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**ANN COURTNEY** – Warren High School Teacher of the Year, has 22 years of teaching experience. She is credited with helping Shakespeare and Greek mythology 'come alive' in her classroom.



**WENDIE GRAF** – Elementary schools' Teacher of the Year, works at Unsworth, where she has taught as a third grade teacher for nearly ten years.



**VIRGINIA ROONEY** – Teacher of the Year from Columbus High School, manages to raise enough money each year to publish a school yearbook and newspaper.



**JENNY PRIDHAM** – Teacher of the Year from Griffiths Middle School, has dedicated much of her time to special-needs students. She holds a Masters Degree in Special Education.

## Four honored as DUSD Teachers of The Year here

*Dedication to excellence noted*

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The Downey United Masonic Lodge No. 220 has honored four teachers as Downey Unified School District Teachers of the Year in a presentation before the Downey Unified School District Board of Education's regular meeting Tuesday.

Presented awards were Wendie Graf, teacher at Unsworth Elementary School; Jenny Pridham, a teacher at Griffiths Middle School; Ann Courtney, teacher at Warren High School; and Virginia Rooney of Columbus High School.

Each was nominated by their principal for the annual honors by the Masons which are accompanied by a dinner presentation held on Thursday at the Masonic Lodge in Downey.

The presentation of Ann Courtney, Teacher of the Year from Warren, reads: "The great educator, John Mason Brown, once wrote, 'The good and great teachers are that way because what they are as men is always a vital part of what they know as scholars. Theirs is the reason to realize that knowledge is no end in itself but desirable only as a means to enjoyment and life. If they teach well (in other words, if they are able to make the hard process of learning seem pleasant, exciting and important to others) it is because they have so lived a subject that they can incite others to feel the need of adding it to their own living'.

"Surely, we all agree with that. Each of us, in his own life, can remember a teacher who made the subject 'come alive', who broke into our minds and fired us with an enthusiasm for the subject and for all learning.

**Ann Courtney**

"Indeed, ladies and gentlemen, we have such a person with us tonight. Ann Courtney, a teacher with 22 years of experience, has inspired countless students with the love of learning. Courtney teaches passionately, with a love for her subject, for her students and for teaching itself."

"Mrs. Courtney, by some accounts, is often too honest, too frank, too forthright with her opinions much to the consternation of her administrators, colleagues and yes, sometimes her students. A real burr at times! But one cannot take away the fact she is truly committed to the teaching profession. If a student enters her portals with the wrong attitude, that student is in for a wild ride of being pushed, prodded and cajoled into learning Greek mythology, for instance, whether they thought they wanted to or not.

"Mrs. Courtney has been known to stand on a chair in her classroom or break into a song of her own writing to a well-known tune to make a point. She puts tremendous effort and energy into her teaching every day...She likes the challenge of making Shakespeare or Greek mythology or poetry understandable and interesting. Her head rings with songs waiting to be sung."

**Wendie Graf**

Wendie Graf, the elementary schools' Teacher of the Year from Unsworth, is a third grade teacher who has taught there nine years.

Mrs. Graf was a mother at Rio San Gabriel School when Mrs. Shoop invited her to teach some art and science classes. Graf was a chemist at that time working for the Purex Corp., in Carson. She taught Science and Math for one year at St. Marks Private School and began substituting for the Downey Unified School District in 1993. She started teaching at Unsworth in 1995 where she shared an assignment in grades two and three for the next four years. In 2000 she was finally talked into working full-time.

She has been bringing creative lessons for third graders for the past five years. She is a master teacher. Her ability to pace her lessons is a rare area of expertise and new teachers are often observers. She has high expectations for both learning and behavior, and creates poems, songs and chants to help students remember the different parts of speech, science concepts and math concepts.

Her class is known for their rendition of a "Men in Black" dance they perform at the annual talent show. She brings an artistic touch to her classroom and provides her students with opportunities to create. Her background as a chemist gives her science instruction more depth. She was one of a select group of teachers chosen to attend the SEDnet Science Summer Workshop at Harvard in Boston, developed by Harvard and the Smithsonian Institute.

She is active in the PTA, and is an editor of the Sun Times, taking a leadership role with the PTA's Reflection program each year. She has

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## Board authorizes \$25 million in bonds

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has authorized the issuance of Series C General Obligation Bonds mandated by the voters in the 2002 election in the sum of \$25 million, and requested the County Board of Supervisors to sell the bonds on behalf of the School District. This is the third and final of the series.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

In other action, the Board:

- \*Adopted a resolution regarding Uniform Complaint Procedures.
- \*Reviewed proposed revisions to the schedule of regular Board meetings.
- \*Designated the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services as the District representative to the Schools Alliance for Workers Compensation Excess (SAWCXII) JPA.
- \*Adopted a resolution to order Biennial Governing Board elections.

### Donations

\*Accepted with gratitude donations from the private sector including a cash donation of \$1,791 to be distributed as follows, \$231 to Alameda Elementary, \$384 to Gauldin, \$382 to Unsworth, \$793 and scholastic

books valued at \$500 to Williams, from Washington Mutual; a cash donation of \$1,562 to be distributed as follows, \$365 to Alameda, \$119 to Gauldin, \$204 to Imperial, \$218 to Rio Hondo, \$184 to Unsworth, \$336 to Williams, and \$133 to Sussman Middle School from Target; a cash donation of \$3,000 for field trips and admission costs for students at Rio Hondo Elementary from the Rio Hondo PTA; a cash donation of \$6,000 for field trips at Rio San Gabriel Elementary from the Rio San Gabriel PTA; plus many smaller but no less appreciated donations.

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## Board grateful for public contributions

**DOWNEY**—Members of the board of the Downey Unified School District thanked the public both for the support shown by the big turnout at the Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD) Luncheon, as well as the contributions from the private sector in terms of donations to the School District.

The Board's Betty Ferraro noted the large turnout at the GOOD Luncheon was accompanied by more than \$27,000 in contributions to the GOOD coffers which goes to combat the inroads of gangs and drugs in the community.

And Board President Barbara Samperi also thanked the community for the sizeable contribution in terms of gifts from the private sector to the School District.

All the boardmembers were pleased by the turnout at the luncheon, and complimented County Supervisor Don Knabe for a good job as emcee of the event.

A spokesman for the DEA (teachers' union), advised of a rally in opposition to the governor's withholding education funding is scheduled for May 25 in Los Angeles.

The Board's Donald La Plante repeated his belief that the impasse over the state budget may last to the end of the year.

The Board's Tod Corrin said he attended an outstanding CSF Awards at Warren High School, and the Board's William Gutierrez agreed.

Superintendent Wendy Doty noted that the District's participation in an electricity conservation program has saved more than \$2 million thus far—funds that are crucial in terms of the District's operation as the Sacramento budget pinch grows grimmer.

## Colorful Carnival of Champs tomorrow

**DOWNEY**—The 45th Carnival of Champions will bring more than 500 4th and 5th graders from nine elementary schools in the Downey Unified School District together at Downey High School's field to compete in seven track and field events tomorrow, Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Field events start at 8 a.m. followed by running events at 10:15 a.m., with final heats starting at 11:30.

The public is invited and admission is free.

Team scoring in this colorful competition will be on a 10-8-6-4-2 basis for first through fifth place in each event.

The events include 50-yard dash; 100-yard dash; baskets in one minute; softball throw for distance; standing long jump; four member-team 440-yard relay; and mixed coed relay.

Each school brings its own rooting section to the grandstands to cheer on its favorites, making this one of the most colorful events in the community each year.

The high school is at 11040 Brookshire Avenue.

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**KIDS IN ACTION** – The children at Action Faith Ministries successfully completed their first play, an Easter drama the church says is the first in a line of productions scheduled to be produced throughout the coming months. The kids are part of the church's youth groups, called Missionettes for girls and Royal Rangers for the boys. Call 872-7720 for more information. Action Faith Ministries is located at 10839 La Reina Avenue.

**NARFE meets at Furman Park April 27**

**DOWNEY**—The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (Southeast chapter) holds its monthly meeting at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey at noon Wednesday, April 27. Main item on the agenda is planning for the club's June Potluck.

Bring a sack lunch; beverages will be served. Retired and active Federal workers are invited to attend. Information: Bob Knerr, Chapter president, 943-5513.



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**'Relay for Life' at Columbus May 14-15**

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Rio Hondo Unit of the American Cancer Society will bring their signature fundraising event, the Relay for Life, to Columbus High School May 14-15.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour event in which teams of cancer survivors and community volunteers camp out at a track – literally pitching tents on the field as members of their team walk around the track for the entire 24 hours. Entertainment, cookouts and other activities accompany the relay, which is designed to increase cancer awareness in the community.

A ceremonial first lap around the track will honor all cancer survivors, while a night-time luminary ceremony pays tribute to battles lost to the disease. The public is invited to attend all ceremonies and festivities.

Fifty-five percent of proceeds raised through the Relay for Life stay in the local community, the American Cancer Society said. Another 30 percent goes to research, 10 percent is used to fundraising activity and five percent pays administrative salaries.

To sign up a team or family, call Larry Sandoval at (562) 776-0201, option 3, extension 13.

**Business wear sought for donation**

**DOWNEY** – Curves in Downey will be accepting donations of gently worn business clothing through April 29 as they support the non-profit organization Clothes the Deal.

Clothes the Deal, located in the Los Angeles County of Education Building in Downey, assists low-income individuals obtain employment by providing professional clothing, a service the organization says boosts self-esteem and self-confidence.

Acceptable items for donation include, in ready-to-wear condition, suits, shirts, blouses, dresses, slacks, ties, skirts, briefcases, dress shoes, coats and accessories.

Call Clothes the Deal at 922-8635 with questions. Curves is located at 9430 Firestone Boulevard.

**Church announces annual rummage sale**

**DOWNEY** – Downey Memorial Christian Church is holding its annual church-wide rummage sale Saturday, April 23 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon, where clothes, shoes, household items, furniture, books, electronics, yard equipment, craft items, jewelry and other miscellaneous items will be up for sale.

Donations will be accepted and refreshments will be available. Downey Memorial Christian Church is at 8441 E. Florence Avenue.

**Mother's Day floristry class May 7**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Adult School (DAS), 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, offers a "Mommy & Me Mother's Day Floristry Class" Saturday, May 7 from noon to 2 p.m., where a child and parent can learn to make a lovely flower arrangement for "that special someone." Arrangements are designed in keepsake containers.

The class is taught by talented florist, Terri Mercurio. Fee of \$14 includes the class, flowers and container. Preregistration is required. For more information, call DAS, 940-6200.



**'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF'**—Which will run at the Downey Theatre May 26-June 12, stars Joe Matarazzo who is best known for his portrayal of the dairy man, Tevye. Matarazzo, a home-grown Downey product, is a Downey High grad and has degrees in drama from both Long Beach City College and San Francisco State College. He has toured the Northern California area in a one-man show titled "Krapp's Last Tape," and performed in San Francisco as Sancho in a production of Di Falla's opera, "Don Quixote." For information, call 923-1714. The Box Office is open 1-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Public invited to examine textbooks**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District invites the public to examine the textbooks being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in courses of middle school and high school business and computers, high school English, and high school mathematics.

Copies of the books will be on display in the second floor lobby of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 25-May 16.

The policy of the Board of Education provides that everyone wishing to offer suggestions or criticism about the textbooks proposed for adoption must submit comments in writing to the Superintendent at least 7 days prior to the board meeting at which the books will be adopted. Adoption will be recommended at the May 17, 2005 meeting of the Board of Education.

**Youth soccer taking registration**

**DOWNEY** – Downey AYSO Region 24, the city's largest youth soccer organization serving players ages 4-19, is taking registration for its fall season. Visit [www.aysodowney24.org](http://www.aysodowney24.org) for dates and times.



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**THE STORY OF DON QUIXOTE** – Is reenacted by the theater department at Cerritos College when it presents 'Man of La Mancha,' beginning April 30 at the Burnight Center Theatre. Award-winning actor Kevin Hoggard, a faculty member at Cerritos College for the past 20 years, portrays Quixote. Tickets are available by calling the Burnight Theatre Center box office at (562) 467-5058.

**Fail-Safe 'Tea Affair' at Elks Lodge**

**DOWNEY** – Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Inc. is hosting their Third Annual Tea Affair Sunday April 24 at the Downey Elks Lodge from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tea room delicacies, tea room modeling, prizes and a best hat contest will be available for a donation of \$25.

Uncle Denny's Critter Sitters is sponsoring the event. For tickets, call Sheranne at 708-2672.

Fail-Safe 4 Felines is a non-profit organization that works to reduce the abandoned feline population in Downey, using non-lethal means. They trap and neuter cats and attend to their veterinary needs.

**Volunteers cited for their 'magic touch'**

*Library supporters honored*

*By Henry Veneracion*

**DOWNEY**—At the Downey City Library's Volunteer & Major Donor Recognition breakfast Saturday, April 16 held at the Rio Hondo Country Club Event Center, every third or fourth volunteer stepping up front to receive their citation and a pen-and-letter opener commemorative gift was asked by Volunteer Coordinator Claudia Dailey a set of three questions: 1) "What do you do as a volunteer?" 2) How many years have you been a volunteer?" and 3) "Why do you volunteer?"

The answers to question #1 ranged from repairing books to tending the Friends bookstore to tutoring. Question #2 revealed that one or two have served a brief but eventful 2-3 years, but a few have served for as long as 10 to even 20 years. As to why they do it, the honorees answered: "Because I love books"; "Reading is my passion, and it is a conduit to other people"; "Because it's a lot of fun"; "I enjoy it—besides, it gets me out of the house!"

Major donors recognized and cited for their gifts and contributions, in addition to the Friends of the Downey City Library, included: Addicks Engineering, the Assistance League of Downey, Golf N' Stuff, In-N-Out Burger, L.A. County Medical Alliance (District 10), McDonald's, Mimi's Café, Audyne McDaniel, the Lions Club of Downey, and the Peggy Hetzel Memorial Fund.

In paying tribute to the volunteers and major donors, Downey Mayor and main speaker Anne M. Bayer said: "You (volunteers) are the backbone of Downey. What's good here is that there's no age barrier. Whatever you do is for your children...this is your legacy."

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins and Councilman Dave Gafin assisted in handing out the citations.

**East Middle School turning 50**

**DOWNEY** – East Middle School will celebrate its 50th anniversary Monday, April 25 as they honor alumni from the first graduating class of 1955, reflecting back over five decades of progress and achievements.

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**EUNICE HAMMOND**—Friends of the Downey City Library president, is shown with major donor certificate presented to her on behalf of the Friends of the Library, at the Downey City Library Volunteer and Major Donor Recognition held April 16 at the Rio Honda Golf Club Event Center. From left, Downey Mayor Anne M. Bayer; Hammond; Councilman David R. Gafin; and Meredith Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem.

**Friends of Library needs volunteers**

**DOWNEY** – The Friends of the Downey City Library needs volunteers to work in their shop located inside the library, which is open during normal library hours.

Friends Shop offers used books at discount prices, as well as See's Candies items, with all proceeds benefiting library programs and services.

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## TEACHERS

helped with many Parent Education Workshops and staff developments.

She would say she is no more special than any of the bright star teachers at Unsworth and the rest of the District. But there is an entire staff and students who know better. She is to be congratulated for her outstanding efforts.

### Virginia Rooney

Virginia Rooney is the Teacher of the Year winner from Columbus High School. She is a master at generating help and money. Each year she conducts a fundraiser before Christmas to help defray the cost of school yearbooks for students. She manages to raise enough to have the yearbook printed in color. More important, she makes sure that the many people who have had a positive effect on Columbus and its students are remembered in the yearbook. Each year it is dedicated to something or someone special. One year was dedicated to the New York City Firefighters and Police, Dr. Sussman and Dr. Potter. This year the yearbook is dedicated to Phyllis Shepherd, who has been a security guard at Columbus for 27 years.

Rooney began by teaching PE and Business at Columbus. But she rode the wave of technology, her classes eventually included computers and the production of the yearbook and school newspaper.

Her willingness to give to others is legendary. One year she organized a drive which raised nearly \$5,000 for the United Way. She has chaperoned students to be part of the TV audience, with the proceeds going to school programs. She has been the Mentor Teacher for staff development at Columbus for several years.

She is a fine example of a mentor-teacher who focuses on the strength of the student and helps them believe in their own ability. Mutual respect is shown by the number of students who stay after school to help with the yearbook or mentor Adult School classes.

### Jenny Pridham

Jenny Pridham is the Teacher of the Year Award Winner from Griffiths Middle School, and holds a Master's Degree in Special Education, working with students with special needs, and also has an administrative services credential. In 1976 she returned to the DUSD as a teacher at Lewis, Gaudin and Price Elementaries. In 1978 she transferred to Griffiths Middle School as a teacher working with special needs students. While there she performed many responsibilities including chairing the special education department, teacher mentoring and advising clubs and student activities. In 1998 she moved to the English Department and has been an integral part of the 6th grade team. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gama, an international honors society for women educators as well as Kappa Delta Pi. She is a role model of the "old school."

She has been the advisor to the ceramics club for many years. She has served the PTA in many positions including vice president and teacher representative. She has been honored by PTA awards including the Honorary Service Award, Sally McFarland Award and Special Person Award.

She has supported Griffiths through participation on the Social Committee and assisted with Honor's Night activities.

She has supported students through community efforts involving reading, and assisted abused children through a K-9 reading program. She has helped in programs for disadvantaged children.

She is known for her outstanding character, and is extremely competent and diligent, and kind to all about her. She means what she says and is a worker. She carries a vision of educational excellence which she exemplifies every day. Not only in the school but through the entire community.

## BONDS

\*Approved expenses for attendance and registration fees for conference and conventions and authorized payment.

\*Ratified a general agreement with The Sycamores for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to Dec. 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

\*Ratified a general agreement with Therapeutic Education Centers for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to Jan. 10, 2005 and ending Jan. 14, 2005.

\*Ratified a general agreement with Leeway School for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to Feb 28, 2005 and ending June 30, 2005.

\*Ratified payment for several Special Education placements.

\*Ratified and approved per board policy purchase orders prepared 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 February.

\*Ratified B Warrants.

### Student teaching pacts

\*Ratified a student teaching agreement with Point Loma Nazarene University starting Jan. 1, 2005.

\*Ratified a student teaching agreement with CSU-Fullerton effective Jan. 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

\*Approved an actuarial benefit consulting agreement with AON effective April 20, 2005.

\*Approved a student teaching agreement with Azusa Pacific University effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

\*Approved an amendment to the ground lease agreement between DUSD and Brookshire Partners, effective May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2010.

\*Approved a pact for network services and support educational telecommunications and technology with LACOE effective July 1 2005 through June 30 2008.

\*Approved withdrawal of the Downey Unified School District from the Schools Alliance for Workers' Compensation Excess Self-Funded Joint Powers authority effective July 1, 2005.

\*Accepted the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report.

\*Authorized the advertising for bids for the purchase of irrigation supplies and equipment for the Maintenance Department in an estimated sum of \$100,000 with no guarantee that this sum will be met or exceeded, to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

### Unsworth bids

\*Authorized the advertising for bids for school campus modernization work at Unsworth Elementary School to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Authorized advertising for bids for purchase of a 36 by 40 foot Modular Building to be charged to the ROP funds.

\*Accepted as complete fencing work bid by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$4,435 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

\*Accepted as complete concrete repair and work on a bid by 3d Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$59,999 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete trade electrical work on a bid with Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$33,273 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Reduced the retention sum being held against a bid for Downey and Warren High School New Stadium interior and exterior finishes, track and field construction with Byron-Davey of San Diego from 10 percent to 5 percent per the Public Contract Code.

## Street Fair set May 7 in Downey

**DOWNEY**—The great Downey Street Fair will be offered Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along three blocks of Brookshire Avenue north of Firestone Boulevard.

Sponsored and produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the event will kick off at 9 a.m. with an appearance by the Warren High School Marching Band and Flag Bearers at the stage located at Brookshire and Firestone.

The event is cosponsored by CalMet Services, Inc.; Colin Clarke Century 21—Jervis & Assoc.; Downey Federal Credit Union; Downey Ford; Downey Regional Medical Center; Financial Partners Credit Union; and HealthFirst Medical Group.

Entertainment will include the Southland Harmony Chorus which was originally chartered as The Downey Chorus which will sing at 9:30 a.m.

Then at 10:15 the Ku'uipos O Hula, a local group of dancers ranging from age six to 82, will offer hula selections.

The Class 6 Band will take the stage at 11 a.m. with classic rock numbers. Then the Country Kickers will take the stage at 12:15 p.m., offering line and partnered dances.

At 1 p.m. Flight, a five piece dance band, takes the stage. Car Show winners will be announced at 3:15 p.m., followed by All About Me from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

The Street Fair includes a Kids Zone, Classic Car Show and Foods Court. There is ample free parking.



**'A JOURNEY ANEW'**—A poem written by 11-year old Shaina Marie Sta. Cruz of St. Dominic Savio School in Bellflower, will be featured in "Eternal Portraits," a working title of the 2005 publication of The International Library of Poetry. She lives in Downey with family.

### Local girl's poem included in anthology

**DOWNEY**—Shaina Marie Sta. Cruz, 11, the eldest daughter of Antonio and Maria Theresa Sta. Cruz of Downey, has earned a page in "Eternal Portraits," the working title of the 2005 poetry collection to be published this summer by the International Library of Poetry. Her poem, entitled "A Journey Anew," was selected on the basis of her "unique talent and artistic vision." Shaina attends St. Dominic Savio School.

### Change orders

\*Approved a change order on a bid for playground surface materials with Recycled Wood Products of Baldwin Park in the increased sum of \$5,000 to be charged to the General Fund.

\*Approved a change order for purchase and repair fabricated equipment with Phillips Steel Co. of Long Beach in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to the General Fund.

\*Approved a change order for purchase of rental and maintenance equipment with Quinn Shepherd Rental Services of Whittier in the increased sum of \$5,000 to be charged to the General Fund.

\*Approved a change order for New Stadiums Structural Package for Downey and Warren High Schools with R & G Builders of Irvine in the increased sum of \$15,937 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 12 for the Downey and Warren High School New Stadiums Electrical Bid Package 4 with Mel Smith Electric of Stanton in the increased sum of \$25,582 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 5 for Downey and Warren New Stadiums interior and exterior finishes, Asphalt Paving bid package 1 with Terra Pave of Whittier in the increased sum of \$20,480 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 7 for the Downey and Warren High Schools new stadiums interior and exterior finishes bid 7 lathe and plaster and dry-wall with Church and Larsen of Irwindale in the sum of \$24,875 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 1 for the Downey and Warren High Schools new stadium site work bid category 13 permanent grandstands with Southern Bleacher Construction of Graham, Texas in the increased sum of \$6,132 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 4 for Alameda Elementary School new classroom building with SMC Construction of Irvine in the increased sum of \$14,228 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 1 for the expansion and modernization of Lewis School bid package 15 specialties with ISEC Inc. of Los Alamitos in the increased sum of \$5,817 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Authorized service of a teacher assigned a subject area not listed on her credential for the 2004-05 school year, pursuant to the Education Code.

\*Approved Change Order 2 for Unsworth Elementary campus expansion bid category 2 with HPS Mechanical of Bakersfield in the increased sum of \$7,825 to be charged to the bond funds.

\*Tabled action pending more information on the abolishment of four positions of school office manager and the establishment of four new positions with duties as attached, effective April 19, 2005. The item will be brought back at the next meeting.

\*Reviewed the proposal to close Pace Elementary School effective June 2005. The item will be brought back for action at the next board meeting.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board of Education will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday May 3 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

## The poets' corner

### Untitled

I thought one day I'd like to be  
A writer of fine poetry  
And so I took my pen in hand  
Then set off for the promised land  
I wrote the rhythm and the rhyme  
But they were not no friends of mine  
I penned with might, and I penned with main  
But not a line could I sustain  
I tried with vigor and with vim  
To make the grade through thick and thin  
Well folks I'll say it's just not fair  
The words just weren't anywhere  
And so I said a sad farewell,  
So very sad as you can see  
Alas, alas twasn't meant to be  
for others yes, but not for me.

—George Geller,  
Downey

## Pace Elementary may close soon

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education heard a presentation on the impact of declining enrollment at the District's elementary schools, then considered a recommendation to close Pace Elementary School, effective June 2005, and assign Pace students to Lewis School, while reassigning some students currently at Lewis who live west of Old River School Road to Ward, Imperial and Williams Elementaries.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Superintendent Wendy Doty, in a statement previous to the meeting Tuesday, had said the cost of operating an elementary school campus is between \$380,000 and \$400,000 a year regardless of how many students are on campus. While most of the District's elementaries have 800 or more students, Pace is projected to have only 261 next year. As a result of these facts, a Blue Ribbon Elementary Enrollment Study Committee, comprised of parents, community members, city officials, principals and district administrators suggested the closure of Pace as a budgetary move.

A number of informational meetings have been held to inform parents.

The presentation Tuesday was for review only, said Assistant Superintendent Jerilyn King-Brown. A vote, however, may be expected at the next board meeting.

## Warning talk on dangers of LNG

**DOWNEY**—Rudy Meyers, the chairman of the Sierra Club of Long Beach, spoke to the Downey League of Women Voters at the group's regular Saturday meeting April 16, on the alleged dangers of allowing a plan to build a Liquefied Natural Gas facility at the Port of Long Beach.

The City and Port of Long Beach are currently negotiating with Sound Energy Solutions, a Mitsubishi subsidiary that has applied to build a liquefied natural gas terminal at the Port of Long Beach, as well as a gas outflow pipeline to soCalGas and an ethane pipeline to local Conoco Phillips refineries.

Meyers told the league members that the Sierra Club believes that to allow the future to be based on liquefied natural gas will damage upstream environments; keep the U.S. dependent on foreign energy; engage the nation in costly infrastructure replacement for another finite fossil fuel; defer renewable energy replacements; lock in high gas prices; encourage the wasteful use of gas and put the safety of Californians at risk.

Liquefied natural gas is natural gas that is supercooled to minus-260 degrees F. Supercooling it produces a liquid concentrate of 1/600th of normal volume. But any accident that spills it allows its regasification. Spilled clouds exposed to a cold source can result in an icy cloud heavier than air. Spilled LNG produces a suffocating vapor that displaces oxygen until it returns to 600 times its liquid volume. Beyond 600 times its normal volume regasified LNG has all the explosive characteristics of natural gas. It is flammable when diluted to between 5 percent and 15 percent of surrounding air. Natural gas may contain ethane, propane and butane. These have flammable limits below 5 percent, are heavier than air and are explosive in unconfined areas.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has asserted that it has exclusive jurisdiction over LNG. While the Californians for Renewable Energy, Inc., and the state Public Utilities Commission are challenging that assertion in litigation currently before the Ninth Circuit Court. The FERC has asked Congress to nullify all state and local authority—including the California Coastal Act—and give it eminent domain authority to force LNG on unwilling communities. If the FERC prevails the state will have no control over LNG operation and operators once terminals are sited; local jurisdictions will also lack authority over terminals and pipelines on private land; and permit authority of other agencies will be questioned.

When the U.S. considered LNG in the 1970s the Coast Guard and Bureau of Mines conducted large-scale studies demonstrating that LNG spilled on water can create flammable plumes up to several miles long and burn large areas.

In 1978 the U.S. Comptroller General issued a 1,250 page report titled "Liquefied Energy Gases Safety," which found that LNG is subject to inevitable occurrences including flood, earthquake, liquefaction, human error and sabotage that could result in widespread catastrophe.

The California Terminal Siting Act of 1977, which is no longer in effect, called for remote siting of LNG terminals. It outlawed such facilities near populations of density greater than 10 per square mile for a distance of one mile from the perimeter of the site and 60 persons per square mile for four miles from the facility, with the operator having the right of eminent domain to maintain these levels.

The four miles surrounding Mitsubishi's proposed project are now home to 237,536 inhabitants.

Mitsubishi boosters claim the scientific studies from the 1970s are out of date. But the physical properties of hydrocarbons have not changed.

The industry says its 40-year safety record makes it safe to site terminals near neighborhoods. It does have a reasonably safe record, but it is far from perfect. No track record can provide protection against equipment failure, human error, terrorism, sabotage, and natural disaster.

# West Wins!

By John Adams

Downey Unified District's West Middle School has been named a California Distinguished School. An awards ceremony has been set for May 20 for the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. West was among six schools named for the State's top honor for public schools. They were selected out of 288 applicants, based on state scores conducted by state evaluators. Winning schools qualified to apply for the National Blue Ribbon Award, given by the U.S. Department of Education.

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I am sitting looking at an old newspaper clipping dated May 1, 2002, from the Long Beach Press-Telegram. The headline reads, "Downey to get new weekly."

The name of the new newspaper was The Downey Patriot. Press Telegram reporter Neda Raouf interviewed me in the huge former men's gym at the Downey Adult School, which served as the new newspaper's offices during its first two years of operation. Raouf's interview was most kind. She noted that I had served as editor of the Downey Eagle during its nine years of existence serving the Downey community as a weekly. She noted that distribution would be free, and the new paper would have 25,000 circulation and be thrown to homes throughout Downey.

The Patriot has met its goal of covering local community news, cultural arts, and city council and school board.

The price to Downey residents is free. Advertising support has been good. The story noted that I was born in the San Fernando Valley, received a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State in 1964, and worked at the San Francisco Chronicle starting in 1963.

Other papers included the Richmond Independent. Then a trip south in 1988 and stints on the News Tribune and Wave, until the start of the Eagle in 1993.

The clipping did not mention potential pitfalls such as escalating production and newsprint costs. Nor did it mention the difference in being an editor and publisher; the particularly different slant on the community.

But the clip is a milestone, a measuring point in a young newspaper's growth.

Two very prominent women—both community leaders—told me just this week how much they enjoy the Patriot and its weekly slant on local events. They were Pauline Hume and Dr. Mary Stauffer.

So what can I say after three years as editor and publisher? It's certainly been interesting. We hope you find it so as well, and continue with us on this "journey of discovery."

## Auto Club recycling used car batteries

**DOWNEY** – Southern California motorists will be able to donate used car, truck, motorcycle and boat lead-acid batteries to Automobile Club of Southern California offices until April 27.

For each battery collected during the club's "Great Battery Roundup" AAA Battery Service will donate \$1.50 to the International Bird Rescue Research Center to aid their bird rescue and environmental education work. The organization's efforts in bird rescue and rehabilitation intensified after the recent Pyramid Lake oil pipe break and an oil spill in January that spread all along the Southern California coast. AAA has set a goal of 1,200 batteries.

"The impact of vehicle maintenance on the environment can be an overlooked aspect of responsible vehicle ownership," said Hend Hasrouni, the Auto Club's Downey district manager.

The roundup has been endorsed by the Environmental Protection Agency, a federal government agency that has encouraged motorists to participate in the campaign.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

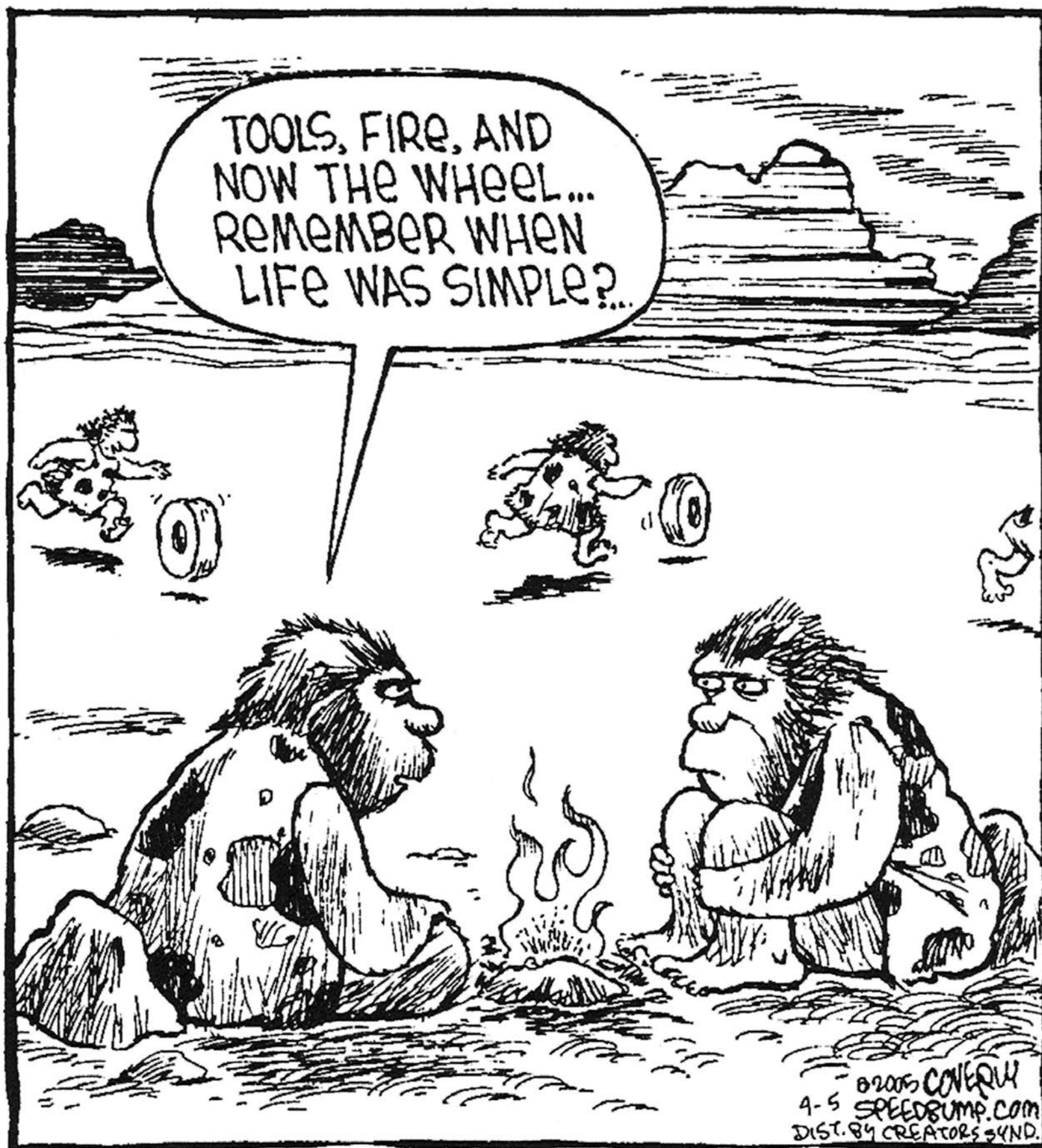
### Information on Stauffer book

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to your great editorial about my grandfather's book that I republished (March 25). Your question about where it is available triggered the thought that I ought to make it available. I have donated 100 books to The Friends of Downey Library and 100 books to the Second Tyme Around Shop of the Assistance League at 11026 Downey Ave., where they will be for sale. I will be giving 100 books away at a book signing on Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 at Christ Lutheran Church, 7707 Florence Ave. All are welcome to stay for the 10 o'clock church service.

I wish all of you enjoyable and beneficial reading.

—Mary R. Stauffer,  
Downey



## Indian mascot bill

Dear Editor:

In spite of all the problems facing the State of California, Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg (D-Los Angeles) is sponsoring a bill that will make it illegal to use Indian names as mascots for public schools. A similar bill was vetoed by the Governor last year.

Schools have always selected mascots that represent the bravest and toughest we have to offer. It is an honor to be selected.

What about our Sussman (formerly South) Middle School Pioneers?

What about our Downey Vikings?

Should all the descendants of these brave souls feel slighted or insulted and complain?

Thirty years ago Stanford University (once called the Indians) whimped out. It's fun to watch their silly Tree run around the football field today.

It is time for elected officials to get a grip and work to solve our real problems.

—Diane Boggs,  
Downey

## 'A Forgotten Hero'

Dear Editor:

A friend died a few months ago and it looks like it's going to go unnoticed. He volunteered numerous hours for Downey Pop Warner for 45 years. He played some professional football in his younger days, then he started coaching kids, then his own kids, then his grand kids, then back to other kids.

He was then socked in the face on national television by some loser (all that knew him were socked in the face) trying to stop violence off the field as he has [done] for 45 years. This didn't discourage him [because], as he told me, "Better me than one of my kids."

He would put in more hours at Kids Day signing up youngsters, working sign-ups at the Street Fair, working tons of hours at the fireworks stands year after year. This isn't even counting all of the seasons he put in at Furman Park, then at Rio San Gabriel Park, where Pop Warner is now. The hours in the equipment trailer fixing and passing out equipment. Going from team to team explaining how to take care of your equipment, and showing all the kids how to play the game, from [pointers on] style to slamming your opponent.

He followed [our progress] through high school to see what we would retain from Pop Warner, and [what we'd carry] to college, [and even] to the pros.

He led a pretty simple life, not working 60 to 70 hours a week, but working 30 to 40 hours a week, then putting in 30 to 40 hours a week on the field with all his little tacklers and studs. If you played any ball under this guy, then you know who it is I'm talking about—Dick Engles.

I would have hoped by now that the city would have done something to honor Dick. It's long overdue. It's hard to name a person who has done more for our Downey kids! Yes, there's Herb Welch, and he got a field named after him and [it's] well-deserved. But what about Dick?

—Gerry Chiccarelli,

Past Dick Engles tackler and current Downey resident

P.S. I hope this doesn't have anything to do with the fact that Dick was one of the main organizers to keep fireworks stands open in Downey when city officials, the fire and police departments were trying to close them down. In fact, Dick was elected to chair this group that in the end prevailed! It couldn't have anything to do with this, could it?

## DJAA strikes out

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, April 16, at Apollo Park, we had several baseball games that were played. Through some miscommunication our pitching mound was not picked up and put away. On Monday, when we went back to the park to play our games, the mound was not found. The mound is not very big and only weighs 30 pounds.

We are a non-profit youth organization trying to serve the kids of the community and really would appreciate the return of the pitching mound. We work hard to fundraise to buy the equipment the kids need to play and when unfortunate incidents like this happen, it just really makes things that much more difficult.

We appreciate any help you can give us in this matter. Thank you.

Dina Eiding,  
Vice President,  
Downey Junior Athletic Association

## 'NAARFE is there to bat for you'

Dear Editor:

This is really addressed to all Federal employees, retired or active.

For over 84 years, our organization, the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NAARFE), has been known to duel with Congress over whether we keep our current benefits or we get to lose some or all of the vital ones.

At present, with the 109th of Congress in session, our country is deeply in debt and Congress is looking for a way to cut costs. There is a misconception among the general public that federal employees are overpaid and our retirees have too many benefits. We all know this is far from the truth. Social Security is having its problems, and it all depends who you listen to, but for sure, something is going to happen—good, bad, or indifferent is anybody's guess. Then there is the cost of homeland security. All this is fine but it is all costly and putting a strain on the budget and when this thing happens, Congress starts looking around where they can tap into. Well, it's us the federal workers who seem easy pickings.

Well, we're not going to back off. We're determined, during this session of Congress, to make sure that all federal workers and retirees get their share of the pie and hang on to it. NAARFE has been representing your interests since 1921. Whether you are in the Civil Service System or Federal Employees System, NAARFE will be there for you.

Items that NAARFE and Congress will be locking horns on include FEHP participation in Medicare to benefit current and future generations of federal workers, and how to make Social Security health care more affordable. NAARFE supported a change from a "High 5 to a High 3" for those ready to retire. There are many more items that are on the table but the list is long. However, there is pamphlet a NAARFE representative would have or could get for you. An easier way to get hold of one would be for you to come to a NAARFE meeting and see what's what.

Better yet, a membership in NAARFE would be an important way to directly and positively impact your future. We retirees and federal employees must get actively involved in all this. Your local chapter is your link to the national organization, who will go to bat for us, to secure our present and future benefits.

For more information, call (562) 920-3122.

—Robert Harmon,  
Membership chairman, Chapter 482,  
National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees  
(NAARFE)

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**SHOP ONE, SHOP ALL** – Long Beach resident Loretta Owen (right) was joined by her daughter, Loretta Brown (left) and granddaughter Barbara Brown for a \$1,500 shopping spree at Stonewood, Lakewood and Los Cerritos Centers. Joining them was celebrity fashion expert and television regular Lawrence “The Fashion Guy” Zarian.

**Community prayer breakfast May 11**

**CERRITOS**—The Cerritos Community Prayer Breakfast (CCPB) returns to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on May 11 featuring Doug Mazza, who was for years identified with the automotive industry. The breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m., with Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe as master of ceremonies.

Mazza began his automotive career as a member of the launch team for Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America. He was later recruited by American Suzuki Motor Corporation as a senior executive. He finished his career in automobiles in 1997 after serving as the COO for Hyundai Motor American since 1992.

Mazza is current president and executive director of JAF Ministries, the international nonprofit organization that serves people with disabilities and their families in the U.S., Western and Eastern Europe, South America, China, India and Africa. He resides in Agoura Hills with his wife, Lorraine. For information/tickets (\$20 per person), call Mary Villegas at (562) 860-8378.

**‘A Wild West Fest’ hits St. Raymond’s**

**DOWNEY** – St. Raymond’s Catholic School and Church will present “A Wild West Fest,” May 20-22 on its campus at 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Food, games, rides, contests, raffles and other fun is planned for the annual festival.

**‘Mother Teresa’ speaks to the 21st Century**

By Todd Ehrenborg,  
Downey United Methodist Church

**DOWNEY**—Mother Teresa, called a “Living Saint” while feeding the destitute and dying on the streets of Calcutta, will speak to the 21st Century through the medium of drama—portrayed by the Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg—at the Daughter’s Day Brunch on Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m., at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave. The community is invited to attend.

The performance, “Mother Teresa, In Her Own Words,” recounts the life of an Albanian nun who pricked the consciousness of the world about the plight of the poor, with nothing but love and a mission to fight what she called the world’s great disease—not leprosy, AIDS or even poverty, but the feeling of being unwanted and abandoned by mankind.

Queried at a news conference in Charleston, South Carolina as to what she thought about people saying she was a living saint, Mother Teresa replied, “Please, let me die first!” Overflowing with love and tenacious compassion, Mother Teresa founded a new order of Catholic sisters called the Missionaries of Charity who today number over 4,000 living in 475 Motherhouses in 180 countries feeding over 50,000 people every day while caring for 15,000 terminally ill each year. Rather than a saint, this humble nun referred to herself as “a pencil in the hand of God.” “We are not social workers,” she taught her younger sisters, “when we feed the hungry and wash the leper, we do it for the love of God and that person.”

Since receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, this intelligent small-framed woman had addressed more prestigious lecture halls, governments and international gatherings with her controversial religious opinions, yet raised more money for relieving poverty worldwide than any other humanitarian.

Using Mother Theresa’s own words, the program addresses the questions as to why she entered the slums, what kept her going, what she learned from the poorest of the poor, and what she had to say to people today.

The actor, Rev. Ehrenborg, has become well-received across the United States and in Europe for several dramatic first-person portrayals. These include Susanna Wesley, the mother of Methodism; Katherine Luther, first lady of the Reformation; Lady Clare, best friend of St. Francis of Assisi; Catherine Booth, co-founder of the Salvation Army; and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Pastor Gwen is an ordained United Methodist minister who serves together with her husband as a clergy couple in Southern California.

Gwen is known for her ability to portray great women of the Christian Church with warmth, humor and relevance based upon a sound theological foundation. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena and has served as a missionary herself in both Africa and Mexico.

Cost is \$5. For tickets/information, call Downey United Methodist Church at 861-9777.



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** – Joseph and Rita Partida celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 18 with a celebratory dinner with family and friends at the Dal Rae in Pico Rivera. A grand celebration cruise to Alaska is planned for this summer with 60 guests.

**Series of small business workshops at library**

**DOWNEY**—Entrepreneurs and others interested in starting and running a small business may attend an upcoming series of free workshops at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Featured will be a collection of library books for small business owners.

The series starts with “Legal Issues for Small Business: Choosing a Business Entity” presented by attorney Ben Martin Saturday, April 23 in the Cormack Room from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Martin will explain the pros and cons of establishing a sole proprietorship, partnership, C-corporation, S-corporation, limited liability company and limited liability partnership. Others in the series are: “Financing Your Small Business: Access to Capital (May 7); “Marketing Your Small Business” (June 25); Starting & Running a Home-Based Business” (July 9); and “Running a Business in Downey” (July 23).

Participants may attend one or all sessions. The workshops are presented through a Library Services & Technology grant from the California State Library. For reservations, call 904-7360, ext. 3.

**National Day of Prayer observed May 5**

**DOWNEY**—Sanctioned by a proclamation from Downey City Mayor Anne Bayer, the Christian Businessmen’s Committee (C.B.M.C.), which meets Thursdays at noon at Sizzler’s Restaurant in Downey, will lead the observance of the 54th annual National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 5 under the flag pole at City Hall. A crowd of more than 200 is expected at the hour-long ceremony.

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**TALKING WATER** – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard met recently with representatives from the Southern California Water Company to discuss the Drinking Water Standards Preservation Act (HR 1540) and proposed legislation about private activity bonds for water and wastewater. Pictured from left to right: Robert Hanford, Chaparral City Water District Manager; William Gedney, the company's vice president for water quality; the congresswoman; James Gallagher, the water company's vice president of customer service, Region III; and Michael Gutierrez, the company's district manager for Central District which serves water in the cities within the congresswoman's district. A resident of Downey, Gutierrez is also a constituent of the congresswoman.



**THESE YOUNG LADIES** – Of Girl Scout Troop 278 recycle cans and bottles and use the money to buy bar soap, toothpaste, toilet paper and other necessities for the PTA H.E.L.P.S. room, a local pantry that benefits the needy in Downey.

**Golf tournament and banquet May 9**

**DOWNEY** – The Teen Challenge Ministry Institute will hold its 1st Annual Golf Classic & Banquet on May 9 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club, a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization that works with individuals with drug and alcohol addictions.

Registration for the tournament starts at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$150, which includes admission to the banquet for a spouse. Sponsor opportunities are also available.

To register, call (323) 569-2818.

**Public Notice**

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of **Downey Surgical Clinic** on **May 16 & 17, 2005**.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a Public Information Interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to

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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
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The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

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**Dodson is named by ABC Unified**

**CERRITOS**—Louise Dodson was appointed as the provisional appointee to the ABC Unified school District by the Board of Education on April 9.

Six members of the Board held interviews to fill the seat left vacant when former member Bob Baldwin resigned with a formal letter to the Los Angeles County Office of Education March 1.

Dodson was selected from a slate of 13 candidates. The ABC Board held interviews for the 13 at an open meeting in the District Board Room. Each candidate answered the same five questions that were available to everyone the day before the interviews began. The 13 had each signed up through an application process that included residency information, educational background, and a one to two-page description of the candidate's background and community involvement.

The appointment is considered provisional for 30 days of the term. During that period, 1-1/2 percent of the registered voters (about 740) may petition for a special election to fill the vacancy.

Unless such a petition is filed in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of April 9 her appointment lasts until the regular election of Nov. 8, 2005, which will be held to determine the remaining two years of Baldwin's term.

**Amphitheater summer season nears**

**LOS ANGELES** – 'A Long Bridge Over Deep Waters,' a spiritual theatrical exploration of faith, will launch the Ford Amphitheater's summer season with eight performances, from June 2-5 and 9-12, all beginning at 8 p.m.

'A Long Bridge Over Deep Waters' is an expansive drama that stages an interlocking chain of unexpected encounters between communities of faith in today's Los Angeles, and features more than 50 professional and community artists. The story, written by James Still and directed by Bill Rauch, is inspired by Arthur Schnitzler's classic play, 'La Ronde.'

Tickets range from \$10-\$20 depending on dates. Call the Ford Box Office at (323) 461-3673 for more information. The Ford Amphitheater is located at 2580 Cahuenga Boulevard in Hollywood.

**Downey Art League meets April 26**

**DOWNEY**—Linda Gunn, said to have been influenced by her grandfather who was one of the first Disney animators and a mother who introduced her early to the arts, will be the guest demonstrator at the next monthly general meeting Tuesday, April 26 of the Downey Art League at Furman Park, Bldg. #1, 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey. Joining them will be the Traditional Art League (TAG) of Paramount. The meeting is from 7:30-9:30 p.m.



**NEW DIGS** – Physical Therapist Celia Rayas, her coworkers and Downey Regional Medical Center Rehabilitation Services patients settle into their new medical facility at 11420 Brookshire Avenue. The structure is on the south end of the DRMC campus, formerly known as the GTE building. Their previous site will soon be demolished to make room for additional parking.

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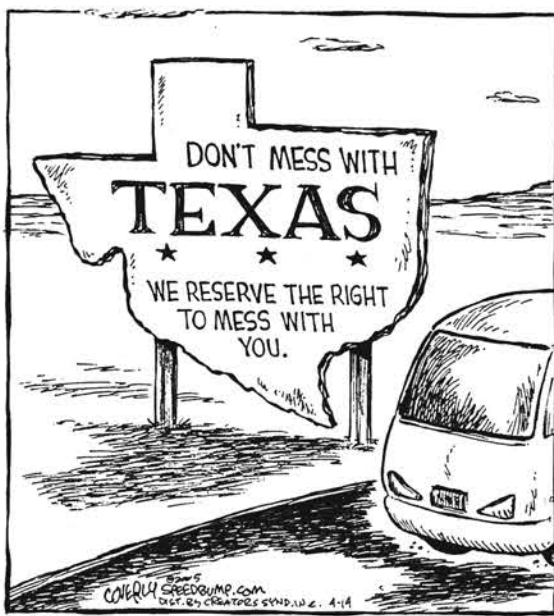
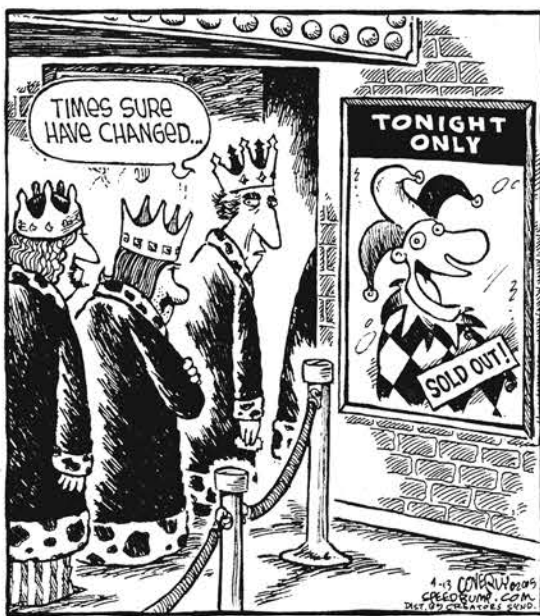
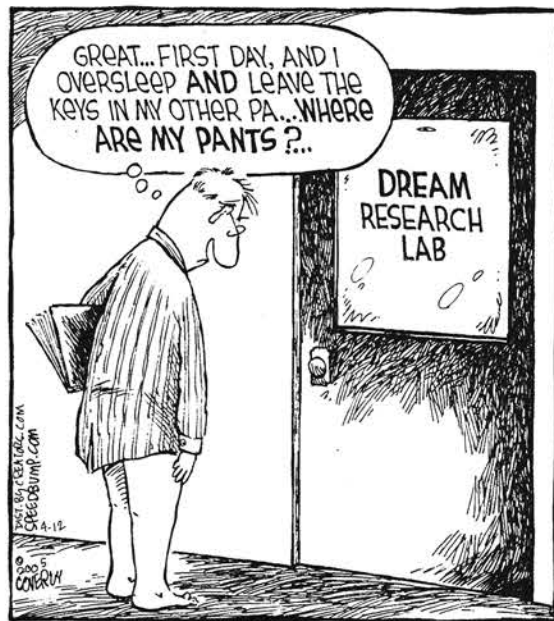
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For April

Sat. Apr. 23, 8:30 a.m.: **Carnival of Champions** Annual Downey Unified School District track and field exhibition at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. For information call 869-7301.  
 Sat. Apr. 23, 10:30 a.m.: **Small Business Workshop** featuring legal issues and choosing a business entity with attorney Ben Martin at Cormack Room in Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-7360, extension 3.

### 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 862-7197.  
 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 Sambis, 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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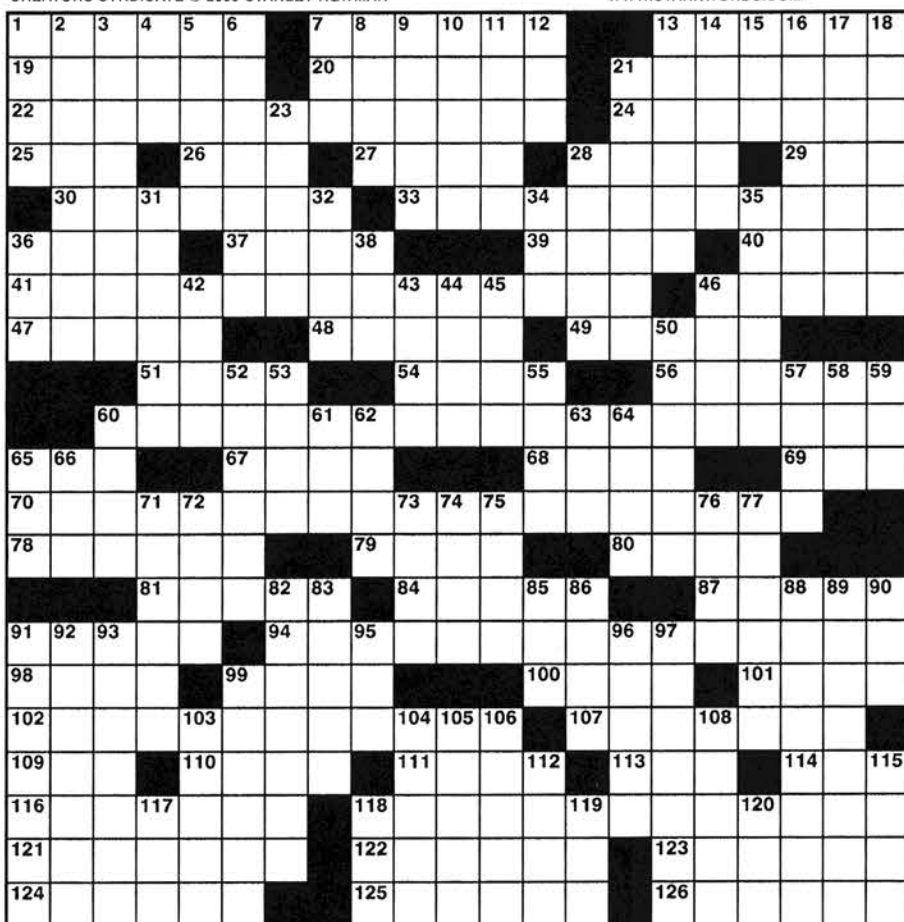
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 SPRING FLING: With the keyword in seven clues  
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| ACROSS                         | 84 Cow catcher             | 14 To love: It                   |
| 1 Sock merchant                | 87 Spider-Man actor        | 15 "___ out!"                    |
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| 13 They're not certain         | 91 Stateroom               | 16 Valor                         |
| 19 Start of a French toast     | 94 Spring fever            | 17 Having good inherited traits  |
| 20 Copyist                     | 98 Norse god of wisdom     | 18 Dr. Seuss creature            |
| 21 Great success               | 99 Continental currency    | 21 Merrymaking                   |
| 22 Spring start                | 100 Word of comparison     | 23 Fouled up                     |
| 24 Angry                       | 101 Wash, neighbor         | 28 Sleep disorder                |
| 25 Eyebrow shape               | 102 Spring-training venue  | 31 Form of sugar means           |
| 26 Sun, talk                   | 107 What a G rating means  | 32 Look like                     |
| 27 Ollie's pal                 | 109 Santa Claus, for one   | 34 PC alternative                |
| 28 Not quite shut              | 110 Diner sign             | 35 Chaste                        |
| 29 Flying formation            | 111 Pound or Plath         | 36 Mexican writer                |
| 30 Tries again                 | 113 Gal of song            | Octavio                          |
| 33 Springboard diving, for one | 114 Back talk              | 38 Monk's title                  |
| 36 Unsuited                    | 116 Retired soccer star    | 42 "Be that ___ may..."          |
| 37 Sailing hazard              | 118 Spring Byington sitcom | 43 Homer Simpson's favorite beer |
| 39 Half of AD                  | 121 Soaps stalwart         | 44 One thing                     |
| 40 Idle of Monty Python        | 122 Brain cell-related     | 45 Lively event                  |
| 41 "Prague Spring" leader      | 123 Sierra Leone neighbor  | 46 Parlor game                   |
| 46 Coll. major                 | 124 Eliot et al.           | 50 Cash alternative              |
| 47 Round numbers               | 125 Acquiesce              | 52 Nathan Detroit creator        |
| 48 ___ Kea                     | 126 Fixes firmly           | 53 "... saw Elba"                |
| 49 English racing site         | DOWN                       | 55 Trumpeter Alpert              |
| 51 King's address              | 1 "___ Nagila"             | 57 Graduation wear               |
| 54 Chips partner               | 2 Set aside                | 58 ___ Jima                      |
| 56 Middle Atlantic lunch       | 3 Wizard                   | 59 Linguistic suffix             |
| 60 Spring harbinger            | 4 BBC competitor           | 60 Diner freebie                 |
| 65 WWII zone for DDE           | 5 Wipe clean               | 61 D.H. Lawrence colleague       |
| 67 Simon or Sedaka             | 6 Brush up on              | 62 Gymnast Korbut                |
| 68 Bring up                    | 7 Atty.'s title            | 63 "Get it?"                     |
| 69 Troubles                    | 8 Hosp. areas              | 64 Twist                         |
| 70 The Virgin Spring           | 9 Fried, to Felipe         | 65 Alphabetic trio               |
| 78 Sorrento dessert            | 10 Ultimate                | 66 Dead heat                     |
| 79 Of planes                   | 11 Piano-key material      | 71 Leatherneck                   |
| 80 Lowly laborer               | 12 Superman foe Luthor     | 72 Bingo call                    |
| 81 Doesn't own                 | 13 99 Across user          | 73 Turn to liquid                |

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| 75 Stood up                      | 90 Soufflé need            | 105 Center of power        |
| 76 Style                         | 91 Barnum composer         | 106 Caterpillar competitor |
| 77 Kind of recording             | 92 Sweet girl of song      | 108 Photo holder           |
| 82 "I wouldn't lie!"             | 93 Zealous supporters      | 112 Federal agent          |
| 83 Feudal minions                | 95 ___disant (self-styled) | 115 Potpie veggies         |
| 85 Grounded speedster            | 96 Perfidious              | 117 Is down with           |
| 86 Dept. of Labor watchdog       | 97 Blow up                 | 118 Genetic material       |
| 88 Blaze-stopping treeless tract | 99 Daniel Boone costar     | 119 Diner order            |
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The long sandwich known as a PHILADELPHIA area is called a "grinder" in New England, a " Cuban sandwich" in Miami and "Cuban boy" in New Orleans. Tampa's LEGENDS FIELD (102 Across) has been the spring-training home of the New York Yankees since 1996. ANNA LEE (121 Across), longtime star of "General Hospital," was a goddaughter of Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.





## 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. In the program as well will be the winner of the 1st annual Keyboard Festival audition.

Performing will be the 60-voice choir of First Baptist, the Ps 150 Dance Team, and the FACES Drama Ensemble.

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.

## Staged reading at LB Playhouse

**LONG BEACH**—A free staged reading of the original play, "High Tea/ With His Excellency," by Robert Joseph Ahola will be performed on Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 East Anaheim St. Director of the reading is Jo Black Jacob.

"High Tea/ With His Excellency," one of four winners out of 230 nation-wide submissions of plays to the Playhouse's 15th Annual New Works Festival, is an adult comedy wherein one man's obsession with the truth collides with the hidden fantasies of a room full of not-so-repressed women. Playwright Ahola is an author, playwright, producer and director who lives in Malibu.

In addition to the reading, playwrights receive input from a post-reading discussion, videotape, and critiques from three professional critics and consideration for a full production at the Long Beach Playhouse.

For information, visit [www.lbph.com](http://www.lbph.com).

## 'Tea' playing soon in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH**—International City Theatre, located at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center at 300 East Ocean Blvd., presents "Tea" April 29-May 22. The play, written by Velina Hasu Houston, explores the immigrant experience about five Japanese war brides adjusting to life in post-World War II Kansas alongside their American GI husbands.

Tickets are \$32-\$42. For tickets/information, call (562) 436-4610.

## 'Moon Over Buffalo' at Warren

**DOWNEY**—Tickets costing \$7 went on sale Monday for "Moon Over Buffalo," a presentation by the Warren High Drama Department on May 10-13 at 7:30 p.m. For reservations, call 869-7306, ext. 5618. There will be no late seating.



**THE WHITTIER CHORALAIRES** – Will perform at the annual spring show, "Razz-Ma-Tazz," at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts April 23 and 24. They will be joined by the Southland Harmony Sweet Adeline Chorus of Downey. Originally chartered under the name "Downey Chorus" in 1985, the women compete regularly in regional competitions. Call Bill or Medea Niemand at 923-5951 or 879-1404 for ticket information.

## Rescher returns in 'Shirley Valentine'

**LONG BEACH**—The "hilarious, moving and honest" comedy, "Shirley Valentine," said to have been a hit in London and New York, will be staged May 6-June 11 by the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre, located at 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach.

It stars DeeDee Rescher, whose TV and movie credits include "Friends," "Roseanne," "King of Queens," "Skin Deep," and "Summer School." She returns by popular demand.

"Shirley Valentine" is about an ordinary middle-class housewife with a less than appreciative husband. On the invitation of a girlfriend, she flies off to Greece, has a fling with a Greek fisherman, and decides to stay.

For tickets/information, call (562) 494-1014. The Long Beach Playhouse is celebrating its 76th year of continuous operation and is open 50 weeks of the year.

## Barbershop concert at La Mirada

**LA MIRADA** – Final touches are being made as the Whittier Choralaires prepare for the two-show run of their annual spring show, "Razz-Ma-Tazz," April 23 and 24 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The 30-male chorus will present favorite songs from Disney, Dixie and Broadway, singing in the close harmony Barbershop style. Also performing will be the Southland Harmony Sweet Adeline Chorus from Downey; CJ and Katie, a unique tuba and banjo duo; and The State Hogs, a popular comedy quartet.

Seats are still available for both performances by calling Bill or Medea Niemand at 923-5951 or 879-1404. Tickets are \$18 per person and \$14 for seniors, students and groups of 12 or more. Preferred seating is also available for \$22 per person. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The Choralaires are also hosting a guest night April 27 for prospective members. For information, call Mark Stokes at (714) 522-4741.

## Youth concert at Walt Disney Hall

**LOS ANGELES**—The Toyota Symphonies for Youth series featuring the Los Angeles Philharmonic continues its fifth concert of the 2004/2005 season tomorrow at 11 a.m. with "Sound Czech: Remembering Home" at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, 151 S. Grant Ave. in Los Angeles. The orchestra will perform selections from three Czech composers as children are taken on a tour of Prague through a delightful theatrical performance that includes vibrant pop-up images. Families are invited to take part in the pre-concert activities including arts, crafts, dance, and storytelling beginning at 10 a.m.

"Sound Czech: Remembering Home," written and directed by Jane McEneaney, is an invitation to celebrate the birthday of Po, a fictional Czech artist, who recalls his beloved homeland by enlisting the orchestra to bring to life the music he remembers hearing as a boy.

This season's Toyota Symphonies for Youth concerts have been exploring orchestral music through a variety of themes and theatrical performances in an effort to create an exciting and accessible way to appreciate the arts. The concerts take place on Saturday mornings, and are designed for children ages 5-11 and their families.

Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at the Walt Disney Concert Hall box office, (323) 850-2000.

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## Romar commencement speaker May 14

**NORWALK**—Former NBA player Lorenzo Romar, head coach of the University of Washington Huskies' basketball team and a Cerritos College alumnus, will be the guest speaker at Cerritos College's commencement exercises at 5 p.m. in Falcon Stadium Saturday, May 14.

A native of Compton, Romar earned his associate degree from Cerritos College in 1978. During his sophomore year at CC, he led the Falcons to a 23-8 record, averaging 14.1 points per game. He was inducted into the California Community College Hall of Fame in 1992. He transferred to Washington in 1978 and played his final two seasons for legendary Husky head coach Marv Harshman.

The 7th round pick in the 1980 Draft by the Golden State Warriors, Romar played five years in the NBA, including stints with Milwaukee (1984) and Detroit (1984-85). He then served head coaching tenures at Pepperdine University (1996-97) through 1998-99) and at Saint Louis University (1999-2000 through 2001-02), prior to being named head coach at his alma mater, University of Washington, on April 3, 2002.

## College art gallery features student work

**NORWALK**—The Cerritos College Art Gallery will open its annual exhibition of student artwork on Monday, April 18 at 11 a.m. in the Cerritos College Art Gallery, Room AC-50, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk. The show is free and will feature a wide range of media, including painting, drawing, photography, two-dimensional and three-dimensional design, ceramics, digital and print designs.

Each piece of artwork on display was selected by Cerritos College Art faculty members to represent the best of student creations during the 2004 fall and 2005 spring semesters.

For information, contact Andrea Bronte, gallery director, at 860-2451.


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## Sleep apnea seminar presented today

**CERRITOS**—Dr. Henry Cramer, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist with Pioneer Medical Group (PMG), is presenting a seminar titled "Sleep Apnea—Getting a Good Night's Sleep" today, April 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St. in Cerritos.

Sleep apnea, a breathing disorder affecting nearly 18 million people of all age groups, is characterized by brief interruptions of breathing during sleep. Untreated sleep apnea can affect work performance, cause difficulty driving, and lead to other medical issues. The class will explore warning signs of sleep apnea, treatment options and tips on how to get a good night's sleep.

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### 'Connections' 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.

## Fashion show to benefit high school students

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Newcomers Club is busy preparing for their annual fashion show, "Fashions at a Glance," to be presented by Glory M'Lou of Seal Beach Monday, May 2 at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

The event will feature door prizes by Downey merchants. The proceeds will help the club award three scholarships to the local Downey high schools, as well as support the Rose Float Association, H.E.L.P. and the P.T.A.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 each. The event will begin with a social hour at 10:30 a.m., then a lunch of prime rib, followed by the fashion show at 12:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are recommended, as this is always a sold-out event. For tickets, contact Melba at 862-2799.

## Red Cross seeks volunteers for area

**DOWNEY**—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

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## Mega Mixer to have Mexican flavor

**NORWALK**—The Cerritos College Foundation's 9th annual Chamber Mega Mixer slated for Thursday, May 5 from 5-7 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center will have a "Cinco de Mayo" flavor—complete with authentic Mexican food and music.

The mixer's traditionally casual and entertaining atmosphere provides networking opportunities, door prizes and drawings, and gourmet cuisine prepared by the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program.

Admission and parking for the event are free. Parking is available in Lot C-10, located off 166th St. next to the strawberry field, only.

Local chambers represented include Downey, Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood, La Mirada, Paramount, Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs.

## 'Comics on Patrol' in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH**—Funny Farm Entertainment announced it's back in Long Beach at Khoury's Restaurant in the Marina (110 Marina Drive in Long Beach, in the Alamitos Bay Landing).

Its shows are now called *Comics on Patrol*, a name picked up from the Military Comedy tour that host Al E. Katz created and produces. The shows feature some of the top comics in Southern California, many of them having appeared on the Tonight show, Comedy Central, and other TV shows.

One such entertainer is Steve Mittleman, who will be featured in the first show Sunday, April 24, together with other comics. Seating starts at 7 p.m.; the show starts at 8.

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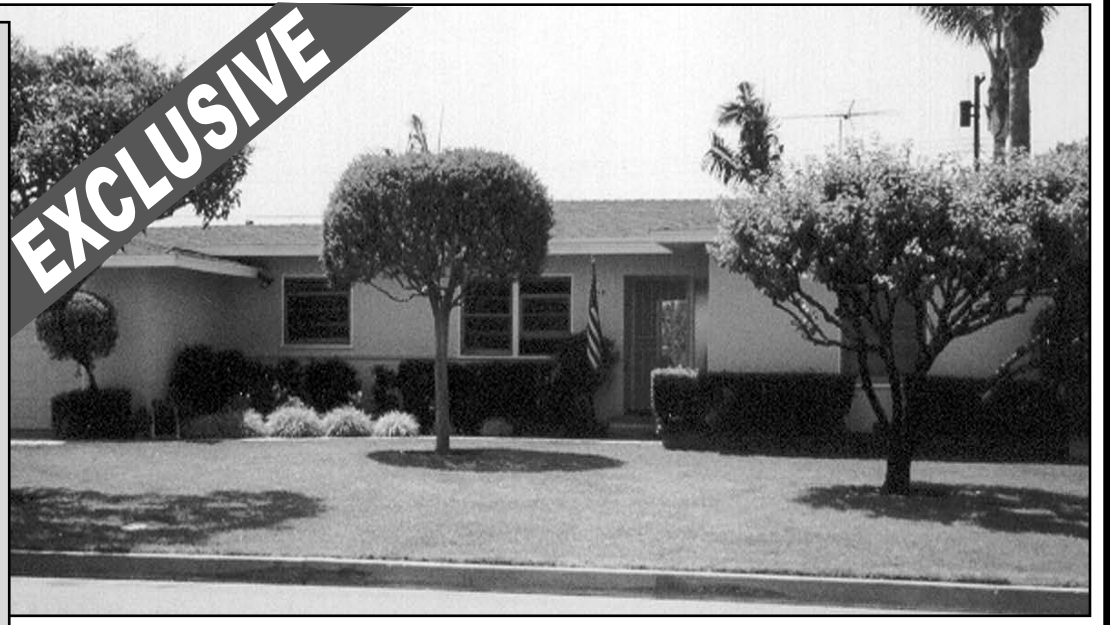


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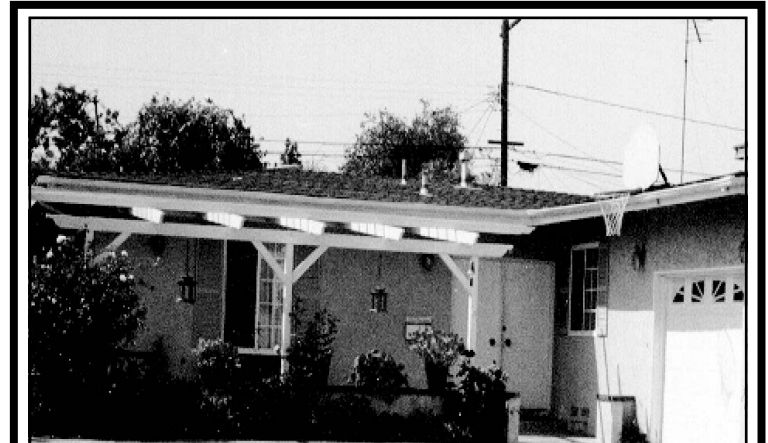
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Spacious 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, wooden floors, fireplace, move-in ready.

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Nice floor plan with over 1700 sq. feet, 3 Bedrooms, 1.75 Baths, newer paint in and out.

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#### New Keys Needed

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March 2005

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#### His & Hers

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There are many ways to help:

1. Make a donation and be one of our generous sponsors
2. Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Ford Focus
3. Purchase a Luminaria candle to remember a loved one
4. Join us at the *24 Hour Relay for Life*

*When:* May 14th & 15th, 2005

9 a.m. - 9 a.m.

*Where:* Columbus High School  
12330 Woodruff Avenue, Downey

*For more information:*

*Please contact Prudential at (562) 861-7257*



The  
*Pink  
Ladies*

THE  
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## YES!! I Want to Help!

I want to Participate in the 24 Hour Relay For Life

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\_\_\_ Learn more about participating in the 24 hour Relay for life \_\_\_ Yes, I want to make a donation \_\_\_ Yes, I know someone that wants to sell a home  
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