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FURMAN PARK SUMMER CONCERTS – The Wonderelles, four girls performing songs from the 1950's, will headline the summer concert Wednesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free. Furman is located at 10419 Rives Ave., Downey. (See story on Page 7.)

Birth of Cerritos College in the '50s

(The following is the first in a series of five articles describing a decade of Cerritos College's 50 years of education and service in the community. The college officially begins its 50th anniversary celebration Aug. 1 with the Cerritos College Foundation's 20th Annual Golf Classic.)

NORWALK – Born of diligence, dedication and extraordinary vision, the Cerritos Community College District transcended its humble beginnings and has become an emblem of educational strength and stability for the communities it serves.

Before the creation of the college, the area now known as California had belonged to New Spain, the name given to the Spanish colonial territory in North America from 1525 to 1821. Land grants were provided to Spanish settlers in the late 1700s, and Jose Manuel Nieto, a Spanish rancher, received title to 145,000 acres in the San Gabriel Valley. This valuable land was known as the Rancho Los Coyotes and bordered another land grant known as Rancho Los Cerritos. Thousands of acres of Rancho Los Coyotes were eventually divided and sold by smaller parcels. Nearby, and over the same hundred-plus years, Rancho Los Cerritos gave way to the moniker "Dairy Valley" because of the tremendous amount of dairy cattle farms that occupied the area.

Both Cerritos and Norwalk, as well as the cities surrounding them — Lakewood, Bellflower, La Mirada, Artesia and others — were influenced by the pre-war industrial boom of the late 1930s and the construction of local freeways. Cerritos dairy farms gave way to housing tracts and soon transformed the area into an affluent bedroom community — and one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the nation. The community, however, lacked a local institution of higher learning for its high school graduates. Dr. Ralph Burnight, superintendent of the Excelsior High School District for 27 years before the college was born, recognized the need for the extension of postgraduate educational opportunities to the district's high school graduates. Burnight would later serve as the college's first president and superintendent. He began promoting the establishment of a college as early as 1953, but the state board of education remained doubtful that the district could attract a minimum enrollment of 400 students.

Meanwhile, others shared Burnight's vision. The board of trustees for the Excelsior High School District also recognized the importance of a two-year college in the community and called upon the electorate to approve plans for such an institution within the district's boundaries.

On June 10, 1955, the Cerritos Junior College District was formed by a four-to-one vote from citizens of the Bellflower, Norwalk, Artesia, Carmenita and Bloomfield Elementary districts. Then, on September 27, 1955, an election calling for a \$6 million bond issue with which to construct the college passed with a similar four-to-one vote. At the end of the year, district officials announced plans to build a campus on the site of the John Sousa Dairy on the southeast corner of Alondra Blvd. and Studebaker Rd.

The next step of acquiring the land that would house the new college was fraught with legal battles between the college and the dairy owners. The existing dairy owners resisted building a school site next to their dairy farms for fear of declined milk production. The ongoing feud, referred to as the "Cows vs. Kids War," was replete with heated school board meeting and court battles that provided ample fodder for the local press.

Ultimately, a Superior Court judge ruled that the college had a right to obtain grounds for its facilities and the college proceeded to purchase a series of parcels and secured proper zoning for the westerly portion of the site, which amounted to 40 of 95 acres.

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SBC named title sponsor for Rancho Golf Classic

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation announced recently that SBC has been named the Title Sponsor for the 15th annual Rancho Golf Classic, which will be held Monday, Aug. 8 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the patients of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, which is renowned throughout the world for its work with individuals with disabling illnesses and injuries. Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe will be the honorary chair of the charitable event with Gene Klow of Hamilton Klow Associates and Mike Silacci of SBC serving as event co-chairs.

The Golf Classic will feature a putting contest, 18 holes of golf, barbecue lunch, silent auction, awards dinner and a live auction led by Supervisor Knabe. One of the highlights of the tournament will be a hole-in-one contest offering golfers the opportunity to win a new car. The tournament will begin with a "shotgun" start, and the four-person teams will play the "scramble" format.

"This event always sells out early," said Rancho Los Amigos Foundation president Connie Martinez. "As of today, most of our corporate sponsorships and 26 foursomes have already been reserved for this year's tournament, but we still have room for a few sponsors and 10 foursomes."

Sponsorships for the Rancho Golf Classic range from Silver (\$3,500) to Platinum (\$7,500). Foursomes are priced at \$1,200, and slots for individual golfers in the tournament are priced at \$300. For information and reservations, call Yolanda James at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at (562) 401-7053.

Downey Golf Classic seeks players, sponsors

DOWNEY—The ninth 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.

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Chamber set to honor volunteers

DOWNEY—A gala luncheon honoring volunteers of the Downey Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, July 27, will include a fashion show featuring chamber members' shops and models.

Honorees will include the Committee Persons of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Director of the Year, and Business of the Year Awards.

Local merchants contributing fashions to the gala event will include Draper & Damon's, Rent-a-Tux, Friar Tux Shop, All American Home Center, and Costco.

Models who will serve as models include Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot, Fay Campbell, Vicki de La Cruz of Re/Max Online; Darrel Dixon of Don Dixon & Assoc.; Doug Epperhart of Epperhart Communications; Monica Gonzales of Re/Max Online; Judy Gonzalez of Downey Retirement Center; Angelique Harris of Southland Credit Union; Victor Lopez of Re/Max Online; Maria Mendoza of Farmers Insurance; Daniel Nunez of Norwalk Storage; Louis Pintola of Escrow Results, Inc.; Leslie Poblete of Home Instead Home Care; Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank; and Adam Tafoya of State Farm Insurance.

Reservations and information are available by calling (562) 923-2191. Cost is \$25 per person. The chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Ave.

County Fire now responds to La Habra

By John Adams

LA HABRA—At 8 a.m. June 30th, the Los Angeles County Fire Department took over fire suppression service and paramedic service in the City of La Habra. The City is located inside the Orange County line along the Eastern edge of the Department's jurisdiction. It is the first time that the Department has provided contract services to a city outside Los Angeles County.

Time will tell whether the high hopes over the move will all be realized. But some of the promises bear a hollow ring to residents of some communities within L.A. County.

Study rejected by Downey

It is not the first attempt at expansion to another area within L.A. County. Here in Downey residents remember the initiative measure of 1994 that was suggested by Downey Firefighters as a way to relieve pressure on the City Budget. Critics suggested it was more to expedite transfers to better-paying jobs as County Firefighters.

The initiative was to permit the county fire to do a study and offer a bid to take over fire services in Downey, but it was soundly rejected by the voters. Local control has been of prime importance to Downey's residents for years here.

The key is response time and the fact that Downey has four fire stations, each strategically located.

Also, it did not go unnoticed that in times of labor turmoil in the County that the threat of a walkout when fires might not be covered would draw responses from smaller independent companies such as Downey's.

The fact a consultant had been hired by the firefighters labor group in Downey was also a factor.

Three year-negotiations

In La Habra's case, talks had been going on for three years. Although other fire agencies submitted proposals, County Fire's was considered the best.

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Downey Tennis Club eyes bright future

DOWNEY—The Downey Tennis Club, under the leadership of Michael Murray and a core of dedicated members, has made great strides in membership and facilities goals, and is looking forward to even brighter achievements in the future.

The club has much improved facilities at its home base of Independence Park, and with the addition of new members has taken on a broader social slate including team tennis matches, social evenings such as outings to tennis at Staples Center and the new Depot Center in Carson, shuffleboard night and Elks Nights Out. A recent addition was a night at the Hollywood Bowl.

Assistance

Murray notes the assistance of such willing volunteers as Al Staron, who coordinates these diverse activities, Bernice Stumps who established the club web site, and Gail Garland, Club Historian.

The club began in 1966 with 15 members. At that time the only courts in the city were at the high schools. Four years later membership had grown to 200, but retirements and people moving out of town whittled that down. By the time Rusty Miller arrived membership had dropped to 67.

By that time the tennis courts at Independence Park were in desperate need of refurbishing. An agreement was struck with the City Park and Recreation Department for a new plan for the park, with the addition of a skate park, and overhaul of the tennis facilities. While the clubhouse was lost the upgrade of the other facilities including use of a new building for board meetings more than made up for it.

Since 2004 the club has maintained a booth at the Downey Street Fair, enrolling interested members.

Is Downey immune to L.A. County's healthcare crisis?

Unfortunately, the answer is "NO."

Hospitals are finding their financial situations compromised by the explosion of uninsured patients. That includes DRMC, where more than 48,000 patients are treated each year and many are uninsured.

Consider these facts:

- Los Angeles County has the highest rate of people without health insurance in the nation.
- The Hospital Association of Southern California estimates that the cost of providing care to uninsured patients at private (non-county) emergency rooms has increased from \$63 million in 2000 to \$77.5 million in 2004.
- Of that amount, only 10 to 15% of the cost is paid by patients, resulting in 85 to 90% actual losses to hospitals.



So where does this leave Downey Regional Medical Center?

To allow us to continue our current high level of service the city, county, state and federal government must respond. In recent months, hospital representatives have been diligently working to make government officials aware of these backbreaking conditions, urging them to release funding to pay a fair share for uninsured patients. Assemblyman Hector De La Torre and County Supervisor Don Knabe are leading the battle to help our hospital. They are showing leadership and deserve our thanks for their efforts.

The City Council has agreed to allow the new medical office building, the Downey Regional Medical Plaza, to open as soon as a traffic light is put into service and parking is cleared. This will save the hospital \$150,000 per month.

Downey Regional's Board of Directors is doing everything possible to ensure that the hospital continues to serve our community. Belts have been tightened and protocols are in place to maximize hospital efficiency. We are committed to providing high quality, state of the art care - including emergency care - for our doctors' patients and the residents of Downey.



Your comments and suggestions concerning the Emergency Room crisis are welcomed. Please log on to www.drnci.org/feedback.htm or leave a message on our hotline at (562) 904-5059.



From Dr. Irv Edwards, President, California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians:

There is an emergency department crisis in the state of California. 19 California hospitals and emergency department have closed in the last 2 years. To most patients, it is not an important personal issue until the next closure and emergency department crisis affects your community. Unfortunately, Downey Regional Medical Center has been suffering multi-million dollar losses from the provision of emergency services to the increasing number of uninsured patients it serves and now faces its own possible [ER] closure crisis.

The losses occur when reimbursements received for emergency services are not adequate to cover the extraordinarily high costs of providing these services. In many cases, reimbursement from Medi-Cal program, from managed care organizations (HMO's) and from patients without insurance simply does not cover the cost of providing these safety net services. Emergency Departments are an essential public service much like police and fire departments. It is of no benefit to have a 911 system, excellent and well-trained paramedics if there is no emergency department that is properly staffed to receive these patients in crisis.

The California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (CAL/ACEP) stands in strong support of maintaining access to emergency departments and in particular for Downey Regional Medical Center. Downey's Emergency Department is an essential 'safety net' hospital and increased and adequate funding must be procured to maintain this and all other emergency departments in this state.


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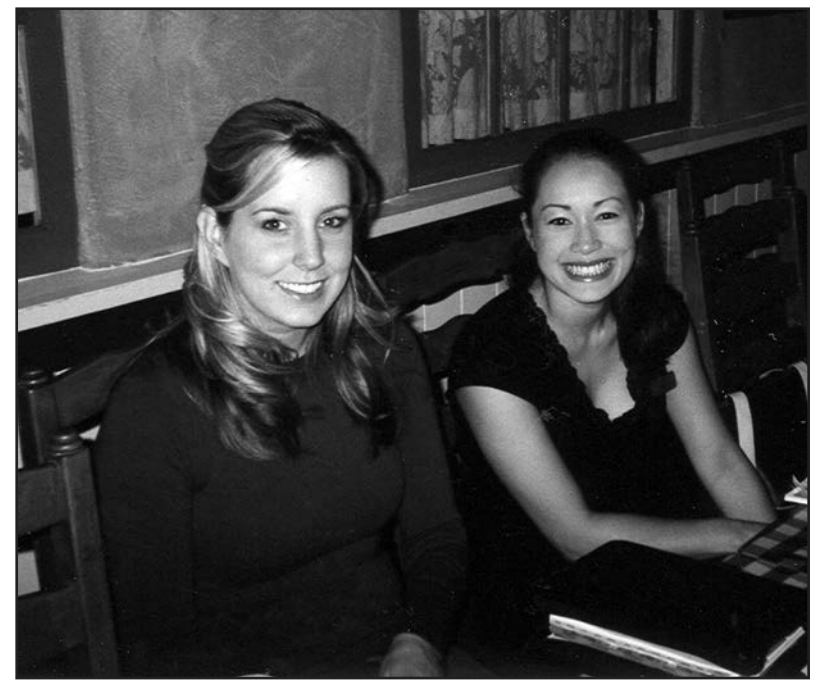
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Word of MOUTH
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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Come to our office for a consultation. There are many ways we can give you a youthful, attractive and natural looking smile. You can always discuss your dental concerns with us. Good dentistry is more than excellent clinical skills and state-of-the-art equipment. We feel that mutual trust is a factor in the success of your treatment. Our entire staff believes that open communication can help build this trust. Anytime you have a question, please don't hesitate to ask. We invite you to call (562) 923-3714 to schedule an appointment. Our office is located at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307. We're here to help.
P.S. If teeth are misshapen or otherwise irregular, the dentist can apply cosmetic techniques such as bonding, tooth resculpting/recontouring, and the application of veneers to create a more attractive smile.
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NEW MEMBERS - Pro Networkers of Downey, a local business networking group, recently welcomed two new members, Holly Glenn of Johnny and Company Hair Designs (left) and Shauna Zorrilla of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Breakfast meetings for the organization are held every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe in Downey. For information call membership chairman Joe Becker at 869-1414.

Arts group to honor Margene Glenn Saturday

DOWNEY—The non-profit John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. (JHPAF), invites Downey Children's Theater and Civic Light Opera alumni, family and friends to a Golden Anniversary Luncheon at noon, Saturday, July 23rd, which will also commemorate the first production of the Downey Children's Theater in 1955.

The luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 8425 Firestone Blvd., Downey, will also honor Margene Glenn (President of the Civic Light Opera, 1978-99) for her exemplary years of volunteer service to the world of arts. The event is free and features a luncheon salad, beverage and desert, provided courtesy of the JHPAF. However, seating is limited and reservations are required by calling Pauline Hume at (562) 869-0422.

The JHPAF was founded in 2004 and seeks to renew, promote, and continue the vision of John Hume, who died in September 2003. Hume's vision included that the performing arts can be a tool to teach children the values and responsibility, as well as inspire creativity, build a love for the arts while promoting friendship and fun. He founded the Downey Children's Theater and a range of programs, some of which survive to the present.

For additional information, write to JHPAF, Box 224, Downey, CA 90241, or call (562) 869-0422.

CLASSIC

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 of the Downey Golf Classic will provide scholarships for local high schools.

Families invited to learn CPR

DOWNEY—A "CPR for Family & Friends" class will be held Aug. 2 from 6-10 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, covering how to recognize life-threatening emergencies and how to perform CPR techniques. Reservations are required, by calling 904-5580.

Walking class expanded to 5 days

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

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BREAKFAST AT THE LODGE – Chefs Catherine Coutts, Worthy Matron of Downey Chapter #160 OES, and Scott Morrissy, Worshipful Master of Downey United Masonic Lodge #220, prepared breakfast for more than 500 guests recently at the Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St. The breakfast profits were equally divided. Coutts' half went to the Senior Living Community for OES in Yorba Linda and Morrissy's half went to the Masonic Children's Home in Covina.

Photos of old Foxy's wanted by Nordic Fox

DOWNEY—The Nordic Fox Restaurant, which is running a contest for the funniest story, as well as the most sentimental, about the old Foxy's, is also requesting copies of any old photos clientele may have of it. It would like pictures of people in the restaurant, pictures of the outside, and especially any of the old Fox Statue that once stood outside the front door.

Nordic Fox management wants to make a display of them so "those that were not in Downey (then) will know shy Foxy's will always be special." The pictures can not be returned.

The restaurant, located at 10924 Paramount Blvd., is also offering \$100 for the funniest tale, and another \$100 for the most sentimental story. Submissions should be in typed format 30 words or less. Deadline for entries is Aug. 15; winners will be announced Aug. 19.

The restaurant went by the name, "Foxy's," before it was renamed "Nordic Fox." It was built in 1968.

Family seeks help for son's medical care

By Linda Pak

DOWNEY—A year ago, the Beltran family clung to a sliver of hope as they stood by their baby son, Matthew, who nearly drowned in a pool and was not expected to live through the night. Though he miraculously survived the accident, the family continues to struggle as they try to meet the costs of his expensive treatments that are not covered by their medical insurance.

In an effort to raise funds for their son's continued treatment, the Beltran family is seeking the community's help in a fundraiser set for Wednesday, July 27 from 5-8 p.m. at Salvatore's Pasta Steak House, 12056 Paramount Blvd.

Matthew Beltran was 21 months-old when he accidentally fell in an inflatable swimming pool at his home last July, two months after his family bought their house in Downey. The pool was being drained when his father found him and dragged him out from the bottom to perform CPR. Paramedics detected no pulse and he was listed in critical condition at the Downey Regional Medical Center.

Despite the slim chances of survival, Matthew surprised his family by clinging on to life.

"He's a fighter," said Connie Beltran, mother of Matthew, "There was no hope at all, and the doctors said he wasn't going to survive overnight, but it's been a year."

Born premature at only two pounds with underdeveloped lungs, and suffering brain damage at 6 months when he stopped breathing, Matthew has been in and out of the hospital, including being on life support three times.

"Matthew wasn't supposed to survive when I had him," said Beltran, "but he's refused to give up."

Since the accident, Matthew has suffered severe brain damage and has been receiving numerous costly treatments, several of which are not



TWO-YEAR-OLD MATTHEW BELTRAN – Survived a near-drowning in an inflatable pool at his home last year. He was originally not expected to survive overnight. A fundraiser set for July 27 at Salvatore's Pasta Steak House will help pay medical bills as he continues ongoing treatment at Downey Regional Medical Center, where he works regularly with physical therapists and receives stimulation treatments, as shown above. For information on the dinner, call 923-0042.

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CERRITOS

Naming the college was another challenging task. The then-board of trustees considered different names and the community became involved in contests to name the new campus. Some of the names considered were "Nixon College" and "Tri-City and Norbelia" (an abbreviated combination of Norwalk-Bellflower-Artesia). Other popular contenders included "Los Coyotes" and "Los Cerritos," after the two original ranchos that had occupied the area. After months of discussion, the name "Cerritos," or, "little hills," was adopted in March 1956.

The college opened its doors to an enrollment of 197 students on September 11, 1956, holding evening classes in rented rooms at Excelsior High School, about one-half mile east of the proposed Cerritos campus site. It was a transitory campus site, but students were eager to learn and the community anxiously anticipated the construction of the permanent campus.

It was not until December 5, 1956—almost three months after the college began offering classes at Excelsior High School—that title to the proposed college site was acquired. On July 22, 1957, the city of Dairy Valley re-zoned the westerly portion of the site so that construction could proceed. Area dairy owners eventually sold their land to residential and commercial developers and moved to Chino and other dairy hubs.

By 1957, the college district (including the cities of Bellflower, Artesia, Norwalk, Dairy Valley, La Mirada and a portion of Lakewood) grew exponentially. The district's population had mushroomed from 96,240 in 1950 to 243,840 in 1957, the same year that the college boasted an enrollment of 1,339 students.

Most classes were still being held at Artesia High School during the 1957-58 academic year. College staff, which began with one full-time administrator, two part-time administrators and several part-time instructors, expanded to include 25 full-time instructors and a number of staff members working on an hourly basis. Earl L. Klapstein, a former professional football player with the Pittsburgh Steelers, was hired as the college's new chairman of the Physical Education department, athletic director and football. In the fall of 1957, he led the Falcon football team to represent the West as a "Cinderella team" in the Little Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. Although losing this noteworthy game at the Rose Bowl, the college earned a reputation among community college sports enthusiasts.

On January 14, 1958, the board of trustees changed the name of the college from Cerritos Junior College to Cerritos College, and in May 1958, the board approved wage hikes guaranteeing full-time faculty members a minimum monthly wage of \$480. It was during the 1958-59 academic year that college registration hit a new peak. More than 2,200 students attended the college. New class sections were held during the evening hours at the Artesia High School campus. Many additional subjects were added to the college curriculum and more instructors were hired. The year also marked the college's first homecoming week in December.

On October 21, 1958, voters from the cities within the college district approved a second bond issue amounting to \$8 million by a four-to-one margin. The funds were earmarked for the completion of the 95-acre campus and the purchase of necessary instructional equipment.

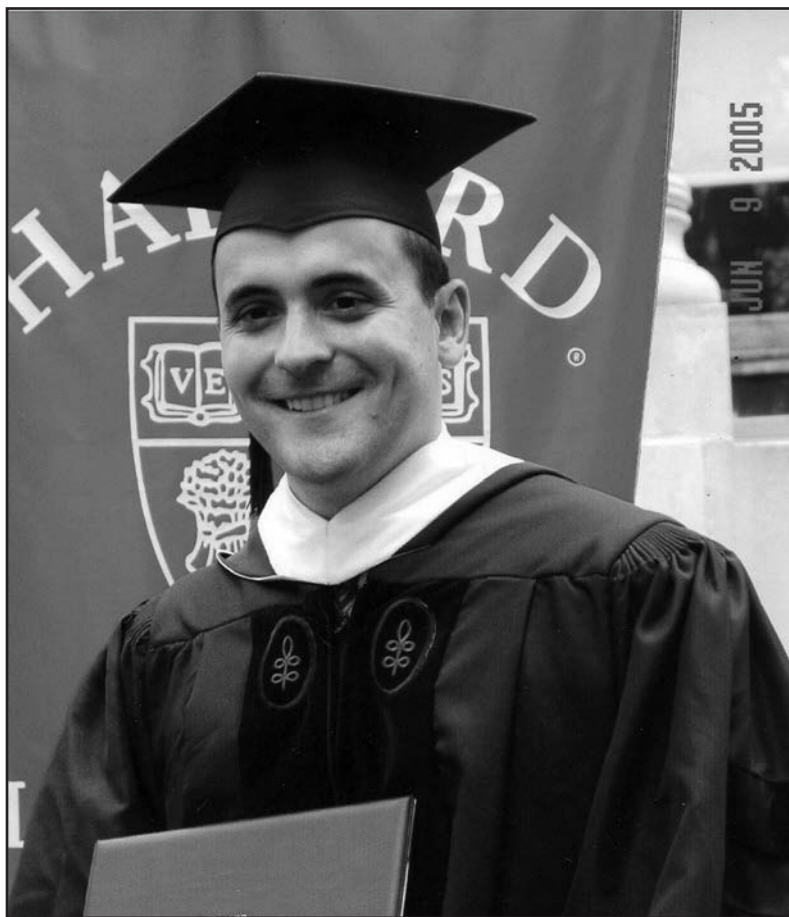
During the 1959-60 academic year, enrollment was expected to surpass 4,000, nearly doubling the enrollment of the prior year. Eight buildings had been completed on campus, and funds were allotted for the remaining facilities in order to accommodate a larger student body. The completed buildings included: the Field House, (March 1958); the Liberal Arts Building, the Technology and Electronics Buildings (September 1959), the Business Education Building, the Lecture Hall, the Science Building, and the Shower and Locker Rooms (October 1959).

Excitement was also mounting among students and staff who looked forward to the opening of the Student Center in January 1960. The building, anticipated as one of the most modern junior college buildings in its ranks, would accommodate a dining room with seating room for 266 on the floor and an additional 108 at the stage's end. The structure would also house a 150-seat coffee shop, a snack bar and an eye-catching lounge with an ultra-modern fireplace.

By the decade's end, the initial vision inspired by Burnight and the district's board of trustees—to nurture the minds of the community through an institution dedicated to excellence in higher education—had become a glorious and triumphant reality. The college had become a symbol of opportunity and its students and staff served as pioneers who helped shape and steer the college toward the future.

Once the fall 2005-06 semester begins, a special convocation involving several generations of faculty and staff will be held in September. A fundraising gala is planned for October with proceeds benefiting Cerritos College students who may be presented later with 50th Anniversary Scholarships created in honor of the milestone.

(Cerritos College celebrates the 2005-06 school year as its 50th anniversary in serving as a comprehensive community college for south-eastern Los Angeles County communities including Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada and Norwalk. The college offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently surpasses 22,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at www.cerritos.edu, and view a celebratory sire honoring the college's 50 years of tradition, honor and values at www.cerritos.edu/50.)



WARREN HIGH ALUMNUS—Robert R. Trauler recently graduated from Harvard Law School, after receiving a degree from UC-Irvine.



"SAILOR OF THE YEAR" – Petty Officer Victor Urena receives the distinguished Navy Times award from Congresswomen Roybal-Allard in the company of family. From left, Armando Urena (father), Roybal-Allard, Urena, Eva Angelica Gigena (mother), and Eric Urena (brother).

Downey sailor honored in Washington

WASHINGTON D.C. – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) recently presented Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor Urena of Downey with the distinguished Navy Times "Sailor of the Year" award at a ceremony held at the Reserve Officers Association on Capitol Hill.

The 20-year-old Purple Heart recipient, who suffered injuries during his service, is a veteran of 50 combat missions and 100 combat patrols in Iraq. During his tour in Iraq with a battalion that suffered more casualties than any other Marine infantry in Iraq, Petty Officer Urena is credited with saving the lives of many American soldiers and Iraqi civilians by providing advanced trauma life support.

Urena is currently stationed at the Branch Medical Clinic in China Lake, Ca. Born and raised in Downey, Urena attended Downey High School for two years.

In presenting the award to Urena, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, who represents Downey, said, "His tireless efforts and knowledge of emergency medicine saved many lives, including his Marines, Army soldiers and Iraqi civilians. Petty Officer Urena saw more than his share of personal trauma, too – losing a friend, mentor and fellow Navy corpsman during an enemy ambush. During another patrol, Petty Officer Urena was wounded himself during an attack on his platoon. Disregarding the pain from his own injuries, he continued to treat the other injured Marines until they were safely out of danger. Petty Officer Urena received the Purple Heart for his injuries as well as the respect, admiration and eternal gratitude of his Marines for his heroic, selfless concern and care for them. A native of Downey, Ca., Petty Officer Urena stands out for his courageous service, and his dedication and compassion for his comrades."

Airman graduates from Lackland

DOWNEY—Air Force Airman Julian D. Martinez, grandson of Downey resident Irma Gonzalez, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Martinez studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.



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The poets' corner

Punctuation

I don't feel like using it
why should I
it smacks too much of commitment

it's too civilized
early man didn't need commas
the alphabet walked naked into his mind

when Romans jammed their letters spqr
no one thought any less of them
or their chiseled monuments

I do empty spaces because
person or persons un author ized
might not know when to pause for breath

and once the poem has left my hand
it belongs to the reader and not
to me doesn't it

as for rhetorical questions
those old-fashioned conversation stoppers
dressed in powdered wigs and lace

they don't need question marks
they haven't so far
or do they

---Lorine Parks,
Downey

Charter school 'No' by Paramount, Downey

PARAMOUNT—The Paramount School District, much like Downey Unified, has rejected a request to establish a charter school which would have a focus on arts and technology.

Paramount School officials said an application by the El Camino Technology and Arts Academy, proposed by Lisa M. Edwards and Stephany I. Glover did not fulfill requirements such as indicating a location or offering information to indicate the project would be successful.

Downey Unified's School Board had rejected a similar application for similar reasons earlier, and Norwalk-La Mirada returned the papers as incomplete.

The two Bellflower sisters behind the project said they have contacted an attorney and are considering an appeal to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and possibly the State Office of Education in Sacramento.

The proposal is for a school of up to 200 high school students with a ratio of 25-1 students to teachers, and special stress on technology and the arts.

A charter school is privately owned and operated, by a board of investors or directors, and possibly a parent advisory council. It operates on state funds obtained through the school district in which it is located, with the permission of the school district.

Glover and her sister teach at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower.

Remembrance service today for Patrick King

DOWNEY—A Remembrance Service will be held at 2 p.m. today, July 22, at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey for Patrick John King, a longtime Downey resident who was born in Dublin, Ireland on April 10, 1930 to Patrick and Bridget King and died July 12. He was 75.

He was a member of the American Youth Soccer Association and An-Oige, a cycling club that toured throughout Ireland.

King is survived by wife Elizabeth; brothers John and Bernard; sisters Betty and Carmel; and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many friends.

Services were entrusted to Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

His cremated remains will be scattered at the Skellig Rocks in County Kerry in Ireland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4444 Pittsfield, MA 01202-4444.

FIRE

A feasibility study was followed with a proposal that was accepted by a vote of approval by the La Habra City Council in December 2004 and a 4-1 vote by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors in February, 2005.

10-year agreement

The agreement is for 10 years, and provides for increased staffing from nine minimum daily firefighters to a minimum of 15. A fourth fire station will be constructed in the future by both the department and the City.

It is also noted that fire service agencies operate across county lines through mutual aid all the time. La Habra was providing paramedic services to La Habra Heights prior to this agreement.

A Los Angeles County Fire Department transition team began work in February with the City of La Habra to convert facilities there to mirror those of the County Department. This included extensive training of La Habra's firefighters to standardize their fire and medical skills with the new equipment. And the three fire stations were improved to handle increased personnel.

Coordination of the many training sessions and presentations from affiliate groups such as the L.A. County Firefighters Benefit and Welfare Association had to be conducted on duty.

It is expected that by the end of 2005 the Paramedics will have completed their cross certification training with the County's Department of Health, allowing them to work as L.A. County Fire Department paramedics.

"With a residential population of 61,000 residents and a daytime population of over 74,000, the City of La Habra has taken an important step in securing a higher level of public safety," said Los Angeles County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman. "It is truly a win-win for everyone involved."

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Two file thus far for Downey school race

DOWNEY—Two candidates (including a lone incumbent and a challenger) have taken out papers thus far in the race for three seats on the Downey Unified School District Board of Trustees.

In Trustee Area 7, incumbent Board President Barbara Samperi took out the necessary papers this week from the County Registrar-Recorder's Office. And a spokesperson from the Registrar's Office told the Downey Patriot that Martha Sodeoni took out papers with the intention of running for the vacancy in Trustee Area 1 which opened when Cheryl Andresen retired and moved out of the District last month.

No one has yet taken out papers for the third seat, a vacancy in the Trustee Area 5, left when Betty Ferraro told the Board she and her husband are building their dream home outside of Downey. She too will move shortly after the election in November.

Ferraro added, however, that she will retain many of her club associations here including the Assistance League of Downey, and will be in town much of the time working on club projects, including "Kids on the Block," an anti-gang and anti-drug self-worth and awareness program for youngsters.

In other districts, incumbents Janet E. Rock and Hilda A. Zamora are expected to defend their seats in the Little Lake City School District, but no challengers have surfaced as yet.

In the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District four incumbents are expected to defend their four full-term seat from a cast of challengers who have not yet taken out papers. The incumbents include Darryl R. Adams, Gabriel P. Garcia, Ed Hengler, and Ana Valencia.

In Paramount Unified Alicia L. Anderson, Sonya S. Cuellar, and Tony Pena, all incumbents, will defend three full-term seats against a field of as yet undeclared challengers.

And at Cerritos Community College three incumbents will defend their full-term seats against a field of as yet undeclared challengers. The Cerritos incumbents include Robert Epple, Eric Gutierrez, and Downey's Bob Verderber.

Cerritos College fills management posts

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Board of Trustees approved the hire of four managers to fill open positions at the college at its regular board meeting on July 6.

The board appointed William C. Farmer, Jr. as vice president of Academic Affairs/assistant superintendent, Stephen B. Johnson as vice president of Student Services/assistant superintendent, and Dr. Connie Mayfield as instructional dean of the Fine Arts and Communications Division, all effective Aug. 1. The board also approved the appointment of Ramona "Suzie" Payne as budget manager, effective July 7.

Farmer, holder of a bachelor's at Georgetown College in Kentucky with double majors in speech communication and political science, and a master's from Bradley University in speech and theater, is a veteran administrator with extensive classroom teaching experience. Prior to his new post, he was vice president of Academic Affairs for four years at Los Angeles Mission College.

Johnson, who has served in a number of positions, including counselor and assistant dean of Student Affairs in a community college career spanning 24 years, is an alumnus of MiraCosta College in Oceanside, UC-Berkeley (political science), San Diego State (counseling), and will soon complete a doctoral degree from UCLA in educational leadership.

Mayfield most recently taught music theory and music technology at Kansas City Kansas Community College. She has a bachelor's in piano performance from Southwest Baptist University, a master's in piano performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, and a doctoral degree in music theory from the University of Kansas.

MATTHEW

covered by his insurance. These include: hyperbaric oxygen treatment, vital stimulation swallowing therapy, and acupressure. Hyperbaric oxygen treatment helps the brain improve organic function by regenerating and rerouting damaged cells to working cells. Vital stimulation is used to stimulate Matthew's face and throat muscles so that he can learn to eat again.

At about \$30,000 a year for hyperbaric treatments, \$150 a week for vital stimulation, and \$40 a week for acupressure, all not covered by insurance, the Beltrons have found it difficult to cover these out of pocket expenses on their own.

Matthew continues to receive some of these treatments, especially with the help of the Downey Regional Medical Center, who has offered to cover half the costs of his vital stimulation treatments. However, his family has had to discontinue his hyperbaric treatment until they are able to find more funds.

"Matthew has been in a semi-coma, but he's more alert now," said Connie. "He's starting to smile now and he can see. I believe it's because of the hyperbarics."


In order to continue his treatments, the Beltran family is asking for the community's support in the fundraiser dinner next Thursday at Salvatore's Pasta Steak House.

"It has become very expensive, but I need to do whatever I can to help my son," Connie said. "Please help us fight with him against the odds."

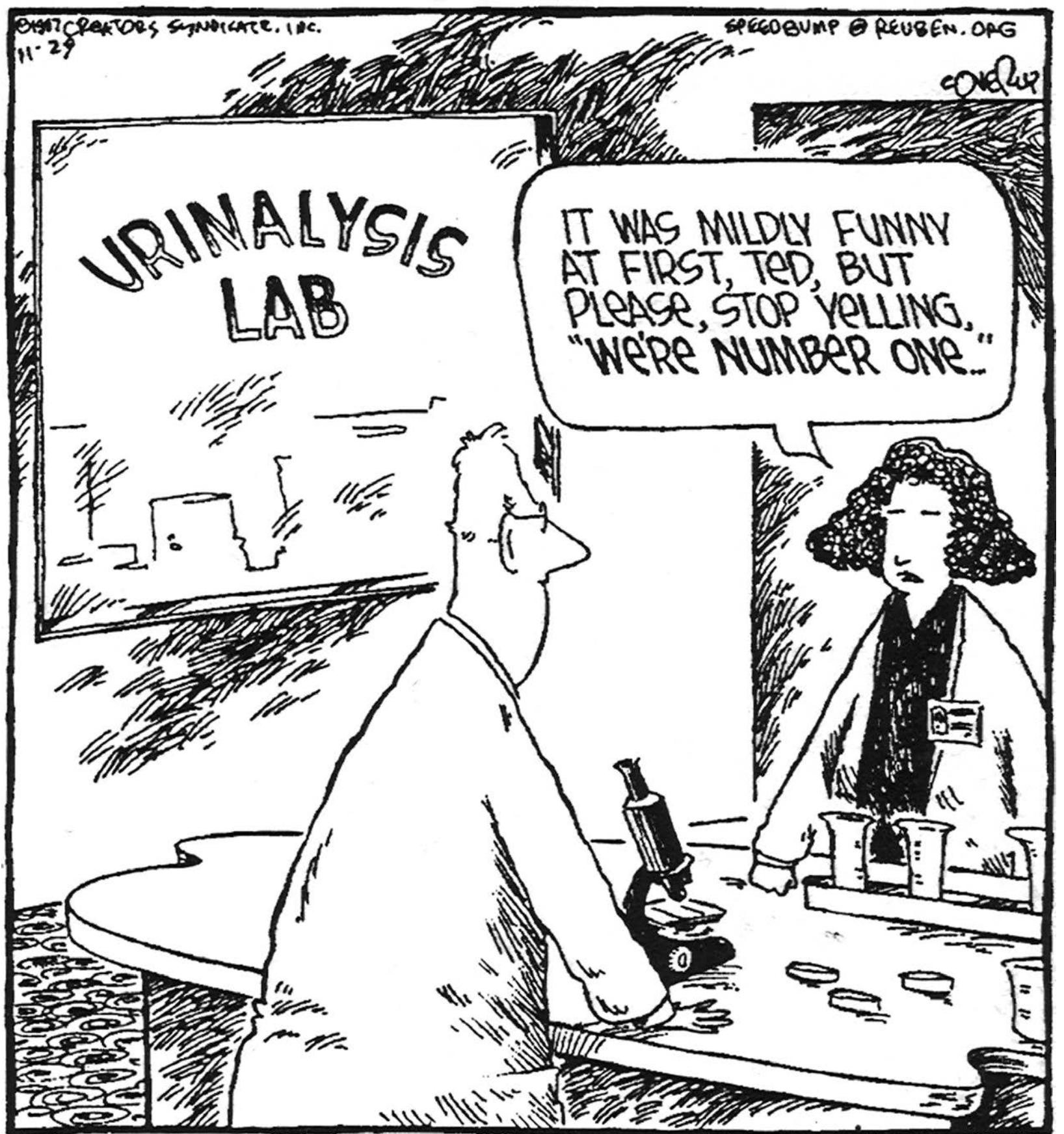
Dinner tickets will be sold on Monday, July 25 from 4-8 p.m. at the Downey YMCA, where Connie will also have an informational session on swimming pool safety and preventive care. The community is invited to attend both events.

For more information, call Connie Beltran at 923-0042.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Resident appalled at trends

Dear Editor:

Let's all keep Downey beautiful and safe!
 I have been a resident of Downey and nearby areas for over twenty years. There have been many positive changes to the faces and places of our lovely city. Unfortunately some of these changes have not been so positive.

With a booming population comes more garbage. Sometimes I worry about some folks who don't throw the trash away properly. The other day I was driving along when I saw a teenager throw an extra-large cup of soda into the air and on to the street and then walk away. Does he not live here? Is he not proud of our city? We all have to do our part to keep our beautiful city clean. Everyone from children to our elders plays a role in making sure Downey stays clean and healthy.

With all the congestion now in our streets I have seen folks commit moving violations that I rarely saw before. When I started paying attention I noticed dozens of people who race across corner gas stations at light speed just to avoid waiting at a red light. What the heck is this? Are folks just too rushed to wait patiently? Other folks cut across several lanes to make illegal turns and lane changes. This is the stuff that kills people. None of this is news but never in the magnitude that I am seeing today. What used to take me 10 minutes to get from the west side of Downey to the east, now takes almost 20 minutes or longer. Paramount and Lakewood Boulevards are a parking lot during rush hour. More vehicles on the road requires more police to watch them. We need more motorized police to watch our streets.

With higher population rates comes the tendency to duck the city code. Homeowners who convert their garages and guesthouses into dwellings and don't apply for permits accordingly. All they do is congest our streets and tax our water and sewer infrastructure. We must all be vigilant and watch out for these code violators.

Lastly, am I the only one who gets irritated with all the ground-pounding and thumping bass music resonating from the supped (sic) up cars and SUVs that some folks drive in our city? We all like some music a little loud now and then, but not at the expense of everyone else's comfort. I can be at a stop light two cars away from one of these dance-club-on-wheels and my mirrors shake violently. Isn't this noise pollution? Can something be done about this?

As a community we can all work together to keep Downey beautiful and safe.

—Juan Gonzalez,
Downey

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Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your beautiful, interesting, and informational Web site.

Your are the glue that helps keep Downey on the right track and together. Your information is accurate and unbiased. You deserve a Pulitzer Prize.

—Mary Stauffer,
Downey

Those big houses

Dear Editor:

Here is my saying in regards to all the construction going on in Downey.

First of all, whom do we blame? Our Building Department is the one that is issuing all those permits.

Those houses on Lexington and Brookshire, as well as other new houses, are too big, too close, and not conforming with the neighborhood.

Does anyone know that most of those houses are not built for homeowners to live in, they are built for investors who are making a living and getting rich.

Does anyone know that at this very moment, there are many vacant houses in Downey, waiting to be remodeled or demolished by these investors.

If you look at the real estate market in Downey, most properties are bought by investors to be re-sold in the future.

We need to pay attention to the issue of a moratorium and our Building Department must define the law and be careful in the final decision.

Our Building Department should check the issue and the needs of all the citizens of Downey. On one hand we need to understand a normal homeowner who is improving his home, and on the other hand an investor who is over improving and perhaps once they are done, moving on to another project in another city.

—Lucia Fernandez,
Downey

Lab equipment welcomed at DRMC

DOWNEY—New laboratory instrumentation, which was to have gone live on July 18, will provide highly accurate and rapid blood coagulation studies at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

The new instruments analyze the blood for clotting disorders and allow physicians to follow the course of patients on medications. Many of the coagulation studies provide vital information for patients who have had a heart attack or heart surgery.

Two new workstations, costing about \$68,000, replace testing devices that are 14 years old, and will enable the hospital to bring on line new diagnostic tests as well. Currently, the laboratory performs as many as 100 coagulation tests a day.

"This new equipment provides DRMC with another opportunity to improve the quality of care," stated Brick Bunch, director of DRMC Laboratory Services.

Registration for DAS fall tour now open

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School is now accepting registrations for the fall Creative Learning Tours, and Tour Director/Escort Harriett Paine encourages interested travelers to sign up early. Registration may be made at the Adult School office at 12340 Woodruff Ave. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tours at a glance:

*Polynesian Spectacular Show and Luncheon – Hilo Hattie's Store and Sam's Seafood, Huntington Beach, Thursday, Sept. 15, \$56;

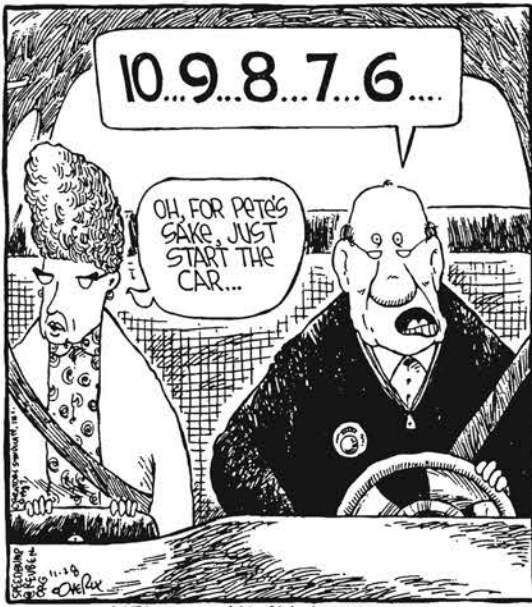
*Jet Propulsion Laboratory Guided Tour – Twin Palms Luncheon, Old Town Pasadena, Wednesday, Sept. 28, \$62;

*Reagan "Air Force One" Pavilion and Presidential Museum, Reagan Country Café Luncheon, Tuesday, Oct. 11, \$51;

*Candlelight Pavilion Dinner-Theater, Claremont, "The Wonderful world of Christmas" Production, Thursday, Dec. 8, \$76.

Tour registration coupons are available in the Adult School main office or mailed upon request. For more tour information, call 940-6213.

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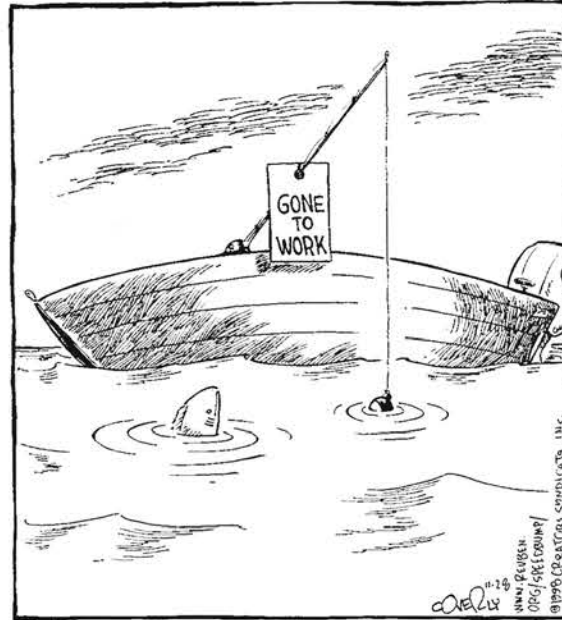
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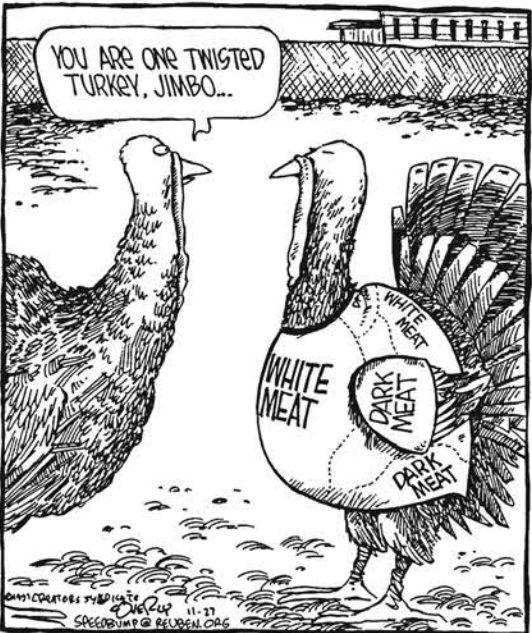
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Wed. July 27, 11:45 a.m.: Volunteer Awards Luncheon for Downey Chamber of Commerce. Awards for Director, Volunteer and Business of the Year. \$25 per person. At Embassy Suites Hotel, 8425 Firestone Blvd. For more information call 923-2191

Wed July 27, 2:00 p.m.: David Cousin, World Class Juggler at Kid's Summer Reading Program. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Limited seating, passes distributed 30 minutes before showtime. For information call 904-7360, extension 4.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.

1st Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.

1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.

3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: Parking Place Commission, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg., for information call 426-6786.

6:30 p.m.: Overeaters Anonymous, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. 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.

12:00 p.m.: Exchange Club, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871

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

7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.

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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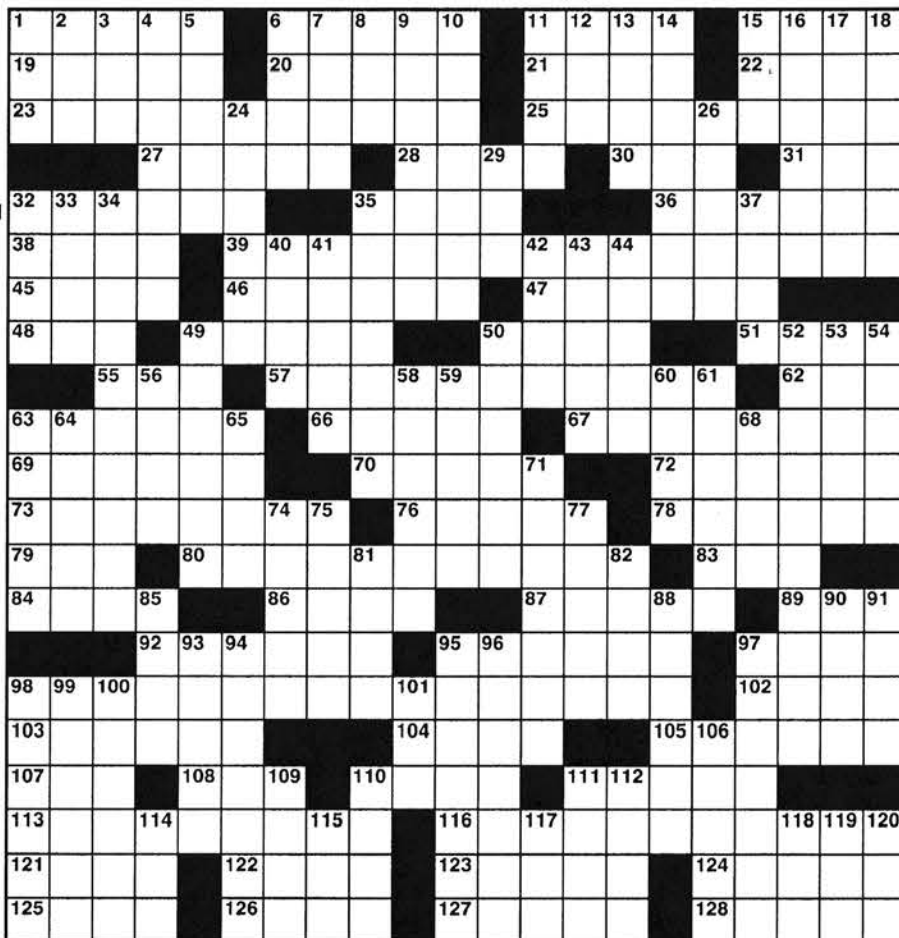
7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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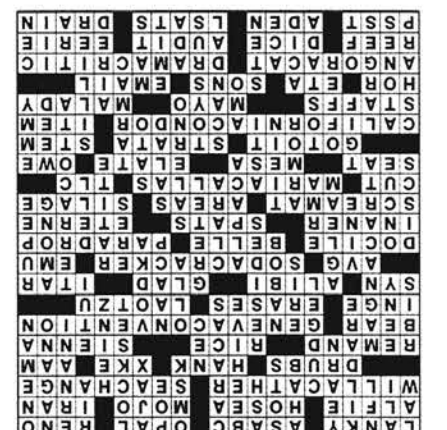
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William INGÉ (45 Across) received a 1953 Pulitzer Prize for his play "Picnic." Former Japanese prime minister Eisaku SATO (82 Down) received the 1974 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts toward nuclear disarmament. TOYS R US (96 Down) named the street of its Wayne, New Jersey headquarters after its giraffe mascot Geoffrey.



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The Wonderelles come to Furman Park concerts

DOWNEY—The Wonderelles, four girls from the 1950s, bring their lively and entertaining show to the Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and is held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue in Downey.

The Wonderelles feature a high-energy 50's and 60's revue recreating the nostalgic era of poodle skirts, rolled-up jeans, silver-sequined debutante style dresses and hot blue-sequined mini dresses.

The group's repertoire features such memorable songs such as "Johnny Angel," "Mustang Sally," "Proud Mary," "Sugartime," "Sh-Boom" and "Teenager In Love" to name just a few. Their performance is a combination of authentic choreography, costuming and famous songs coupled with nostalgic harmonies and solos, plus a big helping of interactive comedy and personalities.

The Wonderelles have been featured across the country in corporate events, private parties, conventions, fairs and concerts.

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

Exhibit traces music's role in film

LOS ANGELES—The Library of Congress/Ira Gershwin Gallery at Walt Disney Concert Hall, in downtown Los Angeles, examines national treasures and rare documents that highlight the role of music throughout the history of film. The installation, on view July 20 through Jan. 15, 2006, showcases manuscripts, handwritten correspondence, photos, and film clips including scores by Aaron Copland, Stephen Sondheim and Victor Herbert, and other items never before exhibited.

The great operetta composer Victor Herbert composed one of the first full scores for a motion picture, *The Fall of a Nation*, in 1916. This silent film is now lost, but Herbert's original score, and some of his correspondence with writer-director Thomas Dixon, who is best known as author of *The Birth of a Nation*, are featured in the exhibition.

The Library of Congress/Ira Gershwin Gallery is open during all performances at Walt Disney Concert Hall. There is no charge for performance ticket holders. For individuals who wish to visit the galleries at times other than during performances, the purchase of the \$15 self-guided audio tour includes the exhibition space. The 45-minute tour, narrated by John Lithgow, takes visitors through an in-depth exploration of Walt Disney Concert Hall, its design, and construction.

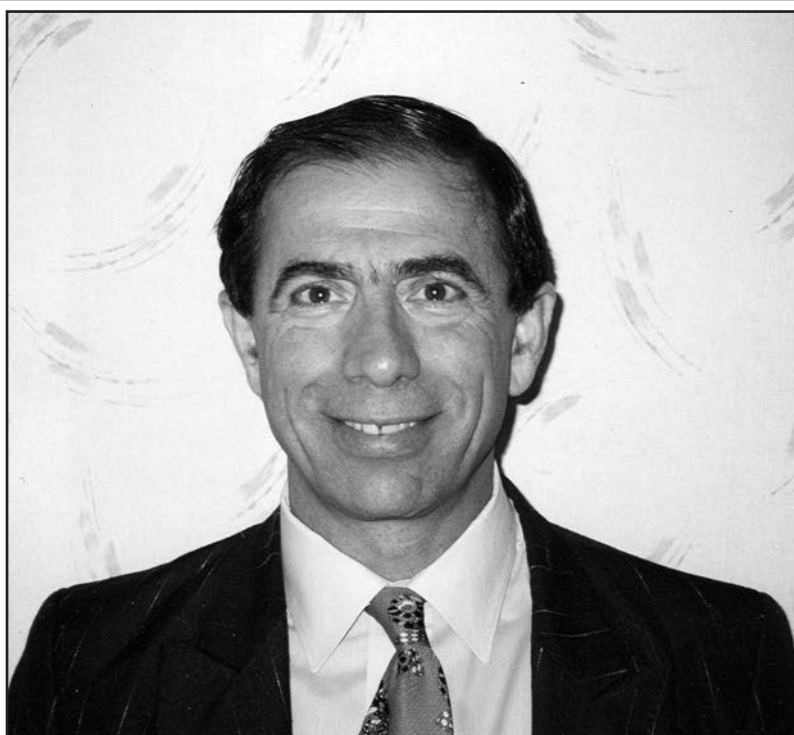
For exhibition/tour information, visit www.musiccenter.org.

'Educating Rita' at Studio Theater

LONG BEACH—"Educating Rita," a comedy by Willy Russell, will be presented by Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, July 29-Sept. 3.

The play is about Frank, a tutor of English in his fifties whose disillusioned outlook on life drives him to drink and bury himself in his books. Enter Rita. She is a forthright 26-year-old hairdresser who is hungry for education. Rita quickly wins over the very reticent teacher by her native shrewdness and her refusal to accept secondhand academic opinions. In the course of the play she gives Frank a new lease on his life by making him believe in himself once again.

Ticket prices are \$20, and \$18 for seniors and students. Box Office: (562) 494-1014.



BUSINESS LUNCH BUFFET—Ebie Ghancian, owner of Cafe N' Stuff, popular Downey restaurant, is now featuring a business lunch buffet, Monday through Friday, for only \$6.95 per person. Cafe N' Stuff is located at 9306 Firestone Blvd. For information, call 803-6766.

Cafe Z, Cinema Z programs continue

LOS ANGELES—The Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles, continues its popular free Saturday afternoon concert series, Café Z, which features outdoor live music on Saturdays from 12 noon-2 p.m. The series, which continues through October, presents outstanding local musical talent, including performances by jazz, Brazilian, flamenco and mariachi ensembles, among others. No reservations are necessary to attend these.

Its companion film series, Cinema Z, which explores the lives of great musicians and follows musical and cultural traditions and influences from around the world, continue throughout the year. Films are also free and will be screened once a month immediately following a live Café Z music performance. No reservations required for these either.

Cafe Z complements the Skirball's popular summer evening concert series, Sunset Concerts, which welcomes acclaimed musicians from around the world. The 2005 season of Sunset Concerts begins on July 21. (Visit www.skirball.org for details).

A sampling of upcoming Café Z performers:

July 30, 12-2 p.m.: Dos Vientos—features guitarist Gabriel Lautaro Osuna, who has performed extensively in Granada, Spain.

Aug. 6, 12-2 p.m.: Angelo Metz's Brazilian Ensemble—The music of this USC Brazilian ensemble, led by Angelo Metz.

Chamber's 2nd annual Oldies Show fundraiser

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual "Oldies, but Goodies" Concert featuring The Drifters, who will perform such hits from their legendary career as "Under The Boardwalk," "On Broadway," and "Save The Last Dance," is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Downey Civic Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Hosting the show is singer/comedian/emcee Mark W. Curran.

Tickets are \$30 and may be ordered from the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191. The Chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

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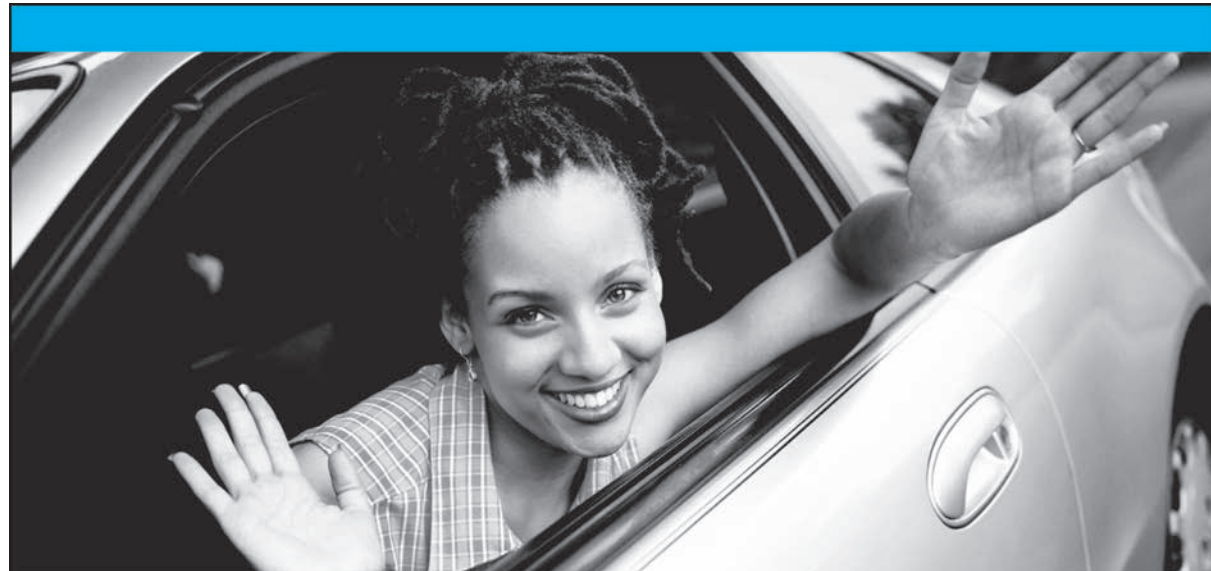
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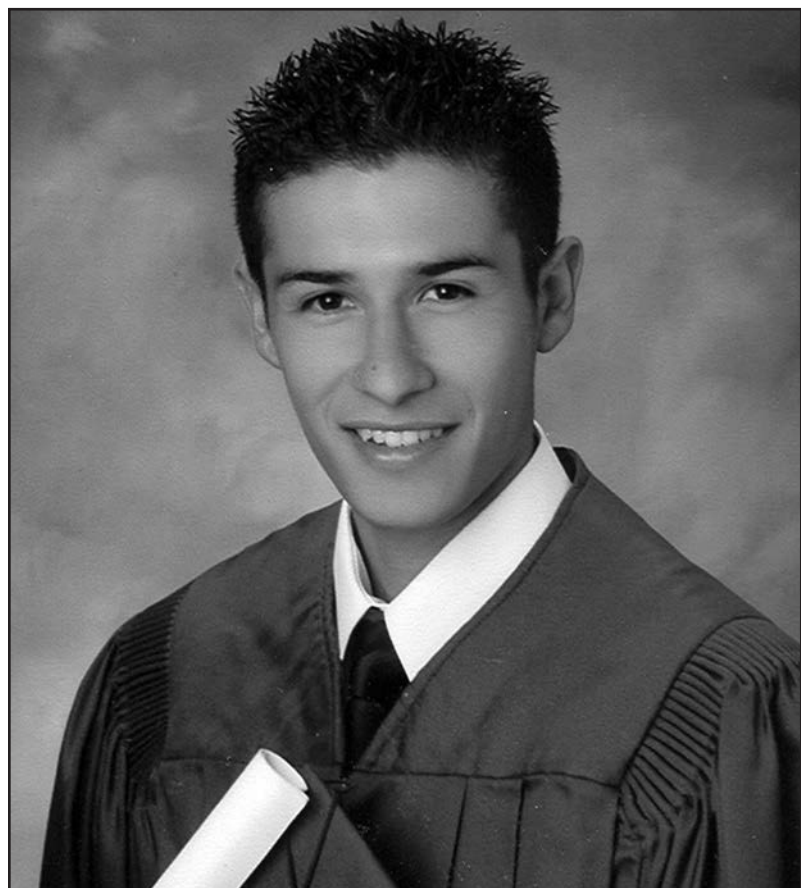
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FUNERAL MASS AT ST. RAYMOND'S - Richard Steven Martinez Jr. service was held last Friday, July 15.

Services held for Richard Martinez Jr.

DOWNEY - Richard Steven Martinez Jr., born to Richard Sr. and Priscilla Martinez on February 19, 1986, passed away July 10. A funeral mass was held July 15 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church. He graduated from Park West High School in Pomona. He is survived by his father, mother, brother (Jacob), sister (Jaclyn), and girlfriend Teri. He also leaves behind his great grandparents, Gilbert and Frances Rizalla of Downey, Rosendo and Cora Martinez of Downey, great-grandmother Esther of Downey, Godparents Mona Patuano and Anthony Martinez Sr., and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.

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Carolyn J. Cox was longtime resident

DOWNEY—Carolyn J. Cox, a longtime Downey resident, passed away on July 14 in a local nursing home due to complications from cancer.

She is survived by her family, also longtime Downey residents, including sister Terri (Ed) D. Talia; nieces and nephews John and Jennifer Maese, Nabil and Catherine Cummings, and Lindsay Perez; and three great nieces.



A MEMORIAL SERVICE—Was held on July 19 at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey for Patti Jane Levar, who passed away on July 15.

Memorial service held for Patti Jane Levar

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service was held on July 19 at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey for Patti Jane Levar, who was born Jan. 16, 1946 in Huntington Park and passed away in Downey on July 15.

She is survived by husband Ronald N. Levar; son William M. Levar; sisters Billie Jo St. Pierre Docken, Jacqueline Mansen, Virginia L. Beccia, and Barbara S. Dunlap; and brother John B. Flinn. Her parents, Orie S. and Signa S. Flinn, preceded her in death.



ALICE CASTRO—Who was retired from the City of Anaheim Housing Authority where she worked for many years, was 51 when she passed away on July 16.

Funeral Mass held for Alice Castro, 51

DOWNEY—A Funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday, July 21, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey for Alice Castro, who was born Feb. 17, 1954 in Camanche, Texas to Jose and Maria Trujillo, and passed away on July 16 at the age of 51.

Services were also held by the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary, which handled arrangements, with viewing on July 20.

She was retired from the City of Anaheim Housing Authority where she worked for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Robert; daughter Teresa; son Richard; parents Jose and Maria Trujillo; brothers and sisters Joe (Rosa), Mary (Jim) Stanley. John (Maria), David (Juanita), Martha (Gilbert) Maesse, Mario (Pat), Carmen (Ron) Conferti, and Rosa; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 3191 Airport Loop Drive, Suite A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, in her honor.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY - Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month.

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TOM PAPOULIAS—Of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate was honored recently with the “Top of the Rock Award,” Prudential Real Estate’s most prestigious recognition.

Cerritos inter-generational art class

NORWALK—Cerritos College’s Older Wiser Learner (OWL) program, part of its Adult Education and Diversity Programs, is offering an inter-generational arts and crafts class for parents or caretakers of special-needs children, 6 years and older, on Saturdays, Aug. 20-Dec. 10 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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Papoulias receives Prudential’s top award

DOWNEY – Tom Papoulias of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate was named winner of the Top of the Rock Award for top commercial GCI for the Western Region.

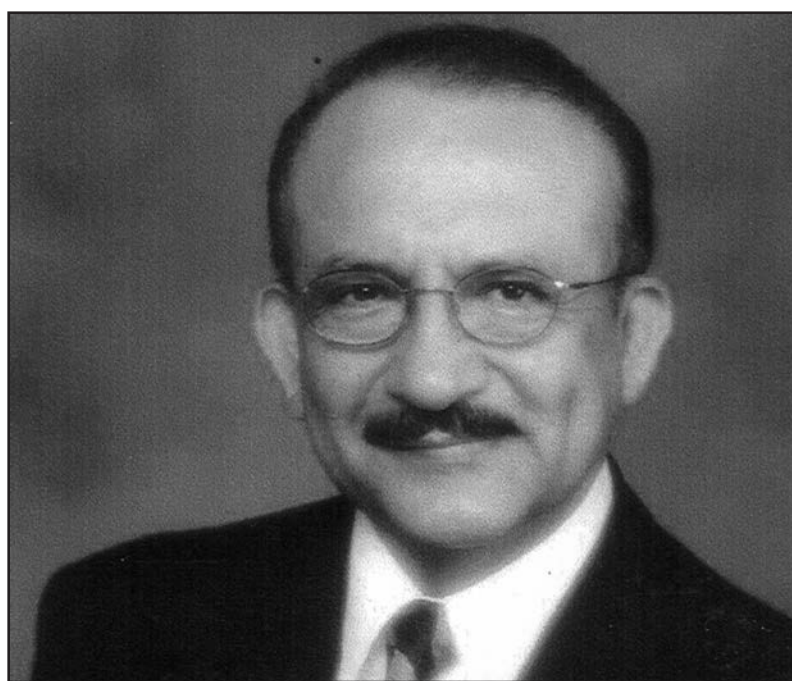
The award honors the top sales professionals in each region who had the top commercial GCI for the year. It was presented at special awards ceremonies at the recent sales convention attended by more than 40,000 real estate professionals from the United States and Canada.

“Tom Papoulias is definitely top performer and an outstanding professional,” said Mel Berdelis, broker and owner of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate. “He provides his clients with high quality professionalism and integrity.”

Papoulias had previously been recognized for other achievements as a sales professional with Prudential. He was winner of the Pinnacle Award for top commercial GCI in the United States for 2004, a recognition only awarded to the top 10 leading sales associates in the U.S. In addition, Papoulias also received the Chairman’s Circle-Diamond for 2004. This award recognizes sales professionals who exceeded \$750,000 or more in closed commercial GCI for the year.

Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, which has been independently owned and operated since 1947, became an affiliate of the Prudential Real Estate Network in 1999. Since that time it has earned a host of honors, including the Cornerstone Award, which recognizes offices in the Prudential Real Estate Network with a gross profit of at least eight percent GCI.

For more information on the awards, visit www.prudential.com or call Papoulias at (562) 382-1204.



ACHIEVES DEGREE – Johnny Carrera, a full-time career real estate agent with Century 21 My Real Estate of Downey, recently obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from CSU-Dominguez Hills. He has also been recognized at the 19th annual Latino Honor Awards for his achievements. To reach Carrera for real estate information, call 927-2626.



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By Colin Clarke
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April 15th has come and gone, and please forgive me, but it's not too early to start considering the tax benefits of home ownership for 2005. Be brilliantly prepared for next April by taking all the right steps now. Your biggest deduction will probably be the interest paid on your mortgage. In addition to building equity, this deduction is a great reason to stop renting and buy a home. Your lender provides a Form 1098 at the end of the year stating how much interest you paid, but look for another important item. The 1098 also shows the property tax paid (this comes out of the escrow funds). Whether you or your lender pays the property tax, you can deduct that too. Did you, or do you plan to, purchase or refinance this year? Hurry before interest rates continue rising, and be sure to deduct the "points." A point is a fee equal to one percent of the loan, often paid up front when you buy or amortized when you refinance. Deduct the full value for your purchase, or deduct a fraction if you've refinanced. When you sell or pay off the home, the remainder is also deductible. Talk to a tax advisor and realty professional today to make sure you get all of the homeowners' deductions and benefits that you deserve for 2005!

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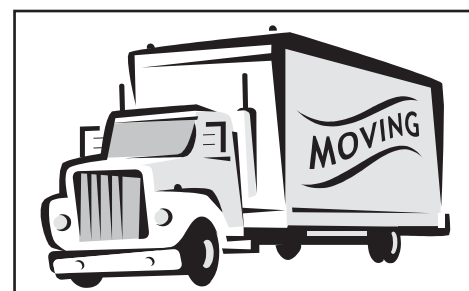
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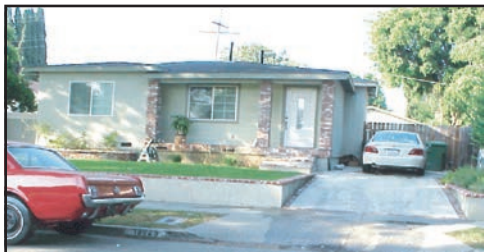
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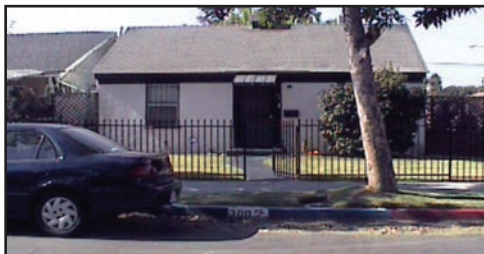
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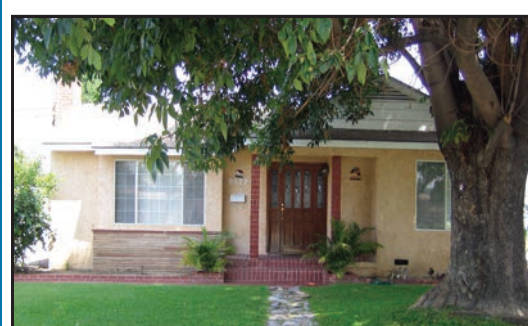
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