturday, March 19, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12425 Orizaba Ave. in Downey. Prelude music begins at 6:45 p.m. with the actual program starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

This year's program will include presentations by local Jewish and Greek Orthodox units as well as Protestant and evangelical groups.

The Songfest will feature nine musical soloists and groups, each reflecting the musical styles of different religions and cultures.

"We are happy to once again have such marvelous talent at our annual musical togetherness event," said Lois Buchanan, coordinator of the event. For more information, call 861-8450.



DANIELLE BAZAN—Who attends the Downey United Methodist Church Nursery School, is ready to break her piggy bank open with a hammer, as part of the nursery school's recent three-week "Coins for Caring" campaign to aid Southern Asia tsunami victims. The school of around 185 students collected a total of \$1,122.38, all of it practically in pennies and loose change. A check for said amount was sent to the American Red Cross.

Auction at Pasadena Conference Center

PASADENA—The John Moran Auctioneers will hold its Antique and Fine Furnishings Estate Auction on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena. The auction will feature items that have been removed from local estates and homes, such as carved furniture, paintings, chests, crystal and more.

Admission is free, and catalogs are \$10. A preview showing will be held at 3 p.m. or online at www.johnmoran.com. For information, call (626) 793-1833.

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Cerritos selected to receive Carnegie grant

NORWALK — Cerritos College will join 10 other California community colleges in working together during the next three years to design more effective models for teaching mathematics and literacy at the pre-collegiate level. The new initiative is part of an ongoing collaboration between The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The grant, renewable each year for three years, will provide Cerritos College with approximately \$100,000 each year.

"We are extremely honored to be included in the community colleges receiving the Carnegie and Hewlett grant to encourage more effective teaching models," said Cerritos College Vice President/Dean of Academic Services John Grindel. "Our faculty has long strived to set our teaching methods apart as an example, and with this grant we'll have the chance to share our ideas and best practices with other institutions."

Selected because they have already made promising strides toward more effective classroom approaches, and because they have made pre-collegiate education an institutional priority, the campuses are Cerritos College, Chabot College, City College of San Francisco, College of the Desert, College of the Sequoias, Glendale Community College, Laney College, Los Medanos College, Merced College, Pasadena City College and West Hills College Coalinga.

As part of the Hewlett/Carnegie initiative, these campuses will build on and strengthen promising current innovations, documenting their work so that other campuses can use the information.

"We want to develop classroom models and approaches that yield more lasting and less fragile learning than those that have already failed many students," said Carnegie President Lee S. Shulman. "Community colleges have a rich history of providing access to higher education and are often the gateway to a four-year college degree. Yet, many students don't advance beyond pre-collegiate work because they are inadequately prepared to succeed. This is an immense waste of precious potential, and Carnegie would like to help teachers develop ways to ensure that students are able to take advantage of opportunities that community colleges provide."

"This initiative reflects the Hewlett Foundation's ongoing commitment to California education reform, and especially acknowledges the role that our community colleges can play in providing a quality education for our state's students," said Marshall (Mike) Smith, director of the Hewlett Foundation's Education Program.

Carnegie and participating campuses will design tools that promote powerful learning, develop a gallery of multimedia examples of effective teaching, and foster the development of campus cultures and networks that support improved students learning and success. These strategies have been developed in Carnegie's ongoing work with campuses across the country and with faculty in a diverse set of fields.

The funding from Hewlett will allow the Foundation to extend its work into the community college sector, where so many of the challenges facing higher education are present in high relief.

The mission of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, as expressed in its 1905 charter, is "to do and perform all things necessary to encourage, uphold and dignify the profession of the teacher and the cause of higher education." Foundation programs, headed by a small group of scholars, aim to reinvigorate education by renewing the connection between teaching and research. These programs seek to foster forms of reflection and inquiry that will raise the level of attention to education issues throughout American academic life.

"Connections" group meets Thursdays

DOWNEY – Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith, president of the group, at 861-5222.

Annual spring boutique at Riley Center

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is holding its annual spring boutique Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

Vendor spaces are \$20 for one space, \$35 for two. Information, 904-7223.

Yard sale permits available at City Hall

DOWNEY – Two-day permits for garage/yard sales are available for \$10 by visiting the Cashier's window at City Hall. Permits are issued only to the person who resides at the address of the sale. Identification will be checked.

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Motivational speaker, author to speak

DOWNEY—The Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will have Jerry Anderson, one of the top fitness motivational speakers in the country, speak at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Anderson, author of "Joy of Fitness for Women," is a motivational speaker, certified personal trainer, and a Mr. Natural Universe titlist. With over 20 years of experience in exercise and nutrition, he will be sharing his secrets on how to reduce one's waistline and increase one's lifeline, as well as answer questions about exercise and nutrition.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For information/reservations, call Nada Singh at 439-1782.

Book lover's club meets March 10

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library invites the public to the monthly meeting of its Book Lover's Club Thursday, March 10 from noon-1 p.m. in the Cormack Room. The free monthly sessions discuss the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction.

Senior Librarian Jan Palen will lead the discussion March 10. The month's featured selection is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. The novel follows the life-changing events of a spirited young woman as she moves to Arizona and adopts an abandoned young girl name Turtle. Vivid images of the American Southwest are included in this first novel by the author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and other best sellers.

Reservations are recommended by calling 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Newcomers going to the races

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers has arranged an outing to the Santa Anita Race Track on Wednesday, March 16. Cost to participate is \$33, which includes the entrance fee, valet parking, program, and a delicious luncheon to be ordered from the menu in the Turf Club House. Those who wish to carpool should meet at 10:45 a.m. at the Christian Church at the corner of Florence and Brookshire. For information, call Vicki Augimeri, Tour Chairman, at 862-7562.

CSULB music faculty recital March 13

LONG BEACH—The CSU-Long Beach Music Department will hold a Faculty Artist Recital on Sunday, March 13 at 4 p.m. in the Gerald Daniel Recital Hall, located in the music complex behind the Carpenter Performing Arts Center just off Atherton St. in Long Beach.

The recital features faculty keyboard artists Althea Waites and Mark Uranker, who form the "Orpheus Duo." They will perform Martin Herman's "Parallel City" (1991) and Johannes Brahms's "Sonata in F Minor, Opus 34."

General admission is \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and students with valid ID. For tickets/information, call 985-7000.

The Music Department is also hosting a free concert the following day, March 14, featuring a trombone quartet.



SOROPTIMISTS—Celebrate Hollywood Glamour in Downey at their recent Academy Awards Night gala fundraiser for women and children. Encouraged to "dress like the stars," guests were photographed as they walked on red carpet and entered club which was outfitted with a 14-ft. screen broadcasting the Hollywood event. Inside, they dined on a gourmet dinner, took part in a silent auction, and tried to predict the Oscar winners.



ASSISTING AS PAPAZZIS AND AUCTION RUNNERS—At the Soroptimist Club's Academy Awards gala fundraiser were these young ladies attending Warren and Downey High Schools, from left: Katie McCoy, Maureen Potter, Krista Lueke, Shelby Pemberton, Malissa Carter, Ashley Ikanac, and Melissa Caswell.

Diabetes Health Fair at hospital March 19

DOWNEY — The Diabetes Institute at Downey Regional Medical Center will present its annual Diabetes Health Fair for the community March 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in its conference rooms at 11500 Brookshire Ave.

Visitors will be able to receive free glucose screenings, visit informational booths staffed by pharmaceutical and foot care companies and hear presentations on diabetes-related topics. Endocrinologist Dr. David Berger, Ophthalmologist Dr. Brian Brown and Podiatrist Dr. Douglas McClure will speak and answer questions.

"Experts estimate that 18.2 million Americans have diabetes, yet one person in three does not even know it," said Elsa Saucedo, R.N., certified diabetes educator. "At this health fair, we want to educate people on how to prevent diabetes, identify those who may already have this disease and provide resources for diabetics and their families."

For more information on the Diabetes Health Fair, diabetes education classes or support group, call 905-5580.

Floral display classes March 14 and 18

DOWNEY—Two floral display classes will be offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department on Monday, March 14 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Monday, March 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr. The first class will teach individuals how to create a beautiful rose swag for display using ribbons, greenery, and flowers. The second class will teach individuals how to create a colorful wreath for decorating doors or walls.

Fees for each individual class is \$25 (\$20 for those 50 and over), and \$10 for materials. For information, call 904-7223.

Embroiderers' Guild fundraiser March 19

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is holding a fundraiser luncheon Saturday, March 19, at the Long Beach Marriott Hotel, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive in Long Beach. On display will be over 20 types of needlework stitched by the members.

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LONG BEACH—The CSU-Long Beach Music Department holds its 15th annual Celebrating Music concert, a fundraiser for music student scholarships, on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m. at the Carpenter Center. The concert will feature Beethoven's "Mass in C," a previously overlooked piece written at the request of Prince Nicolaus II Esterhazy for his wife, Princess Maria Hermengild. There will also be a special tribute to former CSULB music student Daniel Cariaga. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for students, seniors and those with CSU-Long Beach ID. For tickets, call 985-7000.

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Jo Ann Johnson Pence was Minnesota native

DOWNEY—Jo Ann Johnson Pence, who was born and raised in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota and lived for a time in Downey with second husband Larry Pence, has died at the age of 96. She died on March 3 in Norwalk. After graduating from beauty school in Minnesota, she moved to Whittier and eventually owned her own beauty shop there for many years. She married her first husband, Armand Angel, in Huntington Park where the couple built their home and at the same time owned a beach home in Cayucos, near Morro Bay. Years after her first husband's death, she married Larry Pence in Huntington Park. The couple later moved to Downey for a number of years and then moved to Southland Care Center in Norwalk. She is survived by several nieces and nephews in Los Angeles, Arizona, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Florida. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson; 6 sisters; and 2 brothers preceded her in death. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Our Father,
 Noel T. McGinnis (86) of Orange, CA died on March 2, 2005 at 2:55 pm at the Carehouse Healthcare Center in Santa Ana of heart failure due to multiple complications. He was born March 17th, 1918 in Dallas County, MO and is the son of Ollie Angeline (Nimmo) born June 2, 1878 in Dalls County, MO and Thomas Arthur McGinnis born November 26, 1881. He was a multi-talented Christian family man, a member of CEA (Christian Evangelistic Association) for over 50 years. He was small in stature 5'5", but big in presence. He was the handiest man we've ever known. He loved to tinker in his workshop—a real problem solver. His professional career was in the Steel Industry making tanks for storing grains as well as vessels to go into outer space and inventing his own water heater. He worked his way from welder to shop foreman, then superintendent at Butane Tank Corp. on Washington Blvd. in the city of Vernon, CA. He is survived by two daughters; Patsy (Pat) D. Jordison of Orange, CA and Judy A. Greve of Kansas City, MO; two grandchildren Rosalee Ruth Long of Benton Harbor, MI, Shawn Weber McGinnis of Orlando, FL; three great grandchildren DeAnna Renee Long, William B. Long III and Christopher Aaron Joseph. Preceded in death by his wife of 61 years Ruby Ruth (Childress) McGinnis, their first born child DeAnna Ruth McGinnis, his only sister Beulah M. Highfill, his two brothers Will McGinnis and Paul McGinnis.
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Memorial service held for Frances Gallardo

DOWNEY—A memorial service for Frances "Fran" Gallardo was held on Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m. at Calvary Chapel. She died on March 4 as she was struck by a vehicle while she attempted to cross Florence Ave. at the intersection of Downey Ave. She was born on Jan. 29, 1925 in Bisbee, Arizona and grew up in Jerome, Arizona. She and her husband, Albert, moved to Downey in 1950, where she worked as a secretary/accountant. Albert worked for Boeing. Gallardo regularly attended Calvary Chapel. She is survived by her brother Hector Robles of Cottonwood, Arizona, and several nieces and nephews.

Marie Di Tolla lived in Downey 27 years

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held tomorrow, March 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church, 33926 Calle La Primavera in Dana Point, for Marie Di Tolla, a homemaker who lived in Downey for 27 years. She died on March 7 in San Clemente at the age of 90. She had resided in Orange County for four years. Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today, March 11 with a Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m., at O'Connor Laguna Hills Mortuary, located at 25301 Alicia Parkway in Laguna Hills (949-581-3231). She is survived by daughters Elaine Rauterkus and Joanne Earl; son Michael Di Tolla; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

Ann Alarid, longtime resident, mourned

DOWNEY—Ann Alarid, who lived in Downey for 47 years, died on March 4 at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood. She was 93. Alarid came to California from McGill, Nevada in 1943 at the age of 32, and lived in Bell for 15 years before moving to Downey in 1958. She is survived by a son, Lee Alarid; sister Mildred Sciacca; brother Louis Pescevic; 4 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren. Interment is today, March 11, at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Orange. Providing assistance to the family was Shannon-Bryan Mortuary.

Dorothy May Feiereisen services held at OLPH

DOWNEY—Funeral services were held on March 8 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for Dorothy May Feiereisen, who was a 35-year resident of Downey and a member of the TOPS organization. She was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on May 6, 1917 to Wilbur and Rose Tiffany, and passed away in Downey on March 1 at the age of 87. She enjoyed country music and dancing, and was passionate about fishing and going camping in Mt. Shasta where she would fish for hours on end with her husband, Leonard, and daughter Barbara, who survive her. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Entrusted with arrangements was the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY—Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month. Tuesday meetings are held at 7 p.m. while Wednesday sessions meet at 1:30 p.m. Call 401-7991 for more information.

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BLANCA PACHECO – Currently practicing criminal law after receiving her Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School, has joined Action Realty & Investments.

McDonald's art contest calls for entries

LOS ANGELES—McDonald's Operators' Association of Southern California, along with Japanese-American National Museum (JANM), Koreatown Youth and Community Center, as well as the Search to Involve Pilipino-Americans, are inaugurating the first annual McDonald's Asian Art Contest. The theme for the contest is "Asian-American Influences in California."

Open to elementary school students who reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, the contest encourages students to explore Asian-American culture, highlight how Asian-Americans have contributed to California and stimulate their imagination, while developing their artistic talent.

Entry forms were mailed to over 2,300 elementary schools within the five-county region, and must be postmarked by Monday, April 11. A panel of judges will select first, second and third place winners and five additional finalists in each grade category of 1-2, 3-4, 5-6. All finalists will be recognized at the display opening ceremonies on Tuesday, May 17 at the JANM. The artwork will be on display and open to the public for viewing at JANM from Wednesday, May 18-Wednesday, June 1.

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Sci-Fi Convention on March 11-13

PASADENA—The 13th annual Grand Slam Sci-Fi Convention will take place from Friday-Sunday, March 11-13 at noon-6 p.m. at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St., Pasadena. Celebrity guests from movies and shows such as "Star Trek," "Star Wars," "Firefly," and "Stargate" will be there. For information, call (818) 409-0960.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

DOWNEY – Pro Networkers, a Downey-based professional business networking group, meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Mimi's Cafe, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.



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Blanca Pacheco joins Action Realty

DOWNEY – Blanca Pacheco, a Downey High School graduate and practicing criminal attorney, is the latest addition at Action Realty & Investments, where she will work with her parents, Mariana and Gonzalo.

After graduating from Downey, Pacheco earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Cerritos College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UCLA. Later, she received her Juris Doctorate Degree from Loyola Law School. Pacheco briefly served as a substitute teacher for Downey Unified School District while awaiting her California Bar exam results.

Pacheco, who still resides in Downey, may be reached by calling (562) 244-3664. Action Realty & Investments is at 9901 Paramount Blvd., Suite 250, in Downey.

Genealogical Society meets March 19

WHITTIER—The March meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) will be held Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier. Randy Thompson, a much-sought-after speaker who is coordinator of volunteer services at the National Archives-Laguna Niguel, will discuss "Military Research at the National Archives."

The meeting in April will feature Kathleen Trevena, whose topic, "Our Inventive Ancestors," will be about the changes in the daily lives of our ancestors as a result of the Industrial Revolution.

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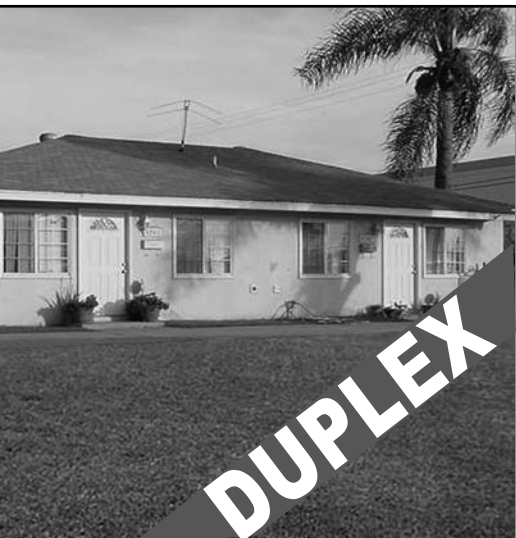


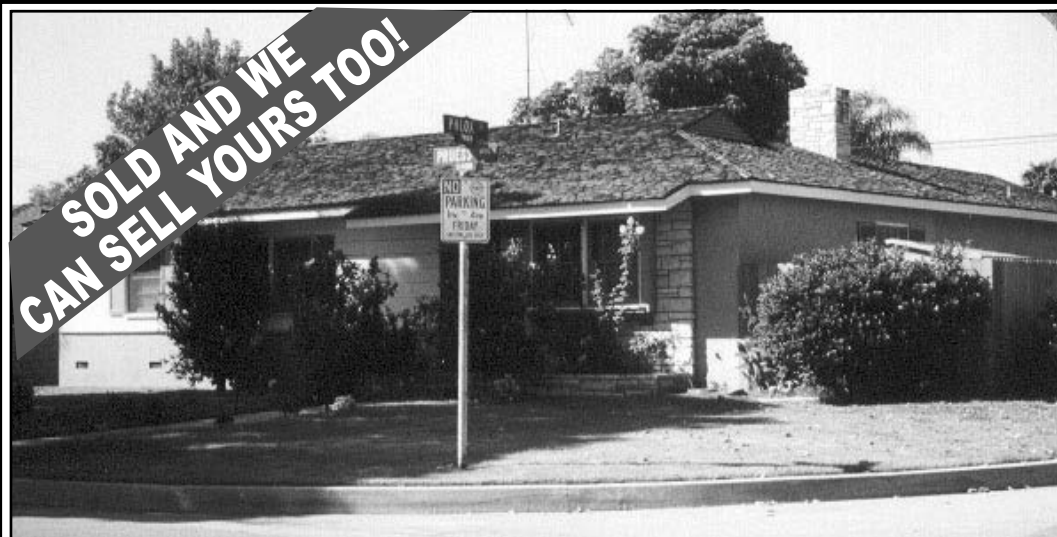
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