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## Haydn's last symphony featured tomorrow

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—The great Franz Joseph Haydn was on a roll. Had been for years. By the middle of 1795, he had composed a prodigious body of music, sonatas, quartets, concertos, operas, masses—plus a mere 103 symphonies. He was widely praised on the continent and in England, an industrious, playful, successful genius, kindly Papa Haydn.

But he hadn't spoken all his music yet, not by a long shot. Fresh material kept flowing from mind to pen and in the same year that the 103rd symphony was completed, the 104th sprang into being also, written in London. It would be his final symphony, and it is among the works being performed by the Downey Symphony Orchestra on Saturday evening, Jan. 29 in an 8 p.m. concert at the Downey Civic Theater.

Under artistic Director and Conductor Thomas Osborn, the orchestra opens with Bela Bartok's marvelous Rumanian Folk Dances, followed by the Haydn, and Dvorak's Violin Concerto with Martin Chalifour, Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as soloist.

A rich feast indeed, and for the dessert course, Dr. Osborn has programmed Rimsky-Korsakov's familiar, always fun "Flight of the Bumblebee." Rimsky was such a consummate master of orchestration, the art of composing and arranging for that intricate entity called "the orchestra," that his textbook on the subject is still in use today, nearly 100 years after his death.

This will be the second concert of the orchestra's 47th season, and is dedicated to Dr. Jordan Phillips for his many years of support and the generous underwriting of this evening's performance. Dr. Osborn's preview discussion begins at 7:15 p.m. for all ticket holders.

Tickets priced at \$10 to \$25 are available after 6 p.m. Jan. 29 at the theater box office, 8435 Firestone Blvd., at Brookshire. Ample free parking surrounds the theater.



**PAST PRESIDENTS** – The Downey Chamber of Commerce held its 102nd Anniversary Luncheon last Friday (Jan. 21) at the Rio Hondo Events Center. Participating in cutting the cake were (from left) past presidents Fionnuala Anderson, Steve Allen, Doris Patterson, Dave Gafin, Jim Reynolds, Bob Verderber, John Lacey and Maria Larkin.

## Downey Rotary goes international

By Eric Pierce

NAIROBI, KENYA – A news article in the *Orange County Register* last month piqued the interest of Downey Rotary President Doug Baker. The story, dated Dec. 2, 2004, told of a crisis in Kenya, Africa. AIDS was ravaging the country (the continent, to be entirely accurate). An estimated 600 to 900 people were dying every 24 hours, and what once were sprawling city hubs were slowly being transformed into desolate ghost towns, ruining the country's already fragile economic footing.

Horrible news, for sure, Baker thought, but what was happening to the children?

And so that is how another Rotary project came to be, the group identifying a problem and working quickly to tackle it. In this case, Downey Rotary worked in conjunction with Rotary of Redlands and Kenya Rotary and provided funding to establish a sanctuary for orphaned girls, who are customarily considered of less value than boys.

Yes, take the one-and-a-half-day plane trip to Kenya and you'll find hanging outside a rustic two-story colonial house, with cows lulling lazily about, a banner that reads: "The Shepherds Home – Segona, Kenya – A Partnership with the Rotary Club of Downey, California." A global organization, indeed.

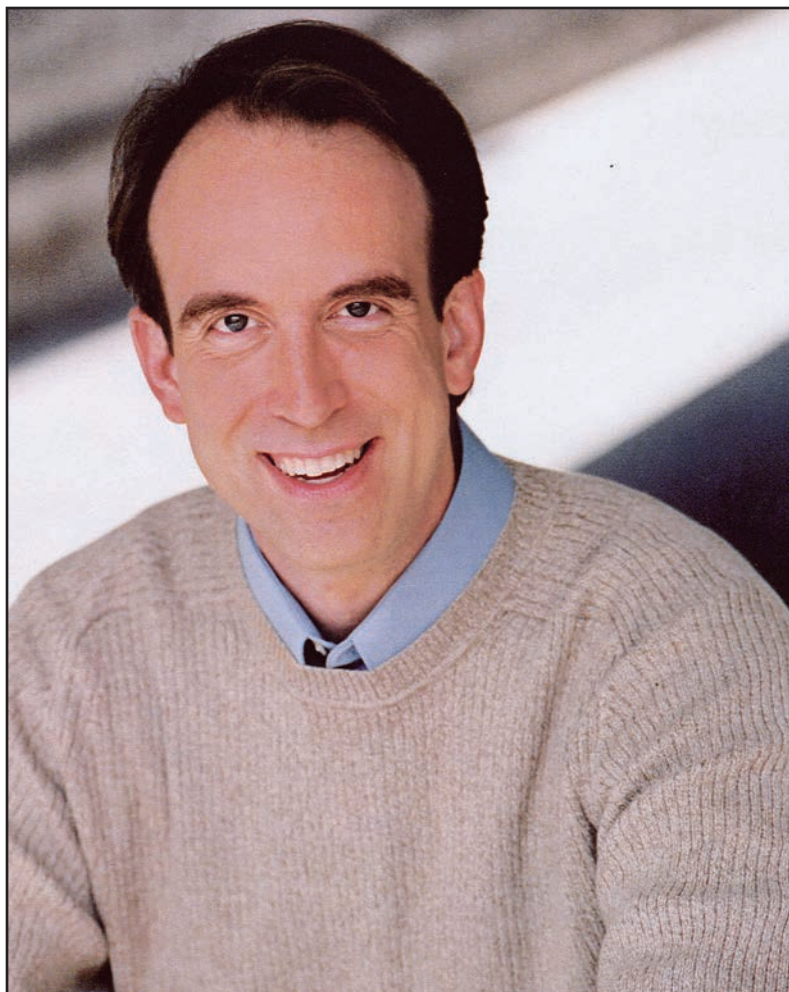
At the orphanage, the girls are afforded an education, health referrals and psychological counseling, among other benefits. And because in Kenya the death of a parent to AIDS is not a matter of if, but when, children are trained how to become responsible heads of households.

Downey Unified School District Superintendent Wendy Doty recently returned from a trip to Kenya, where she toured the orphanage and mingled with its 23 inhabitants.

"The house has a tin roof, with no water and no plumbing," Doty said, visibly emotional. "But to see the house the kids live in, they are far better off than where they'd be otherwise."

Before coming home, Doty took in a song and dance performance

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**DINK O'NEAL**—Returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera to star as Albert Peterson in "Bye Bye Birdie," at the Downey Theater Feb. 17-March 6. O'Neal will be remembered for his star performance in the DCLO production of "Damn Yankees" last season. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.

## Chamber holds gala anniversary lunch

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce held an anniversary luncheon at the new Rio Hondo Clubhouse and Restaurant Friday, Jan. 21, complete with recognition of significant membership anniversaries and birthday cake.

Past presidents were recognized and honored. The event was sponsored by Kaiser Permanente.

Chamber President Jerry Brady kept things upbeat for much of the meeting. The event closed with a moment of silence in memory of Elton Wallar, a Downey businessman for 70 years, who recently died at the age of 96.

Members were recognized for five year, 10 year, 15 year and 20 years of membership by certificates. And plaques were presented to 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45-year members. Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning was honored for 45 years of membership as was Banco Popular, while Frantone's, Freedom Vacations, Inc., Macerich (Stonewood Center), and Downey Dermatologic Medical Group were each honored for 40 years of membership.

A highlight was the annual photo of past presidents at the cake cutting ceremony.

Past presidents present for the cake cutting included Doris Patterson, David Gafin, John Lacey, Maria Larkin, Jim Reynolds, Steve Allen, Bob Verderber, and Fionnuala Anderson.

## Synthetic grass eyed by Council

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Councilman Dave Gafin told City staff Tuesday he wants a close study of the newly developed synthetic grass which the Water Replenishment District of Southern California is touting as a new tool for water conservation.

Gafin told the Board that if it is as good as the Water District suggests in press releases and news stories he would like to see it used in future medians installed in Downey.

On other subjects, Gafin said he enjoyed the anniversary luncheon Friday at the Rio Hondo Country Club honoring Chamber past presidents and the Chamber of Commerce's 102nd birthday.

Councilman Meredith Perkins said he also enjoyed the chamber event. And he said he wants a follow-up report in a year on the sums paid the city lobbyist in Sacramento.

Permit process

Councilman Kirk Cartozian said he wants a report on how the streamlining of the permit process at City Hall is doing.

Members of the Downey City Council were unanimous in congratulating city staffers, committee members and all who contributed to the Downey Vision 2025 Report.

Former City Councilman Keith McCarthy spoke in behalf of the Orange-Line rail proposal, saying he knew it was futuristic but after some study he had been turned into a believer.

Representatives from the Bellflower and Cerritos City Councils also spoke in favor of the Orange-Line.

## Council adopts plan for 2025: A vision of hope for the future

DOWNEY—The City Council, after a public hearing, has adopted Downey Vision 2025, a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan which includes chapters on land use, circulation, conservation, safety, noise, open space, design and economic development for the next score of years. It also certifies an Environmental Impact Report.

The action was at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

Intensive study

The plan is the product of long, hard work by members of the City Council, Planning Commission, a General Plan Committee appointed by the Council, and city staff. The goal is to enhance Downey's role as the quality city in the southeast Los Angeles County while providing housing, education, employment and recreational opportunities and a safe and affordable environment.

It is noted the past decade has seen an increase in average household size in Downey, which is expected to continue, though at a slower rate of increase. Population is expected to reach 118,552 by 2025.

Balanced uses

The plan attempts to maintain a balance of land uses while retaining open space that remains available and still encourage jobs.

One aspect of the plan is the completion of Downey Landing on a portion of the former NASA/Boeing property. The former 168 acres of land will also include a 30-acre Kaiser Medical complex, a motion picture production lot known as Downey Studio, and a park, museum and space learning center.

The significance of the Green Line Station on Lakewood is also stressed, which allows transition to transit-oriented development.

The plan sets forth advanced livable community concepts to promote pedestrian, transit and alternate modes of travel to the automobile.

It also seeks to promote the downtown as an entertainment, dining, civic and shopping area.

Trends

It tries to take into account changes in land use trends, noting that the existing development standards in the Downey Municipal Code date to 1977. It also aims to coordinate and monitor actions by state, federal and regional agencies on issues that may impact Downey.

Above all it tries to maintain and upgrade the neighborhoods that have provided local residents a high standard of life for many years here. Mansionization is addressed by using floor area ratios.

Traffic congestion is addressed with a goal of maintaining traffic circulation along a system of arterial, secondary arterial and collector roads and local streets including a Signal System Master Plan and improved turn lanes at key intersections.

Alternate travel means

Alternate means of travel are promoted to avoid congestion. Truck traffic, particularly on the 710 Freeway, is addressed. Truck routes will be strictly enforced, as well as street parking of big-rigs.

Cooperation with the Joint Powers Authority to solving the problem of increased traffic on the I-5 freeway is noted.

Railroad delays at rail crossings are also a continued problem. The City faces a problem in costs of upgrading its aging infrastructure including water, sewers, roads and energy. The plan suggests prioritization wherever possible.

Downey draws water supplying 95 percent of its needs from local wells. The basin is naturally recharged, but also receives supplemental allocated water as determined by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, which determines the amount of recharging needed. Water conservation is stressed as a future as well as present need.

Stormwater runoff

Stormwater contamination through runoff is an increasing problem, and the City faces tough new storm runoff regulations. Worsening air quality is noted, as is the need for solid waste disposal.

## City loans \$800,000 to Development Agency

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Acting as the Community Development Commission, the City Council has approved an agreement for the City to loan \$800,000 to the Community Development Agency to finance future projects and operating procedures.

The action was at Tuesday's Community development portion of the City Council meeting.

The loan is to be repaid to the City at 12 percent interest, and will provide working capital for the Woodruff and Firestone Project Areas.

The loan to the Firestone Project Area amounts to \$600,000 and is necessary since the Area began the year with \$1.3 million and is expected to incur expenses of \$792,000. \$600,000 is believed to insure a reasonable level of operating capital.

A similar loan of \$200,000 is needed since the Woodruff Area began the year with \$151,000 and is expected to incur expenses of \$130,000. \$200,000 is expected to provide a reasonable margin of operating funds.

It was noted the 2005-05 budget includes a provision for this \$800,000 loan. Estimated revenue from the Firestone Project Area is \$2,673,000,

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**MATTHEW SEQUEIRA** — A third-grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, enlisted the help of his Boy Scout Troop Pack 9, OLPH Girl Scout Troop 327 and his classmates and coordinated a bake sale that raised more than \$1,000 for victims of the Asian tsunami. "Christian service has been a long-standing tradition at Our Lady's school," Steffani McMains, OLPH principal, said. "Matthew has demonstrated great compassion and initiative by organizing this bake sale. We are so proud of what he has done." The money he raised will be donated to Catholic Relief Services for their tsunami relief efforts.

**Little League try-outs tomorrow**

**DOWNEY** – Try-outs will be held tomorrow, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at West Middle School as West Downey Little League takes sign-ups for its new season.

Cost is \$45 for t-ball (ages 5 and up) and \$75 for Minor A, Minor B, Minor C and Majors. A birth certificate, California ID and current gas or electric bill will be needed when registering.

Junior and senior leagues for players ages 13-18 will begin in March. West Middle School is at 11985 S. Old River School Road. Call 928-2837 for more information.

**Library lining up February events**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library is offering a number of classes and workshops in the month of February. Call 904-7360 for specific information or visit the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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**Local student named Spotlight semi-finalist**

**DOWNEY**—Seventeen-year old Adrianna Lyons, a 12th grader at Calvary Chapel Christian School in Downey, was one of 89 gifted high school student performers chosen as semi-finalists for the 17th annual prestigious Spotlight Awards, administered by the Fraternity of Friends, a volunteer membership organization comprised of businessmen and entertainment professionals who support the Music Center.

The 89 semi-finalists were selected from among more than 800 Southern California students who auditioned in the performing arts categories of ballet, non-classical dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical instrumental music and jazz instrumental music. Lyons competed in the classical voice/soprano lyric and coloratura category.

All participants in the Spotlight Awards program receive the benefit of professional advice and career mentoring. The semi-finalists return to audition before another panel of expert judges. Each audition concludes with a special reception for the students and their families. Every semi-finalist receives a stipend of \$100 in recognition of his or her achievements in the program.

Finalists are then selected and announced in March, at which time, they are paired with a mentor from the Music Center's Fraternity of Friends. The mentors provide guidance and support to the students and their families in preparation for the finals show, where the performers compete before a sold-out audience at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Saturday, April 17.

Winners receive \$6,000; runners-up \$3,000. The Spotlight Awards competition is followed by a gala dinner in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

**Annual Community Job Fair March 12**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Adult School are again co-sponsoring the upcoming fourth annual Community Job Fair on Saturday, March 12 which will be held at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center/Diane Boggs Auditorium, 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The job fair brings prospective employers and employees together. For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191, or Tina Campos, Downey Adult School, 940-6257.

**Street Faire preparations underway**

**DOWNEY**—Preparations have started for the annual Downey Street Faire, a major project of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Jan Scott, this year's Street Faire Committee chairman, appealed to old and new sponsors for help in producing the event, in accordance with the following revised sponsor structure:

- Gold Sponsor \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor \$2,500
- Bronze Sponsor \$1,000

Gold Sponsors get three booth spaces, Silver Sponsors two, Bronze Sponsors one, and so on. To sign up, call Scott at Pacific Western Bank, 806-3701.

**'Hip Hop for Teens' begins Feb. 1**

**DOWNEY**—A new 5-week class, "Hip Hop for Teens," is offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department starting Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. The class is from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Students will learn all of today's latest Hip Hop steps, and in the process learn how to dance and improve their self-confidence. Fee for the class is \$35. For information/to register, call 904-7223.

**Floral design class at community center**

**DOWNEY**—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a new class titled "Building Floral Centerpieces" at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. Class dates are Feb. 16 and 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m and Feb. 28 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Intro to Beginning Floral Design) and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (Orchid Centerpieces).

The cost is \$25 per class, plus a small supplies fee. To register, call 904-7223.

**Valentine's Day program for kids**

**DOWNEY**—Preschoolers and their parents are invited to a Valentine Storytime Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Cormack Room in the Downey City Library.

After listening to holiday stories, children will be allowed to make valentine cards. The free event is for children ages 3-5.

No registration is necessary. Call Children's Services at 904-7360 Ext. 4 for more information.



**DR. MARY STAUFFER (right)**—Presents Rose Boland with \$12,000 check for counseling services at TLC Center. The grant will provide children access to counseling services.

**Stauffer Foundation awards \$12,000**

**DOWNEY**—The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation recently gave a \$12,000 contribution to TLC Family Resource Center, a program of the Downey Unified School District. The grant will be used to pay graduate-level counseling interns to provide school-site counseling services several hours each week to children in need of counseling. These children lack the funds or insurance necessary to obtain counseling services. The program serves low-income families who lack the funds or insurance to receive needed services.

The TLC Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 904-3577.

**Moravian Church enchilada sale**

**DOWNEY**—The women of the Moravian Church, 10337 Old River School Rd. in Downey, are holding their annual Enchilada Sale tomorrow, Jan. 29.

The enchiladas come two to a pan and are suitable for freezing. Meat and cheese combination enchiladas are \$4.25 a pan, and cheese only are \$4.50 a pan. They may be picked up any time after noon and before 5 p.m.

To place an order, call the church office at 927-0718.

**Public invited to hear guest speaker**

**DOWNEY** – Lois Buchanan, president of Downey Second Century Foundation, will speak on the history of her organization when Downey Coordinating Council holds its monthly meeting Feb. 2 at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch. Drink and dessert will be furnished.

Buchanan has been President of DSCF for the past eight years and a member since 1979.

**Adult School Baja cruise Feb. 18-21**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., offers a 3-night cruise (Feb. 18-21) aboard Carnival's *Paradise* to Ensenada, Baja California to provide "a wonderful weekend getaway from the hustle and bustle of traffic and city life."

Cost is \$449 double per person (outside), \$399 double per person (inside). Price includes all meals and entertainment aboard ship, port charges of \$112.25, and transportation to and from Downey Adult School.

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. Call 940-6213 for more tour information.

**Emblem Club Pechanga bus trip Feb. 16**

**DOWNEY**—Downey Emblem Club #309 is sponsoring a Pechanga Bus Trip Wednesday, Feb. 16. It is the club's first fundraiser of the year.

Assembly is at the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bingo will be played going and coming. A \$5 voucher will be issued each Pechanga goer to use as they choose.

Price to participate is \$6 members, and \$11 non-members. For information, contact Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003.

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'3 FOR THE SHOW'—Talented song and dance trio appear at the Nordic Fox on Valentine's Day. There is no cover charge for the event. For reservations, call 869-1414.

## '3 for the Show' set for Valentine's Day

DOWNEY—"3 for the Show," a song and dance trio that sings and swings to some of the best music ever written—songs by Porter, Gershwin and Ellington, to name a few, will bring their flash and style to the Nordic Fox Restaurant for a special Valentine's Day show Monday, Feb. 14.

The trio specializes in swing dancing and tight vocal harmonies guaranteed to set your toes tapping.

Michael Musa, Tricia Eckhart, and Tracy Henry are the multitasking performers that make this trio work so well.

Michael's roots are in West Virginia, where he began acting and singing in high school. He has since amassed an impressive list of stage credits from across the U.S., and has appeared on several Southern California stages, as well as TV.

Tricia is a native Californian and began dancing at the age of four. Her first love is musical theater, and she has appeared throughout the southland, and around the globe as a singer on cruise ships.

Tracy is a Californian, although he considers himself more of a country boy since his parents are from North Carolina. He has worked with such stars as Ray Walston, Karen Morrow and Roy Clark, and his credits include stage, TV, radio and film.

The show starts at 6 p.m. on Valentine's and there is no cover charge. For information or reservations to their Valentine's Day appearance at The Nordic Fox, call 869-1414. The restaurant is located at Paramount and Third Street in Downey.

## Kenneth Westbrook is new CareMore CEO

DOWNEY—Veteran health care executive Kenneth K. Westbrook has been named chief executive officer of CareMore Medical Enterprises in Downey. Westbrook replaces Carl Westerhoff, who retired from the position of CEO of CareMore Medical Group.

With over 30 years of executive health care experience, Westbrook served most recently as the Senior Vice President of Tenet Healthcare's Valley Coastal region in Southern California. Prior to joining Tenet, he was the Senior Vice President of OrNda HealthCorp. Westbrook was also the CEO of several hospitals in the Southern California area.

"Ken's senior-level experience with hospitals, physicians and health plans is a perfect fit for our group," said Sheldon S. Zinberg, M.D., chairman of the board and founder of CareMore Medical Management Company, which consists of a core medical group, an IPA, a medical management company and Medicare Advantage managed health plans. "Ken's vision has always been focused on improving patient care, which melds with our philosophy."

Westbrook holds an MBA and MA in healthcare management, both from the University of Redlands. He also completed his fellowship in health care studies at the University of Texas and Kings Fund College in London.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work with such an innovative and focused team of professionals," he said. "As a hospital executive, I have always admired CareMore for its many advances in the way seniors receive medical care, and now I have the chance to lead this innovative company into the future."

### ROTARY

the children and met with the president of Nairobi Rotary. Together, they discussed their hopes of bringing running water and other very basic functions to the orphanage.

"Last year, a woman in Nairobi, Kenya won the Nobel Prize," Baker, Rotarian president, said, referring to Wangari Maathai, founder of Africa's largest community-based environmental organization. "There's no reason to believe that one of the girls going through our sanctuary won't be the second. People will say, 'Well, gee, Doug, shouldn't we be putting our money into our community?' It's Rotary International, not Rotary Down the Street.

"This project isn't about AIDS. It's about children who have no parents. No one to hug them, no one to tuck them in at night. It's about them. We can make a difference. This is what it's all about."

Rotarians insist on calling the orphanage a sanctuary, which isn't a stretch of the truth because if not for the home, the children would be on the streets, or worse. Superintendent Doty recalled meeting a 16-year-old girl, banished from her home after her parents died because she was considered too large a burden to support.

The house is erect, and the children sleep safely inside, but the work is not yet complete. The project is an ongoing one, and Downey Rotarians vow to continue their support. To pledge your help, call Baker at (714) 229-2266 or Carol Pearce, Rotary President-Elect, at (562) 622-1425.



HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD – Dr. Wendy Doty, with her son, far right, traveled to Nairobi, Kenya recently where they unveiled "The Shepherds Home," a Downey Rotary-sponsored orphanage for girls. The club continues to raise funds for the project.

## American-Jewish history discussed

DOWNEY—In its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 1, the EZRA Center for Mature Adults will have as its 10 a.m. program speaker Dr. David Kaufman, associate professor of American-Jewish Studies at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, who will speak on "350 Years of American-Jewish History."

He will focus on telling the story of Jewish achievements in America, allowing Jews not only to preserve their history, religion, traditions, and culture, but also to thrive as individuals and as a cultural force.

The EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. A catered kosher luncheon will be served after the program. The community is welcome.

Temple Ner Tamid also offers weekly adult education classes on Monday and Tuesday.

Contact the Temple office at 861-9276 for more information.

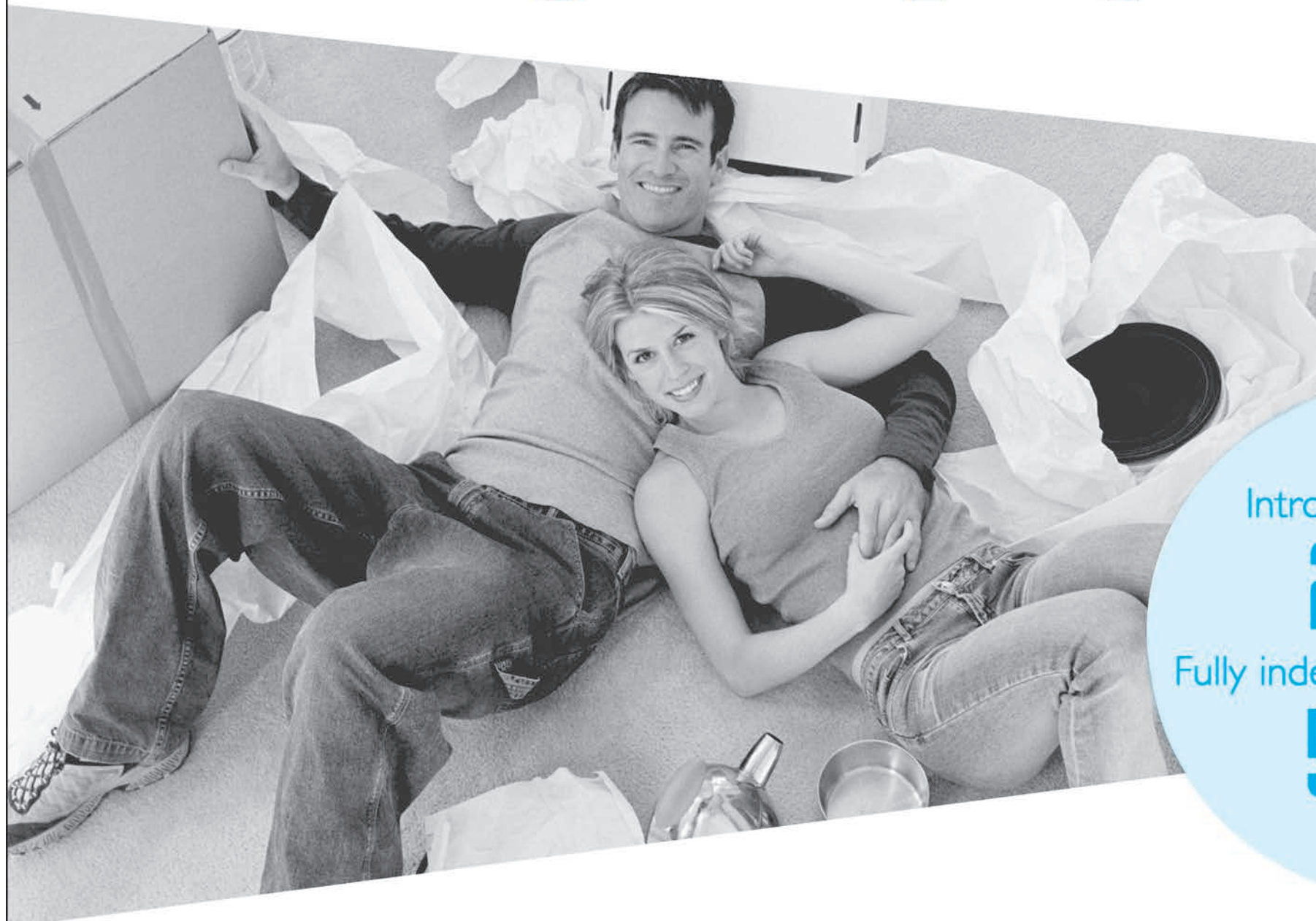
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## Familiar face

By John Adams

It was good to see Keith McCarthy at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Even though he has been forced to step down from the Council by Downey's Term Limits law, McCarthy's experience and acumen have been invaluable in the past.

He addressed the Council Tuesday over the report on Downey Vision 2025, a comprehensive report on where Downey is headed.

McCarthy took dead aim at area O (the Foster-Edison right-of-way) which was listed in the report as open space. McCarthy, in a letter to the Council, referred to it as weeds that grow to six feet high, which effectively catch trash and debris making it "plug-ugly." He called the area an embarrassing blight, and urged postponement of open space designation until it could be thoroughly investigated.

Councilman Meredith Perkins, in his motion to accept and file the comprehensive report, noted O be changed to medium density housing.

As we said, it was good to see McCarthy still cares and has input.

Other suggestions by McCarthy that show promise included a pedestrian mall running east from the Civic Center to Paramount along Third Street. And the use of the Rives Mansion as an architectural and cultural resource, working with the owners to maximize its usage and appearance.

And the expansion of Apollo Park by the acquisition of a portion of Rancho Los Amigos should the County decide to convert use of the historic rehabilitation center. It seems natural to expand Apollo westward across Rives Street.

## Woman's body found on Birchcrest Street

**DOWNEY**—Downey police who were dispatched to a residence in the 8300 block of Birchcrest St., at about 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, said they found the dead body of a 24-year-old woman inside.

Police detectives are handling the cause of death as a homicide. Trauma was evident, but police and coroner's officials would not say more at this time. The victim was identified by police as Stefanie Parque.

Police ask anyone with information regarding the case call Detective Del Rio at (562) 904-2368 or Detective Cooper at (562) 904-2391.

## Congressional art competition underway

**LOS ANGELES** — U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34th) invites all high school students living in California's 34th Congressional District to participate in "Artistic Discovery" — the 2005 Congressional Student Art Competition. Students should be in grades 9-12 and live within the District, which includes the communities of Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Boyle Heights, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Downtown Los Angeles, Huntington Park, Little Tokyo, Maywood, South Park, Vernon, Walnut Park and portions of Chinatown, East Los Angeles, Florence, Pico Union and Westlake.

Artwork must be two-dimensional, nor larger than 30 inches by 30 inches and must be an original concept. Entries, along with completed and signed entry forms, should be delivered to the Congresswoman's district office at 255 E. Temple Street, Suite 1860, Los Angeles, CA 90012 by March 1. Complete guidelines and information packets are available at all high school guidance and community centers in the 34th District. Interested students may also contact Lorena Sanchez at (213) 628-9230 for more information.


The winning entry will be displayed in a national exhibit at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The winner will be awarded prizes that include a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$200 gift certificate for art supplies, and \$100 cash.

The students, their parents or guardians and the art teacher will be flown to Washington for the exhibit opening. The school of the winning student will receive a \$600 gift certificate for art supplies. In addition, posters of the winning entry will be distributed throughout the district.

The second, third, and honorary mention entries will be displayed for one year in Roybal-Allard's office. The winners will also receive scholarships to attend an accredited two or four-year higher education institution, gift certificates, and cash awards.

"The congressional student art competition helps to build self-esteem and provides us with insights into the life experiences, challenges, and joys of our young artists," Roybal-Allard said. "The art competition is also an opportunity to recognize the teachers and those who often provide their own resources to ensure that students have the basic tools to develop their talents."

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### A cry for help

Dear Editor:

I'm a single 53-year-old industrially-injured dock worker struggling to support my family of four. Two years ago my first three-hour surgery fused three inches off my lower neck. I have made a bold recovery after surgery; however my neck is often in disabling pain. My injuries have created a deep weakness in my upper and lower body.

Because of low back pain in the morning, I have been incapable of walking about four out of seven days a week. My orthopedic neurosurgeon has requested another surgery to fuse two or three inches off my lower back. Because of my general overall weakness, I fell and broke the steel shaft on my homemade cane made from a golf club. I have fallen down a lot lately. I'm suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome. I gave up most of my driving months ago, and I don't like to go outside often. It's so very hard just to catch and use the bus lines these days. I find myself struggling to sit for 30 to 40 minutes on the cold ground, because bus pick-up points don't all offer benches.

At some time the City of Downey put up temporary no-parking signs on my street, 3rd Street, marking their parade route last month. I asked the police department when the signs were posted, which they did not know. On Dec. 5, Downey Police towed my car with a disabled parking placard swinging from the rearview mirror. I never saw the no-parking signs out there, I never had a chance.

The thoughtful action of towing a car with a handicapped placard cost me \$90 to release my car and \$179 to remove it from the impound yard, and about \$90 in bounced checks. The impound yard charged me \$25 per day to park there — I could have picked up my car sooner, though no one notified me.

I have asked the City of Downey two times to put in more disabled parking for the people of our apartment, the last time being just under two months ago.

My apartments, The Vikings, were built over 45 years ago and do not offer any disabled parking spaces. The apartments were built so long ago that the manager isn't required to install them. And I don't think it's the manager's responsibility to fix this parking problem, either. I look to the City of Downey to fix this problem.

I'm alone and really have overtaxed my family and friends with my many requests for help. I have just lived through three years of pain, and it looks like I'm in for more. I have called some friends for help, but as of yet they're avoiding me.

I tend to be viewed by the world as a grouchy bear that lives alone. No, I really don't know where to turn for help or direction. No one knows the pain of abandonment more than the disabled.

—Mark Wakefield,  
Downey

#### Police checkpoints here Feb. 26

**DOWNEY** — The Downey Police Department will be conducting driver's license checkpoints throughout the city on Saturday, Feb. 26, where they will also be checking for intoxicated drivers.

Drivers found driving with a suspended license -- along with unlicensed drivers -- will be cited and their vehicles will be subject to impound. Drivers found to be under the influence will be arrested.

The checkpoints will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 1:00 a.m. Funding was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

#### Victim thanks the public

To the Editor:

On Jan. 6th as I was leaving Walgreen's Pharmacy, on Florence Avenue, picking up my prescriptions, I was attacked from behind by an individual who tried to steal my purse. We struggled for two to three minutes, but I would not let him steal my purse. As my screams echoed louder and louder he panicked and finally fled on foot.

Shocked, disoriented and bleeding, I walked back to Walgreen's to call for help. Grace Chang, Pharm. D., the Pharmacy Manager, called 911 and immediately the Downey Police and Fire Departments responded to the area. Many eyewitnesses came forward and gave statements.

I want to publicly thank our city's Fire and Police Departments, the Walgreen's staff and the many eyewitnesses that came forward and gave their statements and testimony. I especially want to give a big "Thank You" to the person who pursued the assailant in his vehicle trying to capture him.

I have lived in Downey for 39 years and this is the first time I have ever experienced something as traumatic and painful as this ordeal.

But even though we all live in times of civil unrest, urban crime and war, it is encouraging to know that our beautiful city is continually being protected, managed and supported by such courageous and caring citizens, along with diligent and competent fire and police.

I am most grateful for all of the individuals who assisted me that night, and helped to make a horrendous ordeal somewhat bearable.

—Melodie Santana,  
Downey

#### 'Yes' to synthetic grass

Dear Editor:

There is a very stimulating item in last week's edition of *The Patriot* which discusses the recommendation of the Central Basin Municipal Water District that large property owners should consider synthetic grass.

The City of Downey would be well advised to take that recommendation to heart, especially with regard to highway median strips.

Philosophically, I am opposed to raised or planted medians because they impede the flow of traffic, especially emergency traffic. But I am even more opposed to anything requiring continued costly maintenance and watering, because the salaries could be better spent (e.g., buying library books) and the water could be better utilized (e.g., supplying residents with water at their taps).

Our City may have a "Future Unlimited," but only if we wisely manage our resources. Then, perhaps, we could become known for something other than [a place] where a great aerospace industry used to flourish.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,  
Downey

#### Volunteers needed for blood drive

**DOWNEY**—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided.

Volunteers assist the collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, looking for donor reactions and promoting public relations. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera at 1-800-498-9910, Ext. 7.

## LOAN

and \$400,800 for the Woodruff Area.

In other action the Council:

\*Amended the budget by shifting \$298,253 in Education Revenue Augmentation Funds in property tax revenue (as ordered) by the state to fund K-12 schools and community colleges. The sum was determined by the State Director of Finance.

The County will withhold the funding. Because the Community Development Commission had no information on the amount of the ERAF when the 2004-05 budget was compiled no funds were appropriated.

A similar directive in 2002-03 resulted in the payment of \$209,571.

\*After a public hearing, adopted Downey Vision 2025, a comprehensive update of the City General Plan.

\*Approved a motion waiving the full reading of all resolutions on the consent calendar.

\*Approved an interim agreement for City prosecutor services with Jones & Mayer.

\*Approved an agreement for lobbying services in Sacramento with Lehman, English, Kelly and O'Keefe.

\*Approved an agreement with Bronstein Co. Inc., for on-call real estate appraisal services.

\*Appropriated \$50,000 from the 2002 Roberti, Z'berg, Harris Block Grant program for replacement of the floor at the Apollo Activity Center building.

\*Approved the appointment of Dianne Lumsdaine to the Downey City Hospital Commission representing District 1.

\*Approved the appointment of specific representatives to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority.

\*Adopted specifications and salary range for Director of Development Services and designated the job as executive management.

\*Adopted a resolution establishing benefits to employees in classification designated as Executive Management, Middle Management and Confidential/Exempt, and repealed prior resolutions.

\*Approved a resolution establishing Council policy on the reading of titles of agenda items.

\*Introduced an ordinance on speed limits on Lakewood Boulevard. As a result of an engineering and traffic study there will be no change.

\*Approved an agreement on participation in the Orangeline Development Authority and allocated \$22,000 in membership fees. The vote that followed lengthy debate was 4-1 with Anne Bayer opposed.

\*Received and filed the mid-year Budget Review.

\*Approved an agreement with Hawkins, Delafield and Wood for legal consulting on the preparation of a solid waste service franchise pact. The city is in the last year of a 10-year contract with CalMet.

\*Approved appointments of Council member Meredith Perkins to the SR91/1-60-5 Corridor Cities Committee.

\*Presented The Mayor's Award for Service to Mark Keller, stage supervisor of the Downey Theater.

\*Witnessed the presentation of 10851 awards by the CHP and Auto Club to four Downey Police Officers, Jason Klavos, Christopher Kurtz, Justin Prentice and Nathan Weinrich for outstanding work in recovery of stolen cars and arrests of auto thieves.

\*Proclaimed Feb. 4 "Go Red for Women" Day as part of a drive by the American Heart Association.

\*Honored the Downey Rose Float Association.

\*Presented certificates of appointment to new commission and board members.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## Keep Downey Beautiful seeking street help

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, an independent community beautification group, is seeking groups and individuals as volunteers to maintain clean roads and thoroughfares in Downey.

The Adopt A Street program allocates streets in the city to groups and individuals who provide the labor and \$225 (\$325 if KDB provides the cleanup crew).

Carol Rowland, director of the program, said a sponsor's period runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, during which a designated section must be cleaned and debris picked up and removed at least four times. Street sections range from a half mile to mile in length. After the first pickup KDB will install Adopt A Street signs, one each for each direction, indicating the name of the business or individual.

If KDB recruits the volunteer such as a local church group, school or civic club, their names will be listed. For information, call (562) 904-7159.

## Daggett OASIS speaker Jan. 31

DOWNEY—Richard Daggett, president of the Polio Survivors Association, will be the speaker at the Monday, Jan. 31 OASIS Program held at the Downey Adult School Cafetorium, 12340 Woodruff Ave. Daggett, who has assisted with preparations for the upcoming Salk exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute to mark the 50th anniversary of the Salk Polio Vaccine this April, will share stories of survivors of the great polio epidemic of the 1940's-50's.

The OASIS program begins with enrollment and Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment at 3 p.m., the educational talk at 4 p.m. and a healthful full-course dinner at 5 p.m. Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend the class. For information, call (562) 940-6200.

## Pro Networkers meets Fridays

DOWNEY - Pro Networkers, a 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 Beard at 869-7618.

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CARINA BITTICKS-ALSTON—Granddaughter of David and Florence Bitticks of Downey, received the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting, last Friday, Jan. 21. She is a freshman at NC State University majoring in criminology and psychology. To earn the gold Award, she designed and carried out a plan of activities that include community service, career exploration, specialized interest projects, completing a challenge, and leadership skills. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout troop #104. A recipient of significant other awards, she resides in Greensboro, NC with her parents, Ron Alston and Alyce Bitticks.

## Trip to Cerritos Library worth time and effort

By Rosalie Sciortino

"Who knew?" This was the remark heard more than once as the busload of people from Downey marveled at the beauty and size of the Cerritos Library.

Planned as a free outreach project by the Downey Symphony Guild, this outing was an opportunity to introduce the community to what is considered to be the most ambitious municipal library [project ever attempted] in the U.S.

A spectacular saltwater aquarium with a viewing area 10 feet by 21 feet is seen as one enters the building. One side of this attraction can be viewed from the Children's Area, which is filled with fascinating exhibits designed to inspire youngsters to read and use their imagination. This area features an authentic-looking 40-foot-long replica of a Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil named Stan, a lighthouse, a rainforest tree, and a space shuttle.

Themed spaces to stimulate the imagination and interest include a corridor called "Main Street," which captures the concept of honoring the past and imagining the future. It leads patrons from areas of traditional library services to the 2nd and 3rd levels with state-of-the-art information technology.

An Old World Reading Room with rich dark colors, comfortable furniture, and a fireplace with a realistic hologram of a fire, adds to the room's peaceful appeal for patrons who would like to sit and read a book.

A Great Room features Arts and Crafts style furnishings. The Art Deco room houses the Young Adult collection with architectural designs of that period. A wall of etched glass separates this room from the Multimedia Collections which include compact discs, digital video discs and video tapes.

Eighty-six computer workstations are located on the second floor and a High-Tech training lab accommodates 26 people in a tiered setting with computer workstations available for each participant.

As if all this were not enough, museum quality artwork can be found throughout the building. Of particular note was the six-part blown glass and installation by Dale Chihuly, an internationally-known glass artist. These amber-toned wall sconces gracing the library's Main Street, look like sea anemones or spun sugar candies and are comprised of 400 individual glass elements.

The curving exterior of the second and third floors is wrapped in a fluid-like, golden skin of titanium. This is the first titanium-clad public building in North America. This material displays subtle color shifts as it catches the sun's rays filtered by changing atmospheric conditions.

Beautiful inside and out, this library affords a rewarding, memorable experience. A short drive to Cerritos at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue will get you there. The phone number is (562) 916-1340. Prepare to be dazzled!

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Until it snows and hails and rains  
Then I start longing for the spring  
When flowers bloom and sparrows sing  
Flying kites from March to May  
Warming up to summer days  
When school is out, vacation starts  
I think this is my favorite part  
Until the temperature reads  
Over 98 degrees  
Then I look forward to the fall  
My favorite time of year of all  
The leaves turn yellow, brown and red  
School starts it's time to make new friends  
I guess I really love them all  
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall  
—Linda Lee Lopez,  
Downey

## Blood Mobile to take blood drive donations

DOWNEY—Century 21 My Real Estate and Treadway, Lumsdaine & Doyle invite the community to making a donation to their annual American Red Cross Blood Drive.

The Blood Mobile will be in the parking lot of Century 21 My Real Estate at 7834 Florence Ave., Downey on Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 1-7 p.m.

"The need for donations continues to rise year after year. The only way we can meet this need is by the generosity of individuals," stated Rob Torres of the Red Cross. Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 reports, "The Downey community has always supported the drive and has been generous in their donations. We are positive this year will be successful." To set up an appointment, you are asked to contact Mac Isaac at (800) 641-2111.

## Rose Float seeks 'magical' designs

DOWNEY - The Downey Rose Float Association has begun accepting float design entries for the 2006 Tournament of Roses Parade. The theme of the parade is "It's Magical."

Designs must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and in black and white (no colored entries will be accepted) with the name of the entry printed on the back. Designs may be mailed to DRFA, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241.

Rose Float Association members will vote on the new design Feb. 9. For more information call Rose Float President Gary DeRemer at (562) 260-8503.

## Child literacy class at City Library

DOWNEY - The Downey City Library offers a free class for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy. "Every Child Ready to Read" will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 10:40 to 11:10 a.m. in the Young Adult area of the library. Claudia Dailey is the instructor.

Register at the Adult Desk or call 904-7360 Ext. 23.

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**SERVICE WITH A SMILE** — Julie Manzo is the regular server for Pro Networkers every Friday morning for the networking business meeting and breakfast at Mimi's Cafe in Downey. She is flanked by two of the group's members, Ed Beyrooty of Rose Cleaners (left) and Art Carpenter of Starlight International. Pro Networkers meets at 7:30 a.m. For information on the group, call Joe Keays at 861-1234.

## 'Bleacher Bums' plays at Cerritos

**NORWALK**—Cerritos College's Department of Theatre and Associated Students will present "Bleacher Bums," about a group of die-hard Cubs fans while they root for their star-crossed team at Chicago's Wrigley field," March 4-13. It was written by members of The Organic Theatre Company and conceived by Joe Mantegna.

Attendance is open to the public and discounts are offered to seniors and Cerritos College students.

Faculty director Dr. Robin Huber says of the play, "Although a baseball game is the setting for 'Bleacher Bums,' it is not a play that focuses on the players and coaches. [It] focuses on the fans and is very optimistic. We see the triumph of our better natures: hope over despair, generosity over greed and caring over callousness."

March 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 performances are at 8 p.m.; March 13 is at 2 p.m. Prices are \$12 general, and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

To purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058, or go on-line at [www.cerritos.edu/theatre](http://www.cerritos.edu/theatre).

## First Baptist 'Keyboard Festival'

**DOWNEY**—First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third Street, will present its 1st annual Keyboard Festival Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, both at 7:30 p.m., featuring 4 Grand Pianos, 12 keyboard players, choir, dance, drama and special effects.

The concert is free (an offering will be received) and will offer selections from Handel to Broadway, from ragtime to movie themes, from sacred to pop.

Complimentary tickets are available by contacting the Keyfest ticket office, (562) 923-1261, Ext. 276, or through [www.fbcdowney.org](http://www.fbcdowney.org).

## "The Mousetrap" will play in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH** — Agatha Christie's acclaimed mystery drama, "The Mousetrap," which still holds records in London as the longest continuous-playing production, will be on stage at the Long Beach Playhouse from Feb. 28 through Apr. 9.

A group of strangers are stranded in a boarding house during a snowstorm, one of whom is a murderer. Is it a newly married couple, a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift, or a jurist, who makes life miserable for everyone? The audience is invited to solve the mystery.

Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees scheduled for mar. 6, 13, 20 and Apr. 3 at 2 p.m.

Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 East Anaheim St. For tickets and information call 494-1014.

## Wine tasting and show Feb. 27

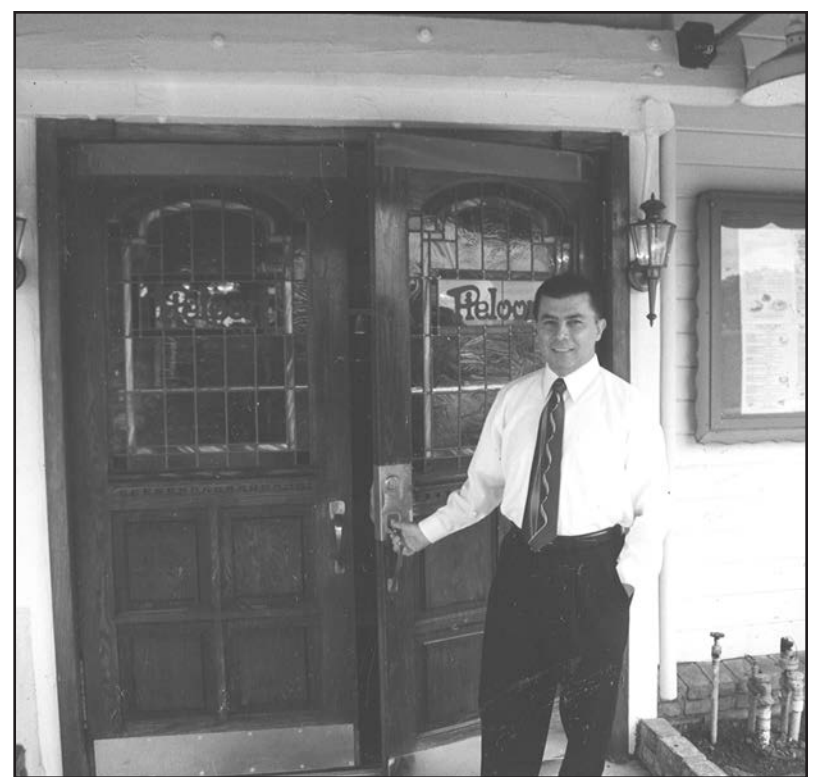
**DOWNEY** — Downey Regional Medical Center will host a wine tasting Feb. 27 prior to the Downey Theater's performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Wine tasting will run from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; the show follows at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person for the show and wine tasting or \$10 for season ticket holders or for wine tasting only. Tickets are available in the hospital gift shop or by calling Claudia Graham at 944-6724.

## Senior day trips depart next month

**WHITTIER** — Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier is offering day trips for seniors, beginning in February.

On Feb. 15, the group will travel to the Welk Resort (\$78); Feb. 24 to Huntington Library and Old Town Pasadena (\$32) and Feb. 28 to Pechanga Casino (\$8). Call 698-0811 ext. 2444 for reservations.



**HOMEMADE PIES AND OTHER GOODIES** — Owner Saul Haro of Pielloon in Downey invites the community into his family restaurant and bakery. Senior citizens specials are featured daily from 3 to 6 p.m. Pielloon is located at 10822 Lakewood Blvd. For information, call 862-0223.

## Free movie matinee for seniors

**WHITTIER** — "Finding Nemo" will be shown at a free senior movie matinee Wednesday, Feb. 2 at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. The movie begins at 1:30 p.m.

Call 698-0811 ext. 2444 for more information.

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**IN GOOD COMPANY** PG-13 (11:05, 1:45, 4:30), 7:35, 10:15  
**RACING STRIPES** PG (11:00, 1:55, 4:25), 7:05, 9:45  
**WHITE NOISE** PG-13 (10:50, 1:40, 4:10), 7:10, 9:40  
**THE AVIATOR** PG-13 (12:15, 4:00), 8:00  
**MEET THE FOCKERS** PG-13 (11:00, 1:50, 5:00), 7:45, 10:30

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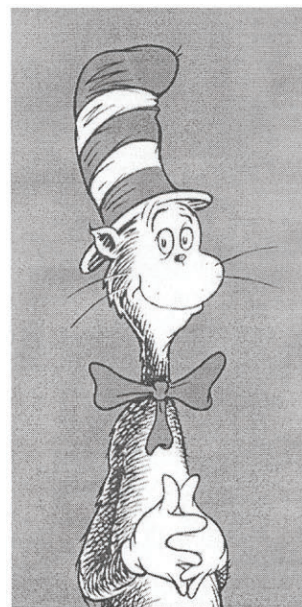
## Community Meetings

The City of Downey invites residents and representatives from community organizations to participate in the preparation of a new 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan will communicate the City's vision and goals for addressing its affordable housing and supportive needs for low and moderate-income residents over the next 5 years. The City has started the planning process and is seeking your input in assessing and prioritizing the current and future community needs. Several meetings have been scheduled where your input will assist in the development of this Plan.

The meetings will be held in the following locations:

- Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Downey City Library Cornack Room, 11121 Brookshire Ave., at 12 noon
- Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>: Barbara Riley Community/Senior Center 7810 Quill Dr, Gallatin Room at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>: Golden Park Activity Room, 8840 Golden Avenue at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Public Hearing in the Downey Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Ed Velasco at (562) 904-7167.



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**SMART KIDS** — These nine students were finalists in West Middle School's annual National Geography Bee. From left: Rafael Rosales, Jocelyn Monroy, David Abelar, Amy Dhaliwal, Banpreet Gil (winner), Luis Herrera, Eddie Correa (third place), Amy Gebert (second place) and Shy Fortin.

**Downey Curves hosting phone drive**

**DOWNEY** — Downey Curves for Women at 9430 Firestone Blvd is hosting a cell phone drive, where idle or inactive phones may be dropped off for disposal.

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**Seventh grader wins school geography bee**

**DOWNEY** — Banpreet Gil, a 7th grade student at West Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 13 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round of the 17th annual National Geographic Bee.

The Bee kicked off the week of Nov. 15, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Gil, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 1.

The National Geographic Society, sponsor of the Bee, will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the national championship May 24 and 25. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.

"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals. 'The Panama Canal' was Gil's winning answer at West Middle School's Geography Bee. She was a finalist in last year's event.

First runner-up was Amy Gebert and third place went to Eddie Correa. Other finalists were David Abelar, Amy Dhaliwal, Shy Fortin, Luis Herrera, Jocelyn Monroy and Rafael Rosales.

**Meditation classes put on by church**

**DOWNEY** — The Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment will present Multiple Meditation Methods, a four-week class on relaxing, distressing and energizing.

Classes will be held Wednesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$70 for the full four weeks or \$20 for one week.

Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment is located at 10000 Paramount Blvd, 1/2 block north of Florence. Call Yvonne at 928-2445 for reservations or information.

**'Tea and Torah' series starts Feb. 2**

**DOWNEY** — The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is presenting a month of "Tea and Torah" gatherings on four successive Wednesdays with the Temple's spiritual leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe.

Tea and Torah 2005 will be a very special learning series starting Feb. 2, and continuing on Feb. 9, 16, and 23, all scheduled at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The community is welcome to attend.

Donation for all 4 sessions is \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. The sessions will deal with "Tradition."

All events take place in the Temple Ner Tamid Fellowship Hall, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. Call the Temple office, 861-9276, for more information.

**Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday**

**DOWNEY** — Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.



**LEADING LADIES** — Downey Soroptimists will celebrate the Academy Awards Feb. 27 at the Rio Hondo Events Center, where the gala will be presented on a 14-foot screen. Sitting in front, from left to right: Joyce Prokop, President Linda Haines and Arlene Lopez. Back row: Judy MacDonnell, Carol Rowland, Dorothy Pemberton, Mayor Anne Bayer, Pat Heineke, Jan Scott and Ellie Eck.

**Hollywood glamour takes hold Feb. 27**

**DOWNEY** — Soroptimists will bring the glitz and glamour of the Academy Awards to Downey, when they host a presentation celebration Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

A 14-foot screen will carry the broadcast live as guests try to predict the winning actors, actresses and films. Guests are also encouraged to "dress like the stars" in formal attire, as they will be photographed as they enter the club walking on a red carpet.

The evening will include a gourmet meal planned and catered by Mark Shelton.

Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45 with proceeds benefiting the women and youth in Downey and surrounding communities. For reservations or more information, call 904-7159.

**CC offers 'stop smoking seminar' Feb. 4**

**NORWALK** — A three-hour "Stop Smoking Seminar" is offered through the Office of Community Education, Cerritos College, Friday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

Instructor Frank Genco, certified hypnotherapist and stop smoking facilitator, says through self-hypnosis techniques one can stop smoking permanently, safely, without discomfort, side effects or weight gain.

Cost of the clinic is \$39 plus a \$15 tape and material fee.

Cerritos College is also offering a court reporting class, beginning Feb. 5. The college's court reporting program within the college's business education division has prepared students to become court reporters for more than thirty years. The Court Reporters Board of California approved the program to train court reporters in July 1974.

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# Officers cited for arrest/vehicle recovery work

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—Four Downey Police Department officers, responsible for making a total of 45 arrests and recovering 163 stolen vehicles, were recognized at the Downey City Council regular meeting Tuesday by the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California Highway Patrol.

Receiving "10851" Awards for their outstanding work were officers Jason Klavos (2 awards so far); Christopher Kurtz (4); Justin Prentice (12); and Nathan Weinrich (10). Making the presentations were AAA's Downey district office manager Hend Hasrouni and CHP Lt. Cassie Trout.

Hasrani explained that the 10851 Award derives its name from the section of the California Vehicle Code prohibiting vehicle theft, and recognizes peace officers who make significant contributions to the recovery of stolen vehicles and the arrest of suspected car thieves. An officer must meet certain criteria within a one-year period to qualify for the award.



**'WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD' WINNERS**—Latara Patterson, Lillian Solis and Candice Casey each received \$500 from Soroptimist International of Downey, for returning to college to enhance their employment opportunities.

# Longtime resident Richard Armas was 81

**DOWNEY**—A funeral mass was held on Jan. 25 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for Richard Armas, a native Californian and longtime Downey resident who was born in the city of Bell June 24, 1923 to parents Ray and Ruby, and died on Jan. 19. He was 81.

He was a Staff Sergeant in WWII, serving with the U.S. Army's Company I 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He was involved in campaigns in New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon, and received the Good Conduct Medal and the Bronze Star.

He was involved in a few clubs such as AARP and the Walkers Club. He is survived by his wife, Stella Marie; sons Raymond and his wife, Gaylon, and Paul and his wife, Barbara; grandchildren Klyl Armas, Alicia Tunberg and James Tunberg; and great grandchildren Alyssa and Aiden Armas, and Mike and Evan Vasquez.

Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, with funeral services entrusted to Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

# DAS offers Creative Learning Tours

**DOWNEY**—The following Creative Learning Tours are offered by the Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.:

- Feb. 24 – Santa Anita Race Track
- March 4 – Santa Barbara Orchid Show
- March 16-17 – Palm Springs Follies & Cabazon
- April 17 – Smothers Brothers at Citrus College
- May 15-20 – Hawaii Getaway: Honolulu & Kauai
- May 25 – Curt Tucker L.A. Adventure

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. For information on prices and availability to receive a brochure/other information, call (562) 940-6213.

# Healing through writing seminar Feb.7

**WESTWOOD**—Rachel Ballon, Ph. D., M.F.T., a psychotherapist and international writing consultant who has taught writing as a therapeutic tool, will lead a seminar on the topic Monday, Feb. 7 from 7-9 p.m. at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute Auditorium, Rm. C8-183, 720 Westwood Plaza. The seminar is one in UCLA's "Creative Arts and Healing Lecture Series." Admission is free.

The announcement of the seminar comes with this explication: "Therapeutic writing techniques are effective and accessible ways of helping us move beyond impasses in our lives toward personal growth and positive change. Our lives can be understood through the roles that we play in our own stories. Painful experiences and self-defeating behaviors can be transformed into a sense of meaning and purpose through the re-writing of life narratives."

Music will be used in the seminar to facilitate the writing process. Parking is available for \$7. For more information, call (310) 825-5300 or visit [www.uclamindbody.org](http://www.uclamindbody.org).

# Embroiderers' Guild meets today

**LONG BEACH**—The Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. meets today, Jan. 28 at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 East Willow St. in Long Beach, at 11:30 a.m. There is a social hour prior to the meeting.


The chapter will be celebrating its 24th anniversary with its traditional potluck luncheon (A-G bringing desserts, H-Z bringing main dishes or salads).

Entertainment will be provided by "Tiny's Troopers." Guests are welcome and are requested to pay a \$2 donation. For information, call Vicki Young at (562) 421-6975.

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# Mimi's Cafe to donate profits to TLC Center

**DOWNEY**—Mimi's Cafe, 8455 Firestone Blvd. in Downey, has generously offered to give part of their proceeds all day, Tuesday, Feb. 8, to support the TLC Parent Resource Center, a program sponsored by the Downey Unified School District.

In order for the program to get credit you need to bring a coupon with you when going to eat. Those wishing to participate can obtain a coupon by calling Rose Boland at (562) 469-6890, or the TLC Center at (562) 904-3577, or by requesting a coupon from a TLC representative at Mimi's the day of the event.

The TLC Parent Resource Center, located at Pace Elementary School, 9625 Van Ruiten St., Bellflower, (562) 904-3577, has been in operation for the past 3-1/2 years and provides counseling services, health care, dental care, vision exams, advocacy, and tutoring services for needy children and families in the Bellflower and Downey areas.

# "Stretch" IRA Might Be An Ideal Heir Solution

Whether you've accumulated assets in an individual retirement account (IRA) by making regular contributions through the years or by "rolling over" a lump-sum distribution from a workplace retirement plan, you may want to consider whether you'll actually use all of that money to support yourself during retirement.

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## What Is a Stretch IRA?

A stretch IRA is not a specialized product, but rather a traditional IRA or Roth IRA that has language written into its documentation allowing for continued tax-deferred growth and distribution of IRA assets to primary and perhaps even secondary beneficiaries over a longer period of time. Without the presence of "stretch" language, assets remaining in an IRA may have to be distributed on a more aggressive basis upon the death of the IRA owner. The stretch IRA concept can be especially valuable to non-spousal beneficiaries who do not have the same ownership rights to IRA assets as do spousal beneficiaries.

Although the phrase "stretch IRA" has caught on, financial institutions offer IRAs with similar provisions under a variety of names including legacy IRAs, multigenerational IRAs, and perpetual IRAs. Keep in mind that even when different financial institutions use the same terminology, they can mean slightly different things, so you need to look closely at the fine print.

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# Soroptimists award three scholarships

**DOWNEY**—Soroptimist International of Downey recently presented 3 "Women's Opportunity Awards" of \$500 each to 3 deserving women, heads of households, who have returned to college to better their employment opportunities.

The three awardees are: Latara Patterson, who attends Cerritos College, majoring in early childhood education, and plans to transfer to a four-year university and obtain a teaching credential; Lillian Solis, who also attends Cerritos, majoring in child development, and plans to open a day care center upon receipt of her license; and Candice Casey, who is a student at American Career College in Anaheim with an emphasis in medical assisting, and plans to pursue nursing courses to achieve an RN degree.

Each fall, Soroptimists of Downey and throughout the world solicit applications for this award to assist women in obtaining an opportunity to return to school. Interested parties should check with counselors at their college.

# Downey student in 'Cabaret'


**DOWNEY**—Vanessa Ruiz of Downey has been picked as a cast member in the Orange County High School of the Arts production of "Cabaret."

The musical will be offered Feb. 1-4 at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 2 and 7 p.m., at Symphony Hall, 1010 N. Maine St., Santa Ana.

Ruiz, a senior studying music and theater, will be one of the dancers known as the "Kit Kat Girls" in the musical.

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| <b>Downey</b>           | Wed., Feb. 9   | 2:00 p.m.  | Chris' & Pitt's | 9243 Lakewood Blvd.  |
| <b>Pico Rivera</b>      | Tues., Feb. 15 | 11:30 a.m. | Casa Gamino     | 9060 Slauson Ave.    |
| <b>Paramount</b>        | Fri., Feb 18   | 11:30 a.m. | Casa Gamino     | 8330 Alondra Blvd.   |
| <b>Downey</b>           | Tues., Feb. 22 | 11:30 a.m. | Sizzler         | 10315 Lakewood Blvd. |
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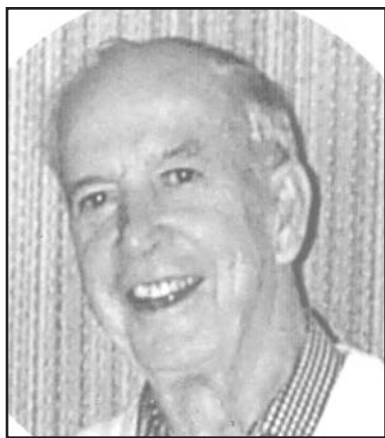
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## Dorothea Wayland remembered by many

**DOWNEY**—Dorothea Clark Wayland, who was born June 24, 1912 in Lowell, Massachusetts to parents James A. and Catherine Lyons Clark, passed away in Downey on Jan. 21. She was 92.

She was a resident of Downey for 50 years and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. A USC alumna, she belonged to the Omega Alpha Delta Beta Chapter Sorority. She worked for 34 years in the telecommunications field as a business office secretary. She was a recipient of the Woman of the Year award from the Las Amigas Chapter of the American Business Women Association.

Her travels around the world included visits to India, Egypt, the Orient and Europe.

She is survived by her cousins Richard R. Roberts, Charles J. Roberts, Ethel Ogden, Lynn Labelle, Joan Clark and Shirley Carroll.

A funeral mass was celebrated in her honor on Jan. 26 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, followed by interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Entrusted with funeral services was Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

## Memorial mass held for Edward Henry Chelling

**DOWNEY**—A memorial mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on Jan. 19 for Edward Henry Chelling, who was born in Little Falls, Minnesota to Henry and Aurora Chelling Aug. 15, 1917 and died peacefully on Jan. 14, with family members by his side.

A longtime Downey resident, he was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, and was active in the Downey Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

He saw service during WWII with the U.S. Army Air Force as a nose gunner in B-24s with the 380th Bomb Group in the South Pacific. He received several campaign and service medals and was awarded three Air Medals for Valor.

His business career was met with success as well, with him reaching the top as a senior vice-president in the tuna and food brokerage industry.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons Tim, Patrick, Michael, Todd (Karen); daughters Anne and Mary Beth (Hugh); grandchildren Jennifer, Katie, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Megan, Daniel and Garrett; and his sister Viola (Gordon) of Bemidji, Minnesota. Among his mourners are many friends.

Interment ceremony with a U.S. Air Force honor guard was held at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside. Entrusted with all arrangements was the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

## St. Raymond's service for Mary F. Pagenkopp

**DOWNEY**—A funeral mass was held on Jan. 21 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church for Mary F. Pagenkopp, who was born one of eight children Jan. 8, 1931 to parents Francis Xavier and Margaret Lawson Gouker in Huntington Park and passed away on Jan. 17 in Downey, on the day she and her husband Eugene would have celebrated 52 years of marriage. She was 74.

Dedicated to the cause of the needy and an advocate against abortion, she was an active member of St. Raymond's, often assisting as a volunteer in the Nursing office.

In her spare time she enjoyed the outdoors. Childhood family vacations were spent in the family cabin at San Moritz in Crestline.

She is survived by husband, Eugene H. Pagenkopp of Downey; sons Paul (Margaret) Pagenkopp of Chino Hills, David (Marie) Pagenkopp of Anaheim, and Craig (Terri) Pagenkopp of Buena Park; daughters Cheri (Steven) Jebbia of Fountain Valley and De An (John) Bannardo of Delray Beach, FL; sisters Margaret (Walter) Wright of Encinitas and Gertrude (Bob) Shrode of Lake Isabella; and grandchildren, Katrina, Kirk, Julie, Ryan, Derek, Chandler, Chasen, Nick and Vince.

Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Living Help Center, 10624 Downey Ave., #107 Downey, CA 90241.



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**CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE**—Has welcomed Deborah Corrales to their office. "Deborah has an energetic nature, and is self-motivated. Both qualities can be valuable in real estate," stated Lauri Mac Isaac, Vice-President of Relocation Services. Corrales has attended Rio Hondo College and has worked with Ready Pack Produce. You can reach her by calling 927-2626.

### 'Introduction to Judaism' on Mondays


**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey offers "Introduction to Judaism" classes Monday evenings at 8 p.m., starting Feb. 7. These classes will be led by the Temple's spiritual leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe. Temple Ner Tamid, a Reform Temple, is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.


The 18-week course will touch upon many of the main tenets and core practices of Judaism. While it will stress Reform Jewish practice, it will be a wonderful introduction to Judaism, whether for the Jewish individual wanting to know more about their rich heritage, or for the person seeking a place to call a spiritual home, or for the non-Jew who simply wants to know more about the faith that has created much of the core pillars of Western religious and ethical thought.

In these times, many seek comfort and community, and this is an opportunity to study Jewish spirituality. These Monday evening sessions should be very interesting and stimulating. A few field trips are planned.

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### Free real estate publication to debut

**DOWNEY**—A new publication listing local properties for sale, "The Real Estate Book" (First Edition), will be a common sight at such places as markets, car washes, and restaurants in Downey and surrounding areas, according to its marketing director, Eduardo Sidi, starting Feb. 10. The publication will be free.

### Senior bingo at Apollo Park

**DOWNEY** — Seniors gather every Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. at Apollo Park for Bingo. For information on joining the group, call 904-7223.

### Keep Downey Beautiful hotline numbers

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

- Graffiti**  
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- Shopping Carts**  
800-252-4613
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Free hotline magnets, courtesy of Keep Downey Beautiful, are available at City Hall's 2nd floor at the Public Works counter.

### College gets gift from car dealers group

**NORWALK**—Cerritos College has received a \$100,000 donation from the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association. It was presented by Todd Leutheuser, executive director of SMCDCA and a board member for the Cerritos College Foundation, to Cerritos board of trustees president Dr. Ted Edmiston during the regular meeting of the board on Jan. 19.

Said Leutheuser: "The southland dealers chose Cerritos College for this program because they have one of the best programs in the state for this industry."

To help fill a shortage of trained technicians who can service various types of vehicles within the auto dealer industry, Cerritos College, vehicle manufacturers and distributors have developed an educational program geared to prepare career-minded students for future automotive technician positions.

For more information about programs within the Cerritos College automotive technician-training program, visit [www.cerritos.edu/adv-transtechctr](http://www.cerritos.edu/adv-transtechctr).

### Women sought for dyspepsia study

**WESTWOOD**—UCLA researchers seek women with dyspepsia for a study comparing an experimental drug called Tegaserod with a placebo or inactive substance in controlling symptoms of the condition. It is believed dyspepsia affects approximately 25-30 percent of people in the U.S., women more commonly than men.

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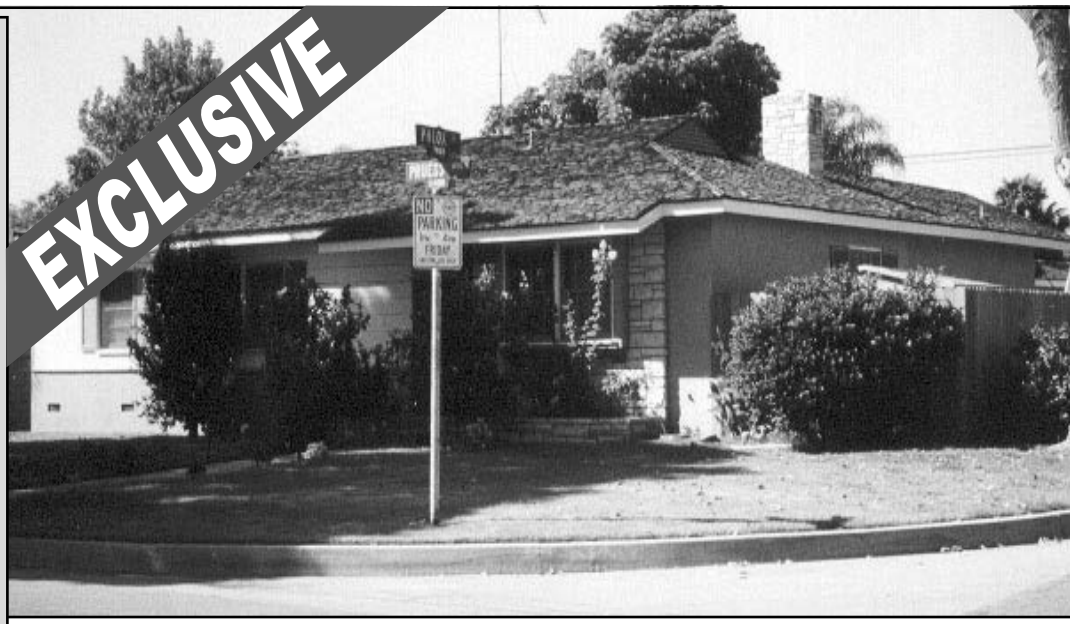


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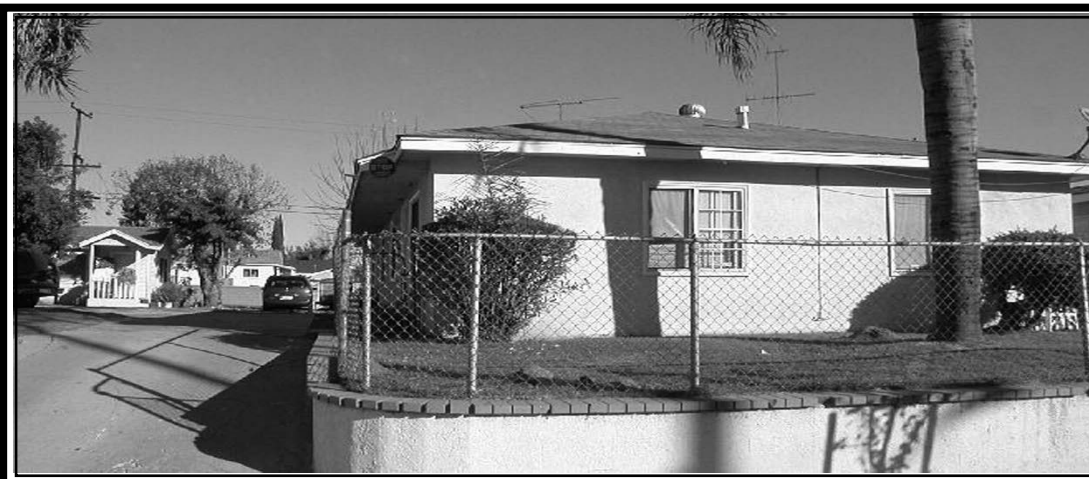
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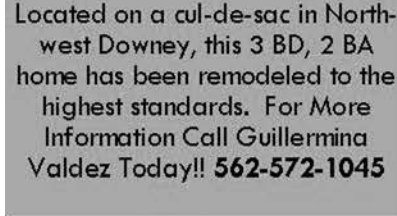
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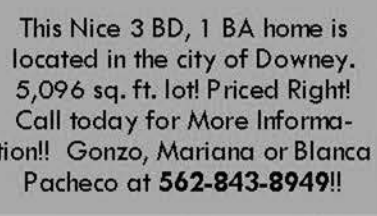
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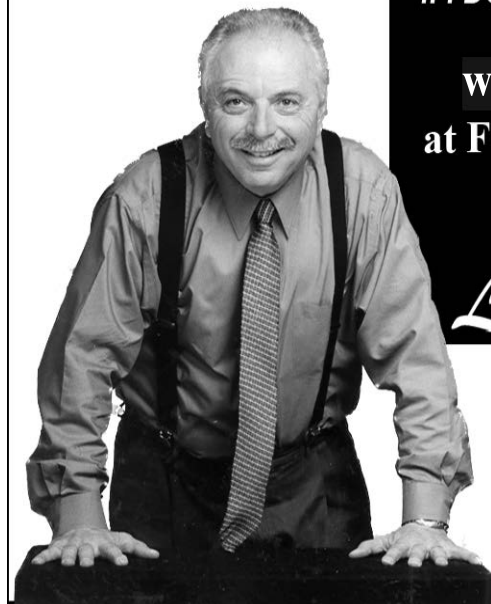
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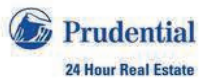
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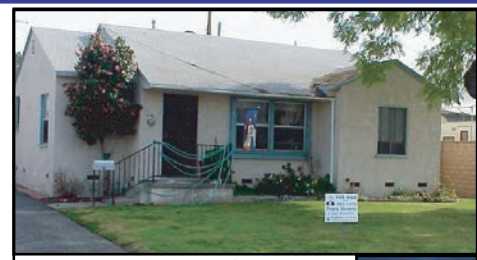


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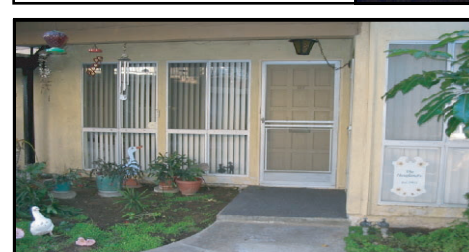


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**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY!**

**CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY!**

The sellers of this 3 bed, 2 bath home with a family room have maintained their home beautifully! The home has copper plumbing, new dual-pane windows, forced air & heat and a panel in master bedroom to control electrical switches throughout the house. The exterior includes a spacious yard. Priced at \$599,900

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**THIS ONE IS HOT!**

This 3 bed, 2 bath home in North Downey needs cosmetic work and is priced accordingly. Perfect for someone who wants "sweat equity." Bring your handy buyers to this 1,549 sq. ft. home priced at \$539,900

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