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# A gala morning of Rotary/YMCA giving

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—A large throng turned out for the benefit YMCA/Rotary Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 16 at Downey High School.

It seemed like the entire community was there despite the showers which spared the morning event despite threatening skies.

There were faces from the recent past such as retired Downey Unified School District Superintendent Edward Sussman and his retired Assistant Superintendent Ed Potter, both Rotarians who came out to lend a hand.

There was Wendy Doty, who succeeded Sussman as Superintendent of Schools here, and School Board members including Barbara Samperi. The District's Stan Hanstad was present.

The City Council was represented by Meredith Perkins and Anne Bayer. **Volunteers** 

Downey Rotarians volunteer themselves to produce the annual pancake breakfast each year, proceeds of which go to support the YMCA's Youth Scholarship Program. This was the 57th annual event.

Longtime Rotarian Andy Cardono was there, demonstrating his famous "Mickey Mouse" pancakes for all. Harold Tseklenis was busy on the food line. Michael Murray found his way through the crowd to say hello, as did many other friends and longtime acquaintances.

It was a gala event, with entertainment by YMCA youth groups. The focus of the day, after all, was and will always be the children!

# Symphony Guild cooking up lots of fun

**DOWNEY** – Katie Hare, ways and means chairperson for the Downey Symphony Guild, promises "a delectable buffet lunch menu" featuring five salads, beef stroganoff, chicken picata, baked sole with lemon-butter sauce, rice pilaf, green beans almandine, beverages and assorted desserts when the Guild hosts their annual cooking school luncheon, "Cooking Around the World," tomorrow, Oct. 23 at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The event will also feature Chef Gregory Andro, teacher, raconteur, and auctioneer. Profits will benefit the Downey Symphony Orchestra and Music in the Schools program.

Andro will demonstrate how to vary one's menu by choosing dishes of other cultures. Tastes of these dishes will be distributed to all guests and wine, compliments of Andro, will be served throughout the presentation.

Silent auction gift baskets will be displayed, door prizes will be awarded, and a live auction highlights the day.

"Our aim this year is to be as successful as it was under the leadership of Mary Alice Mandeville, last year's dedicated, talented president, who presented the Symphonic Society with a check for \$20,000, the most ever from this organization," said Hare.

Lunch will be held in the Imperial Ballroom of the Embassy Suites in Downey. The day begins at 10 a.m. For more information call 869-2120.

# Downey, Warren square off tomorrow at Gahr

By Sean Steward Downey High School

**DOWNEY** -- With two football stadiums still being built and no team having a true home field advantage, the cross-town rivalry between Downey and Warren High Schools is building at both schools. Downey (3-2-1) and Warren (3-3) will match up at 7 p.m. Saturday night at Gahr High School.

The two teams will strive for a playoff spot in the San Gabriel League as well as hometown bragging rights.

Warren High School, coming off a rough shut out loss to Lakewood 67-0, will try to bounce back in their league opener. Junior quarterback Marc McCaughan has thrown for 925 yards in six games for the Bears, and is averaging over 125 yards a game.

"McCaughan is doing a good job," said Warren Head Coach Joe Biagioni. "In our tough games he did well. He had about 150 yards in our loss to Tustin and Lakewood gave him tremendous amount of pressure all night, but he did okay."

Also leading the Bears in their offensive attack is junior running back Nick Montemayor, rushing for 358 yards and five touchdowns on the season. In addition to their run game, junior receiver Eddie De Leon has been McCaughan's main target with 417 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

"McCaughan is a good quarterback," said Downey Head Coach Grant Warhurst. "We are going to try to put some pressure on him and also try to run some good drop zones to get some picks."

Team defense has been Downey's strong point this season. Leading tacklers, junior middle linebacker Adam Meza and senior defensive linemen Gavril Gabriel, has been getting in the mix each play.

"Gavril Gabriel was all over the field in the second half against Lynwood last week," Warhurst said. "He played great and is one of our leading tacklers."

While senior quarterback Rudy Benavidez has been averaging 108 yards, the rest of Downey's offense has been struggling, averaging only 10.3 points per game. With the ability to run and pass, Benavidez must be able to do both Saturday to lead Downey to a victory.

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HAROLD TSEKLENIS — Was among the Rotarians who manned the griddles to pour pancakes at the annual Rotary/YMCA Pancake Breakfast at Downey High School last Saturday.



PART OF THE FUN—Edward Sussman was flanked by DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty, left, and Boardmember Barbara Samperi, right, at the annual Pancake Breakfast last Saturday at Downey High School.



CHILDREN THE FOCUS—These children performed dances as part of the entertainment at the Rotary/YMCA Pancake Breakfast last Saturday.



ALL SMILES—Downey Family YMCA Director George Saikali was all smiles as the Downey Rotary pitched in to help make the annual Pancake Breakfast benefit at Downey High School a success last Saturday.

# Board honors two outstanding teachers

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District Board heard presentations by two principals to teachers selected for honors for their student achievements.

The action was at Tuesday's Board meeting.

Principal Robin Martin of Alameda School honored Mary Robison and Principal Phil Davis of West Middle School honored Robert Petersen.

Mary Bergstrom Robison, a teacher for 49 years, has touched the lives of more than 1,000 students directly, and many thousands more indirectly. Many of them are now teachers themselves.

She began teaching in Illinois, came to the Gallatin School District in 1958, teaching at Price for 13 years before moving to Alameda School in 1971. She is a role model and mentor for fellow teachers. She remains on the cutting edge of education, reads professionally and uses the internet to explore the latest educational techniques and practices.

She spends long hours designing lessons, monitoring student progress and adapting lessons to meet student needs.

She is respected by her peers for her knowledge and strategy. She enjoys taking at risk students on, since she knows she can make a difference in their lives.

She served six years as a Title 1 Resource teacher at Alameda and is responsible for her school's commitment to guided reading. Her awards include Masonic Teacher of the Year in 1992 and L.A. County Teacher of the Year in 1994.

Bob Petersen began his teaching career 11 years ago, teaching music at a middle school in West Covina. He came to West Middle School in Downey seven years ago in 1997. Since his arrival the music program at West has tripled in size. His direction has helped the wind ensemble to receive superior or excellent ratings in every competition in which they

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# School construction plans are updated

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District heard a presentation at Tuesday's regular meeting by Paul Westberg of Westberg and White, Inc., Architects and Planners, who gave an update on the modernization and new construction currently taking place in the School District

Westberg said that tremendous demands for U.S. construction materials of all kinds by China, combined with increased construction within the U.S., has caused an astonishing increase in costs for materials. Supplies of all kinds have increased in cost by about 35 percent in just one year, making it more important to seek cost-saving measures wherever possible.

He added that it was unfortunate that some contractors and subcontractors were not always cooperative.

S chool Superintendent Wendy Doty said she attended recent talks with the Norwalk-La Mirada District, and that that district had experienced the same 35 percent cost increase on its recent construction.

Westberg showed audio-visual views of the new stadiums at the two high schools. It was noted that the stadiums incorporate classrooms, and that some facilities may be made available to the public after completion.

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# Hopes for well played big game on Saturday

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—Comments by members of the Board of Trustees of the Downey Unified School District at Tuesday's regular meeting ranged from an attack on the state testing procedures to pleasure at attending back-to-school nights and hopes for a good football game when Downey meets Warren in the Big Game Saturday at 7 p.m. at Gahr High School.

The Board's Donald La Plante unleashed frustration shared by several boardmembers over interpretation of state testing scores which he insisted meant nothing, were utterly meaningless and a waste of time.

He said funding cuts, meanwhile, have gutted such programs as "No Child Left Behind."

The Board's Barbara Samperi said she enjoyed the recent Rotary/YMCA Pancake Breakfast at Downey High School. She also complemented the private sector for more than \$7,000 in recent contributions to the School District.

Tod Corrin said he enjoyed both a recent Back to School Night and a

Family Fun Night as well.

Cheryl Andresen said she attended several back-to-school events.

And several boardmembers said they particularly enjoyed a recent gathering honoring students who achieved a 3.0 grade point average or

Willie Gutierrez and Corrin in particular expressed hopes for a good

football game Saturday.

School Superintendent Wendy Doty showed a larger-than-life picture portrait of retired Superintendent Ed Sussman which she said will be displayed at Sussman Middle School.

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9-11 TRIBUTE—Students, faculty and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, who each year hold a memorial Word Service to honor the victims of 9-11, also honored them this year by planting a mulberry tree on Downey Avenue at the front of the school campus. Members of the Downey Fire and Police Departments joined them this year for the service.

#### Ken Miller Plaza dedication Nov. 9

DOWNEY—A commemorative plaque will be unveiled at the Ken Miller Plaza dedication ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m., when the City of Downey dedicates the plaza located between the Civic Center's Veteran Memorial Fountain and the Downey Theatre in honor of Miller's service as a former City Councilman and Mayor.

#### EZRA Center to meet Nov. 2

DOWNEY—The EZRA Center for Mature Adults will present "The Blessing that Accompanied the Tragedy of the Destruction of the First Temple" by Jerry Silvrman when it meets Tuesday, Nov. 2 at Temple Ner Tamid, 10620 Lakewood Blvd.

Silverman is the president of the EZRA Center in Anaheim and has spoken to the group before. In his talk, he will give an account of why the Babylonian conquest of Judea and the resulting exile of the population were key factors in the long-term survival of the Jewish people.

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## Prayer Breakfast scheduled Nov. 4

**DOWNEY**—The annual Downey Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the new Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road.

The public is invited to join in this community version of the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Downey's speaker this year will be Chuck Obremski, a gifted communicator who is the chaplain to the Anaheim Angels and Mighty Ducks

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, he moved to Orange County in 1976, graduating from CSU-Fullerton with a B.A. in criminal justice and business administration.

He is a partner in Horizon Heating and Air Conditioning, and has been married to Linda for 27 years. They have three children and two grand-

Today, he is facing the emotional rollercoaster that goes with a diagnosis of cancer. As he puts it, it isn't something he would stand in line for, but through it all—the trials and tests, surgeries and treatments, he has experienced strength that is priceless.

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Tickets are available for a donation of \$15. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-9616.

#### OLPH holiday boutique Nov. 7

**DOWNEY** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is holding their third annual holiday boutique Sunday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Italian Catholic Federation is sponsoring the event.

Donuts and coffee will be served (donations accepted) and a lunch of a hot dog, chips and a soda will be available for \$4.

OLPH is at 10441 South Downey Avenue.

#### Cancer discussion at Senior Center

**DOWNEY** – The American Cancer Society will be presenting an educational seminar, "Breast Cancer Awareness," on Monday, Oct. 25 from 10-11 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

The lecture will discuss prevention tips, including the importance of self-exams. For more information call 904-7223.

#### Living Hope 'Worshipfest' Oct. 24

DOWNEY—Living Hope Church of Downey will present its 11th annual Worshipfest on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

Local congregations like Cornerstone and the Lord's Grace will join Living Hope in this event. Solos will be performed by Kathy Bee.

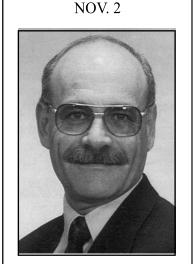
Living Hope Church is located at 10335 Paramount Blvd., Downey. For information, call 928-8651.

Rev. Glenn Koons is pastor.

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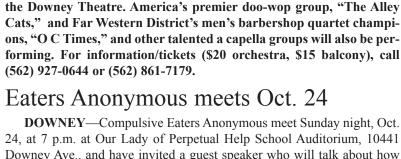
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al show, "Moments to Remember," Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at

Downey Ave., and have invited a guest speaker who will talk about how she lost 100 pounds and maintained her new weight. Members who have lost anywhere from 20 to 250 pounds will also give 3-minute accounts of

This is a free program available to all that want to learn more about compulsive over-eating. Information: (562) 884-5799.

#### Depression seminar topic Nov. 12

**DOWNEY**—The Southeast Center for Independent Living (SECIL), 7830 Quill Drive, Ste. D, in Downey (across the street from Rancho Los Amigos Hospital), which offers support group meetings for persons with disabilities, presents a free seminar on "Recognizing, Managing, and Growing from Depression" Thursday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-12 noon featuring Dr. James Kahan. Information: 862-6531.

#### Downey Art League meeting Oct. 26

DOWNEY-The combined meeting of host Downey Art League (DAL) and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount (TAG) takes place Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Furman Park, Bldg. #1, 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey from 7:30-9:30 P.M.

Demonstrator is Jim Burns, whose architectural background is evident in his disciplined approach to design and painting technique. He is known for his watercolor art.

The meeting is free. Information: Ryo Teraski, 803-5857.

#### Friends of Library needs volunteers

DOWNEY - The Friends of the Downey City Library needs volunteers to work in their shop located inside the library. The shop is open during library hours.



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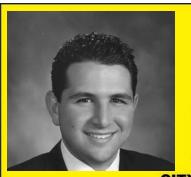
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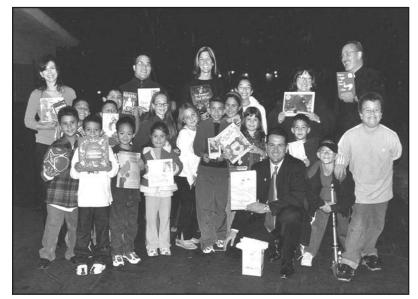


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'READING UNDER THE STARS'—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School recently launched its series of informal readings and fellowship for OLPH students, parents and faculty on the school campus. A highlight was Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian reading Dr. Seuss' "The Places You'll Go" to the gathering.

# Stonewood begins food court makeover

**DOWNEY** – Stonewood Center has begun a remodel of its food court, replacing the current "filling station" theme, in place since the center was enclosed in 1990, with an updated "natural" setting. The \$500,000 renovation is scheduled to be completed in November, in time for the holiday shopping season.

The new court will include seating for an additional 200 persons, new furniture and tile floring, along with the addition of child-sized tables and chairs. The entire remodeling project will incorporate a new paint palette and new landscaping will complement the decor.

The 10 current Stonewood Center eateries - including McDonald's, Sbarro, Great Khan Mongolian BBQ, El Mar and Orange Julius - will remain open throughout the remodeling process and will be easily accessible to customers, according to marketing manager Joman Wong.

In addition to improvements being made in the food court, Stonewood Center has added a number of new merchants to its mix of 170 specialty stores and restaurants. Recent additions to the center's tenant roster include Charlotte Russe, Children's Place, Finish Line and Hot Topic. More stores, including Hollister Co. and Kay Jewelers, will be opening during the upcoming holiday season.

#### **Charlotte Russe**

The new 6,532-square-foot Charlotte Russe, located in the JCPenney Court, is targeted towards a wide customer age range, with a core emphasis on the fashion and lifestyle needs of women in their teens and twenties. Children's Place

Children's Place is a near 4,000-square-foot store planted near the Robinsons-May Court. They offer "high quality and value-priced clothing and accessories" for children ages newborn to 10 years. The chain currently operates 725 stores throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto

#### **Hot Topic**

A hit with the kids, Hot Topic is a smaller store situated between Windsor Court and JCPenney Court. They are a mall-based national chain operating 490 with continuing growth each year. Hot Topic specializes in apparel, accessories, gifts and music for teenagers.

For more information on the mall and its new stores and events, visit www.shoponeshopall.com.

#### **FOOTBALL**

However, Benavidez is not the only player that needs to step it up a level. Senior running back Marlon Jennings has rushed for 455 yards this season, yet has only scored one touchdown. Also, sophomore running back Daryl Burton will need to use his speed and vision to find openings to assist the Vikings in the red zone.

With a match of passing versus defense, this cross-town rivalry has the possibilities of a game similar to some Odessa, Texas, minus the 15,000 fans. Yet, with a league title in sight, bragging rights, and students screaming for their homecoming favorite, this Saturday night will be nothing but out of the ordinary.

# A first-hand look at afterschool programs

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY-Last Thursday's bus tour to observe afterschool programs run collaboratively by the City of Downey Community Services Department and the Downey Unified School District took us to an ASPIRE program at Ward Elementary, the GRASP program at Gauldin, and the Licensed Child Care program offered at Imperial Elementary.

All programs seem to be thriving well. ASPIRE means After School Program for Information, Recreation and Education, while GRASP refers to Gauldin Recreation After School Program.

ASPIRE, initiated in January of 2001 and has during all this time been funded by a 3-year State Department of Education "After School Education and Safety Program" grant to the tune of \$375,000 a year, recently was awarded a \$178,000 federal grant, under the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant program. It is a 5-year grant. Running the program is Program Supervisor Sonya Meecham. In addition to Ward, ASPIRE operates at Carpenter Elementary, Sussman Middle and West Middle Schools. Because of the additional money, ASPIRE, according to Meecham, plans to operate at two additional sites: Alameda and Gauldin. The program serves an average of 100 students daily from school dismissal until 6 p.m., and provides homework assistance, access to the school library and computer lab, as well as a variety of education and enrichment activities designed to enhance learning skills, and a daily

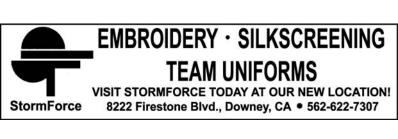
GRASP, ongoing since 1998, gets its money from a Community Development Block Grant, and runs on an annual budget of \$34,789. The free program at present serves about 175 youth from grades K-5 on a daily basis. The program includes daily homework help, a nutritious snack and recreation activities for the after school hours of 2:30-5 p.m. In charge of the program is Recreation and Social Services Supervisor Teri Hamilton.

The fee-based Licensed Child Care program we visited at Imperial Elementary is duplicated in Furman Park, serving Rio Hondo Elementary. It is also a thriving program, and is believed to be attracting more and more parents who increasingly appreciate its program, which includes educational projects, cooking, computers, sports, homework time and a snack in a comfortable setting. Coordinator of both sites is Lou Anne Barden.

The bus tour was part of the observance of "Lights On Afterschool" which was being observed Thursday in more than 6,000 communities across the nation. It was the first time Downey participated in the event, said to be the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. Thursday was its 5th anniversary.

Those who took the tour included Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian and fellow Councilmembers Meredith Perkins and Anne Bayer, DUSD board president Mark Morris and members Cheryl Andresen and Willie Gutierrez, Field Representative for Congr. Lucille Roybal-Allard Eddie Tafoya, Club 10/20's Darrell Jackson, Library staffmembers Josephine Dingco, Joyce Peacock and Stephanie Shorthill, and Recreation Supervisor Kevin Ellis. Also joining the tour were Dr. Mary Stauffer, District 1 hopeful Dave Gafin and Lennie Whittington.

Recreation and Social Services manager Angie Avery, Hamilton and Meecham took turns as tour guides/commentators.





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#### Dewey invites you to Friends bookstore

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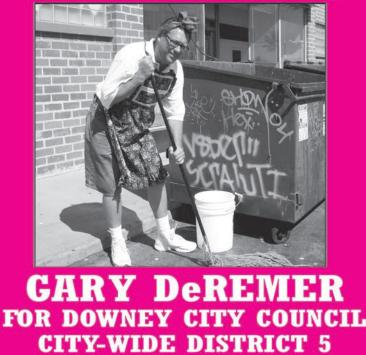


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### Music in the Schools

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—As the Music in the Schools Program enters its 10th year, the Downey Symphony Outreach will present its annual 3rd Graders Concert on Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Downey Theater.

Music in the Schools started here in 1995, initially with a Quintet representing the main sections of the orchestra; strings, bass, percussion, brass and woodwinds.

Director and Conductor Tom Osborn played the clarinet. The group visited elementary schools, introducing children to symphony music. The children learned, many for the first time, of musical concepts such as rhythm and meter, melody, tempo and musical styles. In 1998, the Woodwind Quintet visited the middle schools.

Four years ago, in 2000, thanks to funding from the Downey Savings Bank sourced through Art Morris, the program added the 3rd Graders' Concert. In this program, in cooperation with the Downey Unified School District, all the District's third graders are bused to the Downey Theater where they experience a full concert hall setting. Downey Savings continues to fund the program.

Two years ago, thanks to the generosity of Helen Hoag, the program added a concert performance for all the District's fifth graders. Osborn has designed the concert to inspire youngsters in 5th grade to take up an instrument and join a band as they enter middle school. Towards the end of each 5th grader concert, the orchestra incorporates elements from the Downey High School Band for the finale, the 1812 Overture.

The above, combined with the awarding of two modest annual scholarships to graduating seniors from Downey high schools who will pursue musical educations on graduation, makes this one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind.

The community of Downey, which supports the Symphony and Music in the Schools, has every right to take pride in it. Under Osborn's leadership, it has maintained a high quality of performances and an educational outreach second to none.

(*The Patriot* wishes to thank Harold Tseklenis, who helped gather and compose much of the material in this column.)

#### **Letters to the Editor:**

#### Response to Finch's article

Dear Editor:

As a thirty-year resident of Downey and an opponent of Measure A, I would appreciate the opportunity to respond to Chief Finch's column published in the *Downey Patriot*. I believe that, in fairness, your readers deserve to hear another position on what I believe is an attempt to pass a regressive tax using deception and fear. Herewith is my response:

Measure A is a regressive tax on Los Angeles county taxpayers by those who would once again squander our tax dollars on other non-law enforcement activities.

Chief Finch's column in the *Downey Patriot* is an example of misinformation that the public is being bombarded with by those who would have us believe that this measure would solve our crime problems. The truth [is] there is no relationship between the number of police officers on the street and crime.

As a 20-year veteran of law enforcement I can attest to the fact that police officers are not crime fighters, but rather crime responders. We react when a crime has been committed and more often that not would never solve the problem if there were not great citizens such as in Downey who report crime and do not hesitate to identify the crooks.

Chief Finch indicated that our police department is "woefully understaffed" but did not give us any magic number that this regressive tax would add to our force. He used some comparative figures to indicate that in staffing we rank 67th in California of cities with a population of 75,000 or more. From his column he created two questions, first, why did he compare us to smaller cities, rather than cities our size. Second, what cities are they?

Downey residents are smart enough to understand that cities like Compton, Inglewood, Lynwood, and other troubled cities need more officers to just keep up with the trouble these cities have. Unlike Downey, we have residents who work hard to keep our city clean and safe.

Chief Finch also failed to explain why we have not kept pace with this alleged need for more officers on the street. Might it be because of the high pay and benefits that seem to be breaking the cities' coffers? Might it be because of a lucrative retirement program that allows officers after thirty years of service to retire with 90 percent of their salaries? Or that some of these 51-year-old retirees come back and sue for medical treatment which allows them to retire with 50 percent of their retirements tax-free?

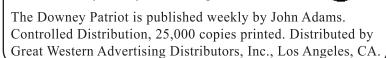
Chief Finch mentioned some of the programs he has been forced to cancel, one in particular, DARE. What he failed to mention is that the DARE program has been found to be useless in combating drugs and gang problems.

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Chief Finch, like Sheriff Baca and Chief Bratton, fail to explain to us what happened to the half-cent tax from the last ballot measure for public safety, Proposition 172. The money did not put one more officer on our streets; the funds were sucked away to other general funds programs. The backers of Measure A, as Chief Finch mentioned, are relying on this "oversight committee" to make certain that the money goes to where it is promised.

Let's use the best-case scenario and every dime winds up in the police department's budget. What will stop a city from removing that amount from the general fund that was previously earmarked for the police?

I question Chief Finch's math when he states that at present "convicted criminals serve only 10 percent of their sentences." First, these so-called convicted criminals are those persons sentenced to county jail, not state prison. Supporters of Measure A would have you believe they are hardened felons such as murderers and such. The truth [is] these are the low end of the crime problem—these are your petty thieves, deadbeat dads, and others who would never see a prison yard for hardened criminals.

The supporters of Measure A want us to believe that because of current staffing they can not "effectively respond to a 9/11-type attack." The truth is no magical staffing level will ever allow us to respond to such an attack. This is another example of creating fear in taxpayer's minds to extort this regressive tax.

Measure A supporters are attempting to frighten us into an unfair tax burden in Los Angeles County. Something that really troubles me is how many of these supporters of Measure A like Chief Finch live in Orange County where they will not be burdened with this regressive tax.

I suggest that when your readers review the arguments against Measure A in the voter's guide they will discover why we should not vote to support another tax burden. They will also find that unlike Chief Finch's attempt to tell us there is no support, that people like Supervisor Michael Antonovich, and Jonathan Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and other leaders in our community are opposed to making us one of the highest-taxed counties in the nation.

I strongly encourage your readers to vote 'no' on Measure A.

—Bob Feliciano,

Downey

#### Money mismanaged

Dear Editor:

Whenever government needs money, they seek to raise taxes. Whenever they seek to raise taxes, they point to a particular need which the new tax is "earmarked" to supplement. Whenever they specify a particular need, it is always something that is truly appealing to the taxpayers. Once the new tax is imposed, then the prior source of funding for the need which is being supplemented is all too easily withdrawn.

Such is the case with the proposed additional sales tax for fire and police support. The mere fact that we need the proposed additional tax increment, is sure evidence of mismanagement by the government. Government's philosophy seems always to be to tax more. The taxpayers need to ask themselves when the burden has become too much. Will it be at 9 percent? Or 10 percent? Or 15 percent?

There is an old story that the way to cook a frog is to place it in a pot of stream-temperature water and then slowly increase the temperature, because if the frog were tossed into a pot of hot water, then it would immediately jump out. This is what is happening with the current increase request; they are slowly increasing the burden and essentially cooking all of us frogs in the process, and the particular need for which this increase is "earmarked" will not retain the prior funding levels from the original sources. The Lottery monies were "earmarked" for education, and some may go there; but the funding from the prior sources was reduced, leaving the schools without the big boost they were promised to get. The tax on

gasoline was originally "earmarked" for highways, but it is now being used for many other purposes.

Many years ago, the sales tax was only 2.5 percent. Now it is over 3 times that much, and we don't seem to be getting 3 times as much service.

I'm all in favor of supporting the fire and police services of government, but am opposed to mismanagement and targeted taxes because the former always seems to have a shaky aim and causes the latter to miss the "earmarked" target.

—Hugh T. Hoskins, Downey

#### Limo circle

Dear Editor:

Mr. Veneracion [sic] calls the new Rio Hondo Clubhouse a "dream come true." [Oct. 8] *Maybe, for some*!

The "limousine circle" provides a grand entry for celebrities and politicians while we elderly and/or handicapped who can't afford a chauffeur, limo or expensive power wheelchair are forced to walk a long distance and/or climb stairs.

The limo circle should be painted blue and marked for handicapped parking. Let the "fat cats" walk! They probably need the exercise.

—An old (now dissatisfied) customer, 'Juan Chiarasqueado',

Downey

### Thanks for the Memories

By Darrell J. George

The past 6-½ years as Downey's Community Development Director have been a wonderfully rewarding journey. As I move on to the next professional challenge in my life, I will always have fond memories of my days in the great city of Downey, and what we all have accomplished.

A more attractive pedestrian and shopper friendly downtown, a commercially thriving Firestone Boulevard, a business friendly city hall, and the nationally recognized Downey Landing development will be but a few of the positive memories I will cherish. How exciting it will be to visit the former NASA property and see the future of Downey rise out of the ground and become something we can all be proud of! The state of the art Kaiser Medical Complex, along with the long-anticipated Downey Landing shopping center, and the new Downey Studios will provide much needed jobs and revenue for many, many years to come. Blockbuster films being shot in Downey, who would have thought it?

I owe a lot of thanks to my City Hall family...the Council Members who love their city so dearly, City Manager Gerald Caton, whose guidance, direction, and support made everything possible, and my fellow department heads. I could not think of a better team! The positive relationship we've sustained over the years has been instrumental in allowing us to achieve our goals and raise the bar in city government performance. Please remember this as you turn the page on another day.

Finally, thank you to my staff in Planning, Building, Housing and Economic Development. You are the best! As most of my time and energy was spent on the NASA property disposition, the competent community development staff kept the department afloat. With counter visits at an all-time high, planning and building permits and inspections rapidly increasing month-to-month, and new development peaking throughout the city, the staff never wavered in providing expert advice, timely turnaround, and a smiling face for all who needed assistance. They are the unsung heroes in City Hall, and deserve the utmost respect, reward, and recognition for which they don't always get.

While I am excited about taking on my new role as Duarte's City Manager, I am also sure that our paths will cross many times in the days, months, and years ahead.

Bye for now!

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#### **TEACHERS**

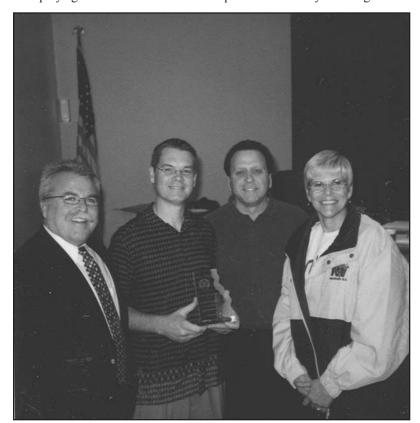
have appeared. He voluntarily directs an elementary band that rehearses after school on campus and is open to any fourth or fifth grade student in the district

He has developed a summer band program which is attended by more than 100 young musicians participating in Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band.

West's award winning Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band have recorded three CDs, performed at the prestigious Fullerton Jazz Festival, played at Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Magic Mountain.

Petersen is the main reason West Middle School is credited with having one of the finest music programs in the state.

He is also volunteer chaplain at Irwindale Speedway where he meets and prays with drivers before races, in the event of an accident accompanies families to the hospital, and is always available in times of crisis. He also plays guitar in his church's worship band on Sunday mornings.



MUSIC TEACHER—Bob Petersen, second from left, was honored Tuesday. From left, West Middle School Principal Phil Davis, Petersen, DUSD School Board President Mark Morris, and School Superintendent Wendy Doty.



TEACHER HONORED—From left, DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty, honored teacher Mary Robison, School Board President Mark Morris, and Alameda Principal Robin Martin.



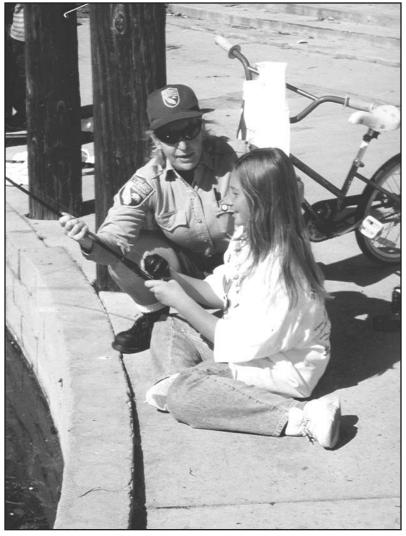
THE DOWNEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS—Has raised and donated \$3,000 to Darrel Jackson's 10/20 Club, a nonprofit outreach organization implementing a diversion project that provides afterschool activities, intervention, and program services to youth between ages 10 and 20. Left to right: Chris Baumann, Griselda Ceballos, Helen Lancaster, Jackson, Marina Martin, and Vicki Spearman. Not in photo: Jan Molinaro, John Lacey, Steve Roberson and Katonja

#### 'Halloween Haunts' in South Gate

**SOUTH GATE** – The City of South Gate will host their annual Halloween Haunts throughout their city parks on Oct. 31. For exact times and locations, call (323) 563-5447.

#### **CORRECTION**

We regret an error of omission in the last paragraph of Deacon Mario A. Guerra's letter to the editor, titled "Oliver's letter 'misleading'" (The Downey Patriot, Oct. 15, 2004). It should read: "Sixth, in the other lawsuits involving CareMore, the Hospital has achieved rulings in the Hospital's favor, including the court's judgment that directed CareMore to pay a \$14 million obligation to the Hospital that CareMore was seeking to avoid through CareMore's "scorched earth" litigation strategy."—Ed.



'LET'S GO FISHING!'—The 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Downey Youth Fishing Day" will be hosted by Downey Community Services and the California Department of Fish and Game Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m.-12 noon, rain or shine, at Wilderness Park lakes. The event is free to youngsters ages 15 and under. Girl in photo seems to be enjoying herself immensely. Fishing poles and bait will be available in limited quantities. For more information, call 904-7238.

#### **S**CHOOLS

The multi-use stadium design amounts to a savings of about \$1.5 million each.

In other action the Board:

\*Heard presentations by Robin Martin, Principal of Alameda Elementary honoring Mary Robison, certificated employee, for her work in student achievement, and Phil Davis, Principal of West Middle School, honoring Robert Petersen, certificated employee, also for his work in student achievement.

#### Gifts

\*Accepted with gratitude gifts to the District from the private sector including 450 books valued at a total of \$5,070 for use in the Ward Elementary Library from the Ward PTA; a cash donation of \$1,000 for the celebration of Red Ribbon Week from the East Middle School PTA; six sphygmomanometers valued at \$600 for the nursing program at Downey Adult School from Jeff Williams; and a cash donation of \$500 for eye exams and glasses for underprivileged students from Ellen and Clarence Peterson Foundation; plus many lesser but no less appreciated gifts.

\*Approved the appointment of C.S.E.A.'s nominee, Stephen Sampley to the DUSD Personnel Commission effective Dec. 1.

\*Approved the use of the Single Budget Option, which requires that the District's final budget for fiscal 2005-06 be adopted at an advertised public hearing by July 1, 2005.

\*Received the 2003-04 Annual Report.

\*Received the initial bargaining proposal for 2004-05 Master Agreement from the Downey Education Association/CTA/NEA for a 2004-05 Master Agreement and held a public hearing. Boardmembers Gutuerrez and Morris abstaining.

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\*Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downey Education Association that the expired Master Agreement shall remain in effect until both parties ratify a new modified agreement. (Gutierrez and Morris abstaining).

\*Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the CSEA Chapter 248 that the expired Master Agreement shall remain in effect until both parties ratify a new or modified agreement. (Gutierrez and Morris abstaining)

\*Ratified and approved payment of expenses for convention and conference attendance.

\*Ratified a general agreement with South Bay Children's Center for the 2004-05 fiscal year effective July 1, 2004 through June 30 2005.

\*Ratified payments as submitted for services for several special education placements.

\*Approved proposed revisions to BP 4145 and AR 4145, Early Retirement Benefit Plan.

\*Adopted proposed BP 4166, AR 4166, BP 5273 and AR 5273,

Employee Use of Technology.

\*Authorized 2004-05 membership in the KVB Consortium

\*Authorized 2004-05 membership in the KVB Consortium.
\*Ratified specified purchasing orders prepared by the Purchasing

Department.
\*Ratified payroll orders for Hourly, Overtime, Civic Center work by

classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of August.

\*Ratified B Warrants.

#### CalWorks contract

\*Ratified amendment 2 to the Los Angeles County Office of Education contract to provide CalWorks support services to enrollees in vocational and adult education programs effective Jan. 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

\*Ratified an agreement with the Southern California Alcohol and Drug Programs, Inc., for Counseling Intern Program for children and families referred by the District effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

\*Ratified the School Safety Police Program agreement with the City of Downey effective through June 1, 2005.

\*Approved an agreement between DUSD and Sandy Pringle Assoc., of Redondo Beach for certified inspection consulting services for new construction and/or modernization projects as needed, in the estimated annual amount of \$391,000 with no guarantee that that amount will be met, effective Aug. 30, 2004 through June 30, 2005, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

#### Hazard Mitigation Plan

\*Approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the DUSD.

\*Approved the English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP) Application for funding, fiscal 2004-05 and authorized submission of the application.

\*Accepted as complete trade electrical work of a bid by Spike Electric

## The poets' corner

#### All the Wonders of the World

The wonders of the world in fact As seven have been known. That number's nowhere near exact, The truth has surely shown.

True wonders do not have to be Of great gigantic size, A wondrous thing, as we can see, Great size often defies.

Behold the parts of some flowers; Their small complexities, Luring insects to these bowers; Rebirth's necessities.

The tiniest of such still awes
Where magic seems to dwell,
And interest and attention draws
As great wonders as well.
—E.R. "Tony" Anthony,

Lakewood

of Whittier in the sum of \$62,871 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 438,001 to be charged to the Bond or General Funds.

\*Accepted as complete backhoe services on a bid by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$18,337 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete work on a bid for the purchase and installation of a district-wide phone system with Nexus of Valencia in the final sum of \$1,309,300 to be charged to the General Fund.

\*Accepted as complete a bid for modernization work on E.W. Ward Elementary School by NBM Construction of Glendale in the final sum of \$1,786,616 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$54,873 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete a purchase order for Emergency Resolution with Thyssen Krupp Elevator of Los Angeles in the final sum of \$64,981 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved a renewal bid for carpet and resilient flooring from Oct. 1, 2004 through Sept. 30, 2005 with Collins and Aikman of Newport Beach in the estimated annual amount of \$600,000 to be charged to the General, Bond and/or Deferred Maintenance Funds.

#### Change orders

\*Approved a change order for the new stadiums at Downey and Warren High Schools, Fire Protection Bid Package 5, with Convention Technologies, LP, Fountain Valley, in the deductive sum of \$1,164 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 3 to a purchase order for Soils Testing Services for Downey and Warren High Schools with Smith-Emory Co., and Lab of Loa Angeles in the sum of \$50,000 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 6 for the new stadiums at Downey and Warren High Schools, Electrical Bid Package, with Mel Smith Electric of Stanton in the deductive amount of \$23,163 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

#### Adjustments

\*Approved the adjustment of the 2004-05 Adult Education Fund to reflect decreased income in specified programs.

\*Approved the adjustment of the 2004-05 Building Fund to reflect increases in appropriation for specified programs.

\*Approved the adjustment of the 2004-05 General Fund to reflect

increase in income and appropriations as listed.

\*Approved the transfer of 2004-05 lottery funds in the sum amounting

to \$106,500 from the General Fund to the Adult Education Fund.

\*Approved the transfer of \$900,000 from the General Fund to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

\*Approved the transfer of \$4,122,354 from the Unrestricted General Fund to the Restricted General Fund (special education) for the 2004-05

\*Approved the purchase of equipment as listed.

\*Acknowledged the receipt of a claim by legal representative Mark Weinstein in behalf of Roberto Arredondo and denied their claim in compliance with the Government Code.

\*Ratified routine personnel items.

\*Ratified the abolishment and addition of several positions.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board of Education will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire

#### Council's stand on initiatives

**DOWNEY**—Downey Mayor Pro Tem Keith McCarthy recently summarized the Downey City Council's concurrence on its position on the Nov. 2 election ballot initiatives 1A, 65, and 69, taken up at the Oct. 12 Council meeting:

Council supports **Proposition 1A** – Which is the result of an agreement between the League of California Cities and Gov. Schwarzenegger regarding the protection of local government revenues. He quotes Mayor Kirk Cartozian: "The recent state financial crisis had a detrimental impact upon cities throughout the state. This initiative will serve to clarify the means by which revenues are transferred between the state and cities."

Council opposes **Proposition 65** – Which was placed first on the November ballot by the League of California Cities, concerning local government funds, revenues, and state mandates (Initiative Constitutional Amendment). Proposition 1A essentially replaces Proposition 65.

Council supports **Proposition 69** – Regarding DNA samples, collection, database and funding (Initiative Statute). He quotes Downey Police Chief John Finch: "The expansion of the DNA database proposed by Proposition 69 will make for a safer California. It is a generally accepted fact that a very small percentage of our society commits over 90 percent of all violent crime. The sooner those individuals are included in the database used for comparison with actual pieces of evidence taken from crime scenes, the sooner they will be held accountable for their actions. Those individuals in our state who have been victims of crime deserve justice."

#### Youth fishing at Wilderness Park Nov. 6

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey and the California Department of Fish and Game have teamed up to provide youth the opportunity to fish on Saturday, Nov. 6, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Wilderness Park (10999 Little Lake Road).

For more information call 904-7238.

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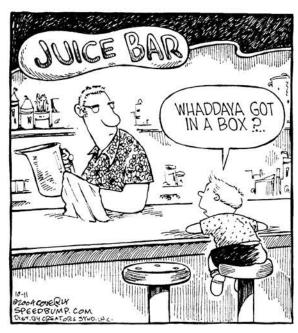
Here's a trivia question for you: Do batteries wear out faster if you turn the volume up on your portable radio? What's your guess? If you said yes, you are correct. It actually reduces the value of your batteries because it drains the battery life 3 times faster at full volume. Wow. There's a lesson in here somewhere. I know it just proves its time to turn the volume down on that expensive bank checking account. Get more value for your money by switching to a Free Checking account at Downey Federal Credit Union instead: no minimum balance requirements, no low balance fees and of course, longer battery life. You are eligible to join Downey Federal Credit Union if you live, work, worship or attend school in Downey. You can Count on Us for all of your financial needs. Please call (562) 862-8141 www.downeyfcu.org

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## **Downey Community Calendar**

Events For October

Fri. Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m.: "The Will Rogers Follies" musical presented by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Though Oct. 24. For information call 923-1714. Mon. Oct. 11, 7:00 p.m.: Author Ronald Woolsey frontier historian will speak. Also book signing at Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-3360, extension 32.

#### 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 & 4 th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall. 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Emergency Preparedness Committee, Barbara RileySenior 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.

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 3rdTues., 6:30 p.m.: Quota International Southeast Cities, for information call (323) 569-2854. 2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: Women's Agape, at Los Amigos Country Club. for information call (562) 622-3785.

2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191. 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at the Nordic Fox. for information call (562) 927-6438.

2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.

3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.

3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: Huff and Puff Respiratory, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.

Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549. Wednesdays

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 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. 10 a.m.: Compulsive Eaters Anonymous H.O.W., at 1st Christian Church. Call 884-5799.

#### THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE—To catch award-winning veteran actor Danny Michaels, above, in his dazzling performance as Will Rogers, and a superb supporting cast, in the vibrant DCLO production of "The Will Rogers Follies" which ends its run at the Downey Theatre Oct. 24. Final performances are today and tomorrow at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For tickets, call Marsha Moode, executive producer, at (562) 923-1714.

#### 'Trick or Treat Storytime' at library

DOWNEY—Preschool children can wear their favorite Halloween costume and enjoy treats at the Downey City Library at its special Trick or Treat Storytime offering Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room. After listening to Halloween stories, the children will go "trick or treating" throughout the library. Parents are invited to bring their cameras, according to Children's librarian Joyce Peacock. For more information, call 904-7360, Ext. 27. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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# 'Wonder of Elvis Show' visits Downey Oct. 30

**DOWNEY** – Elvis Presley will come to Downey on Saturday, Oct. 30 when Cruisin' Oldies Concerts and the Downey Chamber of Commerce present "A Tribute to Oldies Rock and Roll" at the Downey Theater, with showtime starting at 7:30 p.m.

"We are excited to bring this event to Downey as our First Annual Concert Fundraiser," said Joanne Warner, executive director of the Chamber. "And we want the whole community to get involved as this is one of the best oldies shows we've seen that appeals to people of all ages."

The concert will feature two acts, opening with "A Tribute to the Everly Brothers," starring Tome Haney and Goldrush, a popular local act that recreates an actual Everly Brothers concert. Some of the selections planned to be performed as of press time are "Wake Up Little Susie," "Cathy's Clown," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Bye Bye Love."

The headlining act is "The Wonder of Elvis," featuring Elvis Tribute Artist Mark W. Curran backed by his 7-piece band, which includes backup singers "The Memphis Soul Singers." Curran, a resident of Lakewood, has been performing area concerts for four years, and is considered one of the top West Coast Elvis impersonators.

He has appeared in Las Vegas, Hawaii, Japan and has been seen in numerous TV shows and commercials. Hs presentation will cover Elvis's

The group will play many of Elvis's greatest hits, including "Hound Dog," "All Shook Up," "Love Me Tender," and "Heartbreak Hotel."

Curran has done many events for the Chamber and its members, including Century 21 My Real Estate, which will co-sponsor the show. Steve Roberson, president of My Real Estate, said "Mark's shows are always top-notch and of the highest musical caliber, and his voice and moves will make you think Elvis never left us. We strongly encourage people to attend this show and help us for a good cause."

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#### Sweet Adelines annual show Nov. 6

DOWNEY-The Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a group of 35 women who sing four-part harmony in the barbershop style, will present their annual show, "Moments to Remember," Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre. Tickets are \$20 orchestra and \$15 balcony.

Featured will be "The Alley Cats," billed as America's premier doowop group, "O C Times," Far Western District men's barbershop quartet champions, and several other talented a capella groups.

Ladies with an interest in singing are urged to attend this show to see what Sweet Adelines is all about. The club is looking for 15 new members. On the Tuesday following, Nov. 9, the Southland Harmony Chorus will be hosting a guest/membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Woman's

For tickets and /or other information, call 9562) 927-0644 or (562)

#### Disney California Hotel tour Nov. 4

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., offers a tour of the new California Disneyland Thursday, Nov. 4.

It features a guided tour of the highly-touted Grand California Hotel (with its all-California decor), a trip to the new Downtown Disney (with its shopping and dining amenities), and a visit to Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen, which purportedly boasts the finest Louisiana 3-course luncheon set in a two-story replica of traditional French Quarter architecture and

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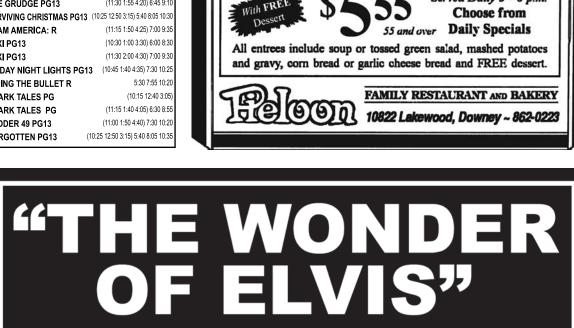
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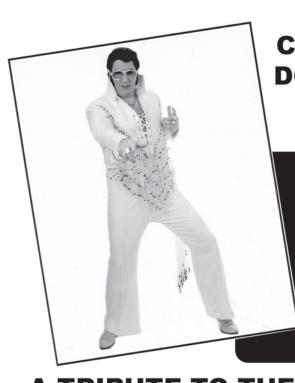
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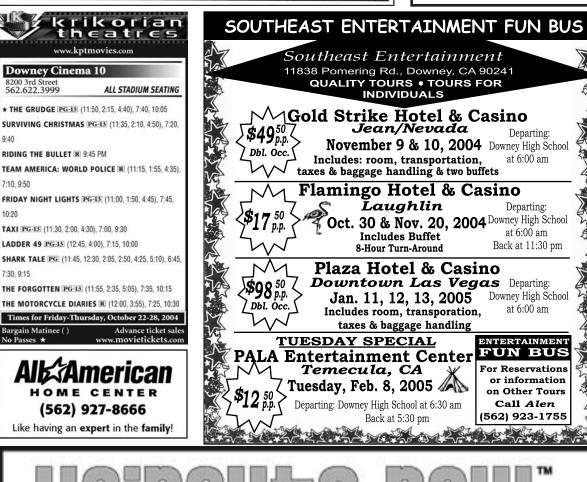
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KAISER BELLFLOWER's—Dr. Victor Wong, who volunteers time to the Downey Unified School District-sponsored True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center, examines Andrew Henriques held by older brother Marvin as Orlandis Waters, SVP of government and community relations for Financial Partners Credit Union in Downey, looks on. Among many free services TLC provides to needy children and families in the district, in collaboration with such organizations as FPCU and Kaiser Bellflower, are health and vision services, counseling services, and after-school tutoring. TLC can be reached at 904-3577.

#### Rotary/Arc golf tournament draws near

**DOWNEY** – There is one week left to register for the annual Downey Rotary Club/Arc Celebrity Golf Tournament, which tees off Friday, Nov. 5 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Proceeds will benefit Arc (formerly Association of Retarded Citizens), which provides help to those with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

A full day makes up the tournament, beginning with a putting contest at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served between 10-11 a.m., with a shotgun scramble start thereafter. An awards dinner in Rio Hondo's new banquet facility, along with a silent and live auction, concludes the evening at 5 p.m.

There will also be hole-in-one contests on all par 3's, and competitions for the 'straightest drive.'

Invited celebrities include Alan Thicke, "Growing Pains;" Gloria Torres, film star and current host and producer of "Hola, America;" John O'Hurley, "Seinfeld;" and Bob Seagren, gold medal pole vault winner. Various sponsorships are available for those interested.

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# McCarthy running for water board

**DOWNEY**—Downey City Councilman Keith McCarthy, a candidate for election to a seat on the Board of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, boasts some impressive endorsements including County Supervisor Don Knabe, Orange County Water District President Denis Bilodeau and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

He claims to have been influential in Water Board reforms of recent years, and says he is excited about further reforms in future. "While some reform has been accomplished through the tenacious oversight of local cities, much remains to be accomplished," McCarthy said. "This is why I am running. Southern California faces the double-barreled challenge of drought conditions, along with an increasing population and resultant demand for water resources.

"Ultimately, leaders who are educated, creative and responsible must carry out the oversight of managing groundwater resources. Once elected, I will provide that leadership in responding to the residents and the pumpers in the Central and West Basins. The governance of WRD must be as transparent and as available as the water itself."

Born in Ohio, McCarthy was raised in Michigan where he attended University of Detroit Jesuit Academy and Wayne State University. After moving to California in 1976, he married his wife Katrin in 1982. The McCarthy's moved to Downey in 1983, and are raising six children. He has managed a local small business since 1977.

In 1999 he said Downey Councilwoman Joyce Lawrence and he met with WRD Director Bob Goldsworthy and Leo VanderLans to discuss serious concerns that local cities had with the spending programs of the water district at that time. "Our discussions were summarily rejected. Following that, we led a coalition of cities in suing the WRD to bring about badly needed reform."

He said this resulted in a one-time refunding of \$3.5 million to the water pumpers;

\*A lowering of the pump tax by about 30 percent overall;

conceived projects;

\*A rollback of a \$27 million sole-source contract that WRD was plan-

ning to issue; forcing a bid which resulted in savings of over \$14 million; \*Stopped issuance of \$80 million of bonded indebtedness to fund ill-

\*A report on WRD issued by the California State Auditor said, "Weak policies and poor planning have led to excessive water rates and questionable expenses.'

\*A report on WRD was subsequently issued from the Little Hoover Commission.

At least part of the reforms called for were a result of McCarthy's personal testimony in Sacramento.

He cannot run for re-election to the Downey City Council due to term

#### Holidays Bazaar at Moravian Church

**DOWNEY** – The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will be holding their annual Holidays Bazaar, Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10-3 p.m. There will be a boutique, baked goods, handmade crafts, Christmas decorations, Moravian items, Grandma's Attic and pumpkin pies.

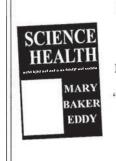
Also available will be a soup or chili, salad and desert luncheon for \$5. The Moravian Church is located at 10337 Old River School Road. For further information, or to place an order for pumpkin pies, call the church

#### P.E.O. chapter to hold luncheon Nov. 6

DOWNEY-The Social Committee for Chapter OP, P.E.O. Sisterhood, will hold a luncheon Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Rio Hondo Country Clubhouse to celebrate the chapter's 50th anniversary. Chapter OP was the 402nd chapter to be organized in the State of California. P.E.O. is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education

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LOCAL TEEN—Jane Guzman, a senior at Downey High School and editor of the school newspaper, was selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law (NYLF/LAW) currently underway in Washington, D.C. The forum, designed to provide an insight into the workings of the legal and court system, lasts through Oct. 24. She was among approximately 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the U.S. who have "demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in the legal profession."

## Congresswoman hosts domestic violence brief

**DOWNEY** – In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) and the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues co-hosted a congressional briefing last week to raise domestic violence awareness, and to give an update of the Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act introduced by the congresswoman last year.

"The Security and Financial Empowerment Act would help provide the financial security a victim of domestic violence needs to escape her abuser," Roybal-Allard said. "Victims of domestic violence should not be forced to place themselves in further jeopardy - or fail to seek help because they fear losing the income they need to care for themselves and their children. Under my bill, should a victim of domestic abuse be forced to leave a job because of the violence, the person would be entitled to unemployment benefits. They would also be able to take time off from work to obtain legal assistance, medical care or to address other immediate needs without the fear of being fired."

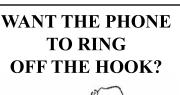
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which seeks to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, was also a topic of discussion at the briefing.

In addition to the Congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., a number of domestic violence organizations and police departments around the country held events to commemorate "It's Time to Talk Day," an observance the groups hope will spur families to discuss the topic of domestic violence.

#### Soroptimist to hold 'Oktoberfest' Nov. 7

DOWNEY-Soroptimist International of Downey is hosting an Oktoberfest celebration Sunday, Nov. 7 from 2-6 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd., with the proceeds to provide scholarships and grants to youth, women, and community charities.

This event includes music, food, beer-tasting, games of chance, and a silent auction. Donations are \$40 per person. For more information, call 927-9908.





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## Former bus trailblazer Nadeane Hare dies

**DOWNEY** – Nadeane Hare passed away Wednesday, Oct. 13 while being admitted to USC University Hospital for heart surgery. She was born in Huntington Park in 1926.

Nadeane was part of the pioneering Carson family who started the bus lines which served the areas of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The bus operations were initiated in Lynwood in 1944; she and her father were later joined by Nadeane's brothers following their separation from the U.S. Navy.

The bus operations served the communities of Lynwood, Huntington Park, Compton, Bellflower, Paramount, Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Bell and Bell Gardens, as well as Anaheim and Fullerton in Orange County. (The Huntington Park line was in Nadeane's name.)

The bus operations operated as cross-town suburban bus lines and ultimately included the operations of Southern Cities Transit, Holbrook-Benton and Sunset Stages. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority acquired the bus operations in 1961. There were 81 buses at the time of the sale.

Nadeane was raised in Lynwood but resided in Downey since 1961. She is survived by her husband, Edward; three sons, Edward III, Douglas and Tom (all raised in Downey and graduates of Downey High School); and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a future date.

# 54-year resident Lloyd H. Carlson, 89

DOWNEY-Lloyd H. Carlson, a 54-year resident of Downey, died on Oct. 13. He was 89.

He was born Oct. 18, 1915 in Honeyford, North Dakota. He was a 7year veteran of the United States Navy, serving on the USS Altamaha in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

An avid hunter and outdoorsman, he was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by 3 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 3 greatgreat grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife of 53 years, Adrienne Lenore, and their son, Thomas.

Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, with Miller-Mies handling arrangements.

#### Free discussion of ballot items

DOWNEY-Gloria Katz of the non-partisan League of Women Voters will lead a discussion of the pros and cons of the measures on the November ballot.

Complimentary coffee will be available at the free talk scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd., Downey. For information call 869-1414.





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#### "Mega Blast" at First Christian Oct. 31

**DOWNEY** – Continuing with their tradition of offering a safe alternative to trick-or-treating, Downey First Christian Church will again host "Mega Blast," a free carnival event for kids ages newborn to fifth grade.

Featured will be an inflatable "pirate ship" for younger children, and an obstacle course and 25-foot slide for older kids.

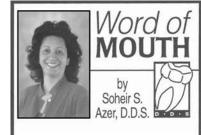
There is no admission cost and food items will be offered for 50 cents

"Mega Blast" will be open from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. Downey First Christian Church is located at 10909 S. New St., one block north of Krikorian Theater. Call 862-2438 for more information.

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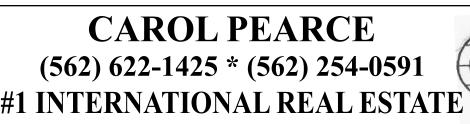
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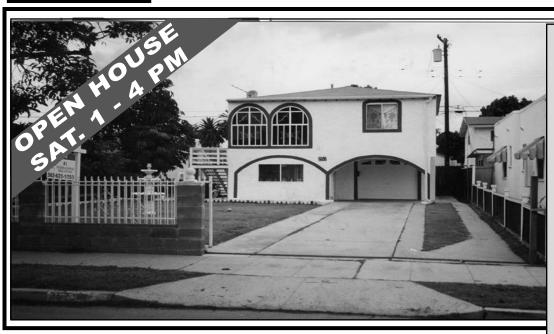
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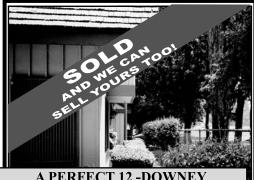
Spacious 4 bed, 3 bath home with almost 1,500 sqft of living space. Master suite with private bath and walk-in closet plus central air and heat. View of pool and spa from upstairs. Extra room - possible office or 5th bedroom. Cozy living room leads out to your private backyard. Shows like a model. Asking \$429,000.

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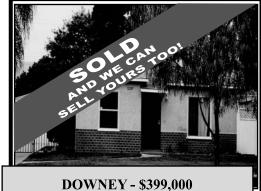
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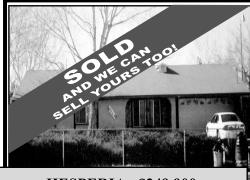
privacy. Spacious formal living room with dining

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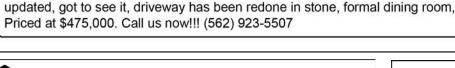
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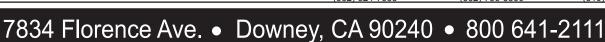
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Beautiful 4 bedroom 3 bath home with nearly 2,500 sq. ft. on a 9,000 sq. ft. lot. This lovely home has been completely remodeled like new!

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Great Condition! This beautiful home has B bedrooms with remodcled bath, large living room, a sunny kitchen with dining area, 2 car detached garage, and hardwood floors. 1,251 sq. ft. of living space on a 5,725 sq. ft. lot. Call Jose!!



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room & enclosed patio. Other features include dual central air & heat, copper plumbing,

electric gate in driveway, 2 water heaters & fru

es. Priced at \$829,000

This nice 3 bedroom 2 bath Whittier home



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**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** oom, central air and heat, hardwood floors and a 2 car detached garage. 1,616 sq. ft. of living space on a 5,900 sq. ft. lot.

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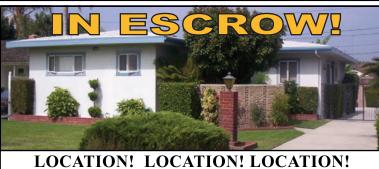
3 bedroom, 2 bath North Downey home with new wood flooring, new carpet, remodeled bathroom, spacious living room & dining room, kitchen with bar area overlooking large family room and two private offices. Also, features central air/heat, large laundry room, a large lot and a 2-car garage. Priced to sell at \$575,000 Call Michael to see! 562-818-6111



**CHEAP! CHEAP!** 

l bedroom condo with spacious living room, dining room, & clean kitchen. Community also has pools & parking for residents. Price: \$225,000.

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3 bedroom, 2 bath home in North Downey (just south of Florence). Home features living room, family room, formal dining room, 1,924 sq. ft., and 2 car detached garage, all on a

7,626 sq. ft. lot. Price: \$599,000. Call Michael to see! 562-818-6111



One 3 bed, 2 bath unit, one 2 bed, 1 bath unit, and one 1 bed, 1 bath unit. Three bedroom unit in back has newly-remodeled kitchen and home is in move-in condition. Projected income if all three were rented would be \$36,000 or more per year! Priced at \$799,000. Call Michael to view!

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SPLISH, SPLASH!

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