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#### Friday, June 10, 2005

# Symphony boosters honor two 'stars'

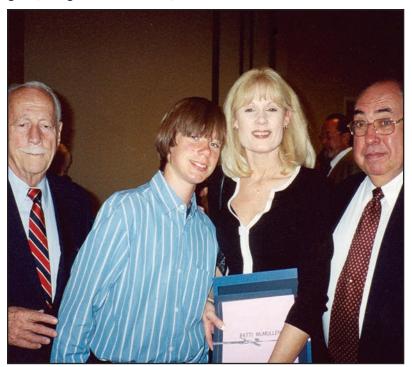
#### By Joyce Sherwin

**DOWNEY**—At this time of year, when many local organizations recognize associates for achievements and contributions to their success, the Downey Symphonic, Society and Symphony Guilds are gratified by honors recently presented to two members, Patti McMullen of the Society and Katie Hare of the Guild.

Both received commendations at the Community Service Awards Banquet given in May by the Downey Coordinating Council.

Patti's citation read, "The Downey Symphonic Society is proud to nominate Patti McMullen as our outstanding volunteer. Patti has contributed many volunteer hours to the Downey Symphonic Society, Inc, by submitting, following up and receiving grant funds. She has contributed in the production of the group's newsletter, their software programs for bulk marketing, and has solicited local organizations for donations. This past year, she accomplished the task of putting the organizations on-line. She built the website and handled the web hosting. Patti continues to maintain and update the contents of the site, along with handling all of the site's technical aspects."

For Katie Hare: "It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that Downey Symphony Guild nominates Katie Hare as our resourceful and outstanding volunteer this year. Although Katie, mother and grandmother, has many additional activities to keep her very busy, especially USC's Town and Gown organization, she took on the considerable task of Ways and Means Vice President of the Guild at a time when it had no president. Shouldering the responsibility of the presidency without the benefit of the title, she has led the Guild through a very successful year with modesty, grace, and good humor. Brava, Katie!"





CHERYL ANDRESEN—-Fellow board members applaud her love of children and honesty and sense of integrity. Tuesday was her last official DUSD board meeting.

# Andresen noteworthy for care of children

Board member steps down

#### 11525 DOWNEY AVE., SUITE A, DOWNEY, CA 90241

## DUSD honors four for achievements

**DOWNEY**—- The Board of the Downey Unified School District honored four individuals for outstanding achievement in the area of Parent/Community Relations at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Honored Tuesday were Dennis Beyrooty, Ruth Medina, Bonnie Kehoe and Tony Tesoriero.

The popularity of the recipients was shown by the turnout for the meeting, which included the Mayor, City Council, Police and Fire Chiefs plus a bevy of other city and school officials.

#### Beyrooty

Principal Karen Trejo of Gallatin Elementary School introduced Dennis Beyrooty, her school's nominee. She described him as fearless, dedicated to children and family, with endless depths of energy and good naturedness. He constantly gives back to the schools, and is responsible for more than 40 computers in Gallatin classrooms plus the skill to wire them to the internet. And Beyrooty was raised in Downey.

#### Medina

Next to be honored was volunteer traffic manager Ruth Medina of Williams Elementary, who comes early to help untangle the daily traffic congestion outside of Williams. She was described as reliable, unstoppable, tough, endowed with a caring heart, priceless, energetic and endearing. Phil Davis and Eileen Wannett added their endorsements of Medina.

#### Kehoe

Bonnie Kehoe, Director of Community Services for the City of Downey, a 28-year city employee, and a champion of the City and its children, was introduced by School Superintendent Wendy Doty. It was noted that Kehoe was a charter member of Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD), and also a past president of that group. She was a member of the City/School team that wrote the ASPIRE Grant which provides after school programs at two elementary and two middle schools. And she serves on the Blue Ribbon Task Force which studied declining enrollment and recently recommended the closure of Pace School. Doty added that Kehoe has been a true friend of the DUSD and the community.

#### **Tony Tesoriero**

Tony Tesoriero, whose family owns the three Frantone's restaurants, one of which is in Downey, came to Downey with his family at the age of 14. He graduated from Warren High in 1966, and attended UC-Davis where he met his wife, Mary Tesoriero, former longtime school boardmember. Frantone's has sponsored thousands of children on sports teams in the past 41 years, and raises funds through various booster groups and academic endeavors such as scholarships and Grad Night. He is involved with every aspect of the community. For many years he has donated a Frantone's Pizza Gift Certificate to every elementary student in the District.

PATTI McMULLEN—-Is honored for her contributions to the Downey Symphonic Society. From left, Harold Tseklenis, Patti's son James, Patti and Society President Larry Lewis.



JENNIFER C. MARSHALL—Is "Hodel" in the Downey Civic Light Opera's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" which plays through June 12 at the Downey Theater. Call the box office at 923-1714 from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday for tickets and information.

#### By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The overwhelming theme at the meeting of the Downey Unified School Board Tuesday was thanks to Board Member Cheryl Andresen for her years of service and dedication.

Andresen has announced she is stepping down and moving from the District. Tuesday was her last official appearance.

The Board's Mark Morris expressed thanks for Andresen's care for the children of the district, and Board President Barbara Samperi agreed, as did Donald La Plante, William Gutierrez, Tod Corrin and Betty Ferraro.

Gutierrez noted these are busy and glad times for members of the school board, with academic and awards programs mingled with grad nights and graduation ceremonies.

Ferraro said the two words which best describe Andresen are "honesty and integrity."

Corrin added the recent presentation to La Plante of his 29 year pin for service on the School Board as also memorable.

And La Plante in turn, noted staffers preparing to retire including Earl Haugen, Kent Halbmaier, and Dale Lostetter.

Samperi also thanked the private sector for more than \$13,000 in gifts to the district.

The board meeting was preceded by a farewell party in Andresen's honor. Retired School Superintendent Edward Sussman and his wife attended.

## Morning fires keep firefighters busy

**DOWNEY**—An abandoned two-story building at Descanso and Juniper Streets that was once part of the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center was destroyed by an early morning fire Monday.

The fire started at around 3:30 a.m., according to Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter, and firefighters from Compton, Montebello, Vernon, and Santa Fe Springs joined those from Downey in battling the blaze.

At one point the second floor and roof of the 75' X 125' building collapsed, but no one was injured. Using offensive and defensive tactics, Sauder said the firefighters sought to make sure the fire didn't damage other nearby buildings, including the Downey Rose Float site.

The loss was estimated at \$10,000. Cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Downey firefighters were also kept busy Monday morning by a blaze which destroyed a trailer in the 1300 block of Rose Avenue at about 10:30 a.m., which they believe is the work of an arsonist.

An apartment building which the trailer was parked next to received some damage.

Investigators said a female juvenile was subsequently held in connection with the case.

#### **Reading Buddy Program**

The Board also heard a presentation by Lisa Lucke, Tina Carlson, and Dr. Dianne Vipond on the Reading Buddy Program which matches students from CSU-Long Beach with those in a reading program at Downey High School.

In other action the Board:

#### Gifts

\*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector including a cash donation of \$3,000 for costs at the Communications Center, from the Gallatin PTA; a cash donation of \$1,000 for use at Unsworth Elementary, from the Unsworth PTA; two truckloads of bass wood valued at \$1,500 for use in the Technology Lab at Griffiths Middle School from Hammermill Mfg.; a Science Grant Donation of \$5,000 for use at Griffiths Middle School, from the Youth Restoration Corps; and many smaller but no less appreciated gifts.

\*Approved payments for expenses of fees and attendance at conventions and conferences.

\*Ratified payments for services provided for Special Educational Placement for January.

\*Approved revisions to AR 2105, Attendance Boundaries.

\*Approved the release of the CDS Code to the State Department of Education.

\*Authorized the payroll department to withhold sums for the 2005-06 fiscal year, without charge, from pay warrants of both certificated and classified personnel when directed to do so by the employee in accordance with the Education Code.

\*Approved monthly mileage allowances for employees as submitted

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**BONNIE KEHOE**—-(Center) was honored by the School Board Tuesday for her work in Parent/Community Relations for both the City and School District. Superintendent Wendy Doty presented the award.

The Downey Patriot

#### Temple celebrates Shavout June 12-13

DOWNEY-Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, will observe the Holiday of Shavout on June 12 and 13. The community is welcome to attend.

The Holiday of Shavout commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, which is seven weeks after Passover, the days between the exodus from Egypt and the receiving of the 10 Commandments.

There will be a Shavout Study Session Sunday evening, June 12 at 7 p.m., and a Shavout Yiskor Service on Monday morning at 10 a.m., both on its Lakewood Blvd. campus.

Cantor Kenneth Jaffe is Temple Ner Tamid's Spiritual Leader. Weekly Shabbat services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

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



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## **Executive Director** of Chamber to retire DOWNEY - Joan Warner-Plettinck, executive director of the Downey

Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years, has announced her intention to retire at the end of this year to the Chamber's Board of Directors.

The board has already formed a search committee to replace her. The committee has had several meetings and will soon begin the process of interviewing potential candidates. The committee is comprised of Jerry Brady, president; Steve Hoffman, president-elect; Steve Allen, treasurer; Fionnuala Anderson, past president; and Cynthia Deack; member at large.

#### Frantone's to host CERT fundraiser

DOWNEY - The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) invites the community to a fundraising night at Frantone's June 23 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., when all proceeds from sales and drinks will go towards the CERT program.

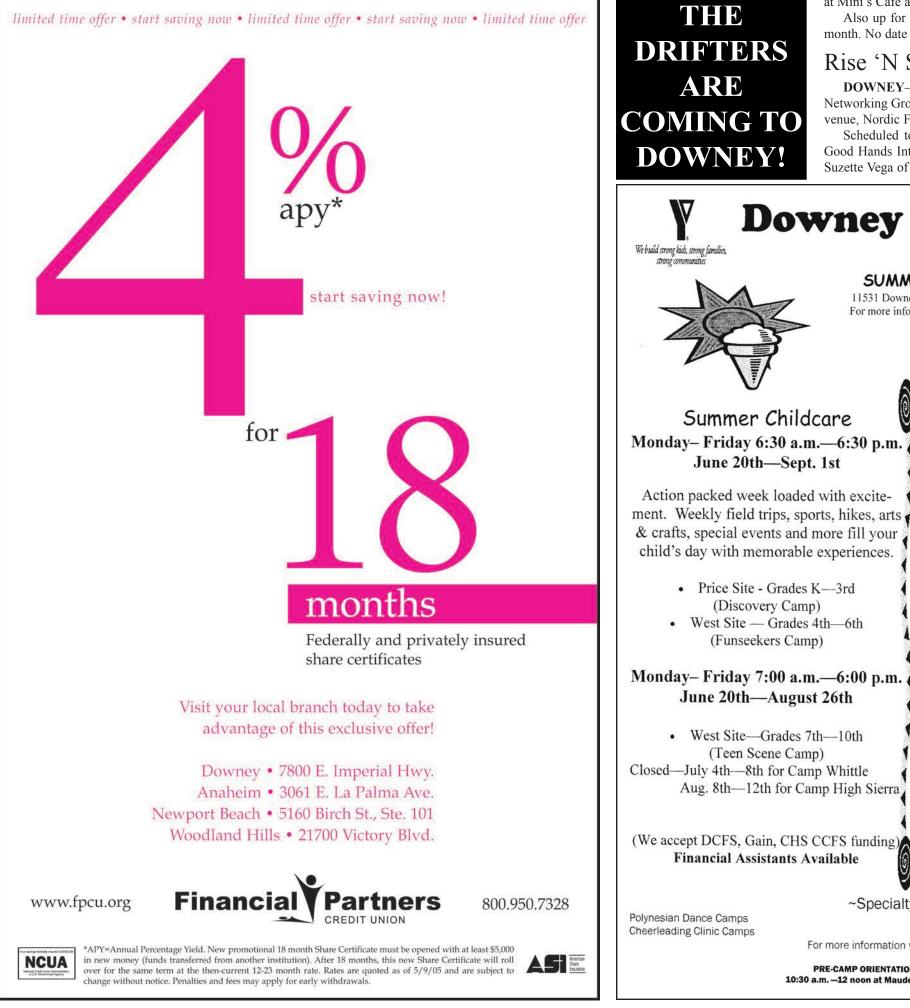
CERT members are trained to assist the city in the event of a major disaster or emergency event.

The next CERT training program is scheduled for Sept. 10. The 24hour course covers the basics of preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue and team organization.

For more information on the CERT program, call the Downey Fire Department at 904-7349. Frantone's is at 9148 Telegraph Road.



THE ASTROS – Are the Northwest Downey Little League Single A champions after sweeping a single-elimination tournament that ended June 4. Top row, left to right: Manager Jim Barger, Team Mom Melissa Barger, Coach Mario Gonzalez, Matthew Perez, Brendan Guitron, Coach Wendel Kuhn, Team Mom Wendy Hirsch, and Coach Nick Hirsch. Middle row: Kyle Hirsch, Wendel Kuhn, Raul Perez, Jay Hirsch, Danny Yos, Jonathan Valdez, and Diego Velarde. Bottom row: Nathan Yos, Mario Gonzalez, Nicholas Barger, Wilder Perez, and Andres Buendia.



SHORE-ZIEMER WEDDING-Mr. and Mrs. Dathan Shore announce the upcoming wedding Aug. 13 of their daughter, Melinda Shore, to Danny Ziemer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ziemer of Cypress. Melinda, a 2000 graduate of Warren High and 2005 graduate of CSU-Fullerton with a B.F.A. in graphic design, is currently employed by the Downey Police Department and Bowers Ambulance, Inc. Danny, a 1997 graduate of Cypress High School, is currently attending CSU-Long Beach majoring in business economics.

#### Wedding Expo at OLPH June 25

DOWNEY - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will present their first wedding expo June 25 in the OLPH School Hall, 10441 Downey Ave. The expo will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and feature vendors from the

wedding and quinceanera industry.

Tables are still available at \$100 for local businesses wanting to participate. Call Hector Perez at 923-3246 for more information.

#### Downey students among HOPE grads

NORWALK-Among the 27 graduates May 27 of Cerritos College's Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education), students who have obtained their associate degrees and will now enter four-year universities, are the following Downey students: Monica Aguilar, transferring to CSU-Long Beach; Vladimir Ochoa, transferring to an as yet unnamed university; and Richard Brooks Rodriguez, bound for CSU-Los Angeles.

All 27 students will be majoring in biology, chemistry, psychology and other health-related fields, such training to prepare them for service later, said Project HOPE director Graciela Vasquez, in underserved populations.

#### Newcomers Club meeting June 13

DOWNEY - The Downey Newcomers Club will recap their recent fashion show when they meet for their regular luncheon meeting June 13 at Mini's Cafe at 11:30 a.m.

Also up for discussion is the Secret Pal group's Patio Party later this month. No date has been announced yet for the event.

#### Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet June 14

DOWNEY-The Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group next meets Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 a.m. at their usual venue, Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

Scheduled to speak are Chamber members Myisha Blackman of In Good Hands Interpreting, Joe Tittlefitz of Eye Popping Promotions, and Suzette Vega of Re/Max Select. RSVP: (562) 923-2191.

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**PRE-CAMP ORIENTATION MEETING: Saturday, June 4th** 10:30 a.m. -12 noon at Maude Price Site 9525 Tweedy LN., Downey



\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS—Were awarded by Soroptimist International of Downey to these hard-working students.

## Soroptimist awards \$500 scholarships

DOWNEY-The Soroptimist International of Downey, local chapter of the international organization of business and professional women devoted to bettering the status of women and children through grants, scholarships and other services, has awarded the following \$500 scholarships to local students who are "working hard to reach their potential and fulfill their dreams":

Art Scholarship - to Ernie Gochez and Francisco Martinez, who will pursue an education in the field of art; Special Education Awards - to Nestor Estrada and Kurtis Goodwin, in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and contributions to the community: Vocation Scholarships - to Melissa Encarnacion, Alex Solis, Aimmy Wilson, Brittany Keele, Kayleigh Ann Lucero and Oscar Cid Del Prado, seniors who will continue their education and training in vocational fields; Della Doyle Scholarship - to Eunice Siercke, a business major at Cerritos College (scholarship is named after the first Downey City Clerk); Women in Sports Award - to female athlete Jeannie Saunders, outstanding freshman basketball player at CSU-Long Beach, which was acknowledged as a university known to promote gender equality in athletics.

The presentations were made at a Soroptimist Scholarship Breakfast at Rio Hondo Country Club.



KATIE HARE—Receives honors from a representative from County

## Workers agree to contract; end strike

#### **By Henry Veneracion**

**DOWNEY**—The strike that began May 23 at the Coca-Cola Bottling plant at 8729 E. Cleta Ave. in Downey has been settled, with workers returning to work June 6.

Company spokesman Bob Phillips said Teamsters Union Locals 896, 848, 952 and 986, and company negotiators have reached an agreement on "a great economic package" providing for enhanced health benefits, wage and pension increases, which translates to an overall three percent increase per year during the next 5 years of the new labor contract. Features of the new contract, Phillips said, include "non-economic language, business efficiencies guidelines, and work rules" aimed at greater production effectiveness.

He added, "We're pleased that all of our bargaining unit employees have reached this agreement. We can now concentrate on doing what is expected of us. We've got a lot of hard-working employees."

#### Father's Day charity breakfast June 19

DOWNEY-Downey United Masonic Lodge #220 and Downey Chapter #160, OES, are hosting their annual Father's Day Charity Breakfast June 19 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Temple, 8244 Third St.

The breakfast menu includes ham, eggs, hash browns, biscuits, coffee, orange juice, tea or milk. All proceeds will benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Covina and the Eastern Star Senior Living Community.

Breakfast information may be obtained by calling Dan Paul at 927-8166 or Worshipful Master Scott Morrissy at 425-4676.

#### Small business marketing seminar

DOWNEY-Aimed at small business entrepreneurs, the Downey City Library at 11121 Brookshire Ave. will conduct a free "Marketing Your Small Business" workshop Saturday, June 25 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Cormack Room.

The program will teach owners how to market a business so that customers will gravitate to using your product or service. You will learn best methods for advertising and publicity both in print and on the Web.

Speaker Sharon Peterson is a business advisor with over 13 years experience in marketing and sales for Fortune 500 and privately-owned companies. To register, call 904-7360 ext. 32.

TEAM UNIFORMS



SILVER AWARD WINNER - Ashley Ballou, left, is congratulated by Downey Mayor Anne Bayer for earning the Silver Award, the secondhighest award offered by the Girl Scouts. Ballou, an eighth grader at East Middle School and member of Girl Scout Troop 43, was recognized at the Gold and Silver Awards Ceremony June 5th at the Grand Hotel in Long Beach. Ballou and her Troop made over 215 "welcome bags" for the residents of the Rio Hondo Temporary Shelter in Norwalk, each bag containing personal hygiene items. Balou, a Girl Scout for nine years, says she plans to attain the Gold Award next year.



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As a long time resident and Realtor in Downey, I thought you would be interested in the sales prices of homes in the mid-cities area in October 1963.

These photographs were taken in the Jervis offices in Maywood at that time and it shows total sales for the month of \$900,000, which would be one single house today!



#### **New Downey Listings**



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Lower payments are what most people seek when they refinance their mortgages. It also can be a nice way to tap your home equity for other financial needs. However, you should figure your costs carefully before deciding around two years.

To tell if you might benefit start with the two-by-two rule: Your present loan rate should be two or more percentage points higher than todays' rates; you bought the house at least two years ago; and you plan to stay put for at least another two years.

Any refinancing will have new closing costs; points (each equal to one percent of the loan), appraisal fees, title search and insurance. These can total as much as 5% or more of the new loan. How long will it take to work off these new closing costs before you become to realize these savings on your monthly payments? Divide your closing costs by the difference between your old and new payments to get the answer in months. It will probably be around two years.





### HONORS

for 2005-06, at an estimated annual cost of \$57,185.

\*Authorized District memberships for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

\*Authorized Adult School memberships for the 2005-06 fiscal year. Credit cards at Adult School

\*Approved the use of credit cards for payment of class fees and textbook sales at the Adult School, and authorized Wendy Doty, Superintendent; Roger Brossmer, Principal; and Steve Curiel, Vice Principal, as signers on the two bank accounts.

\*Approved the principal and athletic director of Downey and Warren High Schools as representatives to the San Gabriel Athletic League.

\*Approved the SFSPac Program Agreement for Sanitation and Safety Program effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

\*Approved an agreement for Services, Fiscal and Mandated cost claims with School Services of California, Inc., effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

#### Freezer for Lewis

\*Approved solicitation for bids for the purchase and installation of a new freezer at Lewis Elementary School, to be charged to the Cafeteria Fund.

\*Approved advertising for bids for the purchase of frozen foods for the Food Services Department, to be charged to the Cafeteria Fund.

\*Accepted as complete backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier for the sum of \$10,180 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

#### Work completed

\*Accepted as complete concrete repair and work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$20,678, to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete a bid for Warren and Downey High School Stadium Interior and Exterior Track and Field work by Byron-Davey Inc. of San Diego in the final sum of \$2,444,497 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete trade electrical work bid by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$41,676 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Awarded a bid for the purchase of irrigation supplies as needed, to Coastal Pipco of Oxnard in the estimated annual amount of \$100,000 with no guarantee that the figure will be met or exceeded, to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds.

\*Awarded a bid for Unsworth School Modernization to P.W. Construction of Glendora in the sum of \$2,686,000 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved the use of the California Multiple Award Schedule Contract between State General Services procurement and SBC Datacomm of Irvine for Cisco telephone components, by the DUSD, on an as needed basis with the same advantages and conditions.

#### Name change

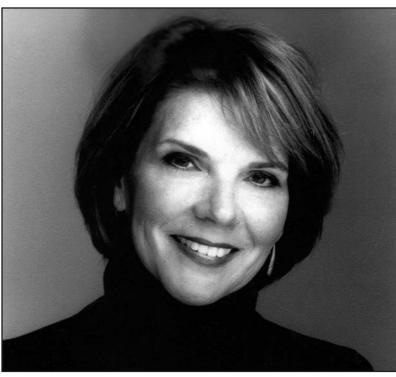
\*Accepted the name change of a contractor for a bid for resilient flooring and carpeting for Downey and Warren High Schools Stadiums Interior and Exterior, from Environmentalists Commercial Services Co., of Fullerton, to Pro Installations, Inc. d/b/a Spectra Contract Flooring of Fullerton.

\*Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for construction inspection services with Sandy Pringle of Redondo Beach, in the increased sum of \$46,000, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 2 to a purchase order for construction inspection services with Joyce Inspections and Testing of Costa Mesa in the increased sum of \$30,000, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 2 to a purchase order for personal Pan Pizza with Domino's Pizza of Santa Ana in the increased sum of \$4,000, to be charged to Food Services.

\*Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for Special Education Consultant for Optometry with Eric Ikeda, O.D., of Bellflower, in the increased sum of \$4,000, to be charged to Special Education Funds.



MYSTERY AUTHOR – Patricia Smiley will visit Rio Hondo Country Club for a book signing and luncheon June 18. Friends of the Downey City Library is sponsoring the event.

# Author to sign books at country club luncheon

**DOWNEY**—Author Patricia Smiley, one of the rising stars of the popular mystery genre, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and book signing from 11:30 a.m.-2p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. The event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15, which includes a choice of roast beef, chicken Marsala or vegetarian plate. All proceeds support library programs. Reservation deadline is June 10.

Copies of Smiley's novel, "False Profits," will be available for purchase and signing at the event. For reservations, call 904-7360, ext. 32 or visit the Friends' Shop located inside the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

behalf of a minor, and denied the claim in compliance with Government Code.

\*Authorized the service of a teacher, assigned a subject not listed on her credential for summer school 2005 and the 2005-06 school year, pursuant to the Education Code.

\*Ratified new positions corresponding to senior instructional assistant behaviorally challenged at Griffiths Middle School; senior instructional assistant-behaviorally challenged at East Middle School; and senior instructional assistant at West Middle School.

\*Approved five new limited-term positions corresponding to child care assistant.

\*Approved abolishment of one senior instructional assistant, and approved the establishment of a position corresponding to Intermediate clerical assistant.

\*Adopted a resolution authorizing federal revenue for child care nutrition to be expended initially on classified salaries and benefits subject to PERS.

#### **GATE Plan**

\*Approved the GATE Plan/Application for submission to the State Department of Education.

\*Declared that due to financial uncertainty, legislation, etc. all management, confidential and other unrepresented employee salaries are

## The poets' corner

### Remembrance

Ah, sweet youth, once flown Is ever on the wing, And we are companion'd With the taste of bittersweet----George Geller, Downey

Youthful days long gone are long remembered. May 28-05

# Granata's annual GOOD golf tournament June 29

**DOWNEY**—Granata's 2nd annual Golf Tournament for GOOD with a Scramble format is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29 at Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12 noon.

Entry fee, which includes green fees, golf cart, lunch and post-tournament banquet with 1 free cocktail, is \$150 per person. Tee sign sponsorships are available for \$100. Donations start at \$15. Funds will benefit Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), which strives to involve the entire community in the prevention of youth gang activity.

Golf Committee members this year include: Paul Granata, Kent Kalbmaier, Robert Jagielski and Rick Molinaro.



JOE COMMODORE AND DR. MARY STAUFFER – Were recognized with the Downey YMCA's two top awards at an installation dinner May 26. Stauffer received the Red Triangle Award for Community Service while Commodore was bestowed with the Distinguished Service Award for length and breadth of service. "Dr. Mary Stauffer and Joe Commodore have been oustanding YMCA and community leaders. As a result, they have touched the lives of thousands of children in the process, said Bob Winningham, Downey YMCA Board Chair.

#### 'Healthier Hearts' presentation topic

\*Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for pipe and plumbing supplies with El Monte Winnelson Co., of El Monte in the increased sum of \$10,000, to be charged to the Maintenance Fund.

\*Approved change order 2 to an open purchase order for diesel fuel, as needed, with General Petroleum of Rancho Dominguez in the increased sum of \$35,000, to be charged to the Transportation Fund.

\*Approved change order 2 to a purchase order for maintenance equipment rental with Quinn Shepherd Rental of Whittier in the increased sum of \$5,000, to be charged to Maintenance Funds.

\*Approved change order 6 for Downey and Warren High School New Stadium Construction Interior and Exterior Finishes, with Terra Pave of Whittier in the increased sum of \$53,377 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 4 for Downey and Warren High new Stadium Track and Field Construction with Byron-Davey of San Diego in the increased sum of \$17,146, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 1 for modernization work at Lewis Elementary School painting bid with Angeles Contractor of Garden Grove, in the increased sum of \$21,124 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

#### Adjustments

\*Approved adjustment of the 2004-05 Adult Education Fund to reflect increased appropriations for designated programs.

\*Approved adjustment of the 2004-05 Food Services Fund to reflect increased appropriations for designated programs.

\*Approved adjustment of the 2004-05 General Fund to reflect increases in income in designated programs.

\*Acknowledged receipt of a claim submitted by Robert Winter on

indefinite for 2005-06.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be a full day retreat starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 28 in the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



TONY TESORIERO—-(Second from left) was honored by the Downey Unified School District Board at its Tuesday meeting for Parent/Community relations over many years here.

**DOWNEY**—"Healthier Hearts for a Better Life" presentations will be given at Downey Regional Medical Center Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., by cardiologist/electrophysiologist Anantjit Singh, M.D., and endocrinologist David Berger, M.D. They will cover new and practical wellness information on topics including: Heart Attack: Who is at Risk?; Diabetes and Heart Disease; Women and Heart Disease; Cardiovascularfriendly Diet; Pharmacology for Heart Disease; Device Therapies for Heart Failure; and Arrhythmia Management

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no charge for this event; however, registration is required. The program is made possible through an educational grant from Medtronic.

To register, contact Susan Van Loon at (818) 598-5535 or susan.vanloon@medtronic.com.

#### Keep Downey Beautiful phone numbers

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

#### Graffiti

562-923-4484 **Shopping Carts** 800-252-4613 **Illegal Dumping** 562-904-1161 **Household Hazardous Waste** 1-800-CLEAN-LA



**BEYROOTY HONORED**—Dennis Beyrooty (at left) was honored at the Downey Unified School Board meeting Tuesday for outstanding Parent/Community Relations and his efforts in the field of computers and the internet.



MEDINA HONORED—Ruth Medina (third from left), was honored at the Downey Unified School District Board meeting Tuesday for outstanding Parent/Community relations.



FOUR \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS – Were awarded recently to Downey students by the Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR). From left to right: Obed Urbina, Columbus; Jeffrey Nelson, Warren; Chris Gutierrez, Downey; Susan Paine, Scholarship Chairperson; Stacey Slevcove, Warren; and Francisco Gomez, 2005 president of DAOR.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Free enterprise means free choice

#### Dear Editor:

Some years ago on the northeast corner of 3rd St. and Paramount, the Tumolo family operated a miniature golf course. Many residents spent many fine enjoyable hours there, but, alas, time had come for a change.

In due course the family decided to sell; eventually a buyer purchased the property and opened a restaurant there. At one time it was named Foxy's, but over the years it has had a change of ownership, name and menu. Recent news seems to indicate that the current owner feels that it is again time for a change and some preservationists would like to see no change.

Anyone who desires no change and would like for The Nordic Fox to be preserved and continue operation as a nice neighborhood restaurant, may do so simply and prudently by having the fortitude for finding enough investors to enable them to purchase the private property, and then hiring managers and staff and proceeding to operate as they wish - attracting as many paying customers as they can. This process is called *free enterprise*. Anyone who desires no change by intervening, forcing, or coercing any owners of the property to continue to operate and maintain it in a manner contrary to the owner's personal private desires, should reflect on the spirit and intent of Amendment V of the "Bill of Rights" where it states "...nor shall private property be taken for public use, without proper compensation." The preservation being practiced in this matter essentially uses other people's money intemperately and unjustly to satisfy the selfish desires of the promoters. Surely there is a better, more legalistic term for this process, but it seems close to qualifying as being called extortion, bullying, or involuntary servitude.

We should not destroy and forget our culture and history which have allowed our society to flourish to its present state. We should write about it, record it, photograph it, document it, and publish it so that generations to come may reflect upon it, learn from it, and use it as a foundation upon which to build their futures. But we should NOT attempt to force its actual physical preservation and maintenance against the will of any owner.

It should be noted that if the miniature golf course had been preserved, there would not have been a restaurant on that corner. —Hugh T. Hoskins, Downey

#### No to 'McMansionization'

#### Dear Editor:

I would absolutely encourage some clear standards and guidelines to curtail the gross proliferation of "mansionization" in our neighborhoods. I actually feel that these monster homes have the adverse effect by disrupting our neighborhoods from the quaint and distinct charm that has made Downey so appealing. I find these oversized homes to be a sad commentary on the larger culture's "bigger is better and newer is better" mentality. Moreover, the fact that these homes are popping up all over the city seems to imply that our city planners and officials inadvertently support this destructive trend.

I am saddened when I drive around town and realize that what was once a charming home is now being demolished to make way for a generic and visually assaulting "McMansion." I understand a homeowner's need to improve and re-model, but these homes do not respect the physical integrity of the neighborhoods. We have already lost countless commercial properties and homes that were worthy of preservation. Local cities such as Pasadena, Monrovia, Long Beach and Orange encourage the restoration and preservation of their neighborhood's distinctiveness; our neighborhoods and homes are equally worth preserving.

I encourage residents to demonstrate their support by writing preservedowneyhomes@yahoo.com as the [damage caused by the] continued growth of these oversized homes is irreparable.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: *More on code inspections*

#### Dear Editor:

In regard to your editorial, "Code Inspections," I find myself trying to decide what point you are trying to make.

I have worked as a licensed contractor in the City of Downey for more than 25 years and have worked with Downey inspectors hundreds of times. I also work in many of our surrounding cities and have worked as far south as Newport, Irvine, and Mission Viejo. I have worked in Simi Valley, Santa Barbara, Malibu, and Oakland. I spend most of my time wiring custom houses but have worked on many commercial buildings, industrial buildings, and apartment buildings. All of this work requires working with the various building departments and inspectors. I have listened to contractors, homeowners, and architects tell their stories over more building department counters than I care to remember. I have stood in long lines while some of these unhappy people berate everybody in sight. I was in line when a very large cement contractor reached across the counter and pulled the inspector up onto the counter for a closer review of his problem. I have listened to people threaten to sue inspectors, building departments, and cities. One morning I saw a homeowner throw his set of plans at the inspector behind the counter. Most of these problems are caused by a bad set of plans or by the builder deviating from the set of plans that they have. When a set of plans is presented to the city, it is sent to "plan check." The plan is thoroughly "checked" to make sure that the building complies with the existing building codes, both city and national. The plan is then returned to the contractor who returns it to the architect for corrections. After corrections are made, it is again submitted to the city. A good set of plans might spend a lot of time in this process depending upon its complexity, how busy the plan checkers are, and how fast the architect makes the corrections (and how accurate the corrections are). A bad set of plans can spend a very long time in this process. The real problems with inspection begin once the building project starts. The building site is prepared, the building is laid out and marked for trenching, the footings are dug, and the inspector is called. I have seen building pads too high, too low, too close to the street, too close to the property line and even reversed on the lot. The homeowner who threw the plans at the inspector had his footings two feet too close to the street (what's two feet?). Every step of the building process involves some sort of inspection. I have seen gas meters, water meters, and electric panels (really) installed in the wrong place. I have seen water heaters, air conditioners, and furnaces improperly installed. I have seen headers, posts, and beams improperly installed or left out completely. I was on a job where the "so-called" contractor missed his tie-down location by two feet. He solved the problem by stacking a lot of plywood around the area on the day of the inspection. Normally, the inspector insists that no lumber block his view of walls and hardware, but the "so-called" contractor distracted the inspector at the proper time. When the field inspector shows up on the job, he expects the contractor to be there with the approved set of plans. I have seen inspections where there is nobody to meet with the inspector. I have seen many inspections where there's not an approved set of plans on the job site. I have seen many inspections where the item to be inspected was not ready for inspection. I have seen inspectors try to inspect. I have seen inspectors walk off the job. I have seen contractors tell the inspector to come back in two or three hours. I saw an inspector tell the contractor that he did not have a permit for the brick wall that he was building and that he should stop the bricklayer. The contractor told the bricklayer to keep working. The brickwall is still standing on Downey Avenue, still uninspected.

From start to finish, from plan submission to Occupancy Permit the process goes on. It can be very frustrating. The Engineering department gets involved. The fire department gets involved. Someone from Design Review calls to tell you that your landscaping plan needs to be redrawn. The process has become more and more complex.

When a contractor shows up in Downey with a sign that was welded by who-knows-who, the Downey Building Department (and the people of Downey) should be concerned. Your statement that "the delay for weld testing would have been crushing to the car dealer" was a bad choice of

—Analisa Hungerford, Downey

#### Inspection response

Dear Editor:

I was shocked by your editorial "Code Inspections." A lot of hard work goes into various codes over many years and learning experiences—it never stops.

There have always been certain people, contractors and homeowners who try to cut corners and do "illegal work" behind closed doors.

Our inspectors do a great service to protect life and property and we all should support these efforts 100 percent.

People are coming from all over the world and never heard of building codes. In fact, Arizona did not have fire codes a few years ago. They used volunteer firefighters.

Buying a home is a huge investment of prime importance in a person's life. The codes and good inspection services protect homeowners and business owners and make Downey a quality place to live and do business. —Margaret Fagan,

#### Downey

#### College course aimed at war veterans

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College has begun offering a new class specifically for veterans of the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm.

Class members will have the opportunity to share their experiences while being videotaped, if they choose, as part of a national project sponsored by the Smithsonian and Library of Congress. The class is free.

#### For more information, call Levy at (562) 230-3334

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The Downey Patriot is published weekly by John Adams. Controlled Distribution, 25,000 copies printed. Distributed by Great Western Advertising Distributors, Inc., Los Angeles, CA words. Would it be better if the "no testing of welds" was "crushing for the car dealer's customers?"

Your statement that "many of the old problems can be left in the past and a bright new future lays ahead of us" is so naïve that I cannot believe I saw it in print. In the very next paragraph you cop out with your piece on the "tragic slides in Laguna Beach." Let's rewrite the building codes so that Downey can have its very own tragedy.

What's it going to be? Do we inspect? When we get a big whiner at the counter do we skip the inspection? Do we try to make a judgment of what is worth inspecting and what is not worth inspecting? Do we follow the plans or don't we follow the plans? When a local restaurant owner takes out a bearing wall to install a new door, do we look the other way because he's a nice guy and happens to know a local publisher?

As I said before, I have worked as a licensed contractor in Downey for over 25 years. In that 25 years I have had my run-ins with inspectors. I have made changes and rewired more than I can remember. More than once I've pulled the NEC at the same time the inspector was pulling the NEC. I have called the City. I have gone to the counter. Very seldom do I prevail. The inspectors know the code better than I do.

I am a 30-year resident of Downey. I want tough inspectors. I want good plans. I want the plans followed. I'm a contractor. I have the same problems with the building inspectors that everybody else has. I do my job well. I want them to do their job well. If I make a mistake they tell me. If they make a mistake I tell them. That's the way things are done. This is not a "feel good" job. Making the codes easier are not going to give me "new hope" or bring me a "brighter future."

One last thought. During these 25 plus years of working in the City of Downey, I have had the pleasure of working with one of the real gentlemen of the business, Ralph Ewers. Ralph inspected my first job in Downey and gave me a real going over. I have been learning from him ever since. For over 25 years he has answered my questions with the same nice smile. The City of Downey should name a building after Ralph rather than someone who coached little league for three or four years.

—Kenneth Stallcup Downey

# UA class of 2005 includes local grad

**TUCSON, AZ**—Tracy Ann Morse of Downey received a doctorate degree from the College of Humanities at University of Arizona's 132nd commencement ceremonies May 14, with an emphasis in rhetoric, composition and the teaching of English. Her dissertation was titled, "Seeing Grace: Religious Rhetoric in the Deaf Community."

UA graduate and Phoenix Suns majority owner Robert G. Sarver addressed the morning ceremony and U.S. Senator John McCain, R-Arizona, was the afternoon speaker.

Morse is a 1989 graduate of Downey High School.

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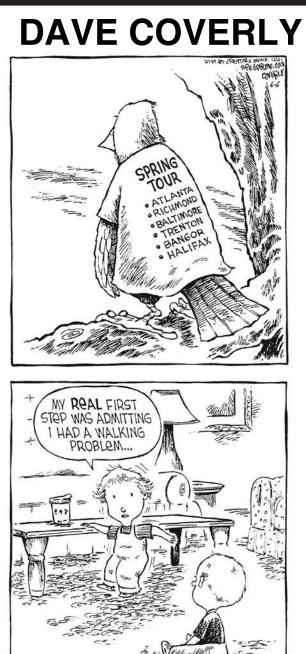
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## **Downey Community Calendar**

**Events For June** 

Fri. June 10, 8:00 p.m.: "Fiddler On The Roof" musical produced by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Also Saturday and Sunday. For information and tickets call 923-1714. Fri. June 10, 6:30 p.m. : Shawn Morgan entertains at Granata's Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. The pianist/vocalist also plays Saturday evening. For information call 861-2997.

#### 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 Commision, 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 & 4 th 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 Parizek 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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## Music center receives prestigious grants

LOS ANGELES - The Music Center of Los Angeles County has been awarded two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Both grants support core programming of the Music Center Education Division (MCED), now celebrating its 25th anniversary year. A \$90,000 grant is the largest nationally of the 178 NEA 2005 recommended awards in the Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category. This award provides funding to implement the Arts Capacity Team Schools (ACTS) project during the 2005-06 school year; the ACTS initiative teams professional artists with teachers and school leadership to help schools build quality arts programs as part of the core school-wide curriculum. A \$40,000 grant is one of the first NEA Teacher Institute for Educators Awards; it provides funding for the experienced level of MCED's July 2005 Institute for Educators, which will focus on the poetry of Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes. The Music Center is one of only six organizations in the Western United States to be awarded an NEA Teacher Institute grant.

"These grants provide important recognition for our Education Division's outstanding arts education programs," said Music Center President Steve Rountree. "We are very proud to receive such prestigious support for our initiatives that serve students and teachers."

The programs funded with these grants will provide integrated arts learning services for ten Los Angeles County elementary schools. MCED will work with each school to select services based on the status of standards-based arts education at the site. These services will include the opportunity for a team of teachers to participate in the annual Institute for Educators to be held at the Music Center in July, where they will work to develop techniques for teaching the arts in their classroom. In addition, each ACTS site will participate in a series of classroom workshops with professional teaching artists, host oncampus performances by touring ensembles, and receive on-campus teacher training services. The performing and teaching artists participating in ACTS will be selected from the 100 professional artists and ensembles on the MCED roster. The music, dance, theatre, and visual artists chosen for the roster meet rigorous standards of artistic excellence, educational value, and cultural integrity.

The \$40,000 Teacher Institute Award is part of the NEA's initiative to develop exemplary curricular models that schools can implement to strengthen teacher training and improve the level of arts instruction. To be eligible for the award, arts organizations are required to produce a five-day teacher institute that immerses participants in studying a seminal anchor work of art. The experienced level of the MCED's 2005 Institute for Educators will focus on influential works by the African-American poet Langston Hughes (1902-1967). Collaborating master artists David Prather and Chic Street Man - both of whom are longtime members of the MCED's roster - will guide educators in in-depth exploration of selected poems through the lenses of theatre, music, historical and cultural context, language, and literature. The Institute's primary objective will be to guide the participants' development of their own five-lesson sequential curriculum units to teach in their classrooms.

Founded in 1979, the Music Center Education Division (MCED) began as a pioneer in providing arts education through in-school programs, teacher training, and family programs. Today, the Music Center Education Division's mission is two-fold. First, the Education Division supports the Music Center's commitment to engaging people in the arts - at the Center, in schools, and throughout the community. Second, the MCED provides leadership to advance the quality and scope of arts education as an integral part of the core curriculum in Los Angeles County schools.



THE ROLE OF MOTEL - Ben Hensley portrays Motel in Downey Civic Light Opera's current production, "Fiddler on the Roof." The classic musical ends its run this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For tickets and information, call 923-1714.

#### 'Anna in the Tropics' with Jimmy Smits

LOS ANGELES—Jimmy Smits will play Juan Julian, the "lector," when L.A. Theatre Works records Nilo Cruz's 2003 Pulitzer Prize-win ning Anna in the Tropics for broadcast on its nationally-syndicated radio theatre series, The Play's The Thing June 15-19.

The play captures 1929 Florida at a time when cigars are still rolled by hand and "lectors" are employed to educate and entertain workers. The arrival of a new lector is cause for celebration, but when he reads aloud from Anna Karenina, he unwittingly becomes a catalyst in the lives of his avid listeners.

Performances on June 15, 16, and 17 will be at 8 p.m., and at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on June 19, all at the Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049. For ticket information, contac the L.A. Theatre Works Box Office at (310) 827-0889 or www.latw.org.

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#### 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.

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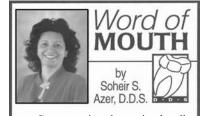
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BRIDGING THE GAP - Downey Girl Scout Troop 78, alongside thousands of other Girl Scouts from across the country, were promoted to "Cadette" status by marching across the one-mile long Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco May 14. The Troop 78 scouts included Adrianna Palmero, Hannah Nabbout, Hayley Pascual, Melina De La Rosa, Michelle Merino and Viviana Jimenez.

#### Auxilians performing welcome tasks

DOWNEY-The recent annual Installation and Awards Luncheon held at Downey Regional Medical Center honored the DRMC Auxilians' contribution of 22,528 volunteer hours throughout the past year to their community hospital, even as they capped that gift with a check for \$40,000. In addition, they gave three \$1,000 scholarships to medical career-bound high school students and \$1,200 to the Dietary Department in honor of deceased Auxilians and their family members.

Scholarship recipients included senior Aman Sandhu of Downey, a hospital volunteer, who plans to pursue a medical degree.

Funds were raised primarily through Gift Shop proceeds. The \$40,000 gift will be divided into specific grants to departments submitting "wish lists.'

Currently, there are 212 Auxilians. Besides the Gift Shop, areas where Auxilians gave the most hours include the lobby desks, Outpatient Surgery Center, Radiology, Critical Care Unit and nursing floors, Emergency Care Center, Pharmacy, Family Birth Center, Dietary Services and Cardiac Cath Lab, Memorial Trust Foundation, Physical Therapy, Education and Golden Outlook Insurance Services.

DRMC's Auxiliary is looking for new members. To be eligible, men, women, or couples must be at least 21 years old, in good health, have the ability to respect strict confidentiality, be reliable and commit to a regular schedule. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 904-5465.

## Services held for Emily Lewis, 85

DOWNEY-Services were held on May 21 at Downey United Methodist Church, with Pastor Michael Bankhead officiating, for Emily Lewis of Downey who was born in Trail City, South Dakota and passed away on May 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood.

A resident of Downey since 1957, she was employed with ABC Unified School District as a Home Economics teacher for 34 years. She served with the 3010th Army Air Force (WAC) in WWII and, in addition to being a member of Downey United Methodist Church, was a former Delta Kappa Gamma member and a 4-H community and project leader for over 40 years.

She is survived by nephews Vern, Wayne, Conrad and Ken; nieces Jenny and Miryna; and sister-in-laws Mildred and Mary.

Interment was at Rose Hills, with Miller-Mies Mortuary handling arrangements.

## Services today for Porfirio Hernandez

DOWNEY - Services for Porfirio "Joe" Hernandez will be held at 11:30 a.m. today, June 10, at the First Baptist Church of Downey.

The Downey resident died on June 3 at the age of 69. He is survived by a large family, and mourned by many friends.

McKenzie Mortuary Services of Long Beach is handling arrangements.

#### Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY - Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts monthly caregiver support groups. Call 401-7991 for dates and times



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 278 - Had four of their members inducted into the Downey Kids Day Hall of Fame May 4. The girls, left to right, are Amanda Hernandez, Yasmeen Nabulsi, Alexis Santana and Shadia Nabulsi.

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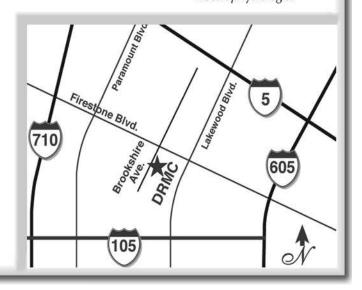
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CHARLES THOMPSON -- Was remembered at a service June 2. He resided in Downey for over 50 years.

# Charles P. Thompson, 79, served in WWII

**DOWNEY** – Services were held on June 2 at the Downey United Methodist Church for Downey resident Charles P. Thompson, who was born in Long Beach and died in Downey on May 30 at the age of 79. He lived in Downey for over 50 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and retired from Hughes Aircraft as a design specialist.

He is survived by wife Ruby; daughter Kimberly; sons Rick, Jim, Chuck, Kenney, Roy and Roger; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

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## Services held June 3 for Karl Ernest Lara

**DOWNEY**—Services were held Friday, June 3 at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary for Karl Ernest Lara, who was born in Douglas, Arizona on July 5, 1964 to Lawrence and Carol Lara and passed away on May 30. He was 40.

Viewing the day before preceded the Friday services. He was cremated on Monday, June 6. All arrangements were by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

He lived in Los Angeles County for most of his life.

Lara is survived by wife Helen; daughter Tiffany, Melanie and Megan; brothers Jon, Gregory and Don; and his father, Lawrence.

## Maybelle Knoll Tupper passes away at age 99

**DOWNEY**—Maybelle C. Knoll Tupper, who was born in Alba, Iowa Nov. 3, 1905, passed away May 17 in Stockton. She was 99.

She is survived by two nieces. Three sisters and a brother preceded her in death. Private burial services were held at Forest Lawn Glendale, with the De Young Memorial Chapel handling arrangements.

## June Brennan interred at All Souls Cemetery

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident June Rita Brennan passed away at the age of 86. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Peter Ginley and Olga Zimmermann and died in Downey on June 2.

She devoted her life to the disabled, volunteering for organizations such as Marion Homes and the California Pool for the Handicapped.

She is survived by daughters Bridget, Katie, Patricia, and Maura; her nieces, Julie and Ellen; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, with Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handling arrangements. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to Marion Homes, Inc., 570 W. Lambert Road, Ste. A, Brea, CA 92821.



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EKAT -- Century 21 My Real Estate has welcomed Ekaterina (Ekat) to their office as a new agent. In addition to being an accomplished artist, Ekat in an undergraduate from Cal Arts as a Classical Pianist. She also studied Criminology at National University. "Ekat is multilingual and a self-starter," said Laurie Mac Issac, Vice President of Relocation. "We are happy to welcome this outgoing and highly motivated young lady to our team." To reach Ekat, call 927-2626.

#### Student seminar spells out SAT changes

**DOWNEY** – Downey high school students preparing to enter college are invited to attend the Assistance League of Downey's "Preparing for the New SAT/PSAT" seminar, where students can become familiar with the new SAT Reasoning Test while taking practice exams.

The session is 10-days long, Monday and Tuesday mornings, beginning June 20 and ending July 8. Evidence of successful completion of Algebra I is required; completion of Geometry is recommended.

Registration cost is \$30 if received by today, June 10, and \$40 thereafter. Bonnie Nishioka, English, and Dalyn Miller-Geiser, math, are the instructors.

Daily homework assignments are part of the course and no more than two excused absences will be permitted.

To register, call Alice Yamada at 861-2318.

#### 47 TRAC graduates university-bound

**NORWALK**—Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC (Training Academy) program honored 47 Teacher TRAC program students on May 12 as they graduated with their associate in arts degrees and moved closer to gaining a bachelor's degree and teaching credential from CSU-Long Beach. Each graduate received a certificate and a commemorative golden apple in recognition of their completion of the first leg of the Teacher TRAC program.

During the ceremony, Dr. Jean Houck, dean of the college of education at CSULB, welcomed the students to their new college and received a commemorative gold apple from Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC. As she handed Houck the award, Parsons explained that it represented the

## Fall Craft Fair set for 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) 469-6890. Or write her in care of the Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

#### Long Beach antique market June 19

**LONG BEACH**—The Antique & Collectible Market boasting over 800 dealers offering antiques, collectibles, home furnishings, decorative items and other unique bargains at Long Beach Veterans Stadium, will be open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, June 19.

There is free parking. Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. Information: (323) 655-5703 or longbeachantiquemarket.com.

#### DowneyLINK services for residents

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

Each ride costs 25 cents.

#### Free home buying and selling seminar

**DOWNEY** – A free home buying and selling seminar, sponsored by Countrywide Home Mortgage, will be presented tomorrow, June 11 at the offices of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate.

Home buyers can learn how to find the right home and the advantages of buying investment properties. Sellers can obtain a detailed market analysis of their property and a marketing plan to get their home sold. Financing options will also be discussed.

Sole Gutierrez, Realtor/notary, and Hector Perez, Realtor/appraiser, will conduct the no-obligation seminar, which runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Call Sole at (562) 382-1248 to register or for more information.

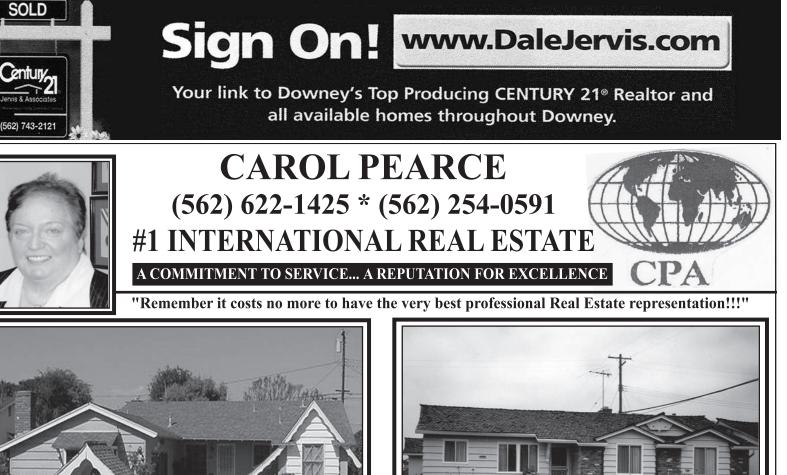
#### DAS instructor to retire after 27 years

**DOWNEY**—There will be an open house for Claudette Fox's retirement tomorrow, June 11, from 1-4 p.m. at Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. Claudette has been a DAS instructor for the past 27 years teaching Parent & Child classes.

Any former student of Mrs. Fox is invited to attend and congratulate her tomorrow. You are urged to bring a current photo and a photo of you as a child in Mrs. Fox's class for an album.

Call Downey Adult School for information, 940-6200.





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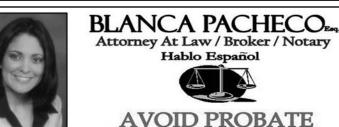
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#### Sweet & Low!

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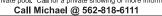
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