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Construction halted on new mansions

DOWNEY—The City Council has passed an interim emergency ordinance for a moratorium on construction of giant two story homes on single family residential lots.

The decision was reached after a long line of advocates for and against the moratorium aired their views to the Council. One resident said, "I believe these (big houses) are monstrosities...I know of no family who needs six master bedrooms!" Another said, "You lose your privacy when these two story houses go up. They obstruct your view, they cause congestion because of additional cars parked in front. Quality of life suffers as a result."

Arguing the other point of view, a few in the audience came up with: "It's been a dream of mine to build 10 bedrooms in a 10,000 square ft. house, because I need room for my family, my kids especially"; "A moratorium at this time when construction activity is peaking is insane!"; "The city needs revenue. These big buildings represent progress which you can't stop, and they spell revenue."

Councilmember Dave Gafin tried to sum up the evening's spirited dialogue by noting it all amounted to a plea for common sense and balance. Other members said voting on the moratorium was "one of the most difficult decisions" they had to make.

The moratorium will allow the staff time to study how to permanently tighten the code to regain control of the proliferation of these dwellings, which are often occupied by several families.

The Council found the practice may pose a threat to public health and safety, as well as in areas such as adequate parking, and aesthetics. Permit application already in process will be honored, and variances may be requested in special cases while the moratorium is in place. A maximum of 10 months is allowed for study.

In other action the Council:

*Approved a contract with Nuvis for \$324,000 for plans and preparation and cost estimates for a new park at the former NASA site at 12400 Clark Ave.

*Adopted a resolution establishing water, sewer and AB 939 rates

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BETTY FERRARO—Announced Tuesday that she will not run for reelection in November, but will step down at the end of her present term Dec. 30. Ferraro represents Area 5 on the Downey Unified School District Board.

Ferraro will not seek new term

13-year boardmember

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Betty Ferraro, small in stature but great in heart and a battler in the continual struggle to save children from the influence of gangs and drugs, announced at Tuesday's day-long Downey Unified School Board retreat that she will step down at the end of her current term in December, and will not seek re-election.

Ferraro read a letter to the Board and audience, which said in part:

"My husband and I will be building the home of our dreams in an area once known as Lion Country Safari—now known as Shady Canyon in Irvine. Construction will begin soon and the building process will span at least 13 months. For this reason, it is sad but prudent for me to announce that I will not be filing for re-election to this board for another four-year term of office. As the filing date of July 18 is looming for the November election, it is important for me to make this announcement at this time. It is my intention, however, to complete this term of office which ends effectively on Dec. 30.

Encourages others

"I encourage anyone and everyone who has a passion for the issues affecting the educational progress of children to apply for this seat in Area 5. In addition to the overwhelming sense of doing something significant for children for the past 13 years, I have to say that there is no amount of tuition one can pay and no course of study available at Harvard, Stanford, Yale, UCLA, USC, etc., that can compare with the education I have gleaned in civics, government, finance, constitutional development, human dynamics, and educational issues. To take a position in civic government is to have an extraordinary learning experience—an education unto itself.

"Having said that, I must stress that it is important for interested persons to closely regard the map boundaries of Area 5. Seat 5 is a strangely-drawn area, and is drawn in such a manner years ago, as there was limited interest south of Firestone in this board position which represents more residents south of Firestone, and even extending to Imperial Highway, and across to Lakewood. I wholeheartedly encourage residents in this section of Downey to apply.

"In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that my husband will continue to maintain his dental practice here in Downey; that I will continue with my loved affiliations with the Assistance League (particularly the Kids on the Block), and Gangs Out of Downey. My mother-in-law, my daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter are residents of Downey, so you can see that I will be a 'commuter' resident of this beloved city that has 'grown' our children and has given us so much. So, I won't bid anyone 'Adieu.' I'll just keep this seat warm for someone new."

Travel expenses policy, fireworks also covered

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Councilmember Dave Gafin's proposal for a study to put in place a formal policy on Councilmembers' travel expenses, more for their protection, he said, barely passed with three votes in favor, 1 no, and 1 abstention. He acknowledged that the study could even include guidelines for all staff, but that he really was originally thinking only of a policy for the Council.

At any rate, most of the members said so far they have neither seen nor felt any instance of abuse on the part of any Councilmember, past or present, as far as reporting their office-related travel expenses was concerned. Lennie Whittington spoke in favor of such a policy.

Fireworks fee

On the matter of uniform schedule of fees, Councilmember Meredith Perkins argued for a reduction of the fireworks stand fee from the proposed \$180 to a "more reasonable" \$150, from the previous \$135. The amendment passed.

New park

The new Downey Park that will rise at the former NASA site is causing a lot of excitement, said Community Services Director Bonnie Kehoe. It was a sentiment echoed by Councilmember Meredith Perkins, who along with Kehoe noted it's been 30 years since the last one, Independence Park, was built in Downey.

A member of the audience suggested that senior citizens should not be neglected in the planning for the new park, among its many amenities.

Council approves \$126 million budget

Three new police officers

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The City Council has approved a \$126 million fiscal budget for 2005-06 which includes \$450,000 for the addition of three sworn police officers; \$87,300 additional funding for the Water Fund; and \$5000 added to the Community Block Grant Fund.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting, and followed a public hearing.

The budget is a deficit document with a gap of more than a \$1 million. The Council expressed hope that tax and lease revenues from Downey Landing will offset the deficit numbers once that revenue begins to be realized in September.

It was felt that law enforcement needed a boost after years of budget pinching in terms of personnel. The department is currently five positions short. It was stressed that the additional officers be assigned to patrol duty. Police Chief John Finch agreed that recruiting be enhanced to get the right personnel.

DUSD sets balanced budget for 2005-06

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has approved a \$150 million budget for fiscal 2005-06. The action was at Tuesday day-long Board retreat at the district office.

But, as Boardmember Donald La Plante noted, the indecision on the budget picture in Sacramento makes it impossible to know what the real numbers will turn out to be in the state's cities and school districts.

The staff has prepared a balanced budget for fiscal 2005-06 of \$152,201,653, with total expenditures of \$151,868,158. The numbers represent a reflection of educational philosophy; a statement of district priorities; a description of the educational plan and resources that support it; a financial plan outlining proposed action; an accountability tool; and a public information document.

The Board lauded the staff for its efforts in preparing a budget in less than three weeks after tentative numbers came out of Sacramento.

In other action the school board:

*Received a report on School Bond Expenditures by Annie Casey, a member of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

*Received a modernization update from Paul Westburg of Westburg, White Inc., and Buck Weinfurter, Director of Maintenance Operations for the District.

Gifts

*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector, including cash donation of \$1,000 for use at the TLC Center from the Sussman PTA.

*Approved payments for convention and conference attendance.

*Approved an agreement with the Center for Autism and Related Disorders retroactive to Dec. 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

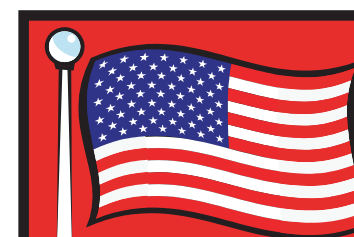
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ALOHA, MR. PRESIDENT — Attorney Steve Hoffman, left, handed the president's gavel by Jerry Brady when he was installed by the Downey Chamber of Commerce as its 102nd president at a luncheon June 24 at the Rio Hondo Events Center. The installation had a Hawaiian theme.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—Fire Chief Mark Sauter (at right), oversees members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee who last week made sure the four city emergency bins located at key schools were fully stocked and ready if needed. Here they are shown firing up an emergency generator.



EARLY DEADLINE

Because of the July 4th holiday, our display advertising deadline has been moved up. The deadline is today (Friday) July 1 at 2p.m. Classified deadline remains the same. The Patriot office will be closed on Monday, July 4.



AAA CHAMPS – The Northwest Downey Little League AAA Indians ended their regular season a perfect 20-0, qualifying for the Little League “Tournament of Champions.” The Indians were defeated in the semi-finals, ending the season with a 22-1 record. First row, from left: Omar Elizarraraz and Adam Pacheco. Second row: Gabriel Llanes, Cody Trepte, Mitchell Guastella, Robert Davalos, Darren McCaughen, Stevin Cisneros and Stephen Meurelo. Third row: Manager Jeff McCaughan, Coach Tony Pacheco, Romeo Laurente, Brennan Barich, Kevin Lee, Heather Adamson, Coach Jose Cisneros and Coach Pete Llanes.

Newcomers honor Arguello July 11

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will honor fellow member Sally Arguello at this month’s luncheon, Monday, July 11 at 11 a.m. at Maggie’s Pub in Santa Fe Springs, for her dedicated services to the club. She has contributed to the club in several capacities, most recently as membership chairman, doing a remarkable job filling vacancies when they occur.

For information, call Vicki or Paula Lou Roberts at (562) 861-2545.

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Players, sponsors sought for Downey Golf Classic

DOWNEY—The 9th annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic scheduled for Monday, Aug. 8 at Rio Hondo Golf Club will be a 4-man Best Ball Scramble affair, according to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which is presenting the shootout. Only soft spikes will be allowed. The Shotgun start is at 12 noon.

Entry fee of \$135 per person (\$155 after July 25) includes green fees, carts, BBQ luncheon, dinner, awards, prizes and fun.

The Chamber is also seeking additional sponsors, including. A Gold Sponsor (\$2,500)—provides for One Foursome to play, a Tee Sponsor sign, an individual banner, publicity, and recognition at the Awards Dinner; a Silver Sponsor (\$1,500)—is entitled to One Twosome play, a Tee Sponsor sign, group banner, and publicity; a Bronze Sponsor (\$500)—gets name on poster, a Tee sign, and two dinners; and a Tee Sponsor (\$100)—gets a Tee Sponsor sign on one hole.

A portion of the proceeds will provide scholarships for local high schools, and for the winner of the Miss Downey Pageant.

New CERT classes start Sept. 10

DOWNEY—New Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes begin Sept. 10 at the Downey Woman’s Club, located at the southwest corner of Paramount and Lube.

CERT, which is designed for citizen responders who in the event of a major emergency would help neighborhoods and local government, shared information about the program at their booth when the annual Kidsday Fair took place at Furman Park May 14.

Monthly meetings are held from 6-7:30 p.m. every second Thursday. New members are welcome.

Walking class offered at Stonewood

DOWNEY – The Stonewood Strollers, a walking class led by Kathy Gorman, former principal of Downey Adult School, meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Stonewood Center in Downey.

It is free of cost and is sponsored by Stonewood Center and Downey Adult School.

‘Laughing yoga’ workshop July 15

DOWNEY – Downey’s Yogi Ramesh will conduct a workshop on “Laughing Yoga,” a yoga course said to help with heart disease, weight loss and stress management, at the Creative Center for Spiritual Living facility in Trafalgar Square in Escondido Friday, July 15.

Cost is \$15 if paid in advance or \$20 at the door. Larry Stevens, author of Celestial Fire, will host the event.

Call (888) 619-9559 for more information.

Bingo luncheon July 10

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond’s Parish is having a “Bingo Luncheon” Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m. in the Robert Gibson Hall at 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Donation is \$10 and includes one free bingo card, door prizes and lunch. A \$25 money tree will be raffled off as well as other great prizes.

For tickets, call Alin Amatisto at (562) 869-8981 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.



JAZZY MUSIC – Downey High School Jazz Band II placed first place in the High School Novice Advanced category at the Santa Barbara High School Jazz Festival last month. The band also won best saxophone, best trumpet and best trombone.

Downey dominates Cerritos dean’s list

NORWALK – Cerritos College released the spring 2005 dean’s list, which includes students who achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or more during the spring 2005 semester. Students from Downey numbered the most on the list, 118; no other city had more than 10 students on the roster.

Students carrying 12 academic units or more during the spring 2005 semester were eligible to make the list. The list includes students from Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach and other southland cities.

The Downey students: Michael Aguila, Carolina Aguilar, Osvaldo Alfaro, Victor Alvarez, Raphael Amey, Raihana Arellano, Susan Austin, Andres Avendano, Shirin Azzeh, Sang Jun Bae, Eugenia Barbeau, Ernest Bavarsad, Brandon Becker, Nazia Begum, Lafleche Bernard, Susan Bernard, Katie Black, Robert Bourke, Dylan Paul Burk, Deborah Burton, Rudolph Carvajal, Daniel Castillon, Rachel Joan Chan, Chih-Yin Cheng, Jin Young Choi, William Chrudimsky, Alida Corrales, Larissa Delgadillo, Trag Doung, Alvaro Espinoza, Erick Felix, Bradley Ferfes, Alejandra Flores, Blas Gonzales, Christina Gonzalez, Michelle Gunderson, Tyler Hansen, Sanamdeep Hari, Jose Hernandez, Yesenia Hernandez, Isabel Herrera, Lisa Ann Howard, Santy Iniguez, Sarahi Iniguez, Matthew Jefferson, Camille Jornacion, Eun Kim, Angie Kimbrell, Jennifer Larsen, Richard Lee, Johanna Lepe, Sarah Lin, Alvaro Lizcano, Michelle Long, Rachel Long, Gloria Lozano, Steven Andrew Luna, Jason Macias, Michelle Maclean, Kevin Mansell, Joel Martinez, Johnpaul Masongsong, Susan Laree Massey, Miriam Mendoza, Elizabeth Metallo, Avis Mireles, Sarah Rose Mishler, Roberto Molina, Emmanuel Morales, Michelle Muro, Cynthia Nunez, Rebecca Nunez, Tamara Rose Nunley, Thomas Nunley, Jenny Okayama, Jennifer Ortiz, Yunjung Park, Richard Parton, Cynthia Pena, Rita Pepaj, Numa Perez, Richard Pettis, Katie Piazza, Veronica Pineda, Brandi Lyn Poole, Brenda Pulido, Dennis Quinn, Arturo Ramirez, Sofia Renolayan, Sean Rice, Sunem Rivas, Richard Rodriguez, Maria Romo, Renee Rosales, Jamie Rowland, Ronald Ruiz, Viviana Ruiz, Juan Carlos Salazar, Yvonne Salazar, Mario Sanjuan, Dan Selenak, Rina Macalino Sigua, Joshua Simpson, Patricia Singim, Sutinee Sitapradit, Noppawan Suksompoth, Eric Tharaldson, Pia Tobes, Kittara Tongkul, Juan Torres, Ngoc Tran, Wendy Tu, Veronica Valencia, Chris Varela, Zunilda Villamil Sr., Anocha Wongraveekul, Wendy Woodruff and Jia Zhou.

Emmy Award winner is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Emmy Award winning film composer, professor and author Dr. Jack Wheaton will be the special feature when the Downey Christian Women’s Club meets for their monthly meeting July 13 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The buffet luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. and costs \$12. The public is invited to attend.

Wheaton will speak on “Journey for Truth,” and will also provide the musical entertainment. “Stars and Stripes Forever” is the theme.

For reservations or more information, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269.

Summer fundraiser at Pechanga July 20

DOWNEY – The Downey Emblem Club #309 will be traveling to the Pechanga Resort & Casino Wednesday, July 20 for a summer fundraiser. A bus will be leaving from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 5:30 p.m. Bingo will be played on the bus to and from the resort.

For more information, contact Mary Guzman at 622-1003.

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RIBBON CUTTING – Downey Chamber of Commerce and city dignitaries help celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new owners of Johnny and Company on Downey Avenue.

Johnny & Co. under new ownership

DOWNEY – Johnny & Co., a full-service hair and skin salon with over 20 employed professional stylists, introduced their two new owners with a grand reopening ceremony last week.

Ruth Ortiz and Irene Magaña, both Downey residents, are the new owners.

“Acquiring Johnny & Co. is an exciting new venture,” said Ortiz, who is also broker/owner of California Homes Realty, which serves local communities. “I look forward to many years of highest quality of service to all our customers.”

Magaña has over 20 years of experience in the beauty business.

Johnny & Co. is at 10921 Downey Ave. They can be reached by calling 862-2111.

Flag-raising and pancakes July 4

DOWNEY – The Church of Latter-Day Saints will be hosting a flag-raising ceremony and pancake breakfast at each of its two Downey locations on Monday, July 4, at 8:30 a.m.

The events will take place at 10511 Paramount Blvd., between Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd. and 12425 Orizaba Ave. (immediately north of Imperial Elementary School).

On Sunday, July 3, a Patriotic Fireside (a short program of patriotic thoughts and music), will be held at the Orizaba location at 7 p.m.

There is no charge for either event, but a small donation is requested to help support the Boy Scout troops for each of the pancake breakfasts.

“This is a nice way to start off the Independence Day weekend,” says Jim Brown, Director of Public Affairs for the LDS Church in Downey. “These flag-raising have been a tradition here in Downey for many years and we invite the community to join with us in these Independence Day events.”

Timing was big key to Coke settlement

DOWNEY—Timing was the key to the settlement of the recent strike at Coca Cola’s bottling operation here, according to spokesmen from both sides in the walkout.

Solidarity was a factor as labor support was strong among Teamster locals, and the strike that started May 23 after a three year pact expired April 4 lasted only two weeks before the company settled at the bargaining table, granting a five year package that included an increase averaging \$2.40 an hour along with improved health and welfare benefits.

Timing

Experts agree that a key to the strike was its timing, with the hot summer months not far away and local distribution falling short on deliveries, retail stocks dwindled.

The company struggled to keep its product moving with management personnel working 14 hours a day behind the wheels of big rigs. Shipments that dwindled in Los Angeles and Downey were made from nearby San Diego facilities, but this increased shipping costs.

Solidarity

Another key was labor’s solidarity. Members of the United Food Workers employed by Safeway Inc.’s Vons stores and other market chains refused to unload Coca Cola products, and members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union refused to assist drivers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The package was announced just as labor was readying picket lines nationwide to prevent outside shipments of soft drink products to Southern California.

The improved package includes not only a healthy wage hike, but also reduces out-of-pocket costs for doctor visits to \$15 from \$35, allows free hospitalization and halves cost of emergency room visits. Dental and prescription drug benefits are also improved.



15-YEAR-OLD KARLA NIETO—Of Downey, a junior at St. Joseph High School in Lakewood, visits with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard as one of 18 juniors and seniors from California and more than 500 from throughout the country who were selected to participate in week-long Presidential Classroom. The program enabled Karla to take part in a moot court, attend a lecture given by Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and tour the major sites in Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Alonso and Mayra Nieto of Downey.

Chamber to honor business of the year

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will recognize outstanding businesses in the 1-10 employee and 11+ employee categories chosen by fellow Chamber members during its Volunteer of the Year Luncheon Wednesday, July 27 at the Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd. The program is scheduled for 11:45 a.m.

Past recipients of the “Business of the Year” award include: the late Ed DiLoreto, Yale Engineering, 1989; Morrie Adnoff, Calsan, 1993; Dave Gafin, CPA and current City Councilmember, 1997; Steve Roberson, Century 21 My Real Estate, 2000; and Steve Allen, Pacific Western Bank, 2003.

The Chamber will also recognize the Outstanding Committee Persons of the Year, Director of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

‘Life after Stroke’ seminar at DRMC

DOWNEY—Community members are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) Saturday, July 16 for a seminar, “Life after Stroke: Where do I go from here?,” from 9-11 a.m. and screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The seminar will feature Inpatient Physical Therapy supervisor Ernie Sanchez, PT, discussing physical therapy; Occupational Therapy Supervisor Jenifer Ono, OTR/L, discussing occupational therapy; and Speech Pathologist Lori Campbell, MSCCC, whose topic will be treating communication disorders after stroke.

Blood pressure and heart rates will be checked for all requesting participants; stroke screenings will be given for early sign-ups.

The event is free for those attending. However, seating is limited and registration is required. DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Blvd. For more information/to register for a Stroke Awareness Day, call 904-5162.

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BUDGET

*Ratified an agreement with the California Unified Service Provider, LLC retroactive from April 27, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

*Ratified payment for several special educational placements.

*Approved the submission of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs.

*Ratified the acceptance of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant award of \$178,880, and authorized that sum be used to payment to the City for expenses incurred under the grant.

Membership

*Authorized membership in the School Business Executives.

*Ratified payroll orders for hourly, overtime, Civic Center Work by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the month of April.

*Ratified a contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to reimburse administrative costs related to the California Medical Assistance program effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009.

*Approved an agreement with Arc for Adult School Special Classes.

*Approved a Student Teaching Agreement with CSU-Fullerton.

*Ratified a Gang Alternative Agreement with GAPP and the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

*Approved the English Language Acquisition Program Application for funding for fiscal 2005-06.

Canine detection

*Approved a contract with the Interquest Detection Canines of L.A., for substance awareness and detection services effective Sept 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Approved a contract with Great Western Tours for the Downey Adult School's Educational Tour Program for Sept. 15, 2005, through Dec. 6, 2006 to be covered by student enrollment fees.

*Approved the purchase of specific excess worker's compensation insurance for the 2005-06 fiscal year from CNA Insurance Co. at a premium rate of \$.1993 per \$100 of payroll.

*Accepted as complete the purchase and installation of a two story modular building at Downey High School for the SELACO Program, with Modtech Holdings, Inc., of Perris in the final sum of \$1,752,288 to be charged to the Maintenance Fund.

*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence Co. of Bell Gardens for the sum of \$8,273 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

*Accepted as complete Backhoe work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$20,430, to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete paving work by Terra Pave of Whittier for the sum of \$18,599 to be charged to the General, and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey, in the sum of \$36,429 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric Co., of Anaheim, in the sum of \$14,727, to be charged to the General, and/or Bond Funds.

New freezer

*Awarded a bid for the purchase and installation of a new freezer at Lewis Elementary School to Sally Parisi of Sunland in the sum of \$29,200 to be charged to Food Services.

*Awarded a bid to ASR Food Distributors, Inc., of Commerce for the purchase of frozen foods for the Food Services Department for Sept. 1, 2005 through Aug. 31, 2006, in the annual estimated sum of \$50,000, with no guarantee, to be charged to the Cafeteria Fund.

*Approved renewal of a bid for asphalt and concrete work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the estimated annual sum of \$50,000, with no guarantee, to be charged to the Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved a second year renewal of a bid for concrete products with National Ready Mix of South Gate in the estimated amount of \$250,000 with no guarantee, to be charged to the General, Restricted, and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved a second year renewal of a bid for Pre Made Pizzas for Food Services with Goody's Pizza and Chicken of Lakewood in the estimated amount of \$200,000 to be charged to Food Services Fund.

Dairy products

*Approved a third year renewal of a bid for dairy products for Food Services with Clearbrook Farms of Downey in the annual estimated sum of \$370,000 to be charged to Food Services Fund.

*Renewed the annual contract for concrete repair and work with 3D Concrete of Downey in the estimated annual amount of \$350,000 with no guarantee, to be charged to the General, and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved a third year renewal of a bid for bread products for Food Services with Gold Star Foods of Vernon in the estimated amount of \$101,000 to be charged to food Services.

*Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for a special agreement with Ms Colleen Anderson of Riverside in the increased annual amount of \$5,000 to be charged to Food Services.

*Approved a change order 1 to a purchase order for frozen food items with ASR Food of Commerce in the increased amount of \$42,500 to be charged to Food Services.

*Approved change order 1 to a purchase order for Dairy Products with Clearbrook Farms of Downey, in the increased sum of \$8,500 to be charged to Food Services.

*Approved change order 9 for new stadium structural package for Downey and Warren High Schools bid with R & G Builders of Irvine in the increased sum of \$4,180 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 6 for the Downey and Warren High Schools new stadiums, plumbing and site utilities bid package with Plumbing, Piping & Construction of Cypress, in the increased sum of \$5,894 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 3 for Downey and Warren High Schools new stadium, mechanical/EM Controls, bid package with Coutts Heating and Cooling of Corona in the increased sum of \$16,621 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 13 for the stadiums construction electrical bid package with Mel Smith Electric of Stanton, in the increased sum of \$4,984 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 14 for the stadiums construction electrical bid package with Mel Smith Electric of Stanton, in the increased sum of \$143,444, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

Landscape

*Approved change order 4 for Downey and Warren Stadium Construction bid for landscape and irrigation, with American West Landscape of Downey, in the increased sum of \$5,009, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 3 Warren and Downey High School Stadium Construction, metal roof panels bid package with Best Roofing and Waterproofing of Gardena in the increased sum of \$6,156 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 9 for High School Stadium Construction bid for lath, plaster and drywall work with Church and Larsen of Irwindale in the sum of \$9,988 to be charged to the Bond Funds.



MARK MONTERO—Shown here with Rio Hondo principal, Mrs. Dolores Goble, and all his teachers, as he finishes elementary school. Enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Education program and on the school's honor roll for two consecutive years, he received the following awards: a Presidential Citation for Outstanding Academic Excellence from President Bush, a Principal's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; and a Service Award for Outstanding Service as a Cross Age Tutor.

*Approved change order 4, Downey and Warren Stadium specialties bid with Pugliese Interior Systems of Rancho Santa Margarita, in the increased sum of \$16,628, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 1 of the High School New Stadium construction bid for elevators with Thyssen-Krupp Elevator of L.A., in the increased sum of \$4,376 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

Unsworth

*Approved change order for Unsworth School Campus Expansion bid, general works with Toby Hayward of Monrovia, in the sum of \$15,087 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

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

*Approved the adjustment of Food Services Fund to reflect increases in appropriations for designated programs.

*Approved adjustment of the 2004-05 General Fund to reflect increase in income and decrease in appropriations in designated programs.

*Authorized the Los Angeles County Office of Education to make appropriate transfers at the close of the 2004-05 school year to permit payment of obligations of the District incurred during the school year.

Charter school

*Acknowledged receipt of the El Camino Technology and Arts Academy Charter School Petition on April 22, 2005 and denied the petition request to establish such a charter school within the boundaries of the DUSD in accordance with AR7800 and the Education Code.

*Authorized service of two teachers as submitted, assigned to subject areas not listed on their credentials for the 2005-06 school year, pursuant to the Education Code.

*Approved the abolishment and establishment of several positions in various departments and changed some duty assignments.

*Accepted the list of names of classified employees eligible to receive Professional Growth Awards for the five-year period ending June 30, 2005, and approved payment.

*Heard a presentation by Sara Cairns, Director of Secondary Education, and Denise Takano, Director of Elementary Education, on the Character Education Program.

*Received the Peer Assistance and Review program's annual PAR Report.

Canine detectives

*Heard a presentation on Canine Detection by Robert Jagielski, Assistant Principal of Downey High School.

*Approved the waiver application on the Master Agreement with the Downey Educators Association for Sussman Middle School.

*Heard a presentation by David Cha and other teachers on the AVID program for 2004-05.

*Heard a presentation honoring Barbara Brown for her work in budget and finance.

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The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be Tuesday, July 26 at 5 p.m. at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

COUNCIL

while repealing resolution 6379.

*Approved an update of the MOU with task Force for Regional Auto Theft prevention (TRAP).

*Set a hearing for July 12 on appeal of approval of a conditional use permit for a gas station and convenience store take-out restaurant at 8801 Lakewood Blvd.

*Approved \$18,000 for security fencing.

*Approved an amendment and restatement of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Pact.

*Approved the fiscal 2005-06 City Budget.

*Approved the Uniform Schedule of Fees after a public hearing.

*Presented the Mayor's Award for Service to Water System Lead Operator David Sanchez of the City.

*Sitting as the Community Development Commission, approved a resolution for an exclusive negotiating agreement for property at 9060 Firestone with Primestar Development Inc.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Youth excursion to Huntington Library

DOWNEY—Young adults, ages 13-19, are invited to register for an all-day excursion from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9 to the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens sponsored by the Downey City Library.

It is part of the Teen Summer Reading program of the Friends of the Library, who say teens won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy the Huntington's fine collection of art, sculpture and rare books, as well as its magnificent 12-acre gardens.

Permission slips from parents are required and participants must attend a trip orientation on Thursday, July 7 at 4:30 p.m. For information, contact the Adult desk at 904-7360 ext. 3.

The poets' corner

My Prayer

When stress and strain and troubles come
And I am hurting deep inside,
Give me, Dear Lord, I beg of thee
The sweetness of tranquility.

--George Geller,
Downey



MARISSA ZEVALLOS OF DOWNEY—Graduated June 12 from Connelly High School in Anaheim. The ceremony came complete with traditional white dresses and red roses. She is at center, flanked by La Mirada residents Joceline, left, and Chloe Regala.



BARBARA BROWN—Was honored Tuesday at the DUSD School Board retreat for her contributions in the field of budget and finance. Brown (second from left) is pictured with School Board President Barbara Samperi (left), Warren Principal Eileen Wannett, and DUSD Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty.

Weekend of patriotism at Stonewood Center

DOWNEY—It will be "An Old Glory*ous Celebration" at Lakewood, Los Cerritos and Stonewood Centers this weekend as part of a national season-long campaign in support of patriotism. The sixth annual program by the Macerich Company, owner of more than 70 malls across the country including Los Cerritos, Lakewood, and Stonewood Centers, supports the season's patriotic holidays—Flag Day and Independence Day—and comes at a significant time this year as Americans honor U.S. military troops and Independence Day.

"An Old Glory*ous Celebration" features pre-Independence Day celebrations at each of the malls on Saturday, July 2, including a traditional fireworks show at Lakewood Center and care package donation drives benefiting U.S. troops at Los Cerritos and Stonewood Centers.

"Our events and activities on July 2 give people an opportunity to honor our country's heritage at a time when patriotism is at the top of everyone's mind," said Melissa Hollar, Senior Marketing Manager. "We are proud to provide fun opportunities for the community to get involved and support America."

Lakewood Center will host its annual "Fireworks Extravaganza" on Saturday, July 2 at approximately 9:15 p.m. The event, located on the Del Amo Boulevard side of the center, will provide local residents and center patrons with a colorful fireworks display. The event is free of charge, and the public is welcome to bring beach blankets and chairs.

Earlier that day, Los Cerritos Center will feature its "Support Our Troops Celebration" from 2-4 p.m. in Mervyn's Court. Los Cerritos Center invites the community to enjoy live entertainment, receive patriotic giveaways, meet representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy and view a military vehicle display. Children can create their own greeting card for troops that will be receiving care packages. Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit organization based in Encino, will be on hand during the event collecting much-needed care package items for U.S. troops stationed abroad.

Also on July 2, Stonewood Center will celebrate patriotism and commemorate the armed forces with its "Patriotic Celebration & Military Appreciation Day" from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. The celebration will be held in Robinsons-May Court and will feature a military vehicle display, representatives from the Army, Marines and Navy and an obstacle course provided by the Marines. All military personnel with proper military identification will receive exclusive discounts at participating stores. Stonewood Center will also collect and distribute care package items to troops through Operation Gratitude.

Patrons attending the Los Cerritos and Stonewood Centers events can make monetary or item donations such as individual packets of candy and energy bars, CDs, used cell phones, disposable cameras, DVDs, gloves, knit hats, lip balm, personal cooling products, prepaid phone cards, packets of powdered cold beverages, tobacco products and other items. To date, Operation Gratitude has sent almost 65,000 care packages to individual troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bosnia, Korea, Kosovo and onto ships all over the world. With each donation, patrons will receive a patriotic ribbon.

Stonewood Center offers over 150 specialty shops and restaurants in addition to four major department stores—Robinsons-May, JCPenney, Sears, Mervyn's and a Robinsons-May Home Store.

Defender of children

By John Adams

Betty Ferraro's announcement Tuesday that she will not seek reelection, but will step down at the end of her present term, leaves a big role to be filled in the battle for the hearts and minds of our children.

Betty fought long and hard against the intrusion of gangs and drugs in Downey.

Through the Assistance League she organized the puppet group known as Kids on the Block to do shows at the elementary schools to get children to realize their self-worth and image, and resist the all-too-easy path of slipping into a follower or "gang mentality." She is a former past president of Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), which in recent years has raised many thousands of dollars from the private sector to support police and school efforts to counter the inroads of drugs and gangs here.

She spearheaded the drive for uniforms in the elementary and middle schools, and could she have raised enough support, would have seen them in place in the high schools as well.

If she sometimes went beyond the community's vision (as in school uniforms), there was never any doubt of her sincerity. The children's safety was always uppermost in her mind. She faced the issues bravely and minced no words in defining the alternatives.

Brava, Betty!

Media campaign against underage drinking a go

WASHINGTON D.C. — Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) and Congressman Frank R. Wolf (VA-10) announced this week the passage of \$850,000 in federal funds for a national media campaign aimed at parents to combat underage drinking.

The funding was included in the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, which was passed by the full House Appropriations Committee on June 16. This is the third year that Wolf and Roybal-Allard successfully led a bipartisan coalition of House Members in support of the three-year multi-media advertising program coordinated by the Ad Council. The measure awaits passage by the full U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Only hours prior to the Committee passage of the measure, the U.S. House of Representatives approved \$25 million to assist states in developing comprehensive and coordinated initiatives to enforce state laws prohibiting the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages to minors. The funding was included in the 2006 Science-State-Justice-Commerce Appropriations bill (H.R. 2862). Congressman Wolf is the chairman of the Science-Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Subcommittee. Roybal-Allard is a Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.

"I'm thrilled that a bipartisan group of Members recognize the need for this critical funding to combat underage drinking," Roybal-Allard said. "Through hard-hitting and effective public service ads, parents will be educated about the dangers of underage drinking, including recent findings that alcohol directly affects adolescent brain development."

"When young people and alcohol mix, the consequences can be deadly. These funds are a critical part of helping keep young people safe," Wolf said. "According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, more than 6,000 teens die in alcohol-related accidents a year and federal health surveys show that 2.6 million young people don't know that someone can die from drinking too much alcohol."

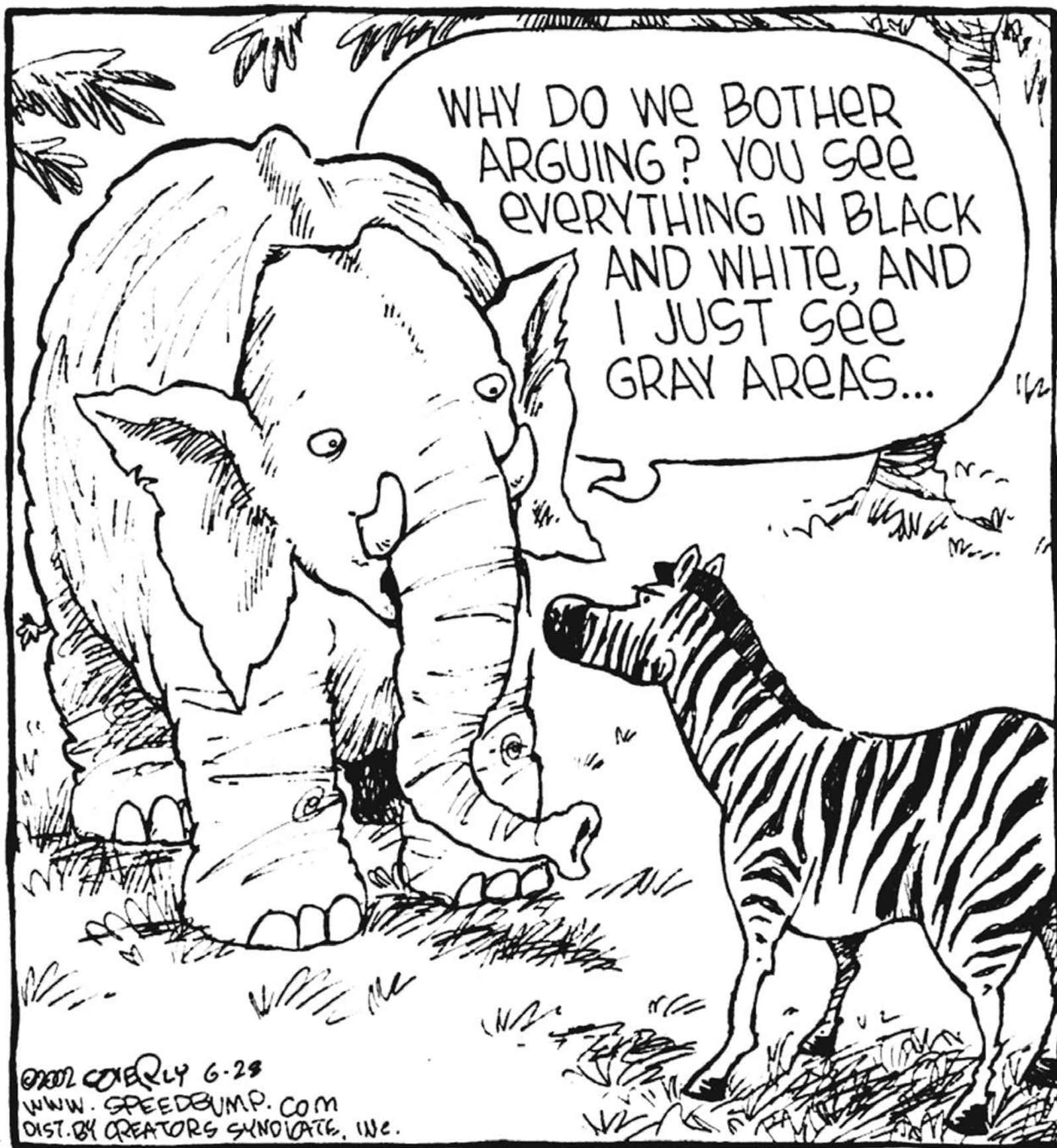
In May, the pair sent a letter to Congressman Ralph Regula, chairman of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, in support of the Ad Council campaign funding which was signed by 44 of their colleagues. The request letter was also endorsed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Community Anti-drug Coalitions of America, and by alcohol industry groups including the Century Council, the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S., the Beer Institute, and the Wine Institute.

Roybal-Allard and Wolf are also the lead House sponsors of legislation called "The STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act" (H.R. 864) that would make permanent the Ad Council's media campaign to prevent underage drinking. The bill is based on a 2003 report conducted by the National Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies of Science which was commissioned by Congressman Wolf and Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and other congressional supporters.

The report's findings help to document the prevalence of underage drinking and provides recommendations to address the problem, including the creation of a media advertising campaign directed at parents.

Among the facts about underage drinking included in the IOM report:
*Over 10 million young people in the U.S. consume alcohol illegally (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

*Every day, 7,000 kids under the age of 16 take their first drink (Center of Alcohol Marketing and Youth).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Old theater

To the Editor:

I've lived in Downey all of my life; I'm only 20 years old, but that's a lot of time to spend in one place. I've read The Patriot since I was a kid, since it was The Downey Eagle, but I have to say, the letters to the editor have really bothered me lately. It seems as if everyone agrees on the fact that they want Downey landmarks to stay intact: they want to save Johnie's Broiler, they were all for restoring the old McDonald's, and now the new plight is Foxy's Restaurant. I get it—nobody wants our quaint little city to turn into a massive strip mall, and I don't want that either.

But (there is always a "but" in these letters to the editor), I'm especially bothered by the fact nobody said a word when they decided to shut down the wonderful and historical Avenue Movie House on Downey Avenue. Where were the preservationists when the theater was closed indefinitely? I learned, from reading this very paper, that the Avenue was built in the 1920s! Why was it not worth saving? Why are we going to let it be turned into yet another restaurant on Downey Avenue?

I for one, have many memories tied to the theater; it was where I saw my first movie in a theater with my parents. I had some of my first dates with my first love there. It is tied to memories of growing up in a city that used to be great. Maybe it's not an issue for those concerned with preserving this city because though it's been there for so long, its importance is tied to the younger generations of Downey. Ask people my age where they went when they couldn't afford the Krikorian. A double feature for \$1.50... who could beat that? Ask them where they shared first kisses, or where their fondest memories as teenagers were here. These may not be the reasons why others should get involved in helping save the Avenue, but the fact we have a beautiful movie theater from the 1920s on the heart of our city is.

—Tina Vasquez,
Downey

A billion in perspective

Dear Editor:

A billion. What a massive number! To better comprehend it, I am passing on this email from one Robert D. Saunders:

"The next time you hear a politician casually use the word "billion," think about whether you want the politician spending your tax money. A billion is a difficult number for most of us to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into perspective in one of its releases.

- *A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- *A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- *A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- *A billion days ago no one walked on two feet on earth.
- *A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate the government spends it."

I wonder what a trillion is? The US national debt?

—Mary R. Stauffer,
Downey

Workshop on starting a small business

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library offers a free program Saturday, July 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Cormack Room on "Starting and Running a Home-Based Business." The workshop will give tips to entrepreneurs on how to start a business from your home.

To register, call the Information Desk at 904-7360, ext. 32.

Raiding coyotes

To the Editor:

This is to inform you of a severe problem that started last Thursday night. Our cat was attacked by a pack of coyotes and was eaten.

In the following nights I know of at least three other cats that have been killed by the coyotes by the leftover remains in yards and streets. I have contacted animal control and was told that they, Animal Control, would patrol the sector and if possible, capture their raiding group, so says they. I believe this is a story that needs to be out so that others can lock up their pet so as not to become dinner. The area is adjacent to the Rio Hondo Course.

I know of other families that have called on this and that visual sightings of the group have been made, according to Animal Control.

—Bob Reneau,
Downey

Ten Commandments

Dear Editor:

I would like to bring to the table two suggestions that I think the majority of our fellow citizens would agree with.

The Supreme Court ruled recently that if the Ten Commandments were amongst other historical monuments, statues and religious symbols, the Ten Commandments monument would be legal because it would not show discrimination to any religion.

I suggest that the city set aside an area where this can be done. The area I would suggest is next to the arch across the street from the civic center. It has historical value the same as the Ten Commandments. If the area is so designated, then it will be up to the various religions to erect their own monument. It is not equal or fair for the Ten Commandments to be relegated to a closet or back room because other religions do not wish to use this opportunity to display their beliefs. The atheist and ACLU should be delighted to display their Unknown God or No-God along with the Ten Commandments. The police department should be happy to see something that reduces crime even if our intellectuals and activist judges do not.

—Norm Sipple,
Downey

Citizenship meeting at Bell High School

BELL—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NRALEO) Educational Fund and Bell High School invite legal permanent residents who have had their permanent resident cards for more than five years to a U.S. Citizenship Form Completion Workshop to apply for naturalization.

The free event is set for from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, July 9 at Bell High School, 4328 Bell Ave.

Free services will include completion of the Naturalization application N-400; photographs; revue of the Naturalization packet; and delivery to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (U.S. CIS).

The U.S. charges a \$390 processing fee. Check or money order should be made out to "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services." For information, call NALEO at 1-800-34-NALEO

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Tues. July 5, 9:30 a.m.: "Healthier Living" class at Downey Family YMCA, 11531 Downey Ave. Managing ongoing health problems in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. For information call 862-4201.
 Wed. July 6, 7:00 p.m.: **Tingstad and Rumbel** open the Summer Concert Series. Grammy Award winners play melodies rooted in American tradition at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7238.

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 Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 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 Denny's Restaurant, 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.

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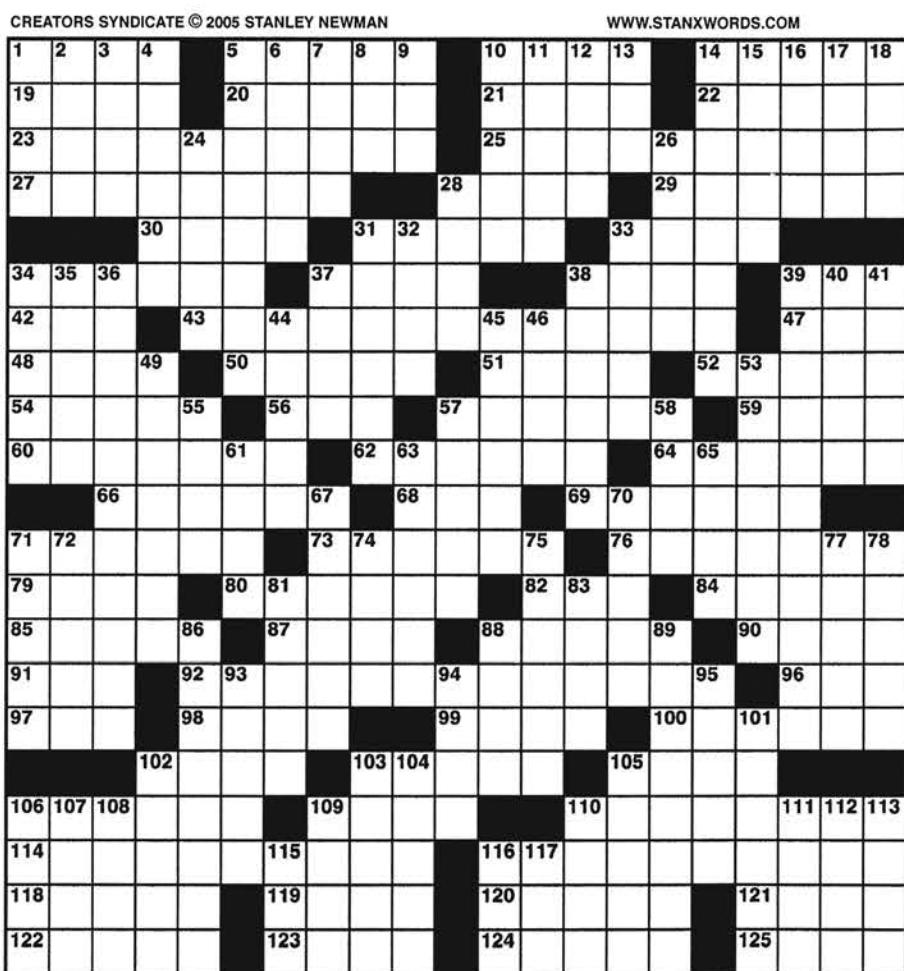
7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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Specifically, MALT (48 Across) is generated grain, usually barley, that is used in brewing and distilled. LEVI Eshkol (51 Across) served as prime minister of Israel from 1963-1969, immediately before Golda Meir. Re 110 Across: The North named many Civil War battles for the nearest river, while the South named them for the nearest town.



Grammy Award winners to open summer concerts

DOWNEY – Grammy Award winners for Best New Age Album, Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel, bring their music of nature and grace, characterized by beautiful melodies and deeply rooted in American tradition, to the first Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series program Wednesday, July 6 at 7 p.m.

The concert series is free and held in beautiful Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

Few musical partnerships have been as enduring, productive and cordial as that of Tingstad and Rumbel. "It's a relationship that improves with time," says Tingstad. "We are what you see on stage," said Rumbel, "a couple of friends who enjoy each other's company, admire their ability and truly love music."

The youngest of three sisters, Rumbel grew up in San Antonio, Texas. She switched from clarinet to oboe in the seventh grade and advanced rapidly, continuing her musical education at Northwestern University.

While working at Northwestern's musical library, she was intrigued by ethnomusicology. "It opened my eyes to a colorful palette of music from around the world," she says. "My oboe came alive when I explored non-traditional and improvisational music." She acquired a taste for jazz, moved to Florida (where she accompanied ballet and modern dance classes), and eventually joined the Paul Winter Consort, leaving that group in 1984 to start a family.

Meanwhile, Tingstad, eldest of three brothers, grew up in Seattle listening to the Beatles and playing electric guitar in increasingly progressive rock bands. However, while attending Western Washington University he became enthralled with classical and jazz guitar techniques. He unplugged the amplifier, took up acoustic guitar, and developed a local following in Oregon and Washington with a warm, personal style that became known as "Northwest Impressionism."

The two met at an outdoor festival in Oregon in 1984. A year later, when Rumbel and her family moved to the Seattle area, the two began a collaboration that culminated in their first album together, "The Gift," an acoustic collection of holiday music that has become a classic.

Eventually, the pair would come to live in the same Seattle suburb.

Their parallel existence extends to concert tours, where they enjoy taking back roads to sightsee and pursue common interests. They like to visit art museums and antique stores (he looks for Atkinson Fox prints, she for old children's books), and they pass up the usual assortment of chain motels to stay at bed-and-breakfasts or restored historic hotels.

In fact, historic preservation is just one of the many special interests they share. Their music reflects the importance they place on natural and architectural treasures – as does their choice of concert venues. They have performed in the meadows of Yosemite, a tiny candlelit chapel on Orcas Island, Carnegie Hall in New York and nature centers and restored theatres coast-to-coast. They constantly seek partnerships and links to organizations dedicated to preserving and protecting historic and natural (and often endangered) treasures. One might find them performing a concert at the Seed Savers barn in Iowa, a benefit for the Center for Plant Preservation in St. Louis, or a school fundraiser in their hometown of Seattle. Long before it became fashionable, they lent their names to environmental causes – all part of the love of nature and beauty that is central to their music.

For information about the Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series, phone the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7238.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.



GRAMMY AWARD WINNERS – Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel open the 2005 Financial Partners Summer Concert Series with a 7 p.m. performance July 6 at Furman Park.

'The Play's the Thing' plans two dramas

LOS ANGELES—L. A. Theatre Works' *The Play's the Thing* is airing two plays on two consecutive Saturdays, 10 p.m.-midnight, on 89.3 KPCC: tomorrow, it's *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh in a new translation by Christopher Nixon, starring Elizabeth Marvel and Francis Guinan; July 2, it's *Top Secret: The Battle for the Pentagon Papers* by Geoffrey Cowan and Leroy Aarons, starring Edward Asner, Marsha Mason, Hector Elizondo, and Ed Begley Jr.

In *Antigone*, the body of Polynices, Antigone's brother, has been ordered to remain unburied by Creon, the new king of Thebes. Antigone's faithfulness to her dead brother and his proper burial, and her defiance of the dictator Creon, seals her fate.

The docudrama, *Top Secret*, is an account of *The Washington Post's* decision to publish *The Pentagon Papers*, which documented how America became involved in Vietnam. The subsequent trial tested the parameters of the First Amendment, pitting the public's right to know against the government's desire for secrecy.

For more information, go the L.A. Theatre Works website at www.latw.org and follow the link through the "Radio Theatre Series" heading and then "Episode Guide," or go directly to www.scpr.org.

International gem and jewelry show

PASADENA – The International Gem & Jewelry Show Friday-Sunday, July 1-3, at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena, will feature a variety of dealers offering gemstones, one-of-a-kind jewelry creations, estate jewelry, celebrity exhibits and accessories.

New season announced for local musical group

DOWNEY – Executive Producer Marsha Moode has announced the new season for the Downey Civic Light Opera. This will mark the 50th anniversary year for the local group.

"Good News," a vintage 1927 musical will open the schedule running from Oct. 6 through 23 and featuring a host of popular songs including "The Best Things In Life Are Free," "Life Is Just A Bowl Of Cherries," and "Varsity Drag."

2006 shows will see "Nunsense" on stage from Feb. 23 through Mar. 12. "Nunsense" is a hilarious spoof of "The Little Sisters of Hoboken" and their antics while producing a talent show.

Opening on June 1 and continuing through June 18 will be the classic, "Hello Dolly," with Jerry Herman's wonderful score of favorite songs including the popular title tune.

All productions will be at the Downey Theater, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Group discounts are available for the entire season.

The Downey Civic Light Opera box office is open every Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. Phone messages can be left at 923-1714.

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PATRICIA ZONKER—Services are being held today at 11 a.m. at St. Raymond's Catholic Church.

Funeral services today for Patricia Zonker, 79

DOWNEY—Patricia Zonker, a Downey resident for 54 years and author of the book, "Murdercycles," and numerous published short stories, passed away on June 26. She was 79.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, July 1, at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey.

Born in Huntington Park Aug. 10, 1925, she was married for 37-1/2 years to Thomas Zonker, who predeceased her in 1988.

She is survived by daughters Laurie Pevytoe and Jenny Ashcroft; sons Daniel and Gregory; brothers Robert and Charles Mathewson; and 11 grandchildren.

Interment is at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. Arrangements are being handled by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

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Mary Louise Long services held June 28

DOWNEY—Services were held on June 28 at Miller-Mies Mortuary for Mary Louise Long, who was born March 24, 1921 in Simpson, Oklahoma and died June 22 at Downey Community Health Center. The 51-year resident of Downey was 84.

She is survived by son Cameron J. Long of Downey; daughters Gloria (Chuck) Dement, Valinda, and Mary Rose (Joe) DiResta of Torrance; brother Tom (Norma) Cox of Colorado; four nephews; one niece; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside and the family was assisted by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Herbert Craig Rulon, 88, served in WWII

DOWNEY—Services were held on June 27 at the First Baptist Church of Downey for Downey resident Herbert Craig Rulon, who was born in San Diego and died in Norwalk on June 20 at the age of 88.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Downey and the Masonic Lodge #220. He was a Downey resident for 65 years.

He is survived by wife Elleen; daughters Jeanette (Wayne) Zuber, Marsha (Ron) Cottrell and Rhonda Rochelle Cramer; son Richard; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, with arrangements by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

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AGNES EBERHARD—Was, with husband of 48 years, Vern, a Downey resident since 1967.

Agnes Eberhard survived WWII detention camps

DOWNEY—Services were held June 18 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for Agnes Eberhard, who passed away on June 13 at Downey Regional Medical Center after a long illness.

She was born in 1927 in Ivanovo, Yugoslavia to parents Christine and Matthias Pluntz. After enduring the agonies of WWII and years of incarceration in detention camps, she and her mother arrived in the U.S. in 1955, settling in Los Angeles.

In 1957 she married Vern Eberhard and raised their two children, Edwin and Karin. They made their home in Downey in 1967, where she enjoyed taking care of her family and their pets.

She is survived by Vern, her husband of 48 years; son Edwin; daughter Karin; granddaughter Emily; and relatives in Downey, North Hills, Germany, and Austria.

Funeral arrangements were made by Miller-Mies Mortuary. Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen officiated.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

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A GRAND CELEBRATION – Betty Zander, left, celebrates with City of Downey Housing Specialist Theresa Robarge after the city recently beautified Zander's home.

City celebrates 1000th home mini-makeover

By Benjamin Gutierrez
Warren High School

DOWNEY – The City of Downey's Senior Paint-and-Fix-up program celebrated its 1000th refurbished home recently by hosting a celebration on the lawn of the newly-beautified home of Downey resident Betty Zander.

Zander, 65, was chosen from a large group of applicants to have her home "fixed up" by the city. And Zander was definitely a deserving recipient. Both of her parents were killed in a car accident when she was only 15, leaving her responsible for her eight brothers and sisters.

She moved the family to Chicago from the Indian reservation where she was raised when she was 16. Zander later married, moved to California, divorced, and eventually graduated from Downey Adult School with a GED.

Recently retired, she now works as a full-time grandmother to seven happy grandchildren.

Zander's story, though extreme, is an example of the type of work the city had hoped to accomplish when it implemented the program more than 20 years ago.

The Senior Paint-and-Fix-up program is a federally funded program that serves homes in the Downey area in need of some tender loving care. Work began in 1982, and since then approximately 30 homes are improved each year.

Applicants apply and go through an interviewing process in order to be chosen. This program gives eligible senior citizens (62 years of age or older) the opportunity to have the exterior of their homes painted, smoke alarms and deadbolt locks installed, broken windows and deteriorated screens replaced, and other minor repairs performed free of charge.

Many city officials were present at the 1000th ceremony including Mayor Anne Bayer and city council members David Gafin and Meredith Perkins. City workers included city planner Mark Morris, housing specialist Theresa Robarge, development services director Linda Haines, housing manager Ed Velasco, and residential rehabilitation supervisor Mike Medina.

"I couldn't say enough to express my gratitude towards everyone I came in contact with during this great experience," said Zander. "I feel like I won the lottery."

City seen through teenagers' eyes

LOS ANGELES – *City of Angels*, an illuminating compilation of 19 films produced by teenage students of the Echo Park Film Center, will be on view at the Skirball Cultural Center from June 28 through August 14. The exhibition is the inaugural presentation in the Skirball's new exhibition and program series, "Our California," which explores the changing cultural, social and civic forces shaping California today. This new initiative endeavors to bring communities together to build a better world, a key component of the Skirball's mission.

Created during a 10-week period, the short works in the *City of Angels* examine and celebrate the students' neighborhoods and family histories as well as the local and global issues that inform and impact them. Together they serve as a document of the cultural diversity and heritage of Los Angeles and beyond. The films, ranging in length from two-10 minutes, will be looped continuously throughout the day in the Skirball's Hurd Gallery. Admission is free.

This is Echo Park Film Center's 4th year of operation. The Center is a volunteer-run, nonprofit media arts center serving all members of its diverse community.

New hope for majorly obese

Submitted by DRMC

DOWNEY – Severely obese individuals who have never been able to keep pounds off with diet pills, exercise, or other weight loss programs now have a minimally invasive surgery option that significantly reduces food intake.

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"I am looking forward to sharing information with the community about this outpatient, minimally invasive surgical solution," said Dr. Minkes. "With this approach rather than the more involved gastric bypass surgery, I believe patients experience reduced pain, trauma, and recovery periods, as well as sustained, healthy weight loss. The beauty of the LAP-BAND System is that it can be adjusted to patients' unique weight-loss needs and it is reversible."

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Sound like a nightmare? In L.A. County, hospitals are on "diversion" about 25 percent of the time. Waiting times have increased as well. And it's only going to get worse.

Closure of Suburban Hospital's emergency room earlier this year forced its patients to find alternative emergency care. Drew/King Medical Center recently closed its trauma center. Los Angeles County has lost 9 emergency rooms that saw 150,000 patients during the past 5 years. Downey Regional Medical Center currently sees nearly 50,000 patients a year, up from 35,000 five years ago. As a result, when a Downey EMS ambulance picks up a Downey resident, that patient may be diverted to another hospital.

ER diversions are caused by a lack of resources and a broken County healthcare system. Reimbursement rates for treating patients have not kept up with costs and the number of indigent and uninsured patients coming into Downey's ER has doubled.

Consider this:

- More than one in four non-elderly people in LA County are uninsured
- Many more are underinsured, meaning hospitals get little or no reimbursement for treating them.
- The cost of providing care to uninsured patients at private (non-county) emergency rooms in LA County increased from \$63 million in 2000 to \$77.5 million in 2004.

Downey Regional Medical Center is committed to providing Downey residents and patients of its medical staff with access to quality care in its Emergency Care Center. We continue to train additional emergency room nurses, and are asking the county, state and federal government to fairly reimburse them for the services they provide.

Downey Regional's goal is to provide quality emergency services to its community as it has for decades. We are currently working with county and city officials to set boundaries on ambulance runs that will enable the Emergency Care Center to be available for patients, so they know they will be taken care of at their hospital and by their physicians. Providing these boundaries will allow DRMC to continue these services.

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Downey singer selected for opera apprenticeship

SANTA FE, NM—Tenor Percy Martinez of Downey was among 42 apprentice singers from 19 states and 4 countries who were selected for The Santa Fe Opera's Apprentice Singer Program, which since its founding in 1957 has sought to provide a forum for the development of young artists.

Every summer a select group of singers ascend to the high-desert grounds of The Santa Fe Opera to work and perform with some of the most respected conductors, directors and singers in the world. The apprentices form the backbone of the season's five operas as members of the chorus and supporting cast. A chance to prove their individual merits comes on Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 when the apprentices appear in the Apprentice Scenes and perform leading roles in a review of fully-staged and costumed scenes from famous operas.

The Santa Fe Opera's 2005 repertory in this, its 49th season, consists of: *Turandot* by Puccini, *The Barber of Seville* by Rossini, *Lucio Silla* by Mozart, *Peter Grimes* by Britten and *Ainadamar* by Golijov. The season runs July 1 through Aug. 27.

Phone numbers for public services

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:

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800-252-4613
- Illegal Dumping**
562-904-1161
- Household Hazardous Waste**
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Free hotline magnets, courtesy of Keep Downey Beautiful, are available at City Hall's 2nd floor at the Public Works counter.

Yoga clip chosen for British TV show

DOWNEY—Yoga Master Yogi Ramesh, who conducts regular classes out of the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, had a clip from one of his DVD's chosen for inclusion in a new British television comedy show.

The clip, titled "Laughing Yoga," will be featured on a Sky One TV show showcasing funny clips, animations and Internet movies.

No broadcast date was announced.



MICHAEL NEGRETE – Is back at work in the Operating Room at Downey Regional Medical Center after returning from a tour of duty in Germany.

Nurse back home after overseas military service

DOWNEY—Michael Negrete, RN, is back in uniform as an Operating Room nurse at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), much to the delight of his family and coworkers.

In December, 2003, the 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve was told to report for service. He was deployed to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) in southwest Germany, the largest American hospital outside of the United States.

LRMC serves as the primary medical treatment center for casualties of U.S. operations within Europe, Southwest Asia and the Middle East. The hospital has played a major role in many world events. During Operations Desert Shield and Storm, the hospital served as a repatriation point for more than 4,000 American casualties and more than 800 U.S. military personnel deployed to Somalia were evacuated and treated there.

The 162-bed hospital also provides care for military personnel and their families throughout Europe.

Negrete saw numerous soldiers arrive from Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait working on a medical/surgical floor. He recalls about his unit, "We were supposed to begin with a full briefing, but we were thrown in right away when a big casualty came in."

Working his 13-hour shifts three to four days or night a week, Negrete also treated patients in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit when nurses were asked to volunteer. He even spent a couple of nights helping out in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. During the holidays last year, Negrete received a box packed with more than 500 Christmas and holiday cards from coworkers at DRMC, and passed them out to patients and staff. Some of those soldiers would not have received a holiday greeting from home if not for those cards, Negrete said.

As a commissioned officer, Negrete accepts that he may be called into action at any time, and knows how hard that is on his family.

Negrete has served in the Army Reserve for 17 years, and was previously stationed in Germany from 1987 to 1989. During his tour of duty, he was able to take some short trips to Italy, the former Czech Republic, Belgium and Switzerland.

Negrete began working at DRMC in the Emergency Department in January 2001, before transferring to the main OR.

Temple installation of officers July 8

DOWNEY—A special Congregational meeting will be held at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Friday, July 8 at 6 p.m. (bring your own dinner).

Following 'Shabbat Hukkat' services at 7:30 p.m. will be the annual installation of officers of the board of directors: Howard Brookfield, president; Marie Brostek, Lynette Austin, and Sandy Dickinson, executive vice presidents; Libby Lazarus, treasurer; Joel Lowenstein, financial secretary; and Jim Hansen, recording secretary. The trustees are: Alice Babroff, Ruth Beck, Michael Barsky, Miriam Brookfield, Ruth Greenberg and Jim Pinsky. Members-at-Large: Ingrid Altman, Sheba Levine, Kay Grossman and Mildred Mandel.

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

Summertime fun at Downey High gym

DOWNEY—The City of Downey is offering activities for youth at the local parks and the Downey Gymnasium through Aug. 12.

With youngsters ages 6-12 in mind, the free program, "Let's Go Play," will be available from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Apollo, Crawford, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks. The first activity is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., the last activity at 4 p.m.

The Brookshire Park program is co-sponsored by the G.O.O.D. Committee and is conducted Monday-Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

"The youth enjoy the daily activities, especially the water games," said Teri Akloff, Recreation Supervisor. "They teach different skills and prepare their bodies and minds for the next school year." There will be about eight (8) activities per day.

A daily schedule of activities for "Let's Go Play" is available at the six parks or at the Community Services Department located on the second floor of City Hall. For more information, call 904-7238.

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July 5th
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August 2nd

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BLANCHE PHILLIPS – Moved to Downey in 1962 from New York. Funeral services are scheduled for July 3.

Funeral July 3 for Blanche Phillips

DOWNEY – Funeral services are scheduled for Sunday, July 3 at 10 a.m. at Luyben Mortuary for Blanche Phillips, a longtime Downey resident who died June 25 at the age of 82.

She was born Dec. 11, 1922 in New York. She married her husband, Paul, in 1943 and the couple moved to Downey in 1962 with their four sons.

She joined Downey Moose Lodge in 1976, earning the Academy of Friendship and Star Recorder Degrees. She served as editor of the Moose newspaper from 1981 up until her death.

Phillips was also secretary of her local Homeowners Association for 20 years.

She is survived by her sons Gary (Katherine), Robert, Alan and Howard; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband Paul in 1982 and daughter-in-law Sue Phillips in 2002.

Luyben Mortuary is at 10333 Alondra Blvd. in Bellflower.

Philip Mazza passes away at age 80

DOWNEY – Philip Mazza, a resident of Downey for 52 years, passed away on June 24. He was 80 years old.

He worked at Safeway, Inc. as a meat cutter for 39 years and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Sons of Italy and the Elk's Lodge and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a Private Quarter Master Corp.

Born on Sept. 16, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio, Mazza and his wife Jennie, who passed away in 1983, had three children: Melinda, Philip and Trina. He is also survived by his sister, Julia; grandchildren Christopher, Marisa, Matthew, Stephanie, Kyle and Emily; and great-grandchildren Cyra and Dylan.

Viewing was held at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary on June 30. Rotary and Funeral Mass were held at St. Raymond's the same day. Interment at Riverside National Cemetery followed.

Diabetes management series available

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center offers a 12-hour four-week Diabetes Management program that begins Thursday, July 7. The program, scheduled from 6-8:30 p.m., will help people who have diabetes understand and succeed with self-care. Topics include diet, medication, exercise, and complications.

Pre-registration is necessary; a \$10 registration fee for the series is payable on the first day of class. Anyone registering is welcome to bring a family member or friend. Information: 904-5580.

Warren grad drafted by Oakland A's

DOWNEY – Warren High School graduate Jimmy Shull was drafted and signed by the Oakland A's as a fourth round selection in last month's Major League Baseball draft.

Shull played two years at Cerritos College before joining the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Mustangs. He was originally drafted after his junior year in the eighth round by the Arizona Diamondbacks, but opted to return to school for his senior season.

Shull began minor league play in Vancouver, British Columbia last week.

Messiah Lutheran offering free pews

DOWNEY – Messiah Lutheran Church is replacing its 26 pews and will donate them free of charge to any church or body willing to pick them up.

Pews available include:

- 17' – 10 available
- 10' 5" – 10 available
- 10' – four available
- 6' 6" – two available

Half of the pews will be available July 1; the rest August 8.

Call Carol, parish secretary, or Pastor Norm Stoppenhagen at the church office at 923-1215 for more information. Messiah Lutheran Church is at 10711 Paramount Boulevard.

High school graduate granted scholarship

SAN ANTONIO, TX – Roxana E. Salazar, a 2005 graduate of El Camino Real High School, has received an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship to attend the college or university of her choice.

Roxana, daughter of Narcisca D. Salazar of Downey, was selected to receive the scholarship certificate on the basis of comprehensive tests, high school scholastic achievement, and extra-curricular activities. Most Air Force ROTC scholarships cover full college/university tuition, provide textbook allowance, and pay laboratory/incidental fees. In addition, a \$200 tax-free monthly allowance is paid to recipients during the academic year.

Upon graduation from college and completion of the ROTC program, Roxana will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Youth football registration starts today

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football, which offers tackle, flag football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14, will be conducting registration for the 2005 season beginning today, July 1, through July 4 at its fireworks stand at the new Albertons Supermarket, 7676 Firestone Blvd.

Mandatory player physicals are scheduled for July 22, or may be conducted by a player's own doctor. There are no tryouts and everybody plays.

The first day of practice is Aug. 1 and the regular season starts Sept. 10.

Registration is limited and waiting lists will be established as needed. For registration and coaching information, call Louis Morales, DYF president, at 928-0655 or Mike Baumann, 1st vice president, at 889-1183.

Numismatists heading to coin show

DOWNEY – Officers of the Downey Numismatists, a member club of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, have been announced. They are: Wilfred Gamble, president; Chuck Morrissey, senior vice president; and Albertus Hoogeveen, secretary/treasurer.

The club also made plans for the upcoming Long Beach Coin Show Sept. 22-24 at the Long Beach Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave. in Long Beach, which will feature not only coin dealers, but stamp, post card, cigar box labels, jewelry, watches, supplies and other collectibles displayed by over 2,000 dealers.

The club meets at the Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave. in Downey on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS – These fifth graders were honored June 15 as winners of the Old River School National Heritage Essay Contest. The students, who wrote on the importance of voting in national elections, each received a copy of the Bill of Rights. Front row, left to right: Moses Lim, Sydney Juaregui, Jeremy Rocha, Jennifer Barillas and Ceona Caruso. Back row: Dave Bilawa, Ayana Pepaj, Evelyn Parada, Conor McGarry, Daniel Dominguez and Judi Thomas.

Summer trips to Pizza at the Pool

DOWNEY—With the advent of summer, the City of Downey's Community Services Department is offering trips for youngsters ages 7-12 on the Fridays of July 8 and 22, and of Aug. 5, all to Pizza at the Pool. All three trips are from 1-4:30 p.m. and under the supervision of Recreation Leaders. Cost is \$5 each trip.

Registration is now under way at City Hall's Community Services Department. Due to limited space, sign-ups are limited. For more information, call 904-7238.

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CSULB prof lands \$598K NSF grant

LONG BEACH—CSU-Long Beach electrical engineering professor Tulin Mangir, in collaboration with USC, has received a \$598,000 grant (with \$298,000 going to CSULB) from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a project titled "Computer and Network Security and Information Assurance."

Through the development of a cross-disciplinary curriculum for engineering and non-engineering students, teacher training and an introductory general education course for non-majors, Mangir and her colleagues aim through the program to implement several courses and experiments. These will involve newer networking and communications security technologies, applications and techniques; integration of technologies for development of designs for hardware and software security; and dependable infrastructure for security and information assurance.

The project will also create several student internship opportunities at USC's Information Sciences Institute and with local industry.

Results from Mangir's work will provide for a well-trained work force in high demand and proactive approaches to security, privacy and information assurance. These approaches include technologies and techniques for preventing losses, intrusion and identity theft as well as solutions for protecting privacy, and providing commercial information assurance and security, virus detection, isolation and recovery of computer data.

Presently, the shortage of personnel and technology to solve these problems is believed to cost U.S. employers and the public hundreds of billions of dollars, \$70 billion of which was spent on identity theft alone in 2004.

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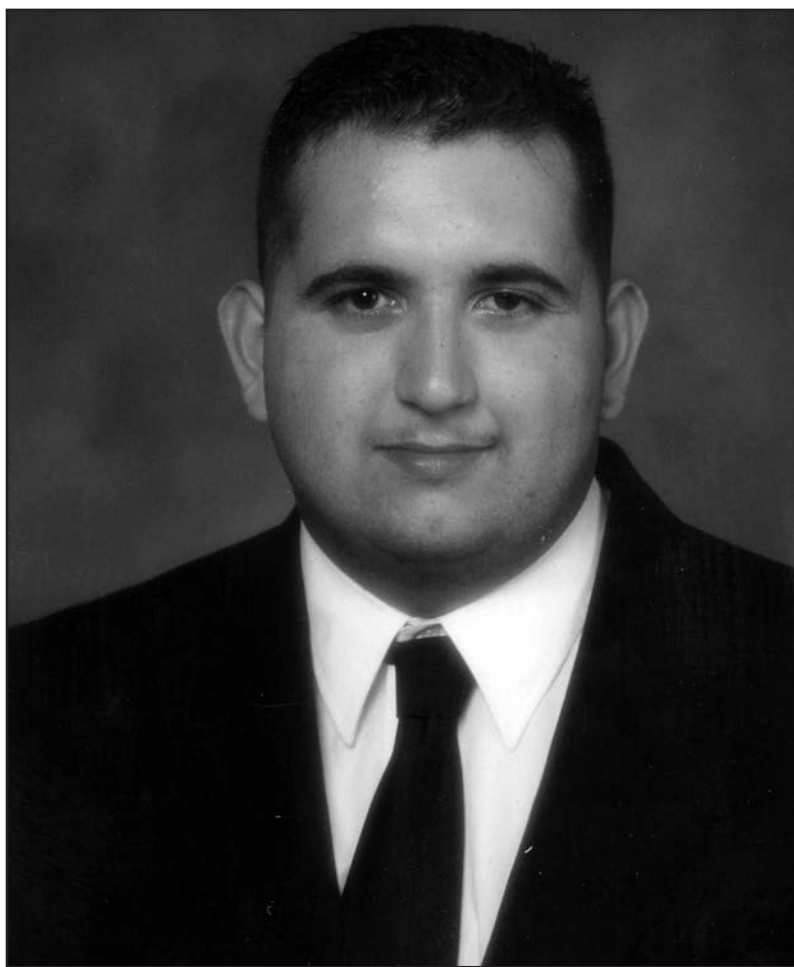
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The #399 phone number was established by Metro, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority, as an extension of the "freeway call box" program to allow motorists with cell phones to call for vehicle assistance on freeways, report non-emergency freeway hazards or request freeway repairs more quickly and safely. Officials hope the new phone number will help relieve pressure on the overburdened 911 emergency number so that medical, fire and law enforcement emergency calls can also be handled more quickly.

"Motorists in Los Angeles County who have a vehicle problem on the freeway or who see freeway safety hazards or freeway damage can call #399 on their cell phones to report the problem," said Hend Hasrouni, the Auto Club's Downey district office manager. "Auto Club members with a vehicle problem can continue to use the Auto Club's roadside assistance number on their membership card, 1-800-400-4AAA, or they can call #399 and their call will be forwarded to the Auto Club."

If a vehicle is disabled on a Los Angeles County freeway during normal heavy traffic hours, the Metro Freeway Service Patrol will assist the driver in trying to get the vehicle mobile again (i.e., repairing a flat tire, jumpstarting the engine). If the vehicle must be towed, the Freeway Service Patrol truck will remove it from the freeway, but the motorist will need to use an Auto Club membership or a towing service to get the vehicle towed to a repair facility.

"The Freeway Service Patrol was established to improve traffic safety and reduce traffic congestion during rush hour by quickly assisting disabled vehicles," Hasrouni said. "The patrol does a commendable job, and the #399 phone number will allow motorists to have more immediate access to roadside assistance during rush hour."

The #399 number does not work outside of Los Angeles County, and although the number is staffed by operators 24 hours a day, the Freeway Service Patrol is not available at all hours. Motorists can still use the freeway call boxes to obtain vehicle assistance if they do not have a phone.

Motorists should still use 911 for emergencies requiring medical, fire department or law enforcement response, Hasrouni said.

Help on researching Irish Immigration

WHITTIER—The monthly meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier will feature Nancy Bier, who will speak on "Irish Immigration to America."

Although the talk is primarily directed to helping with Irish research, the club says information can be applied to other countries as well.

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CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE—Has added Raquel Zuloaga, who has been working at Hydrofoam USA and Kaiser Hospital, to their staff. She joins family members already in the real estate field and with the office. She said, "The growing cultural diversity is an exciting opportunity to use my command of the Spanish and English languages to provide a wide range of clients with personalized service in a language with which they are most comfortable while working on a real estate transaction." To reach Zuloaga, call 927-2626.

Adult School offering 8-day cruise/rail tour

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School Creative Learning Tours offers an all-new, relaxing 8-Day Pacific Coast By Land and Sea Tour with director and escort Harriett Paine Sept. 23-30: two days and one night of 'unsurpassed scenery' in comfortable bedrooms on the Amtrak deluxe Coast Starlight to Seattle, then a grand 5-night cruise back to Los Angeles. The Norwegian Star cruise ship will embark from Vancouver, B.C. for this one, with three ports of call with a day each at Victoria, B.C., Seattle, Washington, and Astoria, Oregon.

Price of \$1,149 Double Per Person, Inside Stateroom (\$1,249 for Outside Stateroom) includes train and cruise fare, all meals, entertainment, taxes, port charges and roundtrip transfers.

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 28 (Information: Bernice, 940-6213). Registration is at Downey Adult School office, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

Dinner to honor Temple president

DOWNEY - Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will host a dinner party at the Dal Rae Restaurant in Pico Rivera on Monday, July 18, to honor Temple president David Saltzman for his service to the congregation over the years. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and a gourmet dinner at 7.

Reservations are a must, and the donation is \$32.50 per person for the gourmet dinner celebration. For reservations, call 861-9276.

Rise 'N Shine networkers meet July 12

DOWNEY—Chamber members Michelle Elliott of CareMore Insurance Services, Steve Ron-Allen Denapoli of Cedars Bank, and Eddie Morales of www.DowneyCoupons.com are the scheduled speakers when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meets Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

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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.

EZRA to discuss 'Israel's New War'

DOWNEY - In its meeting Tuesday, July 5 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., the Ezra Center for Mature Adults will discuss "Israel's New War?", subject of a recent Frontline TV program which dealt with the ongoing intifada as well as a war with the settlers currently living in the West Bank. These settlers refuse to vacate land scheduled for turnover to the Palestinians.

Jerry Silverman will render an analysis and will moderate the discussion after the TV program has been shown.

Registration, coffee/tea and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. The community is welcome.

For information, call the Temple Office at (562) 861-9276.

Chamber Mixer at Rancho July 14

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, 7601 E. Imperial Highway, will host a Downey Chamber of Commerce Mixer Thursday, July 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The reception will take place in the courtyard adjacent to the historical Spanish Harriman Bldg. Parking is ample and free in the doctors' parking lot.

The Rancho Gift Shop, whose proceeds benefit Rancho patients, will be open, offering 10 to 50 percent discounts. Other Mixer features are a visit to the renowned Rancho Art Gallery and a mouth stick painting demonstration, and music by the Rancho Choir.

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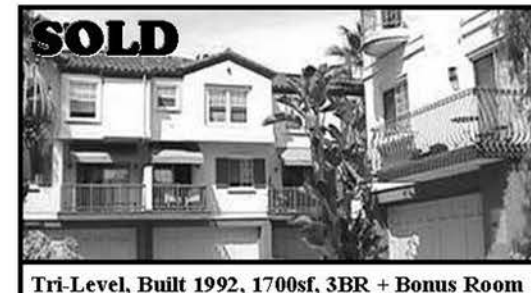
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