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MISS DOWNEY AND COURT—Miss Downey and members of her court strolled Brookshire during the Street Fair last Saturday, pausing for an occasional picture.



CLASSIC HOT-ROD—Is the best way to describe this Ford V-8 with clean lines, part of the car show at the Street Fair.



CARE FOR A JOUST—There was plenty of padding to make sure no one got hurt, and these contestants were very well matched at the Street Fair games.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK—The Chamber of Commerce's Jan Scott paused to have a free blood pressure check at one of the Street Fair's booths last Saturday.

City finalizes 5-year HUD plan

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council, after a public hearing on the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership grant programs, has approved them and authorized the city manager to submit them, along with the 2005-06 Action Plan and accompanying forms to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting. The HUD provides the City with its annual entitlement of CDBG and HOME funds. The two grants are made available to the city for a variety of community development activities, focusing on housing, neighborhood improvement, economic development, and improvement of community services. They focus primarily on benefiting low and moderate income residents.

Update required

Regulations require that the city update its Consolidated Plan every five years as a condition of receiving the funds. It must hold two public meetings or hearings to allow public comment. The first hearing was held in February 2005. In addition staff received 13 requests for CDBG funds from nonprofit agencies.

The Consolidated Plan attempts to assess the city's needs in terms of affordable housing for low and moderate income residents, and includes an analysis of housing market and non-housing community development needs, as well as a five-year strategy, and one-year investment plan with specific projects. It updates the 2000-05 plan approved in June 2000, and was prepared with the help of the consulting firm of Castaneda and Associates.

Over the five-year period, it is estimated the City will receive \$9 million in CDBG and \$4.3 million in HOME funding.

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Detailed look at CDBG and HOME allocations

DOWNEY—Following is a detailed look at each item approved by the City Council Tuesday for funding in Community Development Block Grant and HOME money for 2005-06.

The City is due to receive a total of \$1,726,636 in CDBG Money and \$789,119 in HOME funding for the upcoming year. The proposed allocation of the funding supplied by the City to the federal HUD offices include:

*Housing Neighborhood Improvement Program, a total of \$1,077,416 (CDBG \$407,603 and HOME \$669,813). Program provides assistance for low and moderate income households for general home improvements, including correcting substandard building conditions and code deficiencies. Grants of up to \$2,000 offered applicants to abate lead-based paint hazards, additional incentives offered in neighborhood preservation areas.

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City, hospital tiff on building delay

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council heard a report by Councilman Meredith Perkins on the lack of progress in construction of a new Medical Office Building, but took no action on a written request from Downey Regional Medical Center and hospital CEO Allen Korneff to grant the medical center a temporary occupancy permit for tenants of the medical office building under construction at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

Korneff, in a letter to Mayor Anne Bayer and City Manager Gerald Caton, suggested he would show that such a permit would be in the City's interest, and noted a report was due to be heard by the Council on the building and its tenants at the meeting Tuesday.

His letter said he would address the concerns the Council might have on tenants "migrating" to the facility.

But Korneff did not appear himself—the hospital was represented by Ron Kolar, head of the Hospital Board.

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Council invites all to enjoy Kidsday

DOWNEY—Members of the Downey City Council invited the public to help celebrate Kidsday at Furman Park tomorrow, Saturday, May 14.

The day of fun events begins at 10 a.m. and runs to 4 p.m. Furman is located on Rives Avenue midway between Firestone and Florence.

Both councilmen Dave Gafin and Kirk Cartozian invited all to come out and enjoy the festivities along with their children.

Gafin said he also enjoyed the Downey Street Fair last Saturday on Brookshire Avenue.

Hospital gets large gift from a familiar face

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey resident and community leader Art Morris, stating that "retention of valued employees equates to better care," recently donated \$10,000 to a scholarship fund for patient-care staff at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC).

Morris is the founder and current chairman of the Henderson-Goergen Education Scholarship Fund, the recipient of the donation. Since its inception in 1975, hundreds of scholarships have been awarded to men and women employed at DRMC and pursuing patient care education, according to the hospital. The scholarships are awarded three times per year, to 15 persons each time.

A DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation committee selects the scholarship recipients who they believe personify the characteristics of the two nurses for whom the grants are named: Willie Mae Henderson, RN, former director of Nursing, and Minnie Goergen, former supervisor of Obstetrics at DRMC, then known as Downey Community Hospital. The fund was established, the hospital says, "to carry on their legacy as caring and professional nursing pioneers."

18th annual Kidsday at Furman tomorrow

DOWNEY—"Get the family together for a day of fun," urges the city of Downey's Community Services Department, pointing to its upcoming 18th annual Kidsday celebration which takes place at Furman Park, 10491 Rives Ave. Saturday, on May 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The community event spotlights the activities, organizations, and contributions of Downey's youth.

Highlights of the day will include 20-penny carnival booths, two stages of entertainment, 35 information booths, a scouting village, food booths, and many surprises. The event's second annual Fun Run is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. The run will be a 2K and all ages are eligible to participate. The first 100 participants to register will receive a goody bag, and all participants to cross the finish line will receive a medal. You may register at Downey City Hall or the day of the event. Check-in and same-day registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the northeast corner of the park.

The Downey Fire Department weighs in with its Community Safety Fair at Kidsday. You will be able to see the department's amazing thermal imaging camera, the Urban Search and Rescue truck and all the gear it holds, vehicle excavation, fire extinguisher demonstration, the fire engine up close, and much more.

Also this year, there will be a special shuttle from the City Hall parking lot to Kidsday. For additional information/to become a Kidsday sponsor, call Downey Community Services, 904-7238.

Art Morris' family has been involved with the hospital since 1934. His father, public accountant Arch Morris, became the hospital administrator and helped bring the then 21-bed hospital out of debt during the depression era, when patients were unable to pay their bills. Art's mother, Marguerite, organized the first women's Auxiliary.

After serving a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, Art returned to join the hospital in 1945, eventually becoming administrator. The Morris family, which owned 83 percent of Downey Community Hospital, presented the hospital to the community in 1956 before serving out the remaining time in their contracts, DRMC said. The Morris family chose the first board of directors from Downey's community leaders, a tradition that continues today with Art serving on the board.

Now 85, Art has received cancer treatment at the hospital in the past but is said to be in exemplary health today.

"Speaking as someone who has been in the hospital and received good care, I think it's important to show appreciation by helping this worthwhile program and supporting the community hospital," Art said.

TLC in frontlines of war on poverty

By Linda Pak

DOWNEY—Despite being tucked away in the side pocket of Pace Elementary School, True Lasting Connections (TLC) has nevertheless had far-reaching effects on the community since its inception in 2001. Doing exactly what its name says, the program stands in the frontlines of a growing war on poverty and neglect to make vital connections and bring physical, emotional, and intellectual support for children and their families.

Rose Boland, DUSD special programs director of TLC, revealed startling statistics that showed 65 percent of children in the school district to be at poverty levels.

Through the Healthy Start grant, TLC established its program in 2001 and since then has improved the lives of children and families at home and in the classroom. The program strives for measurable improvements in such areas as school readiness, educational success, physical health, emotional support, and family strength. Its success and continuing growth is an indicator of its lasting effects and dramatic influence on the community. "Although the grant lasts only three years, and is no longer renewable due to the state's budget cuts," Boland said, "the program lasts because the community and school district see the needs of the people and the benefits of our work."

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Lag B'Omer barbecue at Temple May 26

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is sponsoring a Lag B'Omer Barbecue Thursday, May 26 at 6 p.m., to which the community is welcome. There will be games and a movie, "The Frisco Kid." Plan to bring a warm jacket in case the weather is cool. Donation is \$5 for the barbecue.

Friday evening, May 27, at 6:30 p.m., Shabbat Behukotai will be held, with Student Rabbi Eliza Kukla and Cantor Kenneth Jaffe conducting the Lag B'Omer Service. A delicious Oneg, provided by the Sisterhood, will follow services. Call the Temple office, 861-9276, for any further information.

Chamber selects five new Board members

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce has announced the five nominees selected by a vote of the membership to serve as members of the Board of Directors for the years 2005-08.

The winners are Joseph Becker, Darrel Dixon, Dan K. Fox, John McAllister, and Orlandus Waters. More than 25 percent of the chamber membership returned ballots.

Nordic Fox

Becker is the manager of the Nordic Fox Restaurant, and is active in the Chamber's Rise N' Shine networking group.

Dixon is the owner of Don Dixon & Associates Insurance, and has just completed a three-year term on the Board of Directors. He is a member of the Golf Committee and the Policy Review Committee. Fox owns Fox Chiropractic and is a member of the City Affairs Committee. McAllister, D.D.S., is a regular at the Rise N' Shine networking breakfasts. Waters is Senior Vice President of Government and Community Affairs for the Financial Partners Credit Union. He has served a three-year term on the Board of Directors, and is a member of the Legislative Advocacy, Golf, and City Affairs Committees.

Officers

Chamber officers for the coming year already selected at the April board meeting include Steve Hoffman President; Steve Allen President Elect; Waters Vice President; and Joe Keays Treasurer.

All will be seated at an installation luncheon June 24 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.



THE ANDERSONS—Will be joining their daughter and granddaughters in Hawaii this summer after winning grand prize at the All American Home Center's Spring Fair April 24.

Couple wins trip to Hawaii

DOWNEY—Longtime All American Home Center shoppers Harlon and Pearl Anderson of Lynwood on Sunday, April 24 came to the family-owned home improvement store at 7201 Firestone Blvd. to attend a tropical plant seminar and left grand prize winners of a trip to Hawaii.

The last time the Andersons visited Hawaii was 25 years ago for their 25th anniversary. They are especially excited to have won because their daughter and granddaughters will be in Hawaii this summer and now they plan to join them. They said they've never won anything in the past.

The Andersons said they have been loyal All American Home Center shoppers for 35 years. The store has been serving Downey and surrounding communities since 1959.

Another star for 11-year-old

DOWNEY—Eleven-year-old Shaina Marie C. Sta. Cruz, a student at St. Dominic Savio School in Bellflower and a Downey resident, has done it again! Her poem, "Watermelon," cited as "one of the most creative" entries, has according to her parents earned inclusion in the 2005 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans published by Anthology of Poetry, Inc., North Carolina. The anthology is due for release before the year ends.

She is the oldest daughter of Antonio and Maria Theresa Sta. Cruz, who give special thanks to her 6th grade classroom teacher, Mr. William Rabalais.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

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

Word of MOUTH
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF DOWNEY – An all-volunteer organization serving the community through its philanthropic projects, held their annual Community Volunteers Luncheon April 28, recognizing those who have volunteered their time to help the League. Those honored and pictured, top row, from left, are: Charles Frey, Richard Holmes, Dale Towers and Jay Gibson. Bottom row: Merv MacDonald, Renee Callahan, Alex Ambruso, Sophie Giebler, and Jack Stallcup. Also honored but unable to attend were Dorothy Clark, Fran Reveley, Don Schmidt, Jon Lang, Noel Cantu, Robert and Terry Murphy, Kimberly Bullock, Bud Fox, Mambo Cafe and Frantone's.

DETAIL

- *Paint and Fix-Up Program—\$374,273 (CDBG). Provides free exterior painting and installation of deadbolts, smoke detectors, energy saving devices and minor building repairs.
- *Home Modification Program—\$70,000 (CDBG)—Administered by Southern California Rehabilitation Services, provides free home upgrades to improve accessibility for physically disabled persons such as wheelchair ramps and grab bars.
- *Code Enforcement—\$220,644 (CDBG)—Code enforcement activity within certain areas of the City is eligible for CDBG Funding.
- *Community Senior Center—at Apollo Park—\$107,566 (CDBG)—Certain facility operations are eligible for CDBG Funding. These include building maintenance.
- *Rio Hondo Temporary Home—\$18,000—(CDBG)—Provides temporary relief and housing for homeless families.
- *Adult Literacy Program—\$30,000—Provides instruction in the basics of reading.
- *ARC of Southeast Los Angeles County—\$12,000 (CDBG)—Funding for training program for mentally disabled individuals.
- *Children's Dental Health Clinic—\$5,500 —(CDBG)- Provides dental care for children of low-income families.
- *DUSD Grant—\$31,000—(CDBG)—Partially funds the 10-20 Club Outreach Program under the direction of Darrell Jackson, and provides crisis intervention and counseling.
- *Aspire Program/Neighborhood Preservation—(\$34,765)—Funds an after school program at Gaudin. An additional \$15,000 is provided in the CDBG General Administration Budget for workshop training sessions.
- *Salvation Army Southeast Corps—\$4,000—(CDBG) Provides support services for Downey homeless or at risk of same.
- *Senior Citizens Service Grant—\$2,500—(CDBG) Funds reserved for programs benefiting senior citizens including reduced cost meals at the Barbara Riley Community Center.
- *Southern California Rehabilitation Services-\$5,000—(CDBG)—Includes peer counseling for the physically disabled.

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Moode to serve on arts education panel

DOWNEY—Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe has selected Marsha Moode, executive producer of the Downey Civic Light Opera, to serve on the 2005-2006 Arts Education Partnership Program Panel.

Knabe recognizes that the arts are a vital and indispensable part of a comprehensive education for every student. Exposure to and participation in the arts has been demonstrated to enhance students' creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. The panel will help to determine county allocations to arts programs for children.

Moode has an extensive background in the arts as an actress, producer, writer and director. She has worked in theatre, TV, radio and film. A USC graduate, she is currently producing and directing "Fiddler on the Roof." "Fiddler" is the 18th consecutive musical she has produced and the eighth she has directed for the Downey Civic Light Opera.

She also hosts the "Campaign Series" for Comcast Cable. Regular panel members, for 15 years, include Knabe, Larry Allison (editor, Press Telegram) and Lawrence Christon (journalist, L.A. Times). Moode and Knabe have co-hosted the Downey Holiday Lane Parade for 14 years.

Lodge celebrates Family Night May 19

DOWNEY—Downey United Masonic Lodge #220 is celebrating Family Night Thursday, May 19 at the Temple, 8244 Third St., starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The members of Downey's Job Daughters, Bethel 244 (which meets every second and fourth Saturdays at the Temple), will be honored at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge room. Worshipful Master invites all interested Downey citizens to attend the dinner and program.

Reservations are a must and must be made by May 17 by calling the Lodge office at 862-4176. For Lodge/Bethel information, call Morrissy at 425-4676 or Rory Richardson at (310) 210-6473.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet May 24

DOWNEY—Guest speakers at the next 7:30 a.m. meeting Tuesday, May 24 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group are Barry Kellman and Kevin DeBre of the law firm of Greenburg & Glusker. The topic: "Employment Privacy Issues." RSVP: 923-2191.

Last performance by Sidi at Granata's

DOWNEY—Sebastian Sidi "LIVE" will have its last intimate performance this year Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. at Granata's Italian Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave.

Dinner & show starts at 8 p.m. and costs \$25 per person. Dinner includes steak, chicken, fish, soup and salad. As seating is limited, advance ticket reservations are recommended, by calling 544-7774.



MARSHA MOODE—Executive producer of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has been tapped by Supervisor Don Knabe to serve on the 2005-2006 Arts Education Partnership Program Panel. The panel's function is to help in determining county allocations to arts programs for children.

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'Relay for Life' cancer fundraiser at Columbus

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 this weekend, 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.

TLC

With an operation cost of about \$150,000 per year, Boland stressed the need for support from the community to help keep the program running year after year. Target, Boeing, Lens Crafters, the Exchange Club, the Stauffer Foundation, the Downey Assistance League, Kiwanis, Rotary, Soroptimist International of Downey, and volunteer doctors are some of the generous sponsors Boland mentioned who have enabled the program to sustain itself and provide services to the community.

"Yet, it would be nice to have a set budget and not struggle year after year," said Luz Perez, Coordinator and Case Manager, as she indicated the proliferating needs that push TLC to expand its services. "It would be the saddest day if we had to close down."

The value of the program, however, keeps it running as more families discover it and feel comfortable enough to come and reveal their needs without feeling judged.

Perez stressed the difficulties families have in coming forth about their problems. "This happens all the time," she said. "I've had a case where a mom who didn't want anything from us finally came to us and said, 'I need to feed my kids. Please help us. I need food vouchers.' That has to be the hardest thing for a mom to do, to say I don't have anything to feed my kids."

"We have a relationship with our clients," said Perez. "I've noticed a major difference, where at first people were unsure and afraid of giving information. But now, I think we're finally at a point where parents feel comfortable with us to tell us things, which we really don't judge them on. We just want to help them."

The cases TLC have received range from families who need health care and basic necessities to those that need counseling and crisis intervention. TLC has provided support for families who have lost a child. Through the collaboration of the community, they have brought groceries to the families, provided counseling, and raised funds to help with funeral costs. "We take care of all the things they don't want to deal with at the time to help make their grieving process easier. I couldn't even imagine losing a child," said Perez.

Some other cases Perez mentioned included parents who needed clothes for their children, but did not know the sizes because they had never been able to buy clothes for their children; families with difficulties filling out legal papers to delay eviction from their homes; people who had experienced sexual attacks and needed help reporting it to the police.

"When the phone rings you never know what you're going to get," said Perez. "It's not the same here everyday."

TLC has also provided health care in their clinic office. The health clinic receives about 150 children every school year and about 200 children at the eye clinic every school year. Every child that comes to the eye clinic fails the test, said Boland. By the support of Lens Crafters and the Assistance League, the children who fail their eye exams are provided with glasses to help them see. The Assistance League has provided \$10,000 a year to further help with emergency dental needs.

Many clients who come in to the clinic often improve their health by learning how to better care for themselves. In one such case, Boland recalled, a young girl lowered her cholesterol level from 250 to 150 after understanding the seriousness of her condition and learning simple ways to help reduce risks of complications.

Having over 3,000 encounters of clients seeking help in the past three years and without having ever turned anyone away, TLC makes plans to raise more funds and expand to cover the growing numbers of needy families, hopefully also starting a Head Start program for pre-school children in Downey.

Boland and Perez recognized the staff at TLC as a vital part of the program's success. Staff members include: Maria Griffin, Insurance Enroller; Luz Henriquez, Case Manager Assistant; and Claudia Garcia, Office Manager. They further praised the generosity of the community, without which the program would not be possible.



ART MORRIS – A longtime supporter of medical education at DRMC, made a contribution of \$10,000 recently to the Henderson-Goergen Education Fund, for which he is chairman and founder. In this file photo he presents Elizabeth Olle, a 2003 Family Practice Internship and Residency Program graduate, with a scholarship.

DUSD middle school track teams June 4

DOWNEY—The 31st annual Middle School Track Meet will bring together the four middle schools of the Downey Unified School District Saturday, June 4 at Downey High School.

Young athletes will compete from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An estimated 400 boys and girls from sixth, seventh and eighth grades will compete in both track and field events.

Field events start at 8:30 with track events starting at 9:15 a.m. Team scoring is on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis for first through fifth place in each event. Admission is free.



CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD—Met with Thaddeus Phillips, city librarian for the Downey City Library, and other Los Angeles-area library representatives during the American Library Association's 31st annual National Library Legislative Day. Discussed was federal funding for programs under the Library Services and Technology Act. This year, the city of Downey used funds under the program to purchase materials for its international language collections and its programs to assist small business owners. From left: Phillips; Roybal-Allard; Nancy Mahr, public information officer for the County of Los Angeles Public Library; and Albert Tovar, director of the Azusa Public Library.

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 event.

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.

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BASSIST/VOCALIST BOB CHRISTY—Formed the Velvetones over 10 years ago. The Velvetones deliver a solid mix of vocals, instrumentals and dance music of the Swing era.

Velvetones to perform tomorrow at Nordic Fox

DOWNEY—Bob Christy and the Velvetones, who have performed at many clubs, Stonewood Center and Jazz Festivals, bring their mix of Jazz, Swing, and Fox Trot to the Nordic Fox tomorrow from 6-9 p.m.

You can enjoy the music while enjoying American and Scandinavian food, a salad bar, beer, wine, and cocktails.

Nordic Fox is at 10924 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Artist's guilds meet at Progress Park

DOWNEY—The Downey Artists League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will meet at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount, Sunday, May 22 starting at 1 p.m. Demonstrating will be Ryo Terasaki, a native Californian who started her art career as a hobby and has now been painting for over 30 years.

Armenian 'Memorial Day' picnic

DOWNEY—Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church, 9516 Downey Ave. in Downey, will hold its Memorial Day Picnic Monday, May 30 from 11 a.m.-dusk.

Everybody is invited to the event, which features Shish Kebab dinners, Armenian pastries, entertainment and games. For information, call 862-7012.

College executive honored at conference

NORWALK – Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation, received Phi Beta Lambda's "Business Person of the Year" award at the association's State Leadership Conference April 2 at UCLA. Phi Beta Lambda is a national professional association for students pursuing business careers.

Richardson was chosen for the award from among several other business leaders who have made sizable contributions to their community.

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While the history of construction, as presented by Perkins, challenged Kolar's case for a permit, the two drew on past friendship to avoid verbal war. Perkins did say that any explanation of the more than two years of delays in the building expressed by the hospital amounted to "lies."

Perkins said he got involved at the request of the President of the Hospital Board of Directors (Kolar) and that delays attributed to radiotherapy's location are false since no location for that facility was included in a site plan approved 7/03/03.

Contractor assailed

Perkins assailed a spokesman for the contractor who attempted to explain the delays.

The fact the hospital is losing money in operation of its emergency room, was countered by the mention of its almost constant cost of litigation.

Kolar repeatedly apologized for the tone of Korneff's letter.

Voices from the audience included Bob Goldstein who said further delays would cause additional stress to his aging mother who is forced to travel and then sit in a little room while Pioneer Medical, of which she is a member, must wait to move into the new office building.

Members of the Council, including Perkins, added that they know the hospital does good work and it serves the public for the City and hospital to get along rather than clash.

HUD

The Action Plan, a major component of the Consolidated Plan, details how the City will utilize its annual allocation, which will come to \$1,726,626 in CDBG and \$789,119 in HOME funding. In addition, staff estimates the City will receive \$180,000 in program income and carry over a \$4.9 million sum from prior year grant funds.

There are federal restrictions, including a limit of 15 percent on the amount the City can spend on public service activities. And not more than 20 percent of CDBG and 10 percent of HOME funds can be spent on general administration costs. At least 70 percent of both funds must benefit low and moderate income households.

In other action, the City Council Tuesday:

- *Acting as the Community Development Commission reviewed a proposed amendment to an agreement with HdL Coren and Cone, Inc., for property transfer and information services, then agreed to bring the item back at a later meeting.

- *Acting as the Council, proclaimed Kidsday for May 14.

- *Proclaimed Older Americans Month for May and Older Americans Day May 25.

- *Proclaimed Building Safety Week May 8-14.

- *Proclaimed National Public Works Week May 15-21.

- *Presented certificates of appreciation to the Downey Galaxy Under 12 Boys Soccer Team for 1st place in the 2005 So. Cal Tri-Section Games.

- *Presented certificates of appointment for Council District 5 to Diane Boggs for the Hospital Commission and Water Facilities Corp.; Connie Rodriguez on the Health and Sanitation Committee; Mary Crawford on the Library Advisory Board; Guy Sterner on the Parking Place Commission; and Roger Brossmer on the Planning Commission.

- *Awarded a contract in the sum of \$393,390 to Ranco Corp. for concrete construction and repair and appropriated \$150,000 from the Gas Tax Fund.

- *Approved an agreement with So. Cal Edison for replacement of overhead with underground cables as part of the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement project Phase 1B.

- *Authorized City participation in the appeal of the superior court decisions on the National Pollutant Discharge Limation Systems Municipal separate Storm Sewer System Permit litigation.

- *Approved amendment to an agreement with All City Management Services extending for one year city crossing guard services.

- *Approved renewal of the City's vehicle towing and storage agreements with United Tow and Doug's Tow for a three year period ending June 30, 2008.

- *Approved appropriation of 2004 State Homeland Security Funds in the sum of \$149,715 for purchase of portable radios and surveillance equipment.

- *Approved a report and analysis of impediments to fair housing for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investments partnership grants.

- *Approved a resolution for the final subdivision map for property at 8021-8043 Second Street, 8036 Third Street and 11019 Myrtle Street, and accepted a cash deposit as surety.

- *Adopted a resolution approving the submittal of an application for an integrated Regional Water Management planning grant pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.

- *Introduced an ordinance adding chapter 10 to article II of the Downey Municipal Code establishing a procedure for debarment of contractors.

- *Adopted an ordinance amending a section of the Municipal Code on the speed limits on Florence Avenue and leaving them unchanged.

- *Heard an update on DRMC's medical center office building construction by Meredith Perkins.

- *Considered a request from Allen Korneff for a temporary occupancy permit to allow tenants in the building at 11480 Brookshire Ave. Ron Kolar spoke on behalf of the hospital.

The next public meeting of the Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

QUESTIONS for the congresswoman

Dear Editor:

I certainly agree with Congresswoman Roybal-Allard that our health care situation is in deep trouble. The poor are without health insurance. Those of us who have health insurance are wondering how much longer we can afford to pay for ours. Many companies have either cut back or dropped the good plans we were promised by employers, because the U.S. companies cannot compete with the low wages of China, India and many Third World countries, who have NO health care and work for a pittance, [compared to what] U.S. workers are paid. She also mentioned outsourcing of jobs. It is notable that Congress has in NO WAY addressed this major problem, but has INCREASED the HIB number that brings labor from other countries to REPLACE the U.S. laborer. I believe we (the Congress) are subsidizing companies who outsource our jobs. (Just an aside—we in the U.S. have learned through the media that our Soc. Sec. Nos. and our bank account numbers have been stolen by people and China and India through this outsourcing. State governments are outsourcing jobs; "Voice of America" now comes from China.

But back to health care. I have called Congr. Roybal-Allard's office many times on various issues, one of which is addressing the problem of ILLEGAL immigration. I have called to make her aware of the fact that many hospitals and hospital emergency rooms in California have closed because they can't afford the FREE medical treatment they are required to give illegals. The poor are not completely without healthcare, although the clinics have closed down because they couldn't afford to care for so many. So now the emergency rooms are used as a doctor's office. In April 15, 2005 the LA Times had an article saying Downey Regional Medical Center is in deep financial difficulties, as are Whittier and Brea Hospitals. I'm wondering how many poor can we subsidize with seven to eight thousand crossing our borders nightly?

It appears that big and small businesses are hiring illegals so they don't have to pay Soc. Sec. and health care, etc. Consequently, we have a \$1 billion, yes, "B" as in billion, underground economy a year. Yet the federal, state and county show NO signs that they will address this. Also, when they do set up some program, they magnify the cost because of the BIG FAT BUREAUCRACIES they set up.

Please, Congr. Roybal-Allard, I beg you to address the ILLEGAL immigration situation and reply to this letter in the Downey Patriot.

—Elsa Van Leuven,
Downey

Laments sorry state of park

Dear Editor:

We have lived in Downey 42 years, and one of the pleasant parks we visited often, to walk, was Wilderness Park, which is only five minutes from our home. It had been some time since our last visit and when we thought of it last week, we were excited to be going again.

The park was a mess, trash [was] everywhere, and the lakes are murky and trash-lined, [with] dogs running loose, screaming children and loiterers that made us feel unsafe. Why has Downey allowed this to happen? It was our last trip to Wilderness Park and we feel that our grandchildren would not be safe there. It is very sad to see these changes in a town as nice as Downey used to be, but sadly, no longer is.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gary Trnavsky,
Downey

More 'mansionization' comment

Dear Editor:

Re the 'mansionizing' of Downey (I call them mini-mansions), I do not understand why the building department allows the permits. That house at the corner of Mattock and Florence – the first time I saw it finished I wondered why anyone would build a hotel there. Look at the homes on Brookshire between Florence and Cherokee. One mini-mansion after another. And the two places on Cherokee at Brookshire. No yard space and why on earth are those homes so close together? Isn't there a law about how far apart they have to be? I simply do not understand the permit department. I think they should be answering some hard questions about their decisions.

—(Mrs.) Doris Hannon,
Downey

WRD director to public advisory board

CERRITOS—Members of the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) board of directors hailed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's appointment of WRD director Pat Acosta to the 30-member Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, the state's leading forum to advise state and federal agencies on issues related to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program through the Bay Delta Authority.

"WRD has been the premier groundwater management agency in Southern California for more than 45 years and we are proud to have a voice on such an esteemed advisory committee," said WRD board president Willard Murray.

Established by the California Bay-Delta Act of 2001, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program consists of 25 state and federal agencies working collaboratively to restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem by improving the quality and dependability of California's water supply. The CALFED Bay-Delta Advisory Committee works in conjunction with the Bay Delta Authority Board of Directors.

Along with eight other new appointees from an array of environmental, water, tribal and civic organizations, Acosta will work with committee members to recommend strategies to restore ecological health and improve water management overall in the state.

"I am honored and thank the Governor for my appointment," said Acosta. "I am pleased that the Water Replenishment District has a seat at the CALFED table. I will do my very best to serve Southeast L.A. County and all Californians."

Voters established the WRD in 1959 to manage groundwater for nearly 4 million residents in 43 cities throughout southern Los Angeles County. The District protects the groundwater resources and groundwater quality in the Central and West Coast Basins, two of the most utilized groundwater basins in the state of California. Customers in the 420-square mile service area use approximately 250,000 acre-feet or 81.5 billion gallons of groundwater annually, which amounts to 40 percent of the area's total demand for water.

Memorial Day observance at cemetery

DOWNEY—New Niche Gardens and the Veterans Memorial Wall will be officially dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, at the Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale Ave., at the traditional Memorial Day Salute to Veterans.

Ceremonies led by the Downey Cemetery District start at 11 a.m. Information: Kathy Callahan, 904-7236.

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Graveside services today for Hazel Roop Edwards

DOWNEY—Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. today, May 13 for Hazel Roop Edwards, who was born April 26, 1914 in Bangor, Maine to parents Harry A. Roop and Ruth C. Benson and died on May 5 from complications of a head injury.

She was a longtime resident of Downey and later moved to Hemet. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and was also involved in the Downey Women's Club and Job's Daughters, Bethel 17.

Edwards is survived by her brother, C. Bernard Roop of North Haven, Connecticut; her son, Paul M. Starlings of Pearce, Arizona; daughter, Christine Wilkins of Alamo, CA; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

DYF registration booth at Kidsday

DOWNEY—Downey Youth Football (DYF), which offers tackle, Flag football, and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14, will have booths for registration, pizza sales, and a football ring toss at Furman Park during the annual Kidsday event tomorrow, May 14. Kidsday runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

TD from the L.A. Arena Football team will be on hand from 12 noon-2 p.m. to greet children of all ages.

For registration/information/coaching opportunities, call Louis Morales, DYF president, at 928-0655, or Mike Baumann, 1st vice president, at 889-1183.

'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.

Memorial service held for Joyce Anita Roth

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service was held on May 8 for Joyce Anita Roth, a longtime resident of Downey, who passed away on April 19 at the age of 72.

She grew up in New York, attended several schools including Youngstown State University in Ohio and studied the violin and piano. She kept a piano in her apartment and played several times a week until late last year. She also composed music and sent tapes of her compositions to friends.

After service as an officer in the military she held several accounting jobs with companies in New York and Southern California where she settled in the 1960s. Among her employers were Mallory Battery Co. and Bushnell Ribbon. She also studied social work and was employed in that field.

Most of her life she struggled with Addison's disease, a glandular disorder which causes frequent bouts of illness. As an adult, she contracted a form of tuberculosis which crippled her spine, making it difficult to walk. She received therapy at Rancho Los Amigos.

She was a member of the John Birch Society, the National Rifle Association and the Episcopal Church.


Visitation Monday for Johanna Hines

DOWNEY - Longtime Downey resident Johanna Hines died May 10 at a senior retirement community in Alhambra. She was 91.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 16 from 5-8:30 p.m. at Rose Hills Mortuary. Gravesite services are scheduled for the following day at 11 a.m. at Rose Hills Hillcrest Lawn.

Hines was born on March 8, 1914 in Bartlesville, Okla. and raised in Fort Scott, Kansas. She moved to the Los Angeles area in the early 1940s. Her husband, Charles Hines, predeceased her in 1981.

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SYDNEY COLENZO - A fourth grader at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, broke the district record for baskets in a minute with 31 at the recent Carnival of Champions held at Downey High School. The record was originally set in 1982 by Lilia Castelo of Ward Elementary School and tied last year by Jenny Tritz of Rio San Gabriel.

Fall Craft Fair set Oct. 8 at Downey High

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District and board members of the True Lasting Connection (TLC) Parent Resource Center are planning a Fall Craft Fair for Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Downey High School Gym, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

In addition to a wide array of handcrafted items, there will be coffee, snacks, raffles and door prizes. All proceeds go to the support of the TLC Center, which provides free vision, dental and health care for children of low income families who otherwise could not afford it.

The TLC also has school tutoring programs, crisis intervention, parent education, counseling, enrollment in Medi-Cal, and many other free services for families.

Persons wishing to rent table space should request it as soon as possible by calling Rose Boland at (562) 459-4890. Or write her in care of the Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241.



RIO SAN GABRIEL MUSTANGS - The mixed coed relay team, featuring Taylor Weller, Elizabeth Ham, Todd Mendenhall, and Christian Armendariz, broke the district record previously belonging to Gallatin with a time of 1:00.6. The record had been standing since 1993.

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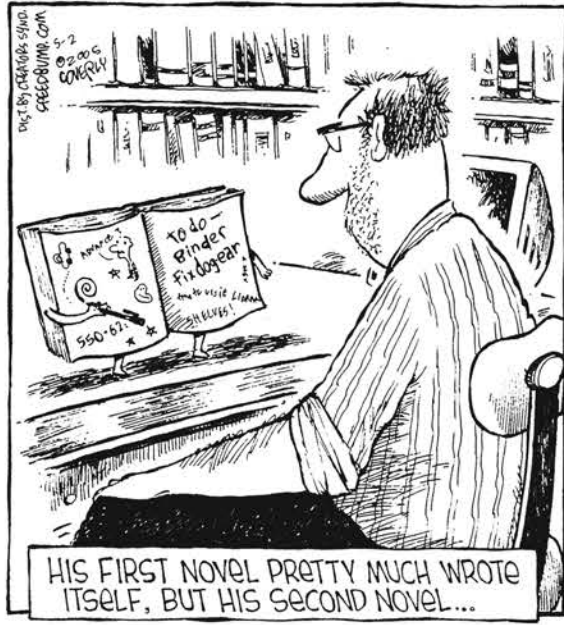


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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

Sat. May 14, 9:00 a.m.: **Relay For Life** 24 hour campout fund-raising event for Rio Hondo unit of the American Cancer Society at Columbus High School, 12330 Woodruff Ave. For information call 776-0201.
Tues. May 17, 10:30 a.m.: **Storytime at the Library** with Downey Police Captain Roy Campos reading to kids ages 3 to 5. At the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-7360 ext. 4.

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.
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.: **Toastmasters 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

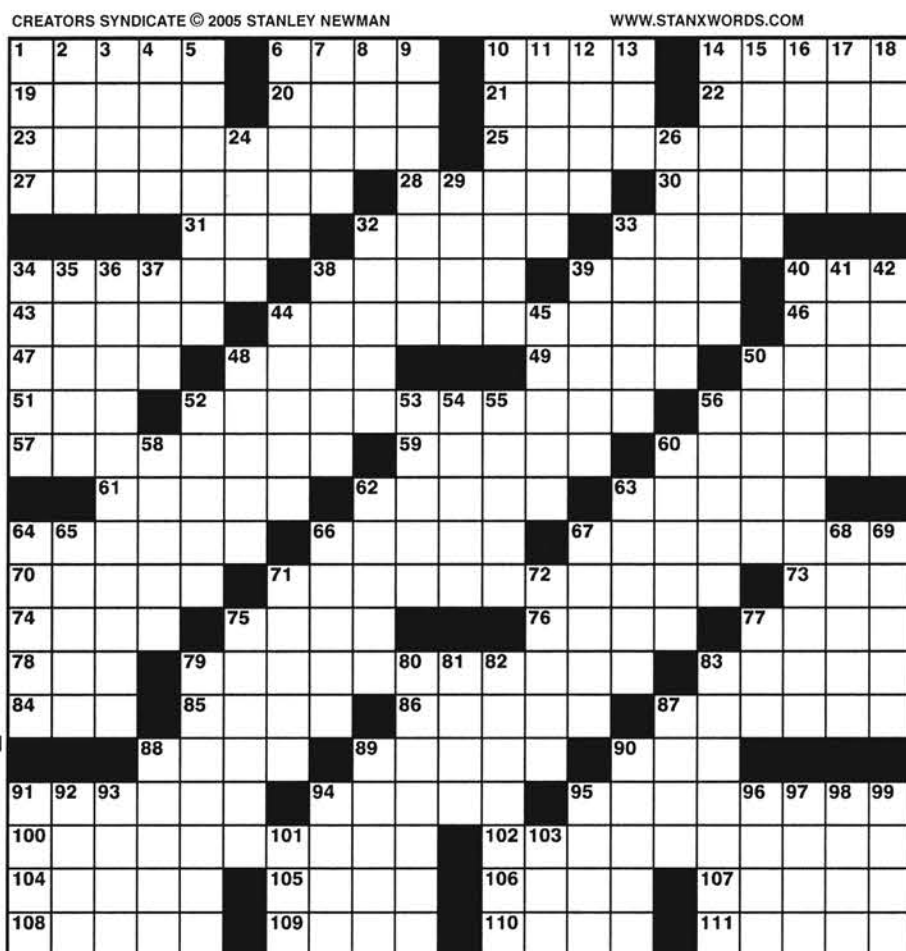
7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
MAY DAY: Celebrating the first of the month
by Sally R. Stein

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 - 79 Elaine MAY's comedy partner
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 - 85 Pub beverages
 - 86 Telejournalist Sawyer
 - 87 Society group
 - 88 Means (to)
 - 89 Applying
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 - 91 Fortune teller
 - 94 Hair piece
 - 95 It's been settled
 - 100 MAY celebration
 - 102 "MAYbellene" singer
 - 104 Modify
 - 105 Internet addresses, for short
 - 106 Run ___ (go wild)
 - 107 Toon hunter
 - 108 Tears up
 - 109 "Excited" (Pointer Sisters tune)
 - 110 Looking good
 - 111 Rental document
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 - 2 Evil glance
 - 3 Kaul, for one
 - 4 Pretense
 - 5 Commercial producer
 - 6 "Good buddy" broadcasters
 - 7 Knight's wife
 - 8 Ragtime author's monogram
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 - 10 Sully
 - 11 Take a second?
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 - 13 Ans.-machine recording
 - 14 Employee's last words, perhaps
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 - 16 "And if you don't care a feather or ..."
 - 17 Trait carrier
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 - 24 Inert gas
 - 26 Decrease
 - 29 High point
 - 32 Bake-shop feature
 - 33 Atlanta school
 - 34 "Do I have to?"
 - 35 Lacy creation
 - 36 MAYnard G. Krebs' pal
 - 37 Get the point
 - 38 Sophs' suites
 - 39 Writer Turkel
 - 40 "MAYbe" and "unless"
 - 41 One of the electorate
 - 42 Nervous
 - 44 Confines, with "up"
 - 45 Throat-culture finding
 - 48 A question of ownership
 - 50 Recurring idea
 - 52 Poem by 75 Down
 - 53 Work with ore
 - 54 Former Czech president
 - 55 Sky color
 - 56 Construction worker
 - 58 Pasta wheat
 - 60 Pay
 - 62 Sell out
 - 63 Road irregularities
 - 64 Featherbrain
 - 65 Falstaff or Otello
 - 66 Builds a stack
 - 67 Linen fabric
 - 68 "Time is money," for one
 - 69 Had another conference
 - 71 Preferences
 - 72 Not appropriate
 - 75 Poet from New Jersey
 - 77 ___ reaction
 - 79 Catalog creators
 - 80 "Sounds good to me!"
 - 81 One-fifth of DXV
 - 82 Railroad device
 - 83 Bette Davis film
 - 87 Worthless stuff
 - 88 Felt sore
 - 89 Europe's eastern border
 - 90 Too confident
 - 91 General Bradley
 - 92 Function
 - 93 Business-envelope letters
 - 94 Real-estate ad abbr.
 - 95 Pairs
 - 96 Strike out
 - 97 Writer Bombeck
 - 98 Mars alias
 - 99 Apollo's instrument
 - 101 ___ generis (one of a kind)
 - 103 Med. coverage provider



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Abraham "BRAM" Stoker (10 Across) wrote "Dracula" while employed as the business manager of a London theater. RAFFER Johnson (22 Across) won the decathlon gold medal at the 1960 Summer Olympics. The quote at "Swinging on a Star." 16 Down is from the tune Summer Olympic. The quote at

'My Fair Lady' opening at La Mirada

LA MIRADA—The classic musical, "My Fair Lady," adapted from George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," that first opened in New York City in 1956 and went on to garner every top theatre award in the world, and inspired the hugely popular film version in 1964, opens at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts Friday, May 20 through Sunday, June 5.

"My Fair Lady" is the story of Henry Higgins, an opinionated linguistics professor and confirmed bachelor, as he attempts to transform a cockney flower seller, Eliza Doolittle, into a high society lady in six months time. He wins his wager but doesn't bargain for the profound effect he has on Eliza.

The musical by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe and originally directed by Moss Hart, is packed with memorable songs, including "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church on Time," and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face." The La Mirada Theatre production is directed by Glenn Casale, who recently directed the national tour of "Cathy Rigby is Peter Pan" and the 1999-2000 Tony-nominated and Emmy-winning Broadway version of the show, and stars Glory Crampton as Eliza and Mark Capri as Higgins. Crampton, star of numerous Broadway, regional and national musical productions, has played Eliza in multiple productions of "My Fair Lady" throughout the county. Capri began his professional acting career at the Royal Shakespeare Company, and at theatres around England and the United Kingdom.

For tickets, times, dates, other information, visit www.lamiradatheatre.com or call the La Mirada Theatre box office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310. The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts is located at 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Ave. Parking is free.

Bellflower Chorus 2005 concert season

BELFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus opens their 2005 concert season this weekend 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. "A Christmas Song," the chorus' annual festival of traditional and contemporary holiday favorites, is scheduled for Dec. 16-18.

Concerts will be presented at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium in Bellflower. Tickets available at the door or by mail. General admission is \$5. For other details/membership, call (562) 866-4664.



CAST OF DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL'S—May 31-June 4 spring production of a modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" includes, from left: Jesse Schiffmacher as Hermia, Matt Tovar as Demetrius, and Stacy Reyes as Helena.

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Downey High

DOWNEY—Downey High School Theatre Arts presents the premiere of their spring play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," May 31-June 4.

All performances of the wonderfully humorous and modern adaptation of one of William Shakespeare's most popular comedies will be at 7 p.m. in Room E2—the Drama Room, at Downey High School.

Tickets are \$5 for students, and \$7 for adults.

St. George Greek Festival set for June 4-5

DOWNEY—The 21st annual St. George Greek Festival, featuring great Greek food, music, culture, and fun, will be held Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at 10830 Downey Ave., 3 blocks north of Firestone Blvd.

Much like the annual Christmas Parade, Street Fair, and Kidsday, the St. George Greek Festival has been a Downey community event that residents from all of Southern California look forward to attending.

For one thing, it is known throughout the entire Southern California Greek-American community for its authentic Greek food and pastries. At the festival, you can have lunch and dinner while enjoying traditional and Modern Greek music, sip on Greek coffee and take some food and pastries home to enjoy the next day. Tours of the Saint George sixth century Byzantine-style sanctuary will be available.

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.

Ride tickets are available for purchase before and after school, beginning Monday, May 2. For information, call 869-0963.

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City of Downey Community Services Department
SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS
The traditional camps go on...

SPORTS CAMP
Ages: 8-12
June 20-September 2
Location: Apollo Park (Independence Park weeks 1&2)
This camp offers children a chance to learn a new sport each week. Every camper will receive 12 hours of instruction from a trained professional. Campers will also go on an excursion every week.

ADVENTURE CAMP
Ages: Middle School (no older than 14 yrs.)
June 20-September 2
Location: Independence Park
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
June 20-September 2
Location: Wilderness Park
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Ages: 8-13
Cost: \$75 per session
June 20-July 29
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Location: Downey Theatre
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NO CAMP JULY 4TH

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

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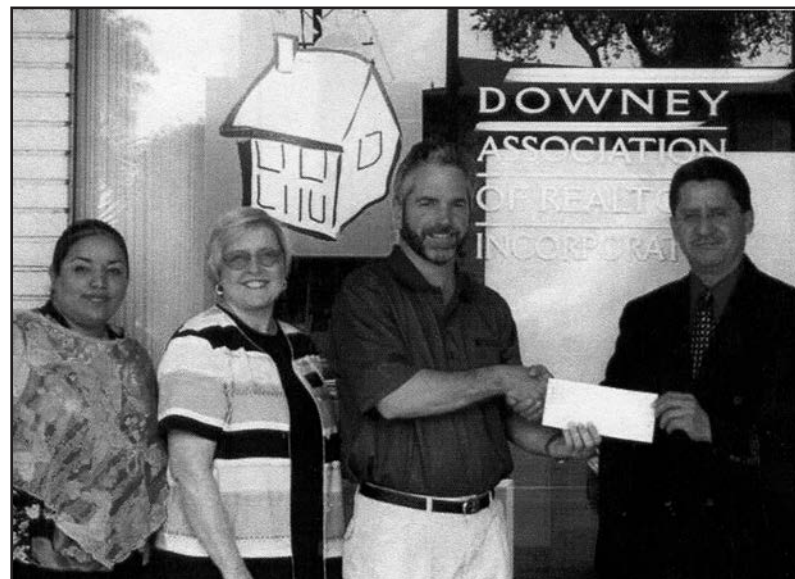
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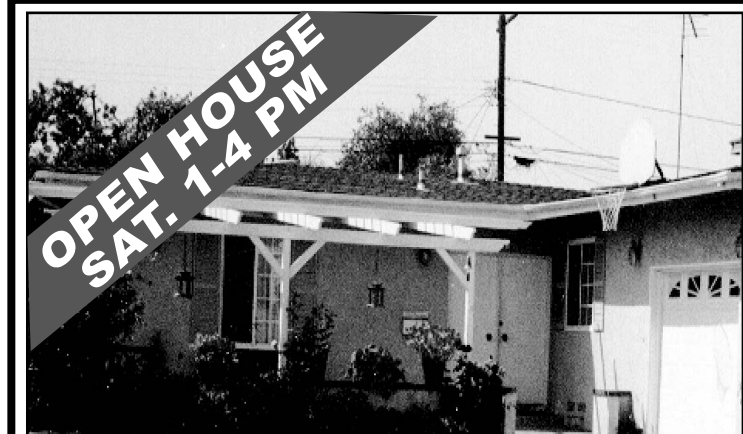
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Sincerely,
Dave and Mary



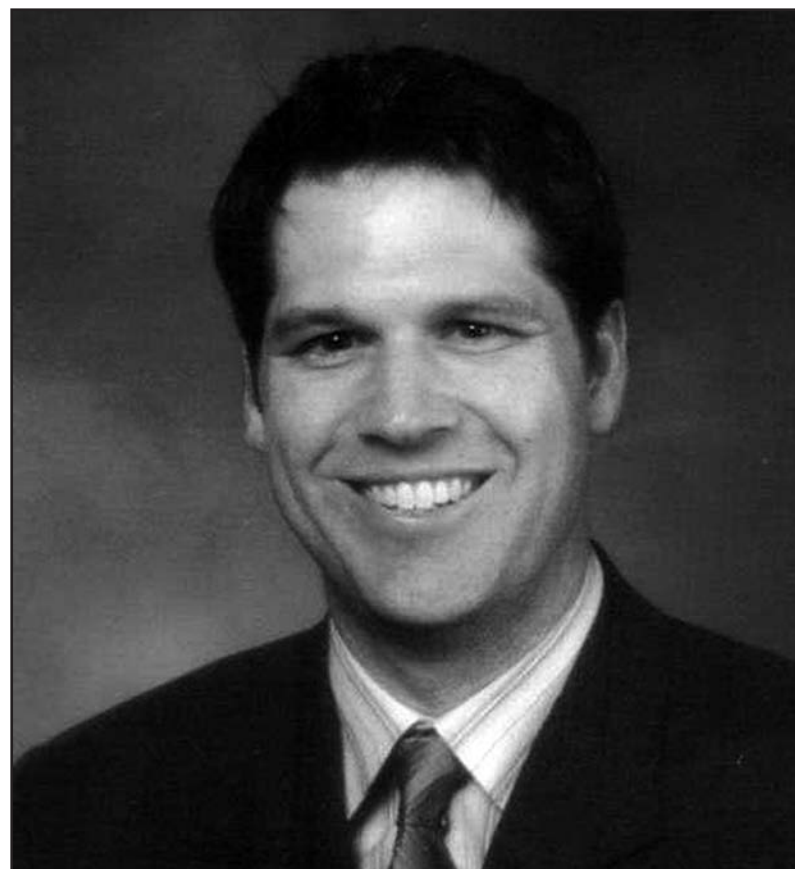
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May we further ask you if you or anyone you know may be considering the sale of their property? If you would like a FREE NO OBLIGATION estimate of the value of your property. Please give me a call



MICHAEL SMITH - A graduate of San Diego State University with a BA in Journalism, has joined Century 21 My Real Estate. He had been working with Arist Log Inc. as an artist sales representative. "Michael is going to make an excellent addition to our office. He is sharp and well prepared to handle clients," said Steve Roberson, broker/owner of the realty company. Call Michael Smith at 927-2626.

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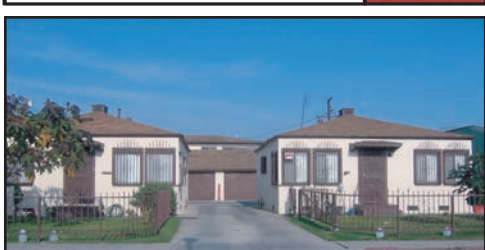
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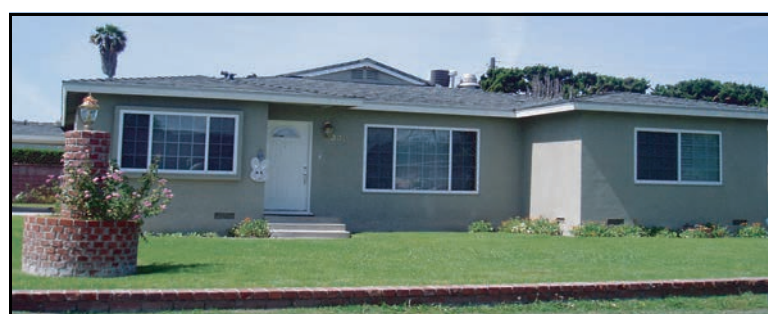
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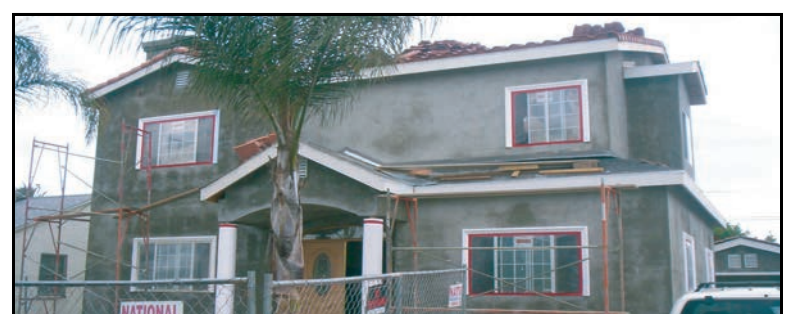
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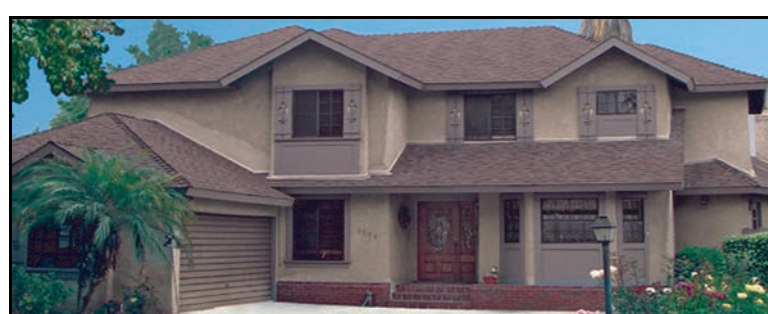
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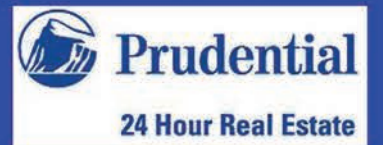
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