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Age limits for classifieds lifted

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has waived a regulation that required classified personnel to submit a written request if they wished to continue employment with the School District beyond the age of 67.

The State Education Code was changed several years ago, and now states that no minimum or maximum age limits shall be established for employment or continued employment of persons as part of the classified service.

The action was part of the consent agenda at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

In other action, the School Board:

- * Approved an addendum to the contracts of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services to extend contracts to June 30, 2008.

Bus Stop Schedule

- * Approved the schedule for elementary school bus stops for 2004-05.
- * Reviewed Proposed revisions on expulsions.
- * Approved revisions to the 2004-05 Adult School Course of Study.
- * Adopted a resolution approving the assignment of delinquent tax receivables to the California Statewide Delinquent Tax Finance Authority for fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, 2006, and 2007, and authorizing

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Board pleased by teacher 'qualities'

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Members of the Board of the Downey Unified School District were pleased by the group of new teachers who they welcomed at an earlier luncheon at Old River School, and said so at the School Board meeting Tuesday.

Tod Corrin, Cheryl Andresen and Barbara Samperi all commented on the quality and dedication the new teachers bring to their classrooms.

Board members including Mark Morris also said they enjoyed attending a recent administrative conference at which the superintendent, Wendy Doty, delivered her mission statement.

The Board's William Gutierrez wished the athletic teams of the District good luck on the eve of competition.

State flayed

Donald La Plante noted that the state finally produced a budget more than a month late, and he deplored the continued demands of state mandates. He pointed out that with school districts which vary in size from a dozen students to the huge Los Angeles Unified which has nearly 70,000 pupils, the State's legislators insist on enacting education bills with a "One size fits all" philosophy that simply do not work.

Ferraro on uniforms

The Board's Betty Ferraro told the panel she would introduce a new voluntary plan for school uniforms later in the school year for next year. Ferraro is a tireless advocate of uniforms, which she said were never given a proper chance to succeed here.

The Board unanimously voted to drop the existing uniform program later in the meeting.



XAVIER REYES—A challenger to incumbent Mayor Kirk Cartozian for the District 5 City Council seat this November, pledges to 1) champion student hands-on learning to motivate students to stay in school and away from gangs and crime, 2) have a strategic approach to fix community 'broken windows', and 3) bring city services to residents' doors, by creating a mobile office that will work in the different neighborhoods to eliminate the distance between government and its duties. The other District 5 challenger vying for Cartozian's seat is businessman/community leader Gary DeRemer.



ROBERT EPPL—Chosen by the Board of Trustees to fill the Board vacancy at Cerritos College.

College Board names Epple to fill vacancy

NORWALK—The Cerritos Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously at a special meeting Wednesday, Aug. 18 to appoint Robert Epple to complete the term of his late wife Cheryl Epple on the Cerritos Community College Board.

Epple will be sworn in at the board meeting Sept. 1, and the term will run until November 2005.

Epple is an attorney with a practice in Bellflower. A 1973 graduate of Cerritos College, he later attended CSU-Dominguez Hills and received his juris doctorate degree from the American College of Law.

Epple was first elected to the Cerritos College Board in 1981 and served until 1988 when he won election to the California State Assembly, where he served until December 1994. He has remained in touch with the college through his work since on the Cerritos College Foundation Board, a post he has held since 1995.

The College Board announced July 20 it would appoint a board member to fill the seat left open by the sudden passing of Cheryl A. Epple on July 5, 2004. A total of 15 letters were received and considered by the Board.

City opts to lease ladder truck for Fire Department

DOWNEY—The City Council has opted to acquire a new \$831,258 fire ladder truck for the Downey Fire Department, voting 4-1 (with Councilman Meredith Perkins dissenting) for lease purchase terms to pay for it, rather than make a demand on the City General Fund.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

The item was continued from the Aug. 10 agenda after Councilman Perkins questioned the use of lease purchase, saying the city might save money by outright purchase.

City staff came back and recommended lease purchase, saying that the amount was substantial enough to cover, in the words of Asst. City Manager Lee Powell, the "cost of paperwork" involved and meritorious enough for a lender to profit from such a deal.

A staff report earlier noted that the acquisition of a new fire ladder truck was already approved as part of the 2004-05 budget. Staff had already studied the acquisition and recommended a ladder truck from Pierce fire Apparatus. Advantages cited include: 1) fleet continuity; 2) quality of assembly; 3) driver/operator familiarization; 4) similar parts inventory; 5) similar maintenance procedures; and 6) convenience of a local service center.

An independent testing firm, Failsafe Testing, has found Pierce to be the highest quality. The truck has a full 20-year warranty.

Lease-purchase versus 100-percent cash purchase involves obtaining a loan versus the use of city capital. In the case of the clubhouse, the city obtained a loan for 4.75 percent over 25 years. In the case of the ladder truck, the preliminary interest rate appears to be 3.95 percent over 10 years. Based on this the staff recommended lease-purchase, to preserve the city's capital.

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Hospital's Fuller denies DRMC to close Emergency Says hospital studying options

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Dispelling fears that Downey Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room facility was among 3 Los Angeles County hospitals at risk of closing due to heavy financial burdens, as was reported recently in big, bold headlines in the dailies and on TV, DRMC executive vice-president Rob Fuller issued a statement Tuesday that said, "We are not closing our Emergency Room...We are committed to keeping this vital service open to our community."

It's true, DRMC is losing \$2 million a year, Fuller was quoted as saying earlier, but he stated, "We are studying our options to ease the issues we are facing in the ER, such as instituting a private ambulance service." He said that with 199 beds, DRMC accommodates over 50,000 ER patients annually, which is more than the number handled by Long Beach Memorial (with 600 beds) and almost as much as St. Francis (with 300 beds and a trauma center).

The ER crisis, he said, results from state and county policy choices over access and money: "The County has cut off access to medical care for many uninsured residents by closing its clinics (including five in towns surrounding Downey in October 2002), reducing its own hospital services, and eliminating the ability of private hospitals to transfer County patients to County facilities. These former County facility patients have migrated to private hospitals like Downey Regional, but there are no provisions for reimbursing private hospitals for their care."

He said that the current laws that give St. Francis Hospital over \$30 million a year in so-called 'disproportionate share' funds give Downey Regional nothing for providing care to the same segment of the population. The County has in essence transferred its responsibilities to private hospitals without any financial offset, he said.

Fuller's statements are contained in a letter he sent to Downey Councilmember Meredith Perkins, referring to the morning's newspaper reports about a possible domino effect affecting the county's entire emergency medicine system. The other hospitals mentioned as "at risk" were Good Samaritan and California Hospital, both located near downtown Los Angeles.

"We hope that County, State, and Federal officials will change the funding for emergency medicine to allow private hospitals to be reimbursed for services provided to uninsured patients who would otherwise be the County's responsibility," Fuller said.

Three main reasons were given in Tuesday's *Los Angeles Times* article for the ER crisis: one, the huge number of people in Southern California without health insurance; two, the costly earthquake retrofit requirements imposed on county hospitals after the 1994 Northridge earthquake; and, three, the mandated nurse-to-patient ratio that has seen hospital costs escalate, exacerbated by the acute nursing shortage in the state.

"Let me repeat that closure of our ER is not an option," Fuller concluded. "We are not shrinking from the issue; we are trying to innovate, trying to muster political leadership on the issue, and trying to effectuate changes that will allow all patients [regardless of ability to pay] to receive the care they need."



'THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES'—Danny Michaels stars in the title role in the rollicking DCLO Production of the Broadway musical coming to the Downey Theater Oct. 7-24. The show is based on the life of the Oklahoma humorist who became the voice of the American Common Man during the Great Depression. For tickets and information call (562) 923-1714.

Friends of Library needs volunteers

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LIVE PERFORMANCE — Alicia Machado, a Latin recording artist and former Miss Universe, will be performing songs from her debut album and signing autographs in the Clinique Department at Robinsons-May in the Stonewood Center today, Aug. 27, at 2 p.m. Radio station KLVE will also be broadcasting live from the store and will give away a pair of tickets to the Latin Grammy's to a lucky fan.

Emblem 'Pechanga Bus Trip' Oct. 13

DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is sponsoring a Pechanga Bus Trip Wed., Oct. 13. Cost for Emblem members is \$6, for non-members \$11.

The bus will leave the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30-5 p.m. Bingo will be played on the way up and back. The Casino will be giving a \$5 voucher to use as you please. Over half of the bus is already sold out.

For reservations/information, call Mary Guzman, (562) 622-1003.

Back-to-School drive at Stonewood Center

DOWNEY – Southern California Macerich malls, including Stonewood Center in Downey, will host a "Back-to-School" shoe drive Sept. 10-Oct. 3, part of an effort to support the Assistant League's Operation School Bell. The annual program provides aid to childcare institutions and orphanages in 28 countries, though 80 percent of shoes donated will remain locally.

"Childcare institutions around the world do not receive enough money or resources to support the millions of children currently in their care," said Joman Wong, marketing manager for Stonewood. "One of the greatest and most immediate needs of these children is a pair of shoes. Many children are unable to participate in everyday activities such as attending school or playing outside because of the lack of something otherwise trivial to others like a pair of shoes."

Shoppers can donate new athletic shoes, shoelaces or socks (or a combination of the three) for children ages 8 to 18 years. Due to customs regulations, Stonewood says, donations should be new.

Athletic shoe sizes youth 3 to adult 9 are the most urgent needed.

Operation School Bell provides clothing and personal grooming products free of charge to underprivileged children referred for service by counselors, teachers, nurses and principals of their local school districts.

While the majority of donations are distributed locally, 20 percent will go to Buckner International, an orphan care group that collects resources for worldwide distribution.

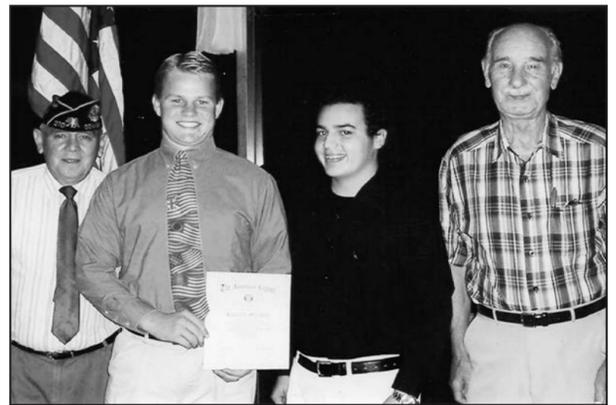
Free skin cancer screening today

DOWNEY—The City of Downey, in conjunction with AppleCare Medical Management and Secure Horizons, holds free skin cancer screenings for individuals ages 50 years and older today, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

Screenings will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 904-7223.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

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



RUSSELL MICHAEL AND JONATHAN SANCHEZ – Delegates of 2004 California Golden Boys State and upcoming seniors at Downey High School, were honored by the American Legion Downey Post 270 at Los Amigos Country Club on Aug. 16. Both reported to the post during a special dinner about their experiences in the 67th annual Boys State program held in Sacramento from June 19-26. At left, Charles Eldridge (Post Commander), Michael, Sanchez and Laurence Batulies (Advocate General).

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KENNETH AND NORMA DRAKE—Downey residents for 50 years, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Drakes celebrate 65th wedding milestone

DOWNEY—Kenneth and Norma Drake recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends. They were married in Los Angeles Aug. 16, 1939 and have resided in Downey for 50 years.

Kenneth retired from the U.S. Navy after 32 years as a chief aviation electrician's mate. Norma was the editor for 20 years of "Liberty Call," a newsletter for the retired military community.

They have two children: Larry Drake is a retired electrical engineer from ARCO; Nancy Bailey is a secretary to a Chaffy College vice-president. They have 4 grandchildren and 3-1/2 great grandchildren.

Kenneth has been a member of the Downey Masonic Lodge #220 for 50 years.

Casino Night on the Queen Mary

LONG BEACH—Easter Seals and Century 21 present "Ocean's 21...the 5th annual Casino Night," promoted as a glamorous evening of fun and games aboard the Queen Mary Saturday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m., to benefit local people with disabilities. The Queen Mary is located at 1126 Queens Highway in Long Beach.

Attendees get a \$100 Scrip to play casino games, including Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, and more. They'll also enjoy "cruise-an-hour" giveaways, a delicious buffet dinner, live music, a silent auction, opportunity drawings for prizes and a high-stakes poker game.

Advance tickets for the event cost \$35 per person and \$60 per couple. Sponsorship opportunities are also available beginning at \$250. Product donations for the silent auction are welcome. Proceeds from the event enable Easter Seals to continue creating solutions for local children and adults with disabilities.

For more information/reservations, call Laurie Mac Isaac-Frederick at Century 21 My Real Estate Co., 1-800-641-2111, or Ko Ohka at Easter Seals, (818) 654-0900.

Easter Seals Southern California is a nonprofit organization that provides creative solutions to promote equality, dignity and independence for people with disabilities everyday.

Cancer support group at DRMC

DOWNEY - Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The hospital is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. For more information call 806-2790.

Number for shopping cart retrieval

DOWNEY - Abandoned shopping carts may be reported for pickup by calling (800) 252-4613. When calling, have the street name and cross streets available.

'Transformation' walk readied for Sept. 25

DOWNEY—The Transformation Values Movement will hold a walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 starting at the Downey Civic Center Flag Pole.

The walk will be followed by a picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Cornerstone Christian Worship Center, 9001 Paramount Blvd. (at Gallatin) in Downey.

Student winners of the first TVM Essay Contest will be announced.

The events are part of Values Week Sept. 20-26.

DJAA football registration tomorrow

DOWNEY - Children may register for the 2004 Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA) football season tomorrow, Aug. 28, at Apollo Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After that, signups will be taken Sept. 11 and 18.

There are no tryouts but children should be currently enrolled in the 2-8 grades in a Downey school (verification is required) or be a Downey resident.

Registration fee is \$56 per child. \$20 goes towards raffle tickets, which may be sold and kept for profit or entered into a drawing for cash prizes. The remaining \$36 helps pay for trophies, pictures and game officials. Fees do not include uniforms.

A birth certificate and a current report card or school ID, along with the registration fee, is needed when signing up.

All players should be registered by Sept. 22. The football season begins Oct. 9. Practice times and locations will be determined by team manager.

Rose Float's 'Hawaiian Sunset Cruise'

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association is hosting a Hawaiian Sunset Cruise Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Long Beach Harbor. The association urges the community to "get out your hula skirts, practice your limbo and come cruising with us."

Cost per person is \$35, which will cover dinner, a DJ, dancing and raffle baskets to be won. Organizers say there will be fun for all. Proceeds will benefit this year's entry, "Together with Nature," in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Downey's float was designed by Jared Sweeney.

Tickets are available now from any Rose Float board member, at Concerts in the Park on Wednesdays, or by calling Rose Float president, Gary DeRemer, at 260-8503.

Temple 'Havdalah' service Aug. 28

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will hold a Havdalah Service, followed by the showing of the movie, "Fiddler on the Roof," Saturday, Aug. 28. The community is welcome.

The family-oriented event, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., is meant to be a "friendly get-together," and is free, with popcorn, snacks, soda and coffee served.

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



PRO NETWORKERS OF DOWNEY—Meet every Friday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and networking at Mimi's Café in Downey. Pictured are three of the more than 40 members: (from left) Soraya Badianat, Bank of America; Julie Smith, Magnetic Attractions; and Pat Schilling, representing Watkins Products. For information on the group, call Joe Keays, president, at 861-1234.

Downey AYSO sign-ups continue

DOWNEY - Sign-ups for the fall 2004 Downey AYSO season continue. Applications are available at E & E Orthocraft Shoe Store, 11104 Downey Ave. Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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Troubled Golden

By John Adams

More shooting occurred in the troubled neighborhood near Golden Park Friday, Aug. 20.

Once more police are left with few clues other than used shell casings and interviews with witnesses, many of whom may be loath to give details due to fear of retribution.

A previous shooting involved the exchange of gunshots in front of Golden three weeks ago when the occupants of a white van fired at individuals in front of the park and the latter produced guns and fired back as the van drove off. It was about 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

By the time police arrived all the suspects were gone.

These incidents of gang violence are particularly troublesome because of the danger to innocent children in the area.

The Downey Patriot has been in contact with residents who link the two shootings to one of the oldest gangs in the area, whose roots go back three generations. If this is true, it is a disgusting tradition of violence that cannot be tolerated any longer. We trust neighbors will come forward and tell what they know.

Only through vigilance and the cooperation of us all with police and such groups as Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD) will we prevail against this resurgent gang threat.

Downey Cemetery niche wall nears completion

DOWNEY—A dedication ceremony is planned for Veteran's Day in November for a new Memorial Garden and Veterans' Wall at the historic Downey Cemetery.

The \$450,000 project includes landscaping and benches at the old cemetery located at Lakewood Boulevard and Gardendale which is overseen by a county-appointed Cemetery Board. Members of the Board are Diane Boggs, Gary McCaughan and Ken Beckler.

The Cemetery District includes most of Downey and parts of South Gate, Lakewood, and Bellflower.

Downey Community Services Director Bonnie Kehoe, who also serves as administrative director of the cemetery, said the new niche wall with some 487 niches for cremated remains, as well as a Veterans' Wall, have recently been completed.

Workers are currently awaiting a polished granite cover for the Veterans' wall, as well as travertine, polished brown stone which will be included in the niche wall.

Following the dedication ceremony, the niches will be sold, with cost varying depending on location in the wall.

Officials hope the income from the niches will provide operating revenue for the cemetery, which has run out of available space for grave sites underground.

Board Vice Chairman Ken Beckler said he has obtained a \$5,000 donation from area Disabled American Veterans to pay for engraving on the veterans wall including the names of more than 400 veterans buried at the cemetery.

The district has no employees, but contracts with the City for needed services.

The cost of \$450,000 is funded through several grants, some \$7,000 in private donations, and a loan of \$7,500 from the City (to be repaid by sale of the niches).

Board members recently approved a balanced spending plan for the coming year.

Kehoe estimated revenues of \$45,650, including \$36,000 in county taxes, \$5,000 in investment earnings and the balance from burials and monument settings.

Chamber Business Expo set for Sept. 23

DOWNEY—The Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will once again be hosted by the Bank of the West, 10230 Paramount Blvd., on Sept. 23. Businesses are invited to sponsor a booth at this business mixer. Cost is \$60 for members and \$100 for non-members.

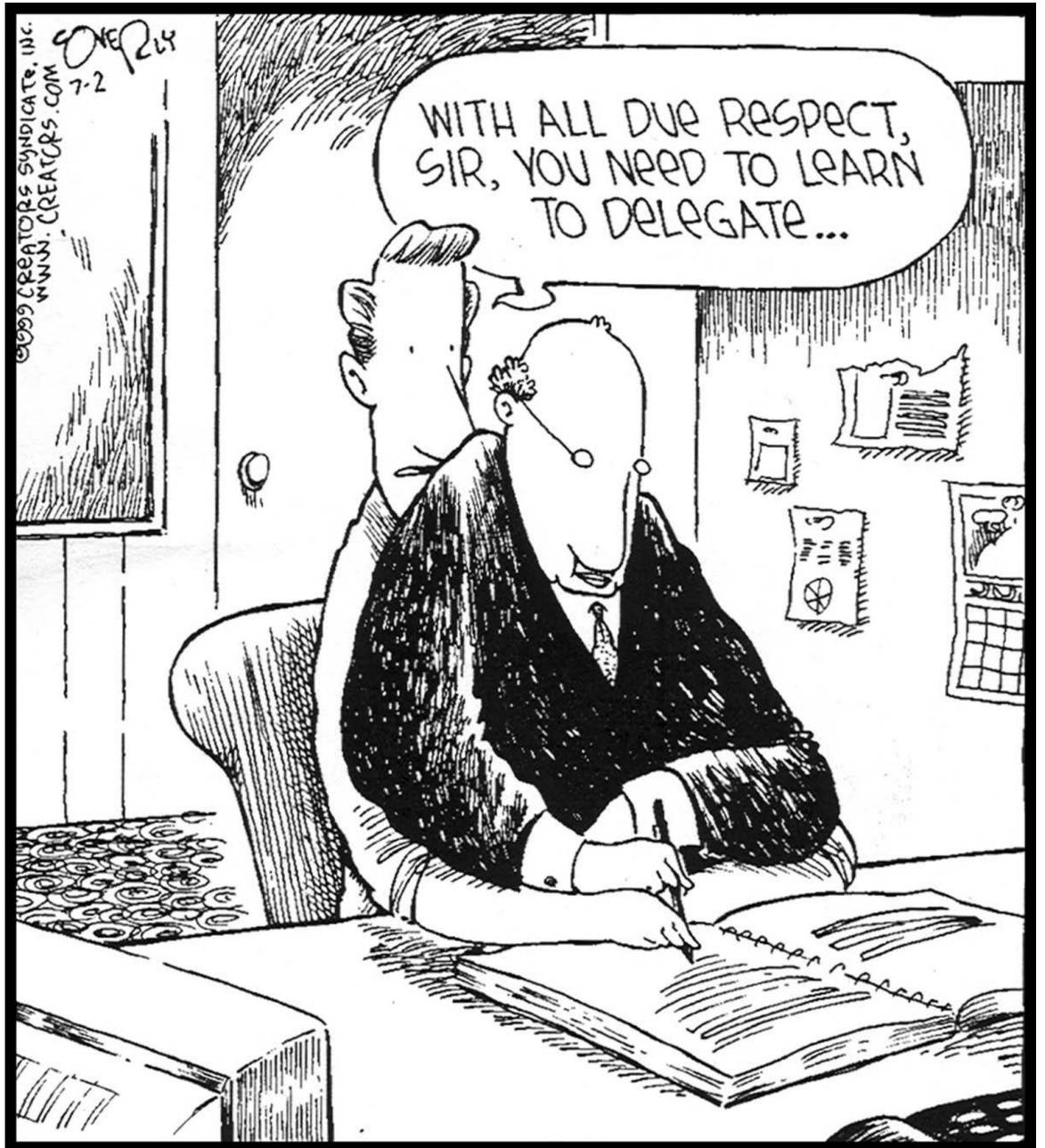
The theme will again be Western, with dress and booths decorated accordingly.

Admission is \$3 general and includes dinner.

The number of exhibitors is limited to 50. For information, call the Chamber at 923-2191.

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Letters to the Editor: Smooth Sailing

Dear Editor:

I want to thank Hugh T. Hoskins for recommending a website. My husband and I have recently questioned several areas in planning future cruise trips beyond our U.S. boundaries. Travel columns in other newspapers suggest you be cautious when traveling abroad, [because] there's always a risk no matter where you go.

We decided to check the *Dawn Princess* on the recommend website, us.cdc.cruisehealth.org. We learned that the *Dawn Princess* was inspected on June 24 this year and that points are deducted from a score of 100 for health violations. It was somewhat reassuring to read that this ship scored "95." A score of "95" didn't seem bad. Of course, "100" would have been better!

In reading the actual detailed report of 2 violations that dealt with the buffet area, it gave us food for thought. One violation stated that the food trays or platters were too close to the sneeze guard. The recommendation was to move the trays or platters back further. The second violation noted that the serving spoons weren't long enough to stay upright against the serving dish. (Good point! If the short serving spoon is handled, then falls back into the food, there's a possible problem). We don't know the time frame that the CDC (Controlled Disease Center) gives the cruise lines to remedy their problems.

But think about it. If you're on U.S. soil and you go to a buffet type restaurant, they encounter the same type of problem. So will we book a cruise? You bet!

We're placing our trust in God and in *Princess Cruises*! We're carrying a positive attitude, loading up with bottles of hand sanitizer lotion, wearing gloves to handle the spoons or avoiding the buffet area. The buffet area is not the only eating area aboard ship. Happy cruising!

—Marie Sferrazza,
Downey

New DUSD teachers given warm welcome

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY — At the traditional New Teachers' Luncheon held at Old River School last Friday, Downey Unified School District Superintendent Wendy L. Doty Friday welcomed more than 100 new DUSD K-12 teachers, saying, "You are the cream of the crop. The District will try to provide what's best for you as teachers to succeed."

The buffet luncheon was sponsored by DUSD and the Downey Education Association. DEA president Robert J. Becker gave initial words of welcome to the large gathering that included members of the DUSD board of education, DUSD school administrators, DEA board members, and a few credit union/insurance representatives.

Given special recognition was Rio San Gabriel Elementary's Diana Ono as DUSD Teacher of the Year.

New DUSD 4th grade teacher Karen Kiess, whose husband already works for DUSD, worked for the much larger Long Beach Unified School District before her appointment here.

Another new 4th grade teacher but hardly a stranger to Downey is Diana Bartels, who attended Alameda Elementary, South Middle and is a 1999 graduate of Downey High. She said: "I love Downey. I'm excited to be teaching here. I was never interested in working anywhere else."

Saturday parking at library

Dear Editor:

I just came home from *trying* to go to the library. Unfortunately, the parking lot, including the church lot, is full of swap meet attendees. I know that lot is classified 'public parking', but this is ridiculous. Why doesn't the swap meet furnish sufficient parking? There is talk of closing the Sunday hours at the library. Well, Sunday afternoon is one of the few times I can get to the library *and* find a parking space.

You have the library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Downey Theater, Mimi's Restaurant and the Embassy Suites Hotel all using this one small lot. Then every Saturday you throw in swap meets. Don't you think you are asking a lot? I sure do. How about some parking restrictions and *enforcing* them? How about requiring the swap meet to furnish parking? How about handing out jaywalker tickets to all those who cross by the Chamber of Commerce office where there is no crosswalk?

Something should really be done about this problem.

— Doris Hannon,
Downey

Saying thanks

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to express gratitude once again for the great job you did on my photo and article recently in *The Downey Patriot*, regarding my being featured in Marquis' "Who's Who of America in 2005." I spoke to Henry Veneracion, who has always been exceptional in his dealings with myself, regarding my debut book, *The Rise and Fall of the Witch on the Bayou*.

Once again, I want to say that I'm grateful for your newspaper's coverage of myself, regarding my debut book, and will always remember *The Downey Patriot* for helping me in getting my "start" as a polished, professional author and composer. Thank you and God bless you and all of your staff.

—Laraine Elizabeth Turner,
Author-composer-teacher,
Downey

Rose Float seeks next Mr. Downey

DOWNEY – Calling all young men between the ages of 16-23 and 5-8: applications for the 2005 Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey Competition are now being accepted.

Applications are available at Johnny & Co., Downey City Library, Gold N' Baked Hams, Downey Rent-A-Tux, Downey Chamber of Commerce and on the Web at www.downeyrose.org. Applications will be available at the high schools after the first week of school.

Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 23 for Mr. Downey and 5 and 8 for Little Mr. Downey. They may have never been married or fathered a child, never been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony and must either live, work or attend school in Downey.

An orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Embassy Suites. Application deadline is Sept. 20 and may be mailed to DRFA, Mr. Downey & Little Mr. Downey Competition, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241. A \$15 application fee must be turned in with the application. Checks should be made out to DRFA.

Any persons wishing to sponsor a contestant or scholarship should contact the Competition Director at 824-7172 or Downey Rose Float President Gary DeRemer at 260-5803.

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execution and delivery of documents.
 *Reviewed proposed deletion of AR 5219, Separation From Service.
 *Reviewed proposed revision to AR 2541, Food Sales Regulations. It was noted the revisions are to bring the District wording in line with State regulations.

Gifts

*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector, including a cash donation of \$5,000 to be used as ten \$500 scholarships for adult school students, in memory of Marcy Robles, from Louise Granger; plus many less expensive but no less appreciated gifts.
 *Authorized payment of fees and expenses for Convention and Conference Attendance.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Ghallagher Pediatric Therapy addendum 2 for the 2003-04 fiscal year retroactive to April 30, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Barbara Dawson Educational Center retroactive to July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Mid Valley Learning Center effective retroactive to June 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Reossier Park retroactive to July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Villa Esperanza Services retroactive to July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Vista Behavior Consulting retroactive to July 1, 2004 and ending June 10, 2005.
 *Ratified payments for several special education placements.
 *Approved revisions to AR 2220.2, Reporting Pupil Progress in Middle School.

Uniforms

*Approved abolishment of BP and AR 2413.1, Uniforms. Boardmember Betty Ferraro said she will ask that a voluntary uniform program be introduced next year.
 *Approved revisions to BP and AR 3136.2, Student use of Technology.
 *Approved revision to BP 3170, Basis for Establishing Special Education.
 *Approved revision to AR 3170.1, Definition of Individuals Served.
 *Approved proposed changes to AR 5260, Senior Management Positions.
 *Authorized signatories, as presented, to become effective Sept. 1, 2004.
 *Ratified the issuance of Payroll Orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the month of June, 2004.

Agreements

*Ratified a software licensing agreement with Paradigm Services for software training and use in determining Medical eligibility, effective June 18, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified a student teaching agreement with the University of La Verne starting July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified an agreement with CRS, Inc. (SubFinder), starting July 15, 2004.
 *Approved data process service/support agreements for the 2004-05 fiscal year.
 *Approved an agreement with California Statewide Delinquent Tax Finance Authority for the purchase of the District's Tax Receivables for fiscal years ending June 30, 2005 through 2007.
 *Ratified teacher education fieldwork and student teacher agreements with Chapman University starting Jan. 1, 2004 through Dec. 31, 2007.
 *Ratified the Gang Alternative and Prevention (GAPP) Service Agreement with the L.A. County Probation Department from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified the Vocational Education Agreement with Marinello School of Beauty from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified Central Netservice Agreement with Verizon from Aug. 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005.
 *Ratified Amendment 1 to contract for Regional School Transportation Services for individuals with exceptional needs southwest service area, from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
 *Ratified Amendment 1 to the LACOE contract for CalWorks support services to participants enrolled in vocational and adult basic education programs, from Jan. 1, 2004 through Sept. 30, 2004.
 *Ratified a contract with LACOE for Peoplesoft Financial Systems, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
 *Ratified LCOE contract for consulting services Instructional Tech Outreach, effective Aug. 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006.
 *Approved renewal of refuse/recycling contract with CALMET in the amount of \$103,321 to be charged to the General Fund.

Adult School tours

*Approved tour contracts with Great Western Tours for the Downey Adult School Educational Tour Program. Student enrollment fees cover all costs.
 *Accepted as complete trade electrical work bid by Spike Electric of Whittier, in the sum of \$47,135 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
 *Accepted as complete fencing work on a bid by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$9,135 to be charged to the bond and/or General Funds.
 *Accepted as complete backhoe services related to a bid by Terra

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NEW SCIENCE LAB—Italian Catholic Federation president Charlene Drobeck (right) presents a \$1,000 check to Sister Meg, St. Raymond School principal, to help purchase tables for the school's "beautiful" new Science Lab which was completed this month with the help of parents and parishioners. Formal dedication ceremonies will be held sometime in October. At left is contractor Tony Ragusa.

CERT registration deadline Sept. 3

DOWNEY—The Downey Fire Department says those interested in joining the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class that's held on three consecutive Saturdays starting Sept. 11 should register by Sept. 3.

The department meanwhile wants to share these pointers/concerns with the community:

Being prepared for an emergency takes a little time and effort, but the payoff will be big.

Disasters come in all varieties from the natural (earthquake) to the man-made (hazardous materials spill). Supplies on hand, like water, canned food, medications, clothing, tools cash, etc., will add to your ability to cope and survive any kind of disaster.

Resource information on emergency preparedness is available from the American Red Cross or your local fire department.

What else can you do? Join the CERT Program, which is designed for the citizen responder. Members gain skills in emergency preparedness and mitigation techniques. fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search & rescue and team organization.

CERT members may assist the city in the event of a major disaster and may be assigned to assist with first aid, search & rescue efforts or shelter operation.

Participants at the next CERT class (Sept. 11, 18, and 25) must be at least 18 years old. There is no cost to the participants for this training, but there are requirements for certification.

Contact the Community Education office of the Downey Fire Department at 904-7349 for more information.

'Wonder of Elvis Show' tickets on sale

DOWNEY—Promotion for the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 1st annual Oldies Concert Fundraiser, the "Wonder of Elvis Show," subtitled "A Tribute to the King of Rock and Roll," Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Downey Civic Theater, 8345 Firestone Blvd. (Tel. 562-861-8211) in Downey, is intensifying as the date draws ever nearer.

"A Tribute to the Everly Brothers," is also part of the program, which is being co-sponsored by Century 21 My Real Estate Co. and Fidelity National Title. For information/tickets (\$30), call (562) 861-8211.

The poets' corner

Five Fingers

How nice to feel the ocean's spray
 As we take a stroll on this hot summer day
 To the end of the pier
 And enjoy lunch in a restaurant there.

We watch the boats sail peacefully
 As they grace the waters of the sea,
 Listen to the waves crash onto shore,
 Observe the seagulls swoop and soar.

We delight in seeing the children run,
 frolic in the summer sun,
 And build their castles big and grand
 by piling up the soft wet sand.

—Martha J. Morrissy,
 Downey

A Thing at Night

A blotch of white is barely seen
 Stretched out among the grasses green,
 Reflected in the glow of night
 When the moon is not so very bright.

What is this thing that's lurking there?
 Is it an opossum lingering here?
 And then the thing springs forth at me
 It's only Boots, my cat, I see!

—Martha J. Morrissy,
 Downey

SEACCA accepting toy donations

DOWNEY — The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), 9777 Seaca St., is accepting donations of toys for their animal population, part of a new program called Environmental Enrichment.

The program's plan is to reduce the stress of newly arriving pets. Call 803-3301, ext. 223 or 221, for more information.

Western style mixer and business expo

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's western style Mixer & Business Expo Thursday, Sept. 23 hosted by Bank of the West, 10230 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, will feature a prize for "Best Decorated Booth" in addition to a light supper catered by Gold 'n Baked Hams and a no host bar. The expo is limited to 50 tables. Information: 923-2191.

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- supporting the Miss Downey and Miss Teen Downey pageants
- supporting the Rose Float Association

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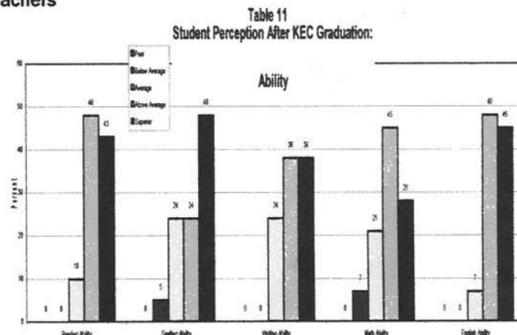
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

Sun. Aug. 29, 2:00 p.m.: "A Day in the Life of a Bug" a silent auction and hors d'oeuvres benefit for the Rose Float Association at the Women's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd. Tickets are \$15. For information call 927-9773.
Sun. Aug. 29, 6:30 p.m.: **Rob Syphax** entertains with classic acoustical hits at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. No cover or admission. For information call 923-1714.

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 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 Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Emergency Preparedness Committee, Barbara Riley Senior Center.
3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: Parking Place Commission, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6 p.m.: Downey Elk's bingo games, at the Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Ave., for information call 803-3636.
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 and 3rd Mons., 7 p.m.: Downey Post 270, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.
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.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.
9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
12 p.m.: Downey Exchange Club, for information call Don at 927-5871.
12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Embassy Suites, for information call Dan Fox at 862-0744.
6 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: Quota International Southeast Cities, for information call (323) 569-2854.
2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: Women's Agape, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (562) 622-3785.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at the Nordic Fox. for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 1:30 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

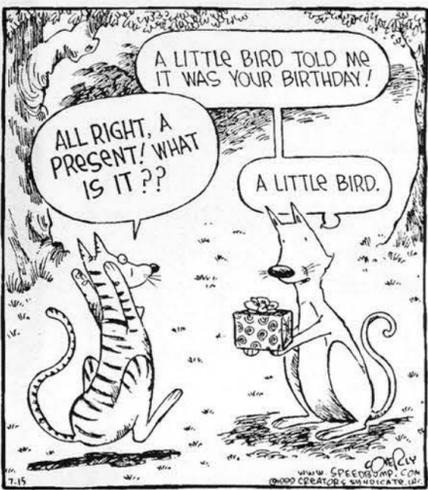
12:10 p.m.: Downey Lions Club, at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Cafe, for information call 861-2899.
1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, for information call 869-8782.
6 p.m.: Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club 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 869-5444.
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 Norm Sipple at 927-1431.
12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Sambis, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
10 a.m.: Compulsive Eaters Anonymous H.O.W., at 1st Christian Church. Call 884-5799.



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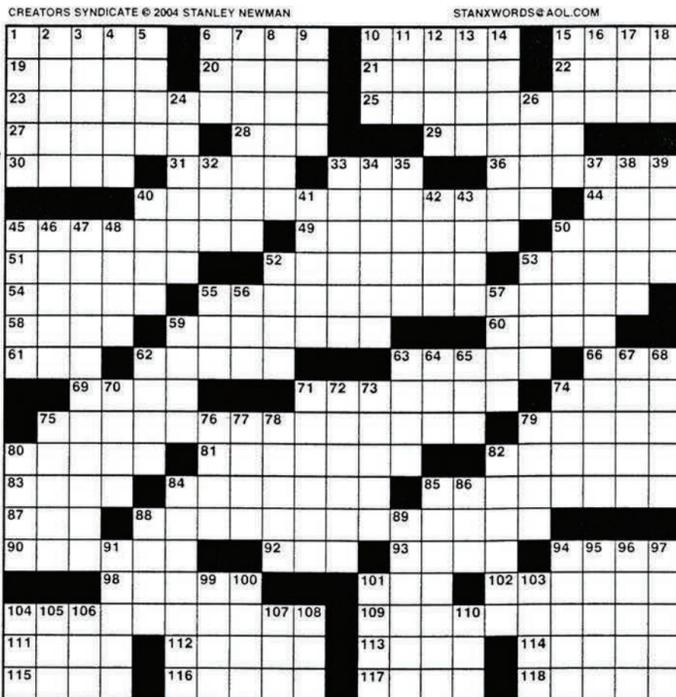
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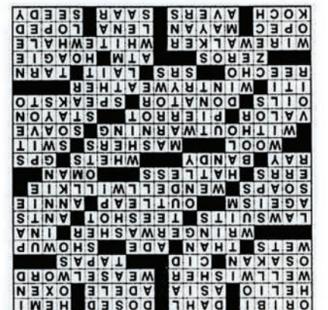
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JUST 4 U?: A sly way to describe the theme
 by Merle Baker

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 - 6 Author Roald
 - 10 Gave a measured amount to
 - 15 Fractional prefix
 - 19 Word form for "sun"
 - 20 China's place
 - 21 Designer Simpson
 - 22 Yoked beasts
 - 23 Supporter of a cause
 - 25 "Maybe" or "unless"
 - 27 Certain Japanese
 - 28 El ___ (hero of Spain)
 - 29 Spanish appetizers
 - 30 Dampens
 - 31 Comparative word
 - 33 Fruity drink
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 - 40 Antique appliance ___ dither
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 - 51 Discrimination of a sort
 - 52 Surpass in a track and field event
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 - 58 Goofs
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 - 74 Alan Alda costar
 - 75 Suddenly
 - 79 Italian wine
 - 80 Cause for a medal
 - 81 French pantomime character
 - 82 Don't quit
 - 83 Louvre hangings
 - 84 Philanthropist
 - 85 Consults
 - 87 "Like ___ love it!"
 - 88 Snow or sleet
 - 90 Iterate again
 - 92 SAT takers
 - 93 Café au ___
 - 94 Mountain lake
 - 98 Goose eggs
 - 101 Convenience that debuted in '69
 - 102 Submarine sandwich, to some
 - 104 Circus performer
 - 109 Moby Dick, for one
 - 111 Oil cartel
 - 112 Ancient Mexican
 - 113 Singer Horne
 - 114 Ran with an easy stride
 - 115 Mayor author
 - 116 States with certainty
 - 117 German coal region
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 - 2 Baseball great
 - 3 ___ ease (uncomfortable)
 - 4 Swindles
 - 5 Corn Belt state
 - 6 Trial figs.
 - 7 Refuse holders
 - 8 In a hurry
 - 9 Shortening
 - 10 Margery of rhyme
 - 11 "To a Skylark," for one
 - 12 Center, as of government
 - 13 Actress Lanchester
 - 14 Like bloodhounds' eyes
 - 15 "In what way?"
 - 16 Skeleton starter
 - 17 "La ___" (Debussy piece)
 - 18 Mich. neighbor
 - 24 Stable, as a ship
 - 26 "If I Only Had the Nerve" singer
 - 32 Sellout
 - 33 Mountain ridges
 - 34 Harps (on)
 - 35 Art supporter
 - 37 Pleasing personality
 - 38 Loosen, as laces
 - 39 Bullfighting maneuver
 - 40 Weakling
 - 41 Musical exercise
 - 42 Jazzman Artie
 - 43 Kachina doll maker
 - 45 Medical tool
 - 46 Greek square of old
 - 47 Emmett Kelly character
 - 48 Drinks slowly
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 - 52 Part of ROM
 - 53 Charitable offering
 - 55 Sallow
 - 56 SFO announcement
 - 57 Scores (of)
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 - 62 Quantum theory pioneer
 - 63 Minuscule amount
 - 64 One with a brood
 - 65 Part of a joule
 - 67 Something vital
 - 68 Pool member
 - 70 Nebraska natives
 - 71 Joan of Arc, for one
 - 72 Slings partner
 - 73 Saw wood
 - 74 Permeate thoroughly
 - 75 Ralph of The Waltons
 - 76 "When you wish ___"
 - 77 Salon bottle
 - 78 Becomes frayed
 - 79 Have the lead
 - 80 To see, to Marie
 - 82 Do a slow burn
 - 84 Miniature display
 - 85 Marathoner's need
 - 86 Key letter
 - 88 "That was a close one!"
 - 89 Tennis great Gibson
 - 91 One from Brno
 - 94 Sierra Nevada lake
 - 95 Visibly surprised
 - 96 Steaming
 - 97 Deserving assistance
 - 99 Norwegian royal name
 - 100 Scottish island
 - 101 Leatherworkers' tools
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 - 104 Stir-fry pan
 - 105 NYSE debut
 - 106 ___ room
 - 107 Corn serving
 - 108 ICU personnel
 - 110 Fossil repository



You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

SOAVE (79 Across) literally means "sweet" in Italian. The first ATM (101 Across), which handled withdrawals only, was installed at a Chemical Bank branch in Rockville Centre, New York, in 1969. A PASE (39 Down) is a wave of a matador's capa or muleta to attract a bull's attention.





Massey  *Cadillac*
CHEVROLET

Massey Cadillac and Chevrolet are under new management. Long time Downey resident Larry Py has returned as Executive Manager of Massey where he started his career over 15 years ago. "Having spent most of my life in Downey and Long Beach I understand what a huge Chevrolet and Cadillac Town Downey is, and I look forward to again serving this great community," states Mr. Py. "We are here to show Downey that our team is ready and willing to do whatever it takes to earn your business back and look forward to a long and prosperous relationship working together."

Established in 1965 as Bob Spreen Cadillac and acquired in 1979 by Roger Penske, the dealership was eventually sold to Don Massey in 1993 and has spent many years as the largest tax contributor to the City of Downey. Massey went on to grant the fountain in front of the store to the City of Downey further establishing the marriage between Downey and Massey.

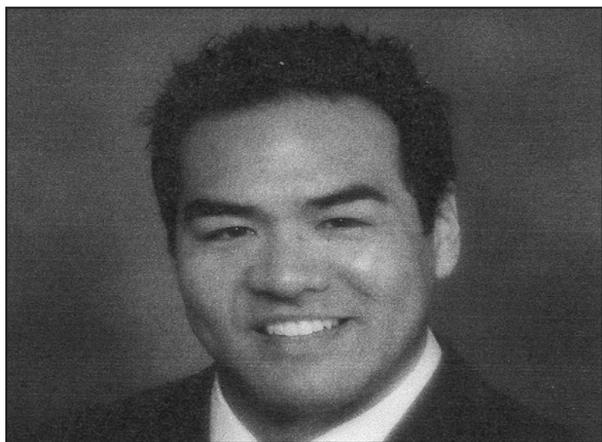
Massey Cadillac and Chevrolet are back for the long haul and will be setting up many special events in order to get reacquainted with community friends and neighbors. Look in the Downey Patriot for the upcoming schedule of events hosted by Massey for local residents. This will start off Friday August 27th with the Massey back to school giveaway. Downey residents will be receiving free backpacks in order to help alleviate the expenses we all seem to get hit with this time of year.

This will be just the start in a series of events hosted by Massey for the city of Downey. "We are back to stay and we want to prove that to this City in more ways than just great deals on great cars." Says Larry Py "I started my career here and I intend to finish it here, and that will only work with a strong mutual relationship between Massey and the City of Downey."

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KEN ISHIKI — Is the newest staff member at Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate. An award-winning agent from the commercial division in the commercial mentorship program, Ishiki says he was attracted to the firm because of the 'energy and cooperative attitude that exists.' A lifelong resident of Downey and a graduate of Warren High School, Ishiki earned a Bachelors Degree from UC Irvine. To contact him, call 861-7257.

Abundant Life Christian Center and Black Sheep Mid-Cities Chapter present a night of BLUES with Darrel Mansfield Band Saturday Night August the 28 2004



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Diabetes management sessions offered

DOWNEY—Individuals who have had diabetes for years as well as those recently diagnosed are invited to a 4-session, 12-hour program on the Management of Diabetes conducted through the DRMC Diabetes Institute and held at the Downey Regional Medical Center conference rooms at 11500 Brookshire Ave. Participants may also bring a friend.

Diabetes Educator Elsa Saucedo, RN, MSN, teaches patients self-care — how to eat right, take medications correctly, exercise appropriately, identify signs and symptoms, perform foot care and use a meter. Persons struck by diabetes can take advantage of the institute's resources, enabling them to manage their diabetes, improve their quality of life and delay or prevent complications.

The next series of evening classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. on the Thursdays of Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. The next series of morning classes are set for 9 a.m.-noon also on Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. A class series for Spanish-speaking participants will take place on Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6-9 p.m.

Preregistration is required and there is a \$10 materials fee for the series. To register/for more information, call (562) 904-5580.

Downey cheerleading clinic Sept. 11

DOWNEY — The Downey High School cheerleaders will offer their annual cheerleading clinic on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 in the DHS cafeteria, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Girls between the ages of 5 to 13 will learn game action cheers and perform at the Downey varsity football game Sept. 17.

Cost of the clinic is \$20, which includes a T-shirt and two admission tickets to the football game. For more information and registration, call Mariela at 923-8505.

Roybal-Allard secures courthouse funds

LOS ANGELES — Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34th, Los Angeles and Downey) recently announced funding to construct a new federal courthouse in Downtown Los Angeles.

Roybal-Allard helped secure \$35 million for the courthouse's site and design and \$50 million in construction funding.

The Appropriations Committee passed the measure, titled FY05 Transportation and Treasury, last month. It now awaits passage by the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

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Community CPR class at Riley Sept. 8

DOWNEY—There are still openings in the Community CPR to be held Wed., Sept. 8 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

Participants will learn Adult, Child and Infant CPR in a small group setting. Certification cards will be given to participants who complete and pass a skills review and written examination. This class does not meet the Home Day Care Provider's 15-hour licensing requirement.

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost for the class is \$28.

To register, contact the Community Education office of the Downey Fire Department at (562) 904-7349, or mail your check/money order to Downey Fire Department/CPR Program, 11111 Brookshire Ave., 3rd Floor, Downey, CA 90241.

Future Community CPR class dates: Oct. 23 — 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Nov. 10 — 5:30-9:30 p.m.; and Dec. 4 — 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Orange County Fair September events

COSTA MESA—Following is the Orange County Fair & Exposition September schedule (Contact the promoter at the telephone number listed with the event for additional information).

4-6: Great Labor Day Car Cruise – Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m.-noon. All Grounds. Admission: adults \$10, children under 12 free. Orange County Cruisin' Association, (714) 826-1948

17-19: Sand Sports Super Show – Friday, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All Grounds. Admission: adults \$8, children 12 & under free. Sand Sports Super Show, (714) 990-5107, or visit www.sandsportssupershow.com

22: Senior Games – OCADA – Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Building #10. Orange County Activity Directors Association, (714) 376-6169

25: Cruisin' For a Cure Car Show – Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. All grounds. Admission: general \$10, military and seniors (55+) \$8, children 12 & under free. Cruisin' for a Cure, (949) 588-8777, or visit www.cruisin-foracure.com

9/30-10/3: Sugar Plum Festivals "Arts & Crafts Show" – Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Building #10. Admission: free. Sugar Plum Festivals, (562) 598-0857, or visit www.sugarplum-crafts.com. No strollers please

Weekly Events:

Orange County Marketplace – Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Main Lot. Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free. Tel Phil Enterprises, (949) 723-6660

International Speedway Racing – Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18 & 25. Gates open 6 p.m., 1st race 7:30 p.m. Grandstand Arena. Admission: adults \$12, juniors (13-17) & seniors (60+) \$8, children (6-12) \$4, children under 6 free. Parking and Programs free. Preferred Parking \$5. International Speedway, Inc. (949) 42-9933, or visit www.cmspeedway.com

Farmers Market – Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Lot. Sponsored by the Orange County Farm Bureau, (714) 573-0374

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SYMPHONY DONATION – The Downey Association of Realtors recently donated \$1,500 to the Music in the Schools program. Pictured are (from left) Helen Lancaster, fundraising chairperson; Larry Lewis; and Marina Martin, president of the local realtors association.

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TORRANCE—Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, the timeless classic about a young girl whose accusations against innocent townspeople hold an entire community hostage, will be performed at the Stage Two Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive in Torrance, Sept. 3-12.

The play was inspired by the McCarthy hearings and based on the Salem witch trials of 1692.

General admission is \$20. For tickets, call the box office, (310) 781-7171. For information on future auditions and productions, contact Gia Inferrera at (310) 618-2851.

Long Beach Jam tickets available

LONG BEACH – The Long Beach Jam of the American Basketball Association is now accepting ticket requests for the upcoming basketball season.

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Black Dahlia author speaks here Sept. 8

DOWNEY—Steve Hodel, author of the best-selling "Black Dahlia Avenger." will speak and sign books at the Downey City Library. Hodel will appear at this free event on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Library's Cormack Room.

A retired detective with the Los Angeles Police Department, Hodel has written a book that he believes solves the Black Dahlia Murder Case. Since the 1940's, it has remained one of the most infamous unsolved cases in L.A. history.

Learn how Hodel's experience and research helped him crack the 1947 case involving the murder of a 22-year-old Elizabeth Short. Hodel includes new information in the 2004 paperback edition of his bestseller. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event through Waldenbooks of Downey. For reservations call the Adult Information Desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 32. The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Graphics exhibit opens at DMOA

DOWNEY—An exhibit of 32 graphic works from Self-Help Graphics in East L.A. has opened at Downey Museum Of Art in Furman Park.

Self-Help Graphics in East L.A. is a noted printmaking atelier, which has offered its resources to artists to create and produce unique serigraphs since 1973. Their mission is to foster and encourage the empowerment of local Chicano artists and to present Chicano art to all audiences through its programs, and to promote the rich cultural heritage and contributions of Chicano art and artists in the contemporary American experience.

Self-Help Graphics works have been exhibited throughout the United States including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.



HUSBAND AND WIFE—Ralph and Diana Breceda have joined the staff at Century 21 My Real Estate, 7834 Florence Ave., Downey. He has worked for ISDG Inc. as a senior consultant designing technology systems, has experience as a systems project manager and holds senior status at UCLA. She worked for UMEC International as an assistant to the president of the company overseeing accounting, purchasing, sales and shipping, and attended Biola College and Long Beach City College. Their family includes a 3-year old son and a new baby girl. To reach them, call 927-2626.

CITY COUNCIL

The lease purchase agreement's terms and conditions will be prepared by staff and discussed at a later council session.

In other action the City Council:

Academic excellence

*Presented the Mayor's Academic Excellence Award to Oluwabukola Adeyinka, 2004 Downey High graduate, who plans to attend Loyola Marymount.

*Presented a City tile to Maria Larkin in honor of her service as Chamber of Commerce president from 2003-2004.

*Held a public hearing and then declared a resolution self-certifying Downey's conformance with L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 2004 Congestion Management Program.

*Held a public hearing to receive public comment on the city's Draft Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Rail crossing

*Approved a cash contract as part of the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project for Phase 1B, Union Pacific Railroad Agreements, and adopted a resolution authorizing public road crossing improvements and pipeline crossing agreements for work within the railroad right-of-way. Total cost of the two agreements is \$181,000, to come from the Capital Improvement Budget.

*Approved community development subrecipient agreements with ARC, the Children's Dental health Clinic, DUSD, Rio Hondo Temporary Home, Southern California Rehab Services, the Salvation Army Southeast Communities Corp., Su Casa, and the development of a contract with the Fair Housing Foundation of Long Beach.

*Approved the application for pedestrian funds for 2004-5 under the Transportation and Development Act.

City employees

*Adopted a resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between Downey and the City Employees' Association.

*Adopted a resolution for a code amendment on small and large family day care homes in residential areas.

*Proposed an amendment on speed limits for Clark Avenue and Studebaker road. The speed limit on Clark between Lakewood Boulevard and Foster road will be reduced by 5 mph to 30, but Studebaker Road between Florence and Cecilia will be unchanged at 40 mph.

Councilman Perkins extended an invitation to all to the opening tomorrow, Aug. 28 of the new Rio Hondo Clubhouse. There will be an Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He especially thanked 3 people who served in his subcommittee, saying they can't be thanked enough for their valuable contributions to the realization of the new clubhouse that will serve the community "for many, many years": fellow Councilman Rick Trejo, Community Services Director Bonnie Kehoe, and "behind-the-scenes guy," Asst. City Manager Lee Powell.

Lennie Whittington, in Oral Communications, voiced concern about the possible ER closures as reported by the media, before Perkins read key passages from DRMC executive vice-president Rob Fuller's letter to him, assuring everyone that DRMC is committed to "no ER closure." Whittington also asked Police chief John Finch to commend "a certain police officer" (whose name he didn't get) who was responsible for mitigating a "loud music" situation that threatened the peace of his neighborhood recently.

Councilman Rick Trejo warned of a potentially "big parking issue" involving the Brookhurst and Davis Streets area, and suggested that a traffic study/analysis be made on it.

The next public meeting of the Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Deadline approaching for fireworks

DOWNEY — Sales applications for the 2005 fireworks season must be turned into the Downey Fire Department by Sept. 1.

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Memorial Service for Glenn E. Lucas

DOWNEY—A memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Downey First Presbyterian Church has been tentatively set for church member Glenn E. Lucas, a 54-year resident of Downey, who died at his home Aug. 12 at the age of 88.

He was born Jan. 28, 1916 on a farm near Verdon, Nebraska and served with the 41st Infantry Division of the US Army during World War II, taking part in campaigns in New Guinea and Southern Philippines.

He graduated from USC with a BS degree in chemical engineering, and worked as a chemical engineer and technical manager for a variety of companies: Firestone Tire and Rubber, Lurado (co-owner), Caram Manufacturing, and Roberts Consolidated—all associated with the manufacturing and sale of adhesive compounds. He retired in 1982, but continued to provide consulting services for the adhesives industry for many years thereafter.

Burial was private, held at San Luis Obispo Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, M. Lorraine; daughter S. Lynn Lucas; sons Gene (Susan) Lucas and Jon (Sharon) Lucas; grandsons Kelly, Ryan, and Shannon Lucas; granddaughters Laura and Mandy Lucas; and sisters Maxine Velvick, Evelyn Snethen, and Marvel Dodson.

Grace Beveridge was poet, adventurer

DOWNEY—Grace Margaret Beveridge, who on her 75th birthday went up in a balloon and on her 85th went up in a glider and flew it, died Aug. 15.

According to her sister, Ruth, Grace was a poet, "always writing her poems." She lived through the Great Depression and WWII, during which she was a riveter on bomber wings in Detroit. Married to Thomas Alan Beveridge for 63 years, the couple traveled around the United States in their camper every year and took the children with them. She had been in most of the caves in the U.S.

Surviving her are 2 sons, Thomas and Robert Beveridge; grandsons David and Mark Beveridge; and 4 great grandchildren, Deryk, Coleson, Riley, and Samantha Beveridge.

Funeral mass held for Helen Reta

DOWNEY—A Funeral Mass was held Aug. 24 at the Mausoleum Chapel at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles for Helen Reta, who was born Feb. 15, 1922 in Engelmene, CA and died Aug. 18 in Norwalk. She was 82.

A resident of Downey since 1955, she was one of 6 children born to immigrant parents, Pedro and Jesusa Zoilo Reta, from Spain.

She worked for 30 years as a secretary. She first worked for United Tent, then Wellington Sears, then Hot Point, and retired from General Electric. She belonged to the Spanish Society and would attend their picnics and various other functions. She also enjoyed dancing when she was younger and would go the USO and dance with the military men that were home on leave. Singing was one of her joys and she sang in the choir at Saint Martha's Church in Vernon.

She is survived by her brothers, Peter (Janet) Reta of Walnut and Joseph (Marlene) Reta of Villa Park; and her sister, Gloria (Edward) Dennis of Downey. She also leaves behind her beloved cat, Mariposa. She was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Reta, and a sister, Clara Boyd.

Interment was at Calvary Cemetery. Funeral Services were entrusted to Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.



PEARL THOMAS—Was a longtime resident of Downey. She was 95 when she died Aug. 10.

Pearl Thomas services Aug. 14

DOWNEY—Services were held Aug. 14 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Cerritos for Pearl Thomas, a resident of Downey for 54 years until she moved to her daughter's home in Cerritos last year. She was 95.

She was born Aug. 13, 1908 in Malad, Idaho and died Aug. 10.

She is survived by her son, Don Thomas, and daughter, Sandra Sibley; grandchildren Sherry and Tom Vance, Penny Jackson, Robin Walker, Terri Sibley, Bruce and Laurie Sibley and Steve Sibley; 11 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by daughter Carryle Buell and her husband, Arnold Thomas.

Interment was at Rose Hills.

Author/speaker at cancer convention

HOLLYWOOD—Noted medical journalist/author Ralph Moss, Ph.D., will be the featured speaker at the 32nd Annual Cancer Convention to be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Hollywood over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4, 5 and 6.

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Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$11,480 to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete paving and repairs by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$19,383 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted the use of the La Habra City School District bid with Mobile Modular Management Corp. of Mira Loma by the DUSD on an as needed basis to fill orders for modular classrooms.

*Accepted the use of the purchasing and central service master agreement between L.A. County and Graybar Electrical Company of L.A. for telecommunications supplies, by DUSD on an as needed basis.

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Change orders

*Approved change order No. 2 for Warren High School Administration Building Bid Package 16, electrical with Master K Electric Co. of Northridge, in the sum of \$8,618, to be charged to the Bond Fund.

*Approved Change Order 2 for new stadiums structural package for Downey and Warren High Schools by R.&G Builders of Irvine in the sum of \$1,589 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

*Approved Change Order 3 for plumbing work on Downey and Warren new Stadiums by Plumbing, Piping & Construction of Cypress in the sum of \$4,256 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

*Approved Change Order 4 electrical work on the two high school stadiums by Mel Smith Electric of Stanton in the sum of \$2,842 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

*Approved Change Order 1 for the interior and exterior finish work at the two high school stadiums, track and field work by Byrom-Davey of San Diego, in the sum of \$17,710, to be charged to the Bond Fund.

*Approved Change Order 1 for exterior and interior finish and site work at the two high school stadiums with ceramic tile by J. Colavin & Son of L.A., in the sum of \$3,311 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 1 for interior and exterior work at the two high school stadiums, specialties, by Pugliese Interior Systems of Rancho Santa Margarita in the sum of \$1,106 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved the transfer of \$1 million in 2003-04 funds to the Workers Compensation Self Insurance Fund and the Health Care Self-insurance Fund.

Records

*Approved the destruction of Class 3 disposable District records and appointed Richard Coronado destruction coordinator.

*Authorized the service of a teacher, as submitted, assigned a subject area not listed on her credential for the 2004-05 school year.

*Approved the establishment and abolishment of several instructional positions.

*Approved the corrected payment of the Professional Growth Award. The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, Sept. 21.

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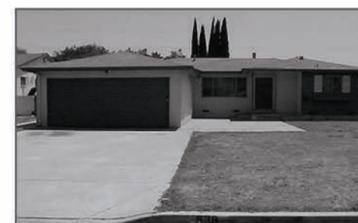
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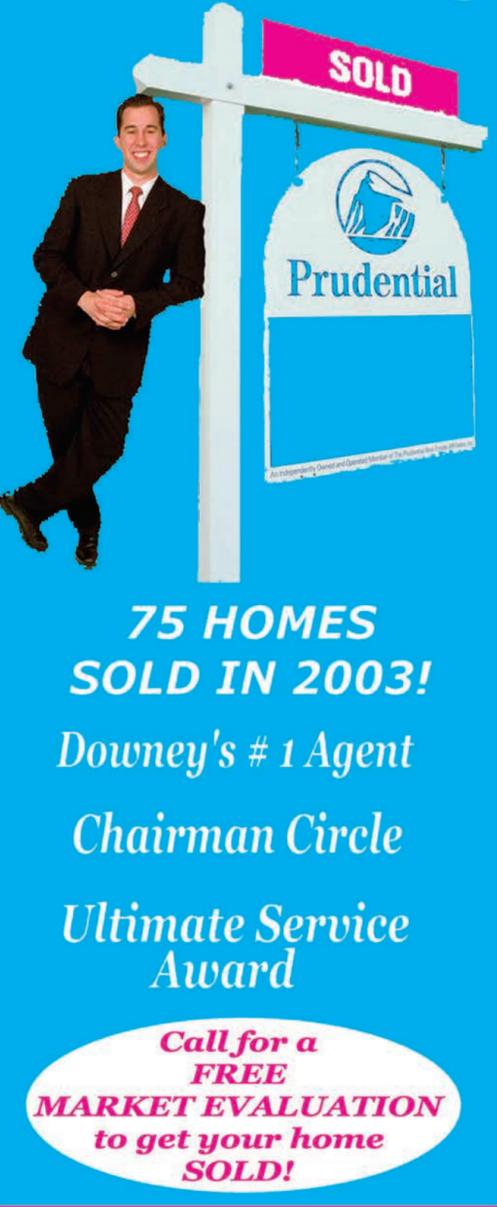
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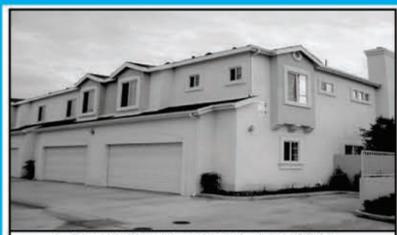
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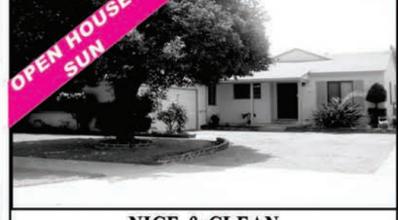
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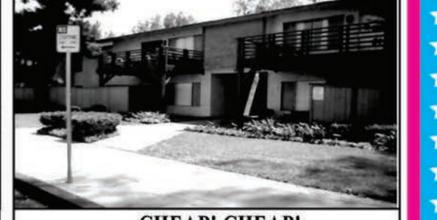


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