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Police Chief to step down this fall

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Downey Police Chief John Finch has announced he will retire from his post as Chief some time this fall.

Finch told the Downey Patriot by phone Monday that he has been assured that officers within the Department will be given every opportunity to fill his shoes as Chief.

Finch, 52, was born and raised in Downey and graduated from Warren High School in 1973 where he competed in football and wrestling. He became a police aide and was hired as an officer at age 20.

Succeeded Caldwell

He succeeded Chief Greg Caldwell, who had been hired to heal broad rifts in department morale. Caldwell was a mentor to Finch during the former's vears here.

During Finch's tenure the department has continued to update itself in terms of field and office computerization, and has stressed placement of a maximum force of officers in the field on patrol duty.

Neighborhoods

Finch also stressed neighborhood preservation and increased patrol of hot" neighborhoods whenever they surfaced.

His tenure was marred by the officer involved death of Gonzalo Martinez, who died from police gunfire after an attempted traffic stop and pursuit Feb. 15, 2002 in Downev.

While investigators from the L.A. District Attorney's Office cleared Downey officers of wrongdoing in the death, a civil suit in the death of Martinez is still pending.

Finch, who has been a stickler for officer training, has trained his officers even harder in the wake of the shooting. Street marches and appearances before the City Council by the dead man's friends and family continued for more than a year following the death.

Degrees

Finch holds a master's degree in public administration from the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Administration at CSU-Long Beach, and a bachelor of arts degree (with distinction) in management from the University of Redlands. He also holds an associate of arts degree in the administration of justice from Cerritos College.

He completed POST Command College Graduate classes in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999, and completed graduate training at the FBI National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia in 1990.

He is a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the Downey YMCA, a past president of the Downey City Management Club, a vice president of the Board of Directors of the Downey Police and Fire Foundation, and past member of the Board of the Downey City Employees Credit Union, a past member of the Board of the Downey Police Officers Association, and a former advisor 1990-93 and student member 1970-73 of the Warren High School Key Club.

Moved in 1990

He and his high school sweetheart, Joy Lynn, have been married for 27 years. They lived in Downey until 1990 when they moved to Fullerton. Finch attained the rank of Sergeant in 1983, and became a Lieutenant in 1985. He was elevated to Captain in 1994, and became Chief in 2000.

'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.

Downey teen traveling the path to success

By Benjamin Gutierrez

DOWNEY – Move over George Washington, because Warren High School produced its next leader of America.

Crystal Norbut, a junior, was chosen to represent Warren High School at the Southern California Youth Citizenship Seminar on June 27- July 1 at Pepperdine University. There she will spend this time attending workshops, listening to guest speakers, and share her leadership skills with other teens around Southern California. The tuition was fully covered by Warren High School.

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INVITATION TO THE FAIR – Two former presidents of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Fionnuala Anderson (left), and Maria Larkin, invite you to come out tomorrow, Saturday, May 7, and enjoy the fun at the great Downey Street Fair starting at 9 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. on Brookshire Avenue at Firestone.



INFLATABLE SLIDE - Was enjoyed by these youngsters at the Christ Lutheran Church and Child Care Center's Spring Festival last Saturday, April 30. The same type of family fun will be offered in the KIDZONE at tomorrow's Chamber of Commerce Street Fair at **Brookshire and Firestone.**

Mormons genealogists to help find ancestors

DOWNEY—Representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints will be present at tomorrow's Street Fair to help people trace their ancestors, with solicited information processed by genealogists. The information donor will receive a preliminary report and information on how to expand the search for additional family members of earlier gener-

The booth is under the direction of Richard Patton, family history consultant for the Downey Stake of the church. Other consultants and research assistants will be present to explain the program and help start the process. There is no charge for this service.

"We are looking for willing participants who want to know who their ancestors are. Stop by our Booth No. 97W," invites Patton.

Street Fair set for tomorrow

By Linda Pak

DOWNEY—Live music, dance performances, classic car shows, and a mouth-watering array of food for all tastes will highlight the 12th Annual Downey Street Fair, Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with the Warren High School marching band and color guard kicking off the daylong festivities. The venue will be located between Firestone and Brookshire Ave at and around the Downey High School parking lot.

First to perform at 9:30 a.m. will be the award-winning Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International returning again this year to perform their "oldies, but goodies" barbershop style music. Originally charted as The Downey Chorus, the chorus still calls Downey "home" and regularly performs at community functions, including its annual show at the Downey Theatre.

Shifting the theme will be the gentle rhythms and graceful movements of Polynesia performed by The Ku'uipos O Hula, a local group of dancers from ages 6 to 82. They have performed in Tahiti, New Zealand and Hawaii, as well as county fairs, private weddings, and company picnics. On stage at 10:15 a.m., they will bring the mood of the islands with their dance routine from the movie, "Lilo and Stitch."

Downey's own Class 6 Band will start the 11 a.m. hour with classic rock cover favorites, including Jimmy Hendricks, Deep Purple, JAC/DC and Alice Cooper. The band, which has been playing for over 10 years, and includes Downey residents Chris Baumann, Scott Charitan and Rick Martinez.

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Pace closure is approved by board

By John Adams

DOWNEY-The Downey Unified School District Board of Education has approved the closure of Pace Elementary School, as recommended by a Blue Ribbon Committee.

The closure will become effective in June 2005, and will assign Pace students to Lewis Elementary, while moving some Lewis students who live west of Old River School Road to Ward, Imperial and Williams

A presentation on the move was made at the School Board meeting of April 19.

Dwindling enrollment

DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty said the move was forced by dwindling enrollment at Pace which made its continued operation as a full-time elementary impractical budget-wise.

It costs between \$380,000 and \$400,000 to operate an elementary school. There is no thought to selling the property, but leasing it will be

In other action Tuesday, the School Board:

*Recognized Nick Huizar, Warren High School Champion Wrestler, and his coach, Tim Bogden. Huizar is on his way to Cleveland to compete for the National Championships.

*Viewed a presentation of a video created by West Middle School for the California Distinguished School site visit that resulted in West being acclaimed statewide honors as a Distinguished School. Applauded Phil

See PACE, page 5

Andresen announces she is leaving DUSD

DOWNEY-The good feelings as part of the celebration of West Middle School's honors as a California Distinguished School and the honors and recognition due Nick Huizar for his recent State Wrestling Championship were tempered by tears at the news Cheryl Andresen will be leaving her post as a member of the Board of the Downey Unified School District.

The veteran Boardmember shed real tears as she told the members of the Board how much she has appreciated working with them over the years. She said her last Board meeting will be June 7.

The Board, in turn, expressed their appreciation to her. The action was at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

West video

The Board was also moved by a video put together by West Middle School while winning state Distinguished School honors. The video featured quick-cutting montages of faculty and students around the campus, and is very effective.

The Board also applauded Huilzar and his coach, Tim Bogden of

Betty Ferraro said she was also impressed by the recent Golden Bear awards. William Gutierrez also attended these. And both congratulated all the School District's championship teams, athletes and scholars.

Board President Barbara Samperi said she was also impressed by the recent PTA Volunteer Awards. And she said the Carnival of Champions competition was also outstanding.



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Prizes pouring in for church carnival

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Church in Downey has released a partial list of prizes that will be made available at its "Wild West Fest" carnival scheduled for May 20-22.

The following sponsors have made donations to be awarded at the carnival: All American Home Center (gift certficates), Autry National Center (passes to the Southwest Museum of the American Indian), Children's Discover Museum of the Desert (guest passes), Comcast Cable, Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport (overnight getaway and breakfast at the Newport Bistro), Sambi of Tokyo (gift certificate) and The Comedy & Magic Club (VIP passes).

St. Raymond's expects more prizes to be added.

Airman graduates Air Force school

DOWNEY – Air Force Staff Sgt. Jodi Asprer, a 2000 graduate of Warren High School, has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The five-week course is designed to train senior airmen to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communication skills, and profession of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

Asprer, a retentions manager, is assigned to the 15th Mission Support Squadron. She is the daughter of Norma Asprer and sister of Alice Tolentino, both of Downey.

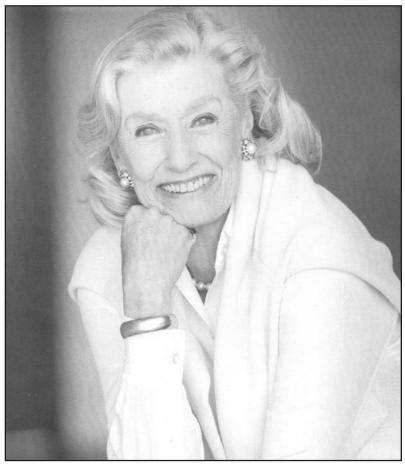
'American of the Year' dinner May 19

DOWNEY – Resident Zaida Theiss will be honored May 19 as the City of Downey 2005 Older American of the Year with a dinner reception at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Live entertainment will be provided by the County Plus Band. The fee for the dinner, which runs from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., is \$5. Call 904-7223 for reservations.

'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.



MIRIAM NELSON – Returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera for the second time to choreograph "Fiddler on the Roof." Two seasons ago she choreographed the DCLO'S "Annie get Your Gun." She has danced in six Broadway shows, choreographed "The Bob Hope Show," and two Academy Award shows, two Super Bowl half-time shows, eight movies for Blake Edwards, and received an Emmy nomination for her choreography of "Ziegfeld," a two hour movie of the week. "Fiddler" opens May 26-June 12 at the Downey Theater. For tickets call (562) 923-1714. The Box Office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.



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THE ED C. LEWIS SCHOOL PTA—Lets it be known how much they appreciate former PTA president Pamela Flores' service as a sevenyear volunteer at Lewis and for "making Downey a better city by being a role model as a citizen and community leader." Expressions of goodwill and Godspeed poured from Lewis students, staff and families.

Church to host Inter Faith meeting

DOWNEY—Christ Lutheran Church, 7707 E. Florence Ave. in Downey, hosts the Inter Faith meeting Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Presenting a caregiver workshop with emphasis on long-term planning is Gretchen Phillips, who has a masters degree in social work, experience working in geriatrics, home health and hospice. She currently works in the Home Health field.

All are welcome to attend. For information, call the church office, 927-4421 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.).



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STREET FAIR

Country music fans will love the Country Kickers, returning again this year with their fast-paced, western foot stomping music and dance at 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Under the direction of Janet Karter, the troupe performs both line dances and partner dances such as waltzes, western cha cha, and two-step.

Flight, a five-piece dance band, will display their musical versatility at 1 p.m. with a challenging repertoire spanning six decades of music, including swing, country, T and B, surf, disco, pop, funk, blues, jazz, and rock. Punning on the group name, leader Lou Apodaca invited everyone to "fulfill your entertainment needs and take Flight with us at the Street Fair."

Performing the final act from 3:45-5 p.m. will be All About Me, a local rock 'n roll band, featuring high energy rock from the 70's, 80's and 90's, and selections from their own original repertoire.

In addition to music and dancing, The Kid's Zone will provide rides, game booths, and other attractions for the younger crowd. Kiddie rides will include a moon bounce, super slide, swings, Jacob's Ladder and a train. For pre-teens and teens, there will be wall climbing, combat jousting and more. Tickets will be 50 cents each.

Car enthusiasts will also find an eye-candy showcase of shiny classic cars displayed by their owners at the far end of the high school parking lot. Spectators will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite vehicles. Two "People's Choice" awards will be given, as well as trophies for Best of the Show, Best Paint, Best Interior, and Most Original. Winners will be announced and awarded at 3:15 p.m.

Finally, local groups and restaurants will feature an appetizing array of dishes to please every palette. The Downey United Methodist Church, B.B.Q. Bowl, B-Food International, Frantone's, Hawaii Tropical Drinks, the Downey Rose Float Association, Pinata's Taco House, the Downey AYSO, Lisa's Sweet Stop, Snookydoggs, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Old Fashioned Kettle Korn, Barrett's Lemonade, and Orange Mist will provide a true smorgasbord of dishes ranging from Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Mexican, American, and Italian.



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THE BLUES CHANNEL - These musicians are just one of several groups set to entertain at tomorrow's Downey Street Fair, produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. The huge event takes place on Brookshire Avenue, just north of Firestone Blvd. and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free, as is parking. For information call 923-2191.

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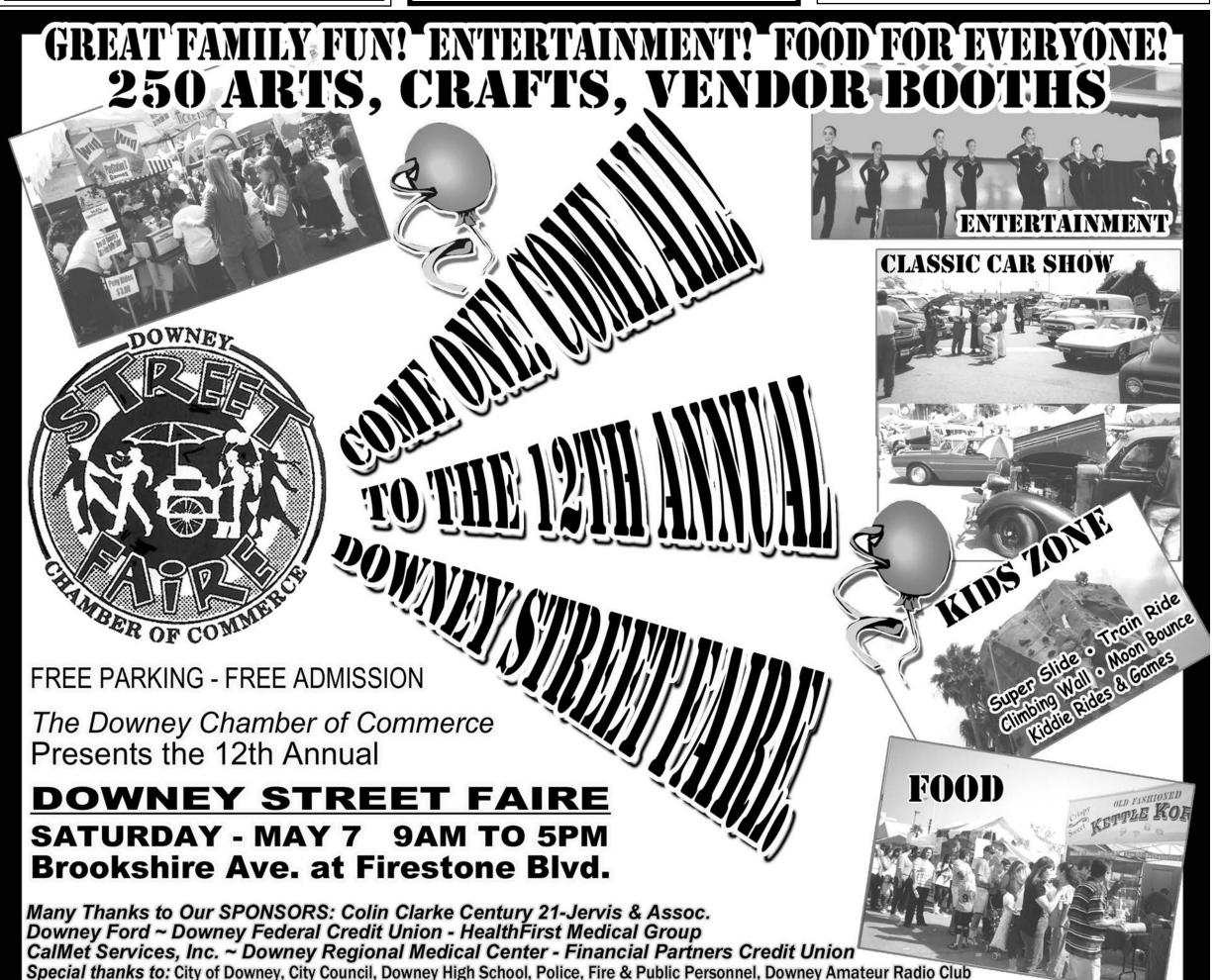
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Police Captain to read at library

DOWNEY—Preschool children ages 3-5 and their parents get a chance to meet Downey Police Captain Roy Campos at the Downey City Library's upcoming storytime Tuesday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Cormack Room. Captain Campos will also attend the bilingual storytime (in Spanish and English) Wednesday, May 18 at the same time. Captain Campos will be on hand to read his favorite stories and tell children about the job of a police officer. You may bring your cameras to the free event.

For more information, contact Children's Services, 904-7360, ext. 4. The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.





OLD RIVER SCHOOL—Was paid a visit during lunch hour on Wednesday, April, 13 by Radio Disney for collecting over \$4,000 in weeklong "Pennies for Patients" fundraising drive held in February. The school topped all central and southern California area schools in collection, including all schools south of San Luis Obispo. As a reward, beneficiary Leukemia and Lymphoma Society arranged for Radio Disney to entertain the students and staff with music and games.

The poets' corner

Untitled

Dear friends,
Your paper sure is really something
As each page is like a new beginning
To read the local news sure is neat
And you sure are up to the beat
Everything about is fresh and new
And it shows me you know what to do
To treat the news in a special way
And bring a breath of fresh air to my day
So when it's time for the work to begin
You are right there ready to serve again
So you help me to have real faith
That your print reflects special grace
So whatever you set out to achieve

You sure have caused me to believe!

—Don Davis, Downey

The Downey Patriot welcomes submissions for "The poets' corner." Not all poems may be published.

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Downey radiation doctor relocates

DOWNEY – Radiation Oncologist Dr. Peter Ree and his staff have relocated to the new Downey Regional Medical Plaza, 11480 Brookshire Avenue, Suite 100, on the Downey Regional Medical Center campus. He began treating patients in the new facility on April 12.

Dr. Ree has served Downeyarea adult cancer patients for the past 25 years in the Trenery (formerly Rehabilitation) building on the DRMC campus. More than half of his patients seek radiation therapy for prostate and breast cancer, and along with lung, colon and rectum, head and neck cancers and lymphoma, account for 98 percent of his practice.

Dr. Ree's new 2,800 square-foot suite houses two linear accelerator units: a recently acquired Varian Clinac 6/100 and a Siemens MD Dual Energy accelerator. Linear accelerators deliver a uniform dose of high-energy x-ray to the region of the patient's tumor. These x-rays can destroy the cancer cells, while sparing the surrounding normal tissue. To accommodate the radiation equipment, the suite had to be specially outfitted with lead bricks and concrete shielding in the walls and ceiling.

"We've added a second linear accelerator which will not only help us ensure continuous service for patients, it broadens the range of treatment options," said Dr. Ree. "Possibly yet this year we intend to outfit the unit with a special device to perform Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (an advanced mode of high-precision radiotherapy). Patients formerly referred out of the community now have a much greater likelihood of staying with us for treatment."

Dr. Ree is certified by the American Board of Radiology in Therapeutic Radiology and has fellowship training in Radiation Oncology from Stanford University Hospital.

Stroke Awareness Day

DRMC also announced plans for their annual "Stroke Awareness Day" on Saturday, May 21, where free stroke screenings and seminars will be available to visitors.

Neurologist Dr. Khalifa Mansour, general and vascular surgeon Dr. Mark Minkes, and Golden Outlook Insurance Services General Manager Jim Shepard will each give presentations during separate seminars.

Blood pressure and heart rates will be checked for all requesting participants and stroke screenings will be given for early sign-ups. The event is free, but seating is limited and registration is required. "Stroke Awareness Day" is a partnership between DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation and the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation.

For more information, or to register, call 904-5162.

Golf Classic

The 20th Annual DRMC Golf Classic will be held June 6 at the Candlewood Country Club.

Call 904-5055 for registration information.

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Coach arrested for alleged videotaping

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY - Warren High School gymnastics coach Anthony Vankirk was arrested this week after secretly videotaping his female students undress at the Downey YMCA, police said Wednesday.

Vankirk, who was not an employee of the Downey Unified School District, but a "walk-on coach," has been released as coach and ordered not to have any contact with Downey students, district superintendent Wendy Doty said.

A female student discovered the hidden video camera Tuesday while changing clothes in a makeshift dressing room at the YMCA where the team trains, police said. The victim took the video camera and reported the incident to her mother and YMCA representatives who reported the matter to police, said Downey police Sgt. Jeff Calhoun.

The Downey Police Department reviewed the video and determined that several other females, all between the ages of 14-16, had apparently been secretly videotaped while dressing, Calhoun said.

An investigation revealed that the camera belonged to Vankirk, 30, of Bellflower, who was arrested at his home without incident. Downey detectives served a search warrant on his home where they seized computers and other evidence.

Vankirk was booked for disorderly conduct and released on his own recognizance. Arraignment is set for July 6 in Downey Superior Court.

Officials at the YMCA said Vankirk passed all fingerprint and background checks. Vankirk is quoted as saying in an NBC4 interview that the video camera did belong to him but that it was placed to catch a jewel

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Detective Paul Koppes, 904-2334, or Dwayne Hidalgo at 904-2305.

PACE

Davis and others from West.

*Accepted with gratitude gifts to the district from the private sector including one DVD player valued at \$149, and a TV valued at \$540 for instructional use at Columbus High School from Harold Dubroff plus many smaller but no less meaningful gifts.

*Authorized payment of fees and expenses of convention and conference attendance.

Special Education

- *Ratified payments for certain special education placements.
- *Approved revisions in AR 2380, eligibility for special curricular activities.
- *Approved revisions to AR 8510, Schedule of Board Meetings. *Ratified an agreement with Nexus Integration Services for telephone
- maintenance effective April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005. *Ratified an agreement with Gatlin Education Services starting April
- *Approved an MAA-LEA Agreement with Paradigm Services for

work determining Medi-Cal eligibility starting July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

Completed

*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$11,420 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

*Accepted as complete backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$27,263 to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey for the sum of \$30,420 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electronic of Anaheim in the sum of \$43,586 to be charged to the General and/or Bond

*Accepted as complete purchase and installation of a new freezer at Sussman Middle School by Sally Parisi Equipment Sales of Sunland in the sum of 17,850 to be charged to the Food Services Fund.

*Approved the Declaration of Surplus-and Sale of property by Nationwide Auction Co., and abatement of the income to the General Fund.

*Approved destruction of Class 3 records and appointed Richard Coronado Document Destruction Coordinator.

*Adopted a resolution to support protection of Proposition 98.

Textbooks

*Reviewed middle school and high school textbooks proposed for the course of study for the 2005-06 school year and the amendment for high school course of study.

*Approved the proposed course of study for Downey Adult School. *Approved designation of members of the Board to attend graduation.

*Reviewed proposed revision to AR 2220.2, reporting pupil progress in middle school.

*Ratified a memorandum of understanding with DEA and CSEA chapters to increase Blue Shield lifetime maximum coverage from \$1 million to \$2 million effective April 1, 2005.

*Approved a declaration of need for fully qualified teachers for the 2005-06 school year.

*Reviewed the abolishment of four posts as school office manager, and the establishment of four new posts with duties as specified. A lengthy report was made by Pat Heineke, Director of Classified Personnel. A vote by the Board is expected at the next meeting.

The next public meeting of the School Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue.

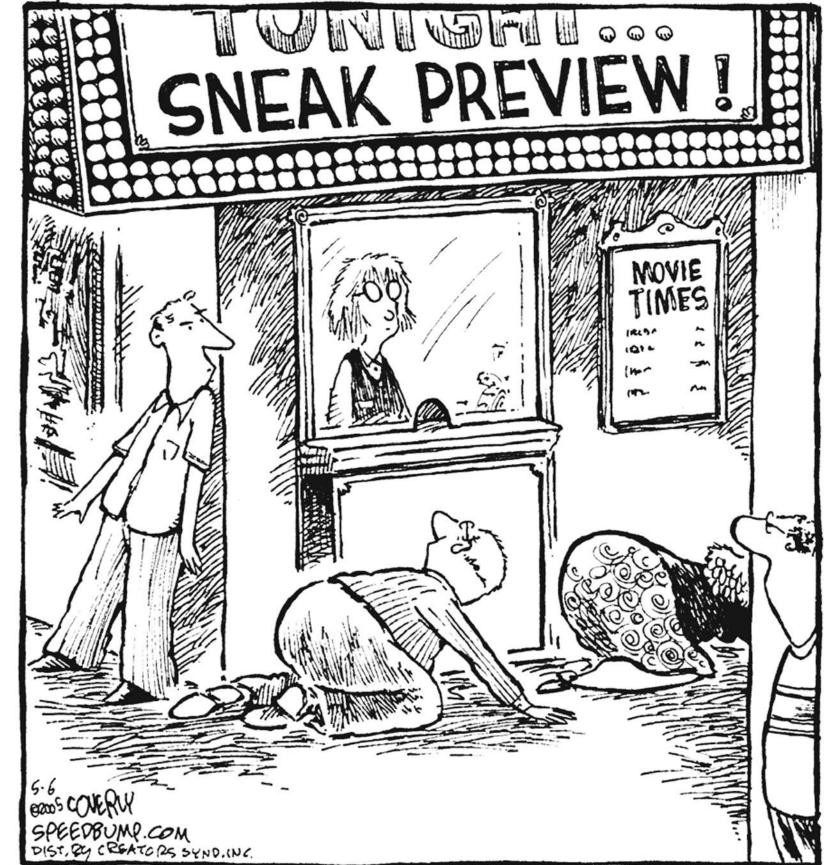
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Mansionization' in Downey

Dear Editor:

I was at the Downey City Council meeting the other night and was quite entertained.

The main event was Mansionization and, yes, it brought out every builder and architect in town. Their main argument was how beautiful these large homes made our city and how if people didn't get them they would be moving out and that would ruin our property values.

I would agree that some large homes are nice, as long as they have setbacks on the upper floors and the home is in character with the neighborhood. I also believe that we should be protecting and renovating our classic style homes throughout the city. There are many communities that have done just the same and have benefited greatly by doing so. For example, Santa Ana's Flora Park and the City of Monrovia, even Uptown Whittier, has had much success with old home renovations. A quick drive through these cities and you will see many older beautiful homes being restored and home values on the rise. It is not uncommon in these areas for a small Craftsman Home to sell for around \$700,000. Our city can experience the same success if we care enough to make it happen.

Please write your council members and make sure they know that you want something done about Mansionization. If you have any questions or would like to help preserve our classic Downey Neighborhoods and stop Mansionization, please preservedowneyhomes@yahoo.com -George Redfox,

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Norbut is a true leader at Warren by staying active in many aspects of school. She has taken part in many extracurricular activities such as being involved in the California Scholarship Federation, working as a choreographer for her musical theater class, and she also is joining her Varsity Cheer squad in the fall.

Aside from juggling difficult classes and clubs, she is also a full-time dance student. She is currently heavily involved at ... And Dance Studio where she is enrolled in dance courses and teaches her own dance class.

"I feel it is a great honor to represent Warren High by attending this conference," said Norbut. "It is a privilege that not many can experience. I hope that I will learn how to become an even stronger leader and learn more about myself and others in the process."

Health coverage should be available to all

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-34th, Los Angeles and Downey

America has the best health care system in the world - for those who can afford it. But tens of millions of Americans pay too much and get too little from our health care system, and tens of millions more have no health insur-

The problem of working Americans with no health insurance continues to grow. Nearly 6.5 million people in California are uninsured, and the number increases every year. In Los Angeles County, more than 2.5 million people are estimated to lack health insurance. Almost all of these uninsured indi-

viduals live in a household with at least one worker, but they are unable to afford insurance and their employers do not offer coverage. This is wrong and we need to act.

I am working in Congress to enact a package of three bills that would cover more than half of America's 45 million uninsured. The three bills I am co-sponsoring are targeted to build on programs that already work and ensure that the three fastest-growing segments of the uninsured have access to affordable health coverage: the near-elderly, low-income working parents, and small business employees.

The Small Business Health Insurance Promotion Act offers small business owners and the self-employed help in securing affordable health insurance. Under this bill, small businesses or self-employed individuals would become eligible to receive a 50 percent tax credit to help defray the cost of health insurance and provide an incentive for businesses not currently offering coverage to do so. Over half of America's uninsured workers - more than 13 million people in 2003 - are self-employed or work for a small business with fewer than 50 employees. Those numbers tell us that small businesses and the self-employed are having a hard time meeting the growing cost of health insurance. It's about time we did something to help them offer and maintain health insurance as an affordable benefit.

The FamilyCare Act builds on the success of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid in insuring children by extending coverage to their low-income working parents. While SCHIP has helped more and more children obtain health coverage, parents are being left behind. Also, one of the best ways to find eligible children is to have the entire family enrolled in the same health insurance program. There are about 7.5 million uninsured parents whose children are eligible for Medicaid and SCHIP. These parents frequently work part-time or for small businesses, and as a result may not have access to employer-based insurance. When they do have access, they cannot afford it. The FamilyCare Act extends eligibility for SCHIP and Medicaid to these lowincome working parents.

The Medicare Early Access Act builds on Medicare's long history of providing quality and cost-effective care for aging Americans by giving the millions of uninsured Americans between the ages of 55 and 64 the option to buy into Medicare to obtain their health care. They would pay a fair premium and would receive all the benefits Medicare beneficiaries enjoy. This is an important bill because, due in part to outsourcing and layoffs, people ages 55 to 64 are losing health insurance faster than any other

Unfortunately, the Administration's proposals for helping the uninsured center on tax policies and tax shelters that would primarily help people who already have coverage and those with higher incomes, while doing very little to reduce the number of Americans with no health insurance coverage. According to Professor Kenneth Thorpe of Emory University, the Administration's proposals would reduce the ranks of the uninsured by at most 2.1 million - less than 5 percent of the uninsured.

Instead, we must move forward on the bills outlined here which target our limited resources directly to the largest number of those in need - small businesses and the self-employed, low-income children and their parents, and those near-elderly who have lost employer-provided health insurance and are just shy of Medicare. Passing these three bills could provide coverage to more than half the nation's 45 million uninsured.

Too many working, uninsured Americans go to bed every night worrying about what will happen to them and their families if a major illness or injury strikes. This is a national scandal. The time to act is now. Let us work together to ensure that all working Americans have access to affordable, quality and reliable health coverage they and their families deserve.

Young pianist to entertain at luncheon

DOWNEY - Seven-year-old pianist Alan Kerr will be the special feature when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets for lunch May 11 at Los Amigos Country Club. Price is \$11 for first-timers.

Also at the lunch, John Reed will speak on "Stages of Life." Call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269 for more information. The club is always searching for new members.



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DRMC AMBULANCE SERVICE—Drivers and EMTs Noe Rodriguez and Ryan Lance, along with Ambulance Service director Robert Risher, presented their 1,000th patient with this T-shirt and bouquet on April 28 as she left the hospital for a rehabilitation facility. The patient is not shown to protect her privacy.

New DRMC Rehab facility open house

DOWNEY—The Downey Regional Medical Center Rehabilitation Services Center invites the community to an open house in its new Rehab facility Wednesday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tours, refreshments and time to get acquainted with the Rehab staff are offered.

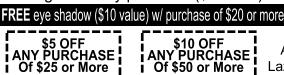
The 7,654 sq.-ft. outpatient facility, previously referred to as the GTE building for its former tenants, now houses occupational, physical and speech therapy and the DRMC Hand Clinic. More than 32,700 patient visits were made to the Rehab Center last year.

The Center, located at 11420 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Blvd., is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Ambulance service carries 1,000th patient

DOWNEY—On April 28, seven months after the Downey Regional Medical Center Ambulance Service transported its first patient, the hospital's newest department transported its 1,000th patient. She was discharged from the hospital and taken to a rehabilitation facility, bringing with her a "1,000th Patient" T-shirt and flowers.

"We have been transporting even more patients than anticipated," states Robert Risher, director of the DRMC Ambulance Service. "We are now providing 160 to 180 patients with transports each month, and expect the number we serve to continue to grow."

Currently, the DRMC Ambulance Service provides outbound transports, taking patients home, to nursing homes and other care facilities. The three-ambulance fleet is equipped with basic life support equipment and has a staff of 4 drivers and one dispatcher. Risher estimated that about 90 percent of the patients are transported within a five-mile radius of the hospital. Their current hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, will expand soon to include weekends.

DRMC is a 199-bed, nonprofit hospital serving Southeast Los Angeles since 1920.

Bingo Luncheon at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is holding a "Bingo Luncheon" Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Donation of \$10 includes one free Bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will be a raffle of a \$25 money tree, as well as many other "nice prizes."

You must be 18 years of age to play. For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto at 869-8991, or Charlene Drobeck, 918-1937.

Mother's Day Storytime at library

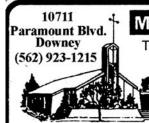
DOWNEY—Preschool children and their parents can celebrate Mother's Day at the Downey City Library with its special Mother's Day Storytime Tuesday, May 3 from 10:30-11 a.m. in the Cormack Room. Children ages 3-5 will enjoy holiday picture books and have the chance to make a special Mother's Day gift to take home.

A bilingual storytime for Spanish speakers will be given on Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Children's Services at 904-7360, ext. 4.

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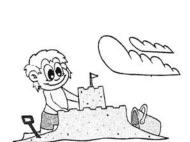
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PINK GUITAR - Was carried by one parent who acquired the colorful instrument at the Christ Lutheran Church and Child Care Center Spring Festival April 30. The Spring Festival offered fun for all on Florence Avenue west of Paramount.

St. Raymond's first annual golf tourney

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Parish Community is hosting their first Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, June 24, at the Rio Hondo Country Club. All golfers are welcome.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble with hole-in-one prizes up to \$10,000 on the 10th hole and closest-to-the-pin contests on the 7th and 17th holes. Play begins at 12 noon and costs \$125 per person (payable by May 23), which includes tournament fees, green fees, golf cart, lunch and a barbecue dinner in the St. Raymond's Community Hall.

Advertising opportunities on tee signs are also available for \$100. Sponsors will be acknowledged with a letter for contributions.

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Small business financing discussed

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will offer a free workshop, "Financing Your Small Business: Access to Capital," May 7 for persons interested in starting their own business.

The workshop will be an overview of the various financing options available to small businesses, listing the pros and cons of each option. General qualifying criteria, the application, process and necessary documentation will also be covered. A financial counselor will also be available to assist with loan applications.

For reservations, call the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 3.

Mother's Day floristry class May 7

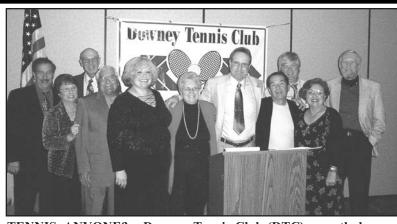
DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School (DAS), 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, offers a "Mommy & Me Mother's Day Floristry Class" Saturday, May 7 from noon to 2 p.m., where a child and parent can learn to make a flower arrangement designed in keepsake containers.

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



Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Departing: Downey High School at 6:30 am



TENNIS, ANYONE? - Downey Tennis Club (DTC) recently became members of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, their way of increasing their visibility within the city. DTC, with their membership nearing 90, is still searching for new members. Visit the club's booth tomorrow, May 7, at the Downey Street Fair for more information.



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Events For May

Sat. May 7, 9:00 a.m.: **Downey Street Faire** produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce on Brookshire Ave. just north of Firestone Blvd. Food, entertainment, car show, crafters and business booths, kid's zone and more For information call 923-2191.

Sun. May 8, 6:30 p.m.: Rob Syphax. Guitar and vocals played with hits of the 60's and 70's at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

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 & 4 th 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.

1st Mon., 7 p.m.: American Legion Post 270, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053. 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 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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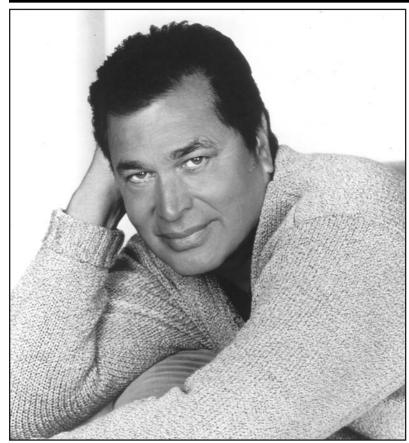
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ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK - One of the star-studded attractions for the new season at the Performing Arts Center of Cerritos, Humperdinck will be in concert during the 2005-2006 year at the local venue. For a complete catalog or further information on who will be appearing on stage in Cerritos, call (800) 300-4345.

'Imelda: A New Musical' opens May 11

LOS ANGELES—East West Players, purportedly the nation's premier Asian American theatre, has decided to extend its upcoming staging of "Imelda: A New Musical" an extra two weeks. The much-anticipated production of the story of the former First Lady of the Philippines will now run from May 11 through June 19. It will be the final show of East West Players' 39th anniversary season.

In the musical biography, Imelda Marcos emerges as aggressive and naïve, and ultimately discovers that her husband's newfound power is a means to obtain everything she was once denied.

"I have always thought that the life of Imelda Marcos would make a great story for a play," said East West Players artistic director Tim Dang, who directs the production. "While growing up in Hawaii in the 60s and 70s, I always heard news of what Ferdinand and Imelda were doing, good or bad, glamorous or controversial. But Imelda, who became infamous for her alleged collection of 3,000 pairs of shoes, was larger than life. [The play] is another opportunity to showcase the stellar artistic talent of the Asian American community and add a uniquely Filipino story to the stages of American theatre."

All performances are in the David Henry Hwang Theater at the Union Center for the Arts, located in Little Tokyo at 120 Judge John Aiso St. in Los Angeles. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (except May 14). General ticket prices are \$38 in the orchestra and \$33 in the balcony. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.eastwestplayers.org or calling (213) 625-7000. Senior, student and groups discounts are available.

'Music, music, music' at Ezra Center

DOWNEY-The meeting of the EZRA Center for Mature Adults at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, Tuesday, May 17 includes a 10 a.m.-12 noon program, "Music, Music, Music," featuring Cantor Ken Jaffe. Cantor Jaffe, who has delighted audiences before with his "exceptional voice and warm personality," is scheduled to present an entertaining program of American, Yiddish and Hebrew music. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.





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JHPAF announces its 2005 officers

DOWNEY—The newly-formed John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF), a nonprofit corporation, even as it called on all Downey Civic Light Opera (DCLO), Downey Children's Theatre (DCT) and Downey Teen Theatre (DTT) alumni to contact it to help advance its cause, announced its slate of officers for 2005, elected for one-year terms: Pauline Hume, president; Floyd Riggle, Jr., vice-president; Lowell Szabo, treasurer; and Tina Bremer, secretary. They were elected by unanimous

Other members of the board of directors: Ed D'Orazio, Larry Dusich, Bill Turner, Linden Waddell, Dave Bremer, Diane Sheridan, Malinda Worley and Mylene Patterson.

Founded last year, JHPAF seeks to renew, promote and continue the vision of John Hume, who passed away in September 2003. It was Hume's vision that the performing arts could be a tool to teach children values and

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responsibility, as well as inspire creativity, build a love of the arts and promote friendship and fun. Board member Sheridan remembers, "As children and young adults growing up in Downey, Mr. Hume afforded us the unique opportunity to become absorbed in the world of live theatre. While our friends played on the sports field, we 'played' on the stage, and Mr. Hume, with his booming voice, monochromatic suits, cowboy boots and 'Look Alive!' enthusiasm, was our 'coach' and teacher. He not only taught us how to create a theatrical character; he fostered personal character, responsibility, creativity and a love of the arts in thousands of children whose lives he touched. Mr. Hume built not only a theatre, he built a 'family' and how lucky we were to be one of his 'children'!"

Hume began the Downey Children's Theatre in 1955 and for the next twenty-five years it flourished and branched into the Downey Civic Light Opera, DTT, Reader's Theatre, Experimental Theatre, Proscenium Club, and Marionette Theatre.

Sheridan continued, "Though he is no longer with us, Mr. Hume's legacy lives on through those of us who went on to build successful theatrical careers, those who took up his cause teaching theater to young people, and those who simply enjoy theatre today because we once sat in the audience at Rio Hondo Elementary and experienced the magic of a live production."





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Campers will be challenged each day with different competitions, learn new skills and have the opportunity to make new friends. Participants will go on mini-trips throughout the week and enjoy many exciting games.

CAMP WILDERNESS

Ages: 6-10

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LITTLE BUDDIES CLUB Ages: 4-5

Cost: \$40 per session June 20-August 12 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Daily 8 sessions *Each session will meet Monday, Through Friday Location: Gary P McCaughan Gymnasium Children will enjoy music, participate in arts & crafts and cooking, learn basic sports, skills and weekly excursion.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Gary P. McCaughan Gymnasium - 12544 Rives Ave.

All camp costs include supervision, supplies, daily snack and a weekly bus excursion. Registration will be accepted, starting May 25, 2005 at Downey Community Services Department Office, City Hall: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Enrollment is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. PROOF OF CAMPERS AGE MUST BE SHOWN AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. More specific information may be obtained by contacting the Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238

Concert to feature classical sounds

DOWNEY - The Los Angeles County High School for the Arts Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Downey native Alan Mautner, will present their annual spring concert on Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater.

Among the works to be performed by the 73-piece orchestra are the "Husitska Overture" by Antonin Dvorak and the Ballet Suite #2 from "Romeo and Juliet" by Sergei Prokofeiv. The String Ensemble will perform "Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky" by Anton Arensky. The featured soloist for the evening will be Mitchel Dvoracek and his rendition of Mozart's Horn Concerto #2.

Mautner, a graduate of Warren High School, has directed the orchestra since 1994.

Admission to the concert is \$15 and may be purchased on the day of the performance at the Downey Theater box office.

For more information, call the High School music office at (323) 343-2659.

Temple Sisterhood awards luncheon

DOWNEY-The Sisterhood members of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., are having their annual Donor Awards Luncheon Sunday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the White House Restaurant in Anaheim. The event honors the Sisterhood members who have been able to earn donor credits in the program, thus strengthening the spirit of giving—of time and self in the organization.

For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Elementary school's art fair May 17

DOWNEY - The Rio San Gabriel Elementary Art Fair will be held Tuesday, May 17 with dinner, live music and art exhibits planned for the

The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.; exhibits open at 6:00 p.m. Guest artist and Downey resident Laura Rodriguez will be on hand to speak with visitors. Rio San Gabriel Elementary School is at 9338 Gotham Street.



elected their new president and her board, from left: D. Pemberton, treasurer; C. Cabrjac, 2nd vice president; Janet Molinaro, president; L. Leon, 1st vice president; and C. Somoano, secretary.

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DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, will be celebrating a family service, "Shabbat Behar," Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m., officiated by Cantor Kenneth Jaffe. The community is welcome.

Following services, there will be an Oneg sponsored by the Temple's Sisterhood. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



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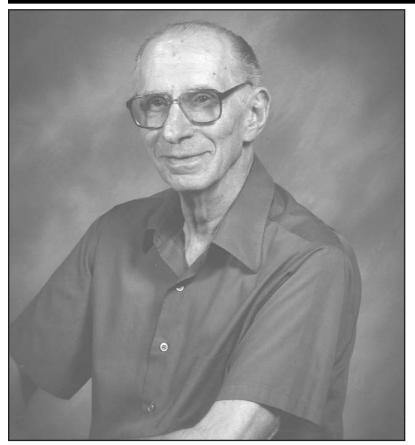


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GLENN THEODORE EKBERG—Father-in-law of newscaster Dave Lopez, has died and was given a funeral service at Messiah Lutheran Church on April 26.

Funeral services today for Johnnie Fleming, 85

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, May 6, at the First Baptist Church of Downey for Johnnie Fleming, who passed away May 1 at a hospital in San Dimas following a lengthy illness. She was 85.

Her son-in-law, Pastor Tom Richards, will be officiating at the service. Interment will follow at the Park Lawn Cemetery.

She was born in Clarendon, TX and resided in Downey for over 60 years. She was previously employed as a school secretary with the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District for 20 years. A member of the First Baptist Church of Downey for about 55 years, she was also a volunteer for the Downey Community Hospital Auxiliary for almost 20 years.

She is survived by her daughters June Shaw of Colville, CA and Brenda Richards of Glendora; son James Marshall of Colville; 5 grand-children, 8 great grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

It was requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to the Salvation Army. Risher Montebello Mortuary are the funeral directors.



MELBA WILLBANKS—Organizer of the Downey Newcomers Club Fashion Show held at Rio Hondo Country Club on May 2, has reason to smile as she greets a few of the more than 140 attendees who viewed the fashions presented by Glory Maples of Glory M'Lou. Proceeds from the successful annual fundraiser will help the PTA, H.E.L.P.S., Downey Rose Float Association and the three Downey high schools.

Glenn T. Ekberg served in WWII

DOWNEY—A funeral service was held Tuesday, April 26 at Messiah Lutheran Church for Glenn T. Ekberg, who was born seventh of nine children on Sept. 29, 1912 in Orleans, a tiny town in Nebraska and died April 21 in Long Beach.

Officiating was Pastor Norman Stoppenhagen.

In his youth, he golfed in the 80s and once nearly bowled a perfect game, scoring nine strikes in a row and leaving only one pin standing in the 10th frame for a 289 score. He was 29 when WWII war broke out, but received an exemption because he was supporting his parents in California. When Mom and Dad moved back to Nebraska in April of 1942, he reported to his draft board and waived his deferment. Two weeks later he was drafted and spent the next three years with the Third Chemical Battalion in the European Front.

After his honorable discharge on his birthday, Sept. 29, 1945, he married Elinor Vierk and made Southern California his permanent home.

His daughter Elaine is married to Channel 9's Dave Lopez. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Tami and Matt.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

Services Monday for Dorothy Nell Palmer

DOWNEY—Dorothy Nell Palmer, active for years in many Downey service organizations, will be remembered at a funeral service Monday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Downey. She was 93.

Palmer was born in Newtonia, Missouri. She met and married her husband, Ernest, in 1934 and remained married for 61 years until his death. In 1951 the couple settled in Downey, where Dorothy taught at Alameda, Imperial and Rio Hondo Elementaries.

Palmer was active at First Baptist Churc in Downey and in PEO, Eastern Star, Shrinettes, Women's Club, the Hospital Auxiliary, and DAR. She is survived by two daughters, Kathryn Dougan and Carolyn Claiborne; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveyard service held for Ines Krueger Dodge

DOWNEY—An 11 a.m. graveyard service was held on May 4 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier for Ines Krueger Dodge of Downey, who died on April 29 at Southland Nursing Home in Norwalk. She was 87.

Born Oct. 5, 1917 in Red Lake Falls, MN, she was the daughter of Carl and Eva Krueger, who ran Krueger's Shoe Store at 2nd and Downey Ave. for 45 years. She was a graduate of Downey High.

Her husband of 57 years, LeRoy Dodge, preceded her in death. She is survived by her nephews, Dr. Carl Kardinal and Glenn (Royce) Kardinal, and three generations of family members.



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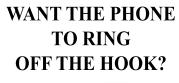
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Bellflower Chorus 2005 concert season

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus opens their 2005 concert season Friday-Sunday, May 13-15 with "I Love A Holiday," a musical tribute to the major holidays of the year, followed by "Autumn Encore "05: A Sentimental Journey" Sept. 16-18, presenting the bestloved songs of their favorite composers. "A Christmas Song," the chorus' annual festival of traditional and contemporary holiday favorites, is scheduled for Dec. 16-18.

The concerts will be presented at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium in Bellflower. For other details/membership, call (562) 866-4664.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet May 10

DOWNEY—Scheduled speakers at the next 7:30 a.m. meeting of the Rise 'N Shine Networking Group of the Downey Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, May 10 are: Rosalei Castaneda of Re/Max Online, SFS; Matt Knox of Stormforce; and Sylvia Southerland of So. California Edison Co. The meeting is at Nordic Fox restaurant. RSVP: 923-2191.

'Connections' meets Thursdays

DOWNEY - Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant. For

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.

Free immunizations for children May 11

DOWNEY—There will be free immunizations for children ages 4 to 18 years at the Alameda Elementary School Cafeteria in Downey from 3-7 p.m. This is a community service provided by Downey Unified School District and St. Francis Medical Center, in cooperation with the LA County Department of Health Services Immunization Program.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and you are to bring immunization record. For information, call (562) 904-3589.

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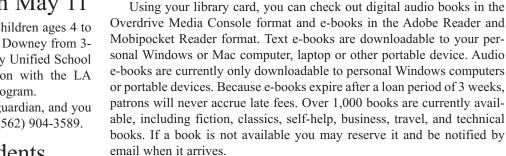
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Annual Arc pancake breakfast May 14

DOWNEY—The annual Arc Pancake Breakfast takes place Saturday, May 14 from 8-11 a.m. in the Arc parking lot, 12049 Woodruff Ave.

Hosting the event are the Arc Builders Auxiliary, the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and the Gas Company on behalf of the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County. All proceeds will be used by the Arc Builders to purchase items for the work and training needs of more than 400 men, women and children with mental retardation. Arc offers 26 programs and services at no cost to families.

The breakfast is \$3 and includes pancakes, sausages, chilled orange juice, milk and hot coffee. Tickets will be available at the door. Information: (562) 803-4606.

Football registration at Street Fair

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football (DYF) will have a registration booth at the Downey Street Fair tomorrow, May 7, for parents to sign up children for the 2005 football season.

DYF Razorback merchandise will also be available for purchase. DYF, which offers tackle, flag football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14, is celebrating their 45th anniversary this year.

For registration details and information on coaching opportunities, call Louis Morales at 928-0655 or Mike Baumann at 889-1183.

Belly dancing class offered by city

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a Belly Dancing Stretch & Tone class at the Apollo Dance Studio beginning May 14.

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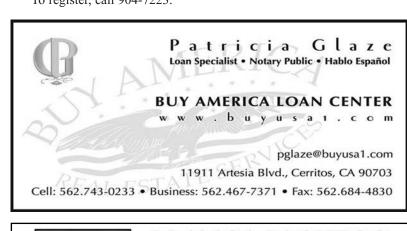
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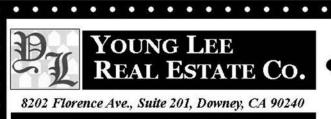
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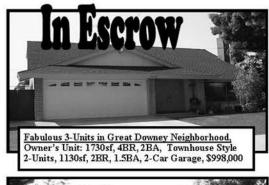
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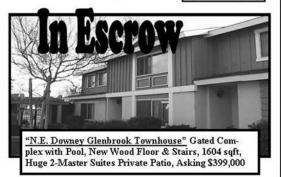
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Warren grad in Bataan Memorial Death March

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Army National Guard Sgt. Veronica Villescas, a personnel sergeant and a member of Headquarters Company, 40th Infantry Division based in Los Alamitos, CA, participated in the 16th annual Bataan Memorial Death March held at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. More than 3,500 military and civilian marchers from across the U.S. and several foreign countries, took part in the grueling 26.2-mile event. Sgt. Villescas is a 1991 graduate of Warren High School.

Marchers traveled though the high desert terrain of the White Sands Missile Range to complete the marathon-length event to honor Bataan veterans and survivors. Participants trekked over pavement, dusty and rocky trails, and deep sand pits at elevation variances of 4,100 to 5,300 feet. Some of the marchers entered the "heavy" category, which required them to tote a 35-pound rucksack.

The annual march commemorates the infamous WWII Death March from the Bataan Peninsula, the Philippines, in April 1942 after the invasion of the Philippine Islands by Japanese armed forces. The march recognizes the suffering, sacrifice, courage and perseverance of the U.S. and Filipino servicemembers who "fought so gallantly" defending the Philippine Islands. Tens of thousands died during the forced march on their way to Japanese prison camps.

Villescas is the daughter of Aurora Del Toro of Whittier and Luis J. Villescas of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Learn how to cook Italian cuisine

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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.

OLPH Carnival May 20-22

DOWNEY—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 10441 S. Downey Ave. in Downey, will hold its Carnival, featuring live entertainment, rides, food and fun, Friday-Sunday, May 20-22.

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Family 'fun night' at DHS May 12

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As always, says assistant principal Robert Jagielski, there will be plenty of food, games, dancing, entertainment by students and staff, Karaoke, live music and many other activities that should spell lots of fun for the entire family. The evening will culminate with the school's yearly live Mariachi music event.

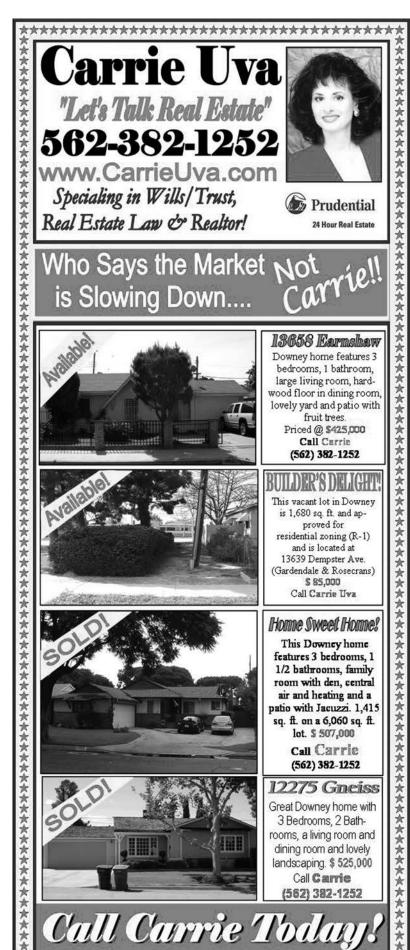
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Emblem Club Pechanga bus trip May 18

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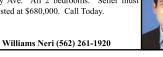


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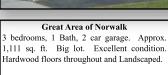


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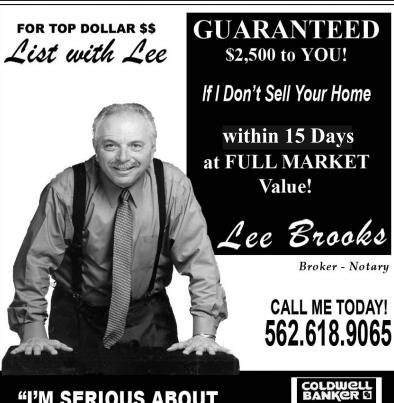






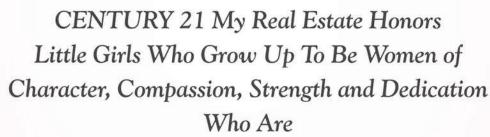












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