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'Improving traffic our goal,' says engineer

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—If you've been perplexed, irritated or even angered by the seemingly regular malfunctioning traffic signal on any given morning or lunchtime at a busy Downey intersection such as, say, Lakewood and Firestone Boulevards, snarling traffic and causing havoc to your schedule, the city's public works department provides a good reason: work on the city's Lakewood Blvd. Project, at least that portion between Fifth Street and Bellflower Boulevard, has started.

This is phase I, according to Senior Civil Engineer Noe Negrete. Phase II will cover that stretch between Bellflower Boulevard and Meadow Road, evidently in anticipation of the reconstruction of, in general, the former NASA site and, in particular, the Downey Landing (retail) development project.

Thus streets are being widened, left and right turn 'pockets' are being made, traffic signals are being updated (with cameras being installed) and the whole system calibrated and synchronized, even as street corridors are beautified with "nice" landscaping and tree plantings.

"The whole goal," Negrete says, "is to improve traffic and safety, not to mention a touch of [beauty]."

He adds: "Naturally, there will be impacts on adjoining streets. You can expect a lot of inconvenience. While this is going on, people should plan alternate routes."

This two-phase project should be completed by summer, he says. This includes improvements along Firestone Boulevard, 500 feet either way from the intersection. Eventually, the whole Gardendale-to-Telegraph Road corridor along Lakewood Boulevard will see significant improvements.

Meanwhile, said Negrete, "We appreciate everybody's patience and understanding."

Violinist delivers near divine Dvorak

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Martin Chalifour delivered a masterful rendition of Dvorak's Violin Concerto in A Minor, accompanied by the Downey Symphony at the Downey Theater Saturday, Jan. 29, leaving the audience thundering its applause.

Thomas Osborn, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Downey Symphony, gave Chalifour, Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, free rein, and the violinist responded with a nearly flawless performance of the difficult Dvorak work.

The eclectic evening began with Bela Bartok's Rumarian Folk Dances, followed by Haydn's Symphony No. 104, The "London"



VALENTINE'S DAY MUSIC—"3 for The Show," bring their swinging renditions of the songs of Cole Porter, Gershwin and Ellington to the Nordic Fox Restaurant on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14 starting at 6 p.m. There is no cover. For reservations and information, call 869-1414. The restaurant is located at Paramount and Third Street in Downey.

Symphony.

Following an intermission, came Chalifour and the wonderfully, nearly divine Dvorak. The evening closed on a somewhat whimsical note with Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee."

The third paid concert in Downey's season will be offered Saturday, April 2 at 8 p.m. at the Downey Theater. Entitled "Symphonic Dances," it will feature the tap and waltz artistry of Jon Egstrom, in an eclectic program of dances composed by Handy, Brahms, Gould and Johann Strauss Jr.

For tickets and information, call (562) 403-2944 and leave a message.

Symphony Guild's fundraiser rescheduled

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—The Downey Symphony Guild's annual gala fundraiser benefiting the Music in the Schools program and the Downey Symphony Orchestra, which this year will have a colorful and music-filled New Orleans Mardi Gras theme, has been re-scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25th after confirming chef extraordinaire Gregory Andro's availability that day. Festivities start at 6 p.m. in the Imperial Ballroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel in Downey.

Ways and Means vice-president Katy Hare has sent out the invitations to the community to this effect.

A banquet of culinary delights is in store for everybody. The southern hospitality dinner will include shrimp gumbo, cajun-crusted chicken and filet of beef Benedict among other Big Easy selections, like stuffed praline squash.

A welcoming glass of champagne will start the evening on a festive note. A table of cheeses, crackers, and crudites will be available, as

Korneff lauds Nelson's 25-year tenure at DRMC

DOWNEY—Allen Korneff, President and CEO of Downey Regional Medical Center, offered the following comments on the announcement of Hal Nelson's departure from Downey Regional, who resigned his position as Director of Rehabilitation to join CareMore Medical Group:

"Downey Regional Medical Center has been a valued extended family to many people, and that is particularly true when it comes to Hal Nelson and me. For the last twenty-five years Hal and I have been through many good times and some rougher times, fought the good fight for the hospital, faced serious tragedies, and enjoyed the camaraderie of each other's support, respect, and friendship.

"Hal has been an active participant in the community and has supported many of the community charities. He has been very involved in many youth programs, civic clubs, and local theatre. He has been a true asset to the city of Downey, and particularly to Downey Regional Medical Center.

"Hal and I have watched our children matriculate through the Downey school system to become meaningful contributors to our community, and I am proud that we have had this experience together. I know that Hal will continue to be active and a contributor in the Downey community. While I appreciate and respect his desire to become more actively involved as a clinician, I am personally sad to see him leave his everyday work at the hospital. I do, wholeheartedly, wish him every success and happiness as he pursues new endeavors."

always, for nibbling before guests dig into the ample meal to follow. Gregory says, "Bring a big appetite because there will be lots and lots of food."

Beautiful gift baskets will be featured for the silent auction and a variety of treasures will be available to the highest bidder at the live auction. Providing music and entertainment will be Kathy Bee, a multi-talented lady who plays several instruments, sings and dances. She has performed nationwide on the state fair circuit and also has a TV show called "People Helping People." She is expected to bring enthusiasm, color, and song to the evening.

Charge for the event is \$65 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible. Reservations must be made by Feb. 18th. Please mail payment by that date to: Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3003.

For information, call (562) 869-2120.



GRAND OPENING—The sparkling brand-new Albertson's market in Downey opened its doors this morning (Friday, Feb. 4) at 7676 Firestone Blvd. Steve Luciano is the store director and Andrzej Nawrocki is grocery manager.

Glendale rail crash focus on crossings

Safety the top priority

By John Adams

The tragic Glendale derailment of a Metrolink train which left the tracks after it hit a truck parked on the right-of-way by a man who gained easy access at a crossing at Chevy Chase Drive has experts pondering how to avoid similar incidents.

Street level crossings are well known to be hazardous. Motorists defy the law by racing around the barriers in efforts to beat the oncoming train to the crossings. Pedestrians even run across the tracks.

No easy answers

The danger will not be easily resolved since the most effective answer to keeping people from train is to build underpasses or overpasses at locations where roads and rails intersect—a very costly answer.

Federal and state money available for such projects are dwarfed by the number of locations of need, such as Downey. In the last 13 years some 30 street level crossings along the Metrolink have been eliminated, reducing the total number to 433.

Downey has no Metrolink rail traffic, but must deal with up to 20 slow freights per day. Priority would tend to go to the faster passenger trains.

Grade separations, overpasses and underpasses cost about \$20 million each. And these do not guarantee safety in cases of suicides. Dead ending of streets at the rails is impractical in such cases as Downey since the rails run the entire length of the city.

Grade separation

City fathers have at times suggested at least one grade separation for use in medical emergencies when a long slow freight cuts access from the north to the south of the city off during those long, critical minutes when all the crossing arms are down.

Nationally, the federal Railroad administration and rail operators have worked together with municipalities, state and federal agencies to eliminate 41,000 of the quarter of a million crossings nationwide in the last 10 years, according to a 2004 audit by the federal Inspector General's office.

The audit also shows that accident rates have gone down dramatically during the same period.

Location

City spokesmen have said a grade separation would probably be most practical in Downey at Firestone and Old River School Road where there is more room.

But at \$20 million there are no present plans for such a luxury anytime soon.

The nearest high priority grade separation considered at this time is located in Santa Fe Springs.

Downey Vision 2025's chapter 5 headed Safety, notes the Union Pacific Railroad line which at times impedes access from the north of Downey to hospitals during emergencies. There are 10 crossings, but all are at grade, and each day between 5 and 10 trains pass through Downey. These may delay traffic between 5 and 10 minutes. "This delay may be critical to life and safety."

Plan for 710 Freeway adopted by board

LOS ANGELES—The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority formally approved a \$5.5 billion plan to expand the 710 (Long beach) freeway while also reducing congestion and improving air quality.

The action Thursday, Jan. 27 adopts the final draft report on the I-710 Major Corridor Study and directs staff to prepare for future environmental analysis while preparing a funding plan.

Traffic

Community Advisory committees will help with the analysis, aimed at solving problems created by the existing gridlock along 18 miles of the freeway overcrowded by trucks carrying cargo to and from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. An estimated 40,000 big-rigs drive to and from the ports each day on the 710, and the figure is expected to double by 2020.

Design options under consideration include widening the 50-year-old freeway to 14 lanes from the present six to 10 and adding four truck-only lanes.

Corridor cities include Long Beach, Carson, Paramount, Compton, Lynwood, Bell Gardens, Maywood, South Gate, Huntington Park, Downey, Vernon, Cudahy and Commerce.

Air quality is considered a top priority, said officials of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, as well as Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Authorized in 2000

The MTA authorized the study of alternative solutions to the 710 problem in 2000. One proposal called for acquisition of 519 residential properties and 259 commercial structures.

A wave of public disapproval resulted in a motion in 2003 to find an alternate plan that does not require such property acquisition and formed the community advisory committees.

The 710 Freeway covers nearly 20 miles, extending from Long Beach to Interstate 10 in Monterey Park. The first section of the freeway opened in 1952.



VALENTINE LUNCHEON—The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's League is inviting the community to their Past Presidents' Valentine Luncheon Saturday, Feb. 12 at Rio Hondo Golf Club. Cost is \$30, and checks are payable to Catholic Women's Guild and sent to Agnes Donahue, Chairman, 7812 Bangle Road, Downey 90240 by Feb. 8, or call 928-1844. Pictured are members of the Luncheon Committee, from left: Adele Alexander, Kitty Duck, Polly Glenn, Lucy Guastella, Paula Mayfield and Phyllis Gillespie.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY — Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts regular caregiver support group meetings every month. For dates and times, call 401-799.

DUI checkpoints in Downey Feb. 26

DOWNEY—Between the hours of 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, the Downey Police Department will be conducting a Driver's License and Driving Under the Influence checkpoint at various locations throughout the City of Downey.

Unlicensed drivers or drivers found driving with a suspended driver's license will be cited and their vehicles subject to impoundment. Drivers found to be under the influence will be arrested.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the Business Transportation and Housing Agency.

Rabbi guest speaker Feb. 15

DOWNEY—Rabbi Len Muroff, Spiritual Leader of Temple Beth Zion-Sinai in Lakewood who just returned from a mission to Israel and the Ukraine, will be the program speaker at the EZRA Center for Mature Adults' meeting Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Temple Ner Tamid. 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Rabbi Muroff's observations during his trip, plus photos/slides of same, promise to have great relevance especially considering the changes in leadership that have recently occurred in the Middle East and the Ukraine.

Temple Ner Tamid is also beginning a 'Tea and Torah' workshop, which meets on Wednesdays. For information, call 861-9276.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet Feb. 8

DOWNEY—Chamber member Lisa Lavadores of *The Downey Patriot* will be one of three speakers at the Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's 7:30 a.m. meeting Tuesday, Feb. 8 held regularly at Nordic Fox Restaurant, 1924 Paramount Blvd.

The others are Bijay Agrawalla of Candy Bouquet and Joshua Guzman of Downey Wireless, both Chamber members as well.

To RSVP, call 923-2191.



KRISTEN BETH WILLIAMS — Stars as 'Rose' in 'Bye Bye Birdie,' opening Feb. 17 at the Downey Theatre. Williams appeared as 'Ziegfeld's Favorite' in Will Rogers Follies at the Downey Civic Light Opera and currently performs as 'Snow White' at Disneyland.

Middle school raises \$5K for tsunami victims

DOWNEY—A school-wide, five-day fundraising effort to help South Asia tsunami victims held recently at East Middle School produced a total of over \$5,000 in donations, contributed by students and their families, teachers and staff.

An appeal to aid victims of the devastation, low key as it was, according to a school guidance counselor, was first made over the school's TV monitor. A system of collection soon developed. Parents got involved, some faculty members matched their classes' donations, and a sort of informal but exciting contest evolved: the class that brought in the most money would get a pizza and donut party (the tab was picked up by a faculty member).

Said one student: "Raising so much money in a short amount of time reassures all of the students what a great school we attend." Said another student: "It was so nice to do this for [the] thousands of people suffering.

We can help provide clean water and food." One faculty member remarked: "It was a nice surprise to see the donations come in everyday. I think the students became more aware of how fortunate they are." Noting how all parts of the school pitched in, one staff member said: "Everyone wanting to get involved in this was great. There was school spirit, and it brought everyone closer together. Very inspiring."

East Middle School has a current student population of about 1,306.

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 with the name of the entry printed on the back. Designs may be mailed to DRFA, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241.

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8:00-8:15	The Bible Interprets Itself	Tips on Reading	Terminology Part 2	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 4	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 5	Good vs. Evil
8:15-8:30	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 1	Terminology Part 1	Using Cross References	Versions of the Bible	The Jews and the Law of Moses	Terminology Part 4
8:30-8:45	Why the Bible Is Difficult to Read	Overview of the Books of the Bible Part 2	Study Tools Part 2	Conclusion		

About the presenters:

Charlie Brinkerhoff (left) and James Land (right) are dedicated Bible students, experienced Bible lecturers and teachers who live locally and are committed to local Bible studies to increase Bible literacy. Their shared love of the Bible and their enthusiasm for the work of the Lord makes for an enjoyable experience.



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KRUPA-ERICKSON WEDDING—Hope Krupa of Fallbrook and Jeffery Erickson of Downey were married Oct. 9 at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Laguna Niguel. An account supervisor at Vertical Marketing Network in Tustin, Hope is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Neal and Louise Riemer of Fallbrook, while the groom is a project architect at Gensler in Newport Beach and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Mary K. Erickson of Downey. A reception was held in Ladera Ranch. The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico and resides in Mission Viejo.

‘Stroke recovery day’ presented by hospital

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., invites community members to its “Life After Stroke: Where Do I Go From Here?” program Saturday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be private consultations, stroke screenings, blood pressure and heart rate checks on a first-registered, first-served basis—free of charge.

A licensed therapist, speech pathologist and registered dietitian will speak and answer questions about recognizing and dealing with depression after a stroke, post-stroke rehabilitation, treating communication disorders after a stroke and how to feed a stroke victim.

Seating is limited and registration is required. The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation is partnering with DRMC’s Memorial Trust Foundation in bringing the program to the community. For more information/to register, call (949) 305-8450.

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.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

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Superbowl Breakfast this Sunday

DOWNEY—The Parent’s Club of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, Bethel No. 244 will be serving their 4th Annual Superbowl Breakfast this Sunday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. – 12 noon at the Downey Masonic Temple, 8244 Third Street. The breakfast will feature eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$6. Children 10 and under are \$3.

“The Superbowl Breakfast is one of our two annual fundraisers that we sponsor to help support the girls,” Matt Cahoon, president of the Parent’s Club, said. “We have a fireworks booth in the summer and our Superbowl Breakfast in the winter. Our group works very hard at these fundraisers and all during the year for the girls – I am proud to be a member of such a great team.”

Job’s Daughters is a Masonic youth group for girls ages 10-20. They learn self-development and philanthropy with the support of Parent’s Club.

In addition to the breakfast, Job’s Daughters will be holding a bake sale, with proceeds benefiting The Hearing Impaired Kid’s Endowment – The Hike Fund, a group that provides hearing aids to needy children.

Tickets for the Superbowl Breakfast will be available at the door. Call Cahoon at 972-0768 for more information on the breakfast or Job’s Daughters.

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People's news

By John Adams

Blogs, e-mail and chat groups were just the first wave. Then came new cameras, cell-phones and other mobile video devices that turn almost anyone into an on-scene reporter.

Distribution tools include Internet, cell phone smart messaging and peer-to-peer file sharing.

It is thought that eventually consumers can skip traditional media completely by using syndication programs to customize their news based on topics of interest.

Yes, the news is changing. But experts and authors such as Dan Gilmore say the new tools provide a chance for even better coverage by traditional journalists.

By embracing the new tools and allowing readers to contribute to coverage of special events or disasters, citizen reporting news organizations with limited staffs can expand coverage to events that might otherwise be ignored.

The result will be a bottom-up interactive democratic news form.

Gilmore writes in "We the Media: Grassroots Journalism by the People, for the People," that accuracy and credibility will often be challenged. Good editors will be vital to avoid fakery, hoaxes and errors. But the more people who participate in newsmaking, the more likely it will be that mistakes and deceptions will be weeded out.

The process has already begun, whether we like it or not. Welcome aboard, folks!

'04-05 payment activity notice to taxpayers

DOWNEY—To enhance service to taxpayers, the County Treasurer and Tax Collector is in the process of mailing out approximately 245,000 Payment Activity Notices to Los Angeles County taxpayers. The Notice will advise taxpayers that official property tax records reflect only a partial payment or no payment was received against the first installment of the current tax year. An insert providing additional information and instructions will accompany each Notice.

Treasurer Mark Saldino stated that in previous years, some taxpayers were not aware of the payment delinquency until June and as a result, additional penalties were added.

Any taxpayer wishing to discuss the receipt of this notice or needing additional assistance may call the Proptax line toll-free at (888) 807-2111.

Heart attacks symptoms dangerous to ignore

By Natalie Nevins, D.O.

Downey Regional Medical Center

DOWNEY — Knowing the signs of a heart attack could save your life, or the life of a loved one. It is very common for both men and women to ignore the initial symptoms of a heart attack, dismissing the pain as heartburn or anxiety. The chest pain of a heart attack is caused by a blockage of one or more of the arteries that feed the heart muscle. Every minute you delay in getting emergency care could mean permanent damage to the heart, or even death.

Most heart attacks start out with mild chest pain or discomfort, rather than the dramatic sharp pain so often shown on television shows. The initial pain may only last a few minutes, and continue to start and stop with increasing time and pain, or it may be continuous. The pain may be only an uncomfortable pressure in the chest, squeezing or a sensation of fullness or pain. The pain can radiate to other areas of the body such as the arms (especially the left), back, neck, jaw or stomach. Feeling short of breath, having cold sweats, nausea or lightheadedness may occur with the chest pain or alone, and can also be a signal of a heart attack.

If you or someone you are with has chest pain with or without any of the above symptoms that last more than five minutes you need to take action now. Dial 9-1-1. If you do not have access to the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the nearest hospital immediately. If you are the one with the symptoms do not drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

While medical advances for treating heart disease continue to improve, the best medicine is not needing to take any. A healthy lifestyle based on a balanced diet, regular exercise, weight loss, not smoking and stress reduction all can help reduce the risk factors associated with and prevent heart disease, and even reverse some of the symptoms if you already have heart disease.

Take action now to save your heart. If you have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, are overweight, have diabetes or smoke, please make sure to see your doctor for regular check-ups and talk to your doctor about ways to reduce your risk of a heart attack.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Credits Hoskins

To the Editor:

I must give credit where it is due. In your Jan. 28, 2005 edition, you ran an article mentioning that I wanted a close study relating to synthetic grass for our street medians.

I must give credit to Hugh T. Hoskins. Mr. Hoskins e-mailed my office in City Hall stressing that we should look into the synthetic grass mentioned in a previous issue of *The Downey Patriot*. In that e-mail he discussed the virtues of the grass, the benefits and concerns, as well as the conservation issues.

I wish to thank Mr. Hoskins for bringing this issue to my attention. There are merits to the possibilities that this idea will save money that can be used more beneficially.

While I was campaigning for this position, I emphasized the fact that I wanted to hear from the citizens. This is a prime example of what I intended. Ideas that can benefit all of us should always be heard. I wish to hear from others regarding ideas that will help the City.

Once again, thank you Mr. Hoskins, we will see what the result of the study relating to synthetic grass provides and see if the benefits "Pencil Out."

—David R. Gafin,
Downey City Council District 1

Volunteerism makes Downey great

Dear Editor:

Who would want to work without a paycheck at the end of the day, week or month? The correct answer is a volunteer. Volunteers are many good Downey people that transform a concrete jungle into a neighbor. They create a community from a groove of houses, apartments, condos and stores.

Downey is a great place to live. Volunteer and keep it good, perhaps even make it better for you. You will have helped create it, it will be what you want it to be.

To help you get started here are some of the opportunities: It is a great time to develop new talents, make new friends, and feel good about yourself. Call the Downey Library at 923-3256. Claudia will enroll you in the Adult Literacy Program. She will teach you how to teach a non-reading adult how to read.

Me a teacher? Yes, a new skill for you.

—Mary Stauffer,
Downey

YMCA needs volunteers

DOWNEY — The Downey Family YMCA has volunteer opportunities available for interested community members, particularly students.

Visit the Y at 11531 Downey Ave. or call 862-4201 for information.

Art competition open to District students

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34th)

As the honorary chair of the 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition, I encourage all high school students living in the 34th Congressional District to participate in this year's art competition. Qualified students do not have to be enrolled in an art class or be an art major. The deadline to submit entries is March 1.



This art competition is special because it provides an avenue for our high school students to express themselves and to have their talents recognized in a positive way by their peers, their families and their community. David Chao, last year's honorable mention winner from Downey High School, said it best when he described art as "an international language that everyone can read and understand."

For our district's young artists, the art competition helps to build their self-confidence and inspires them to succeed. Former Mayfair High School art teacher Helen Molles, who taught our 2003 and 2004 first place winner from Bellflower, said the competition "...shows students that there is a career in art and that they have something important to give."

The annual art competition is definitely one of the most exciting events in our congressional district and participating students benefit in many ways. They are honored in Los Angeles at a spring reception where family and friends can view their artwork. Following the celebration, the entries remain on display at an area gallery for one month. At the end of the local exhibit, the top entries are displayed in my district office in the Roybal Federal Building in downtown Los Angeles. In addition, the second, third and honorable mention winners receive a cash award, a gift certificate for art supplies and a scholarship ranging from \$250-\$750 to attend an accredited two-or-four-year institution of higher education.

Adding even more excitement to the event, the first-place winner, his or her parents or guardian, and the student's art teacher are flown to

Washington, D.C. for the opening of the national exhibit where the winning entry represents the 34th Congressional District in our nation's capital for one year. To increase visibility locally for the winning student's artwork, the entry is printed on 3,000 posters and distributed widely throughout the district. Other prizes for our top winner include a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$200 gift certificate for art supplies and \$100 cash. The student's school also receives a \$600 gift certificate for art supplies.

Over the past 11 years, it has been my privilege to be a part of this incredible effort to highlight the creative talents of the many gifted and outstanding young students who reside in our congressional district. The competition has grown dramatically from only 17 entries in 1994 to a record 146 entries in 2004. The success of this art competition is attributable to the outstanding efforts of committee members, community volunteers and my staff who spend countless hours contacting our schools, planning the event, and judging the entries. My sincere appreciation goes out to all of them for their hard work and commitment to enriching the lives of our young students through this unique opportunity.

I also extend a very special thank you to: the teachers who motivate and encourage their students to excel and follow their dreams; the parents, who support their children and give them the love and guidance they need to succeed; and the sponsors, who provide the critical financial support needed to showcase and celebrate our students' artistic achievements at the reception and opening ceremony of the exhibit.

The 34th Congressional Student Art Competition and its exhibit is truly an event the entire community can take pride in. I urge all of you to join me in making this year's art competition an even greater success than in year's past by encouraging every eligible student living in the 34th Congressional District to participate.

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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 sponsors 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.

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.

Group helping to fight weight loss

DOWNEY—Downey TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly at First Baptist Church of Downey. To join the weight loss group, call Lou at 861-9425.



HENDERSON-GOERGEN SCHOLARSHIP—Recipient Lisa Patino, RN, who has worked at DRMC since 1989, hopes to eventually pursue a career as a public health nurse.

Scholarships awarded to DRMC employees

DOWNEY—Three Downey Regional Medical Center employees aspiring to careers or furthering same in nursing were each awarded \$1,500 Henderson-Goergen scholarships to support their medical educations.

They are: Lisa Patino, RN, Surgical Floor RN Supervisor, who has received the scholarship for the past 4 years and is currently enrolled in two courses at CSU-Dominguez Hills; Staffing Coordinator Tammie Marsden, a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), who plans to graduate in 2006 from the Hacienda Adult Education La Puente Nursing Program to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN); and Margo Chavez, an LVN since 2003 who has worked on the Medical/Surgical floor since June 2004, and looks forward to becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) and, later, a nursing supervisor or nursing instructor.

The Henderson-Goergen Scholarship fund is named after Willie Mae Henderson, R.N., former director of Nursing, and Minnie Goergen, former supervisor of Obstetrics at DRMC, then known as Downey Community Hospital. It is managed by a Memorial Trust Foundation committee representing its contributors (community members, civic organizations, the Auxiliary, medical staff and hospital employees). Since the fund was established in 1975, hundreds of men and women employed at DRMC and pursuing patient care education and training have received scholarships.

The scholarships are awarded 3 times a year. Each applicant is eligible if enrolled in an accredited program leading to a degree, or advanced studies in nursing or other approved patient care areas.

Art Morris, founder and chairman of the Henderson-Goergen Scholarship Committee, underscored its importance: "Especially now, with the State's critical nursing shortage, this is a very worthwhile program to support as it helps the hospital retain quality nurses. Also, for anyone who has been in Downey Regional or had a loved one here, a contribution to the Henderson-Goergen Education fund is an excellent way to show appreciation for good care."

Court reporting career fair Feb. 5

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Court Reporting Department invites anyone interested in a court reporting career to attend "Reporting is IT! Information Technology Course for the New Millenium" on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Los Angeles Courthouse, located at First and Hill Streets in Los Angeles.

The career fair is sponsored by the California Court Reporters Association and the Los Angeles County Court Reporters Association.

Cerritos College's court reporting program within the college's business education division was approved by the Court Reporters Board of California in July 1974 and has been preparing students to become court reporters for more than 30 years. The National Court Reporters Association approved the program in January 2000. Requirements for entering the program are a high school diploma and a basic understanding of the English language and grammar. Students progress at their own rate.

Hunter education classes Feb. 12-13

DOWNEY—A two-day Hunter Education class is scheduled in Downey Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Class participants must attend both meetings in order to take the test for the hunter education certificate.

Started by the state of California in 1954, the hunter education course covers firearm safety for the field and home, an overview of game care and management, basic survival and first aid. This year approximately 25,000 people throughout the state are expected to take the 10-hour course. The course is required of all first-time hunting license buyers.

For reservations/information on Downey classes, call Jerry Mishler at 927-5707.

The poets' corner

A Blessing in the Rain

When wet and windy out,
That's when it's all about
Just sleeping just sleeping in the rain.

When drowsy that is when
I'm cozy once again,
Just sleeping, just sleeping in the rain.

I'm sleeping in the rain,
Just sleeping in the rain,
I'm sleeping and dreaming in the rain.

This oh so heavy rain's
A blessing, not a bane,
It's cozy adozing in the rain.

—E.R. "Tony" Anthony,
Lakewood

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 Sho3w
- 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.

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.

'Every Soldier Has a Story'

DOWNEY—The Cerritos College Social Sciences department will host "The Soldiers' War -- Every Soldier Has a Story" on Monday, February 7 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. The forum will consist of military personnel guest speakers who will share their combat tour experiences during the Iraq and Kuwait conflicts.



DR. MARY STAUFFER—Became 2005's first major sponsor for the upcoming GOOD luncheon April 13 at Rio Hondo Country Club. She is shown above, center, handing over \$5,000 donation to GOOD president and Downey Councilman Dave Gafin and Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty at the regular meeting of GOOD Feb. 1. GOOD meetings, which are held at 7:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the school district office, are open to the public.



NANCY STILES—Has been named new DRMC Director of Rehabilitation. She succeeds Hal Nelson, who has joined CareMore.

Stiles tabbed new DRMC rehab director

DOWNEY—Nancy Stiles was named the new Director of Rehabilitation at Downey Regional Medical Center, it was announced by the hospital. Stiles, a longtime member of the Rehabilitation Department, was most recently the department's assistant director.

"We are pleased to have Nancy take on this important role at the hospital. We know that her leadership of the multi-talented group of rehabilitation specialists we have on staff will ensure the department's continued excellence," stated Downey Regional's Executive Vice-President Rob Fuller.

Stiles succeeds Hal Nelson, who has resigned and taken a position with CareMore Medical Group.

"Nancy will do a tremendous job for the hospital," commented Nelson. "I am leaving the hospital after many years, very reluctantly. I was offered a position by CareMore that will keep me closer to day-to-day treatment of patients than would the managerial position I have held with Downey Regional. It is the right personal choice for me. I want to thank everyone at the hospital for making my years here absolutely tremendous," concluded Nelson.

"We think highly of Hal Nelson and will miss him greatly. We wish him well and understand his personal choice to expand his clinical role with CareMore. Hal will still be closely associated with Downey Regional as he will continue to serve as an advisor to the Stroke Awareness Program we jointly sponsor with the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, and we look forward to his continuing contributions," said Fuller.



NADER MOGHADDAM – Is the new chief executive officer at Financial Partners Credit Union. He takes over for Joe Spetz, who held the same position on an interim basis.

New CEO at Financial Partners

DOWNEY – Nader Moghaddam, a banking executive with more than 20 years of financial experience, has joined Financial Partners Credit Union as President and Chief Executive Officer. He will take the reins from board member Joe Spetz.

Moghaddam says he plans to promote membership growth and develop new community programs.

"We are confident Moghaddam will prove a dynamic and inspirational leader," said Spetz, who for the past year guided the Downey-based credit union as interim CEO. "He has extensive experience in financial operations and a clear vision of what he wants to accomplish."

Prior to joining Financial Partners, Moghaddam worked at Kinecta Federal Credit Union as executive vice president. He began his financial career in 1984 with Bank of America.

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Notes From NAN:

Ground Hog Day was February 2nd...According to legend, if the groundhog sees his shadow on that day there will be six more weeks of winter. In comparison, if bank service fees cast a shadow over your checking account statement you may be in for an even longer, colder winter. Over the long run, those \$5, \$6, or \$7 monthly fees can really add up and pound your finances into the ground. Instead of suffering through, why not move your checking account to Downey Federal Credit Union? No minimum balance requirements, no service fees, no per check charges, and no groundhogs.

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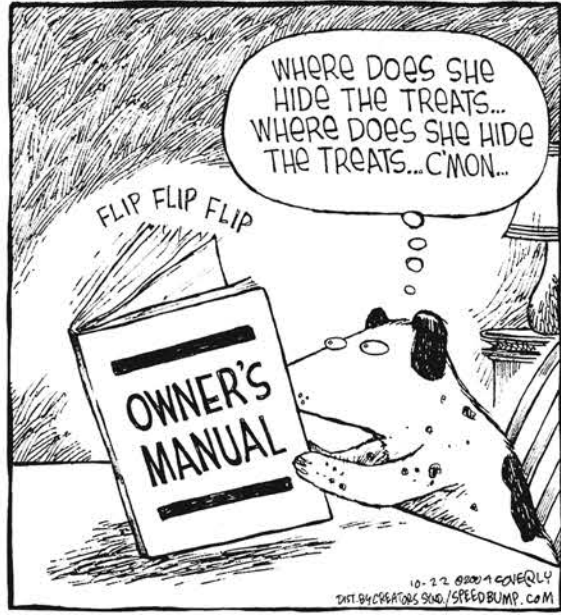
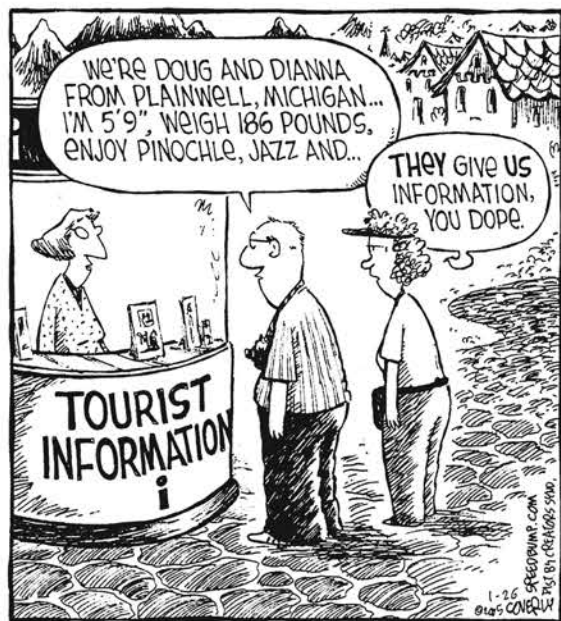
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Tues. Feb. 8, 1:00 p.m.: **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on the parking lot at Century 21 My Real Estate, 7834 Florence Ave. For information call (800) 641-2111.

Mon. Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m.: **Three For The Show** a song and dance trio performing for Valentines Day at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10294 Paramount Blvd. No Charge. For information and reservations call 869-1414.

City Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, Barbara Riley Senior Center.

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.

1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.

1st and 3rd Mons., 7 p.m.: **Downey Post 270**, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.

2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church Call 928-4153.

12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Embassy Suites, for information call Dan Fox at 862-0744.

6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.

7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.

1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.

2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's Agape**, at Los Amigos Country Club. for information call (562) 622-3785.

2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.

2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at the Nordic Fox. for information call (562) 927-6438.

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

3rd Tues., 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 928-4153.

12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambis', for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.

12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.

6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.

7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.

4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

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

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

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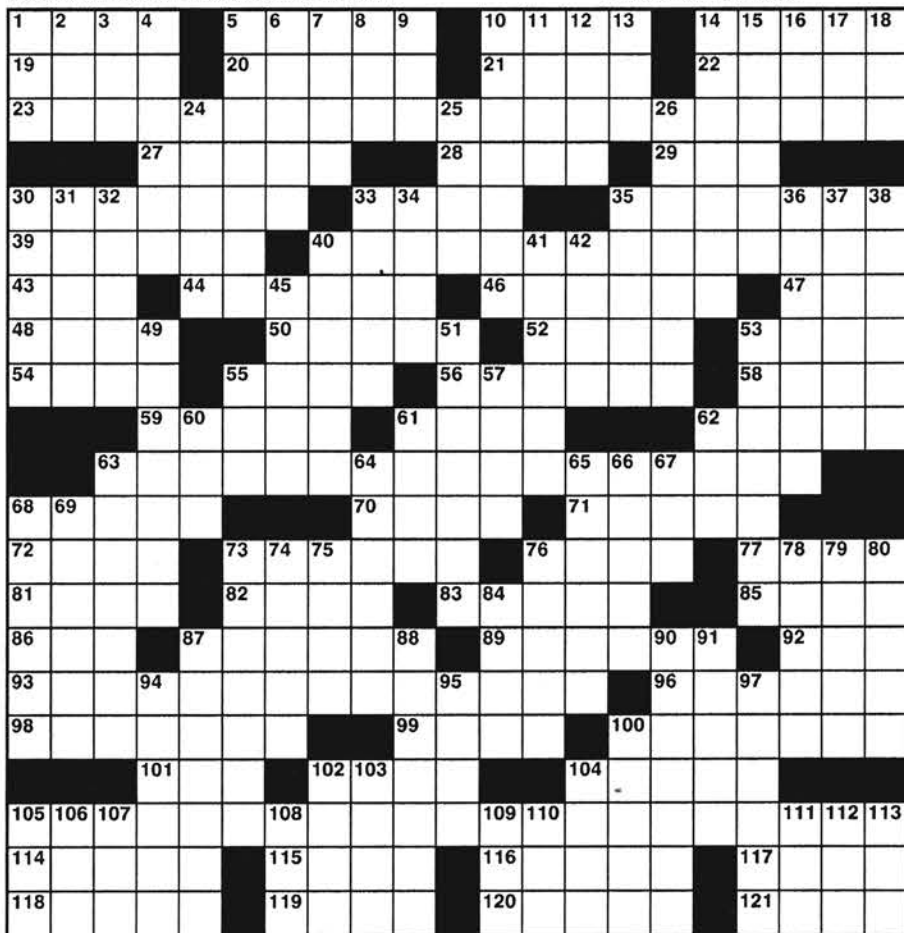
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Events for February at Orange County Fair

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5-6 Crossroads of the West Gun Show – Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, children under 12 free with adult. B&L Productions, (801) 544-9125.

11-13 Scats Gymnastics 2005 Hall of Fame Classic – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: adults \$8, seniors (55+) and children \$5. SCATS Gymnastics, (714) 895-2909, www.scatsgymnastics.com.

13 Bridal Expo – Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldg. #12 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$7, seniors (55+) and children (12 and under) \$5. Adcom Publishing, (714) 670-7800, www.brideworld.com.

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.

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LONG BEACH—California Repertory Company (Cal Rep) presents a contemporary translation of Euripides' *Medea*, the tragic Greek tale of jealousy, betrayal, passion and murder, Feb. 18-March 12 at the Edison Theatre in downtown Long Beach.

David Bridel, whose career as director, choreographer, playwright and master teaching in acting has taken him from his native London, via France, Slovakia and Israel, to the United States, is guest director. Collaborating on the contemporary version, bringing the actions and characters into a time and place much more familiar to modern audiences—our own, are Kenneth McLeish, a leading scholar in the field of Greek ancient mythology and legend, and Oscar-winner Frederic Raphael (in 1965, for *Darling*, starring Julie Christie).

Cal Rep productions are presented by the graduate theatre department of CSU-Long Beach. In March, while graduate students are presenting *Medea* off campus at the Edison Theatre, CSULB's undergraduate theatre program, The University Players, will be presenting a companion piece, *My Medea* (a retelling of the tragedy, but imbued with popular icons and events cut from the American landscape) on campus in the Players Theatre. It runs March 4-19. Patrons who wish to attend both *Medea* and *My Medea* may purchase special combination tickets at a discounted price.

All tickets for Cal Rep productions are \$20 for general admission, \$17 for students (with valid ID) and \$15 for seniors (55 and older). Combination tickets for *Medea* and *My Medea* are \$25. A variety of subscription packages are available. For tickets, call (562) 985-7000 or go online at www.calrep.org.

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Book Lover's Club meets Feb. 10


DOWNEY—Nicholas Sparks' *Message in a Bottle* will be discussed at the Downey City Library Thursday, Feb. 10 from noon-1 p.m. when its Book Lover's Club meets in the Cormack Room. The free book discussion will be led by Senior Librarian Jan Palen.

"Everyone who loves books will benefit from this discussion group," says Palen, who invites the participation of the public, especially those who are interested in discovering the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction.

Reservations are recommended, by calling 904-7360, Ext. 32.

Senior bingo at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – Seniors gather every Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. at Apollo Park for bingo. The community is invited to participate.



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

It is a good idea for parents to provide brushing instructions and assistance until their children reach age seven. According to one study of 534 five-year-olds, those who had parental supervision for their brushing had 32% fewer cavities than those left to their own devices. With this in mind, teach your child to hold the toothbrush at a 45-degree angle at the point where the gums meet the teeth. They should use a circular massaging motion around each tooth. This motion best removes the plaque that would otherwise accumulate on tooth surfaces every 24 hours. Stress the importance of brushing the back teeth, which are particularly vulnerable to plaque buildup and, consequently, cavities.

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MAGICIAN JOHN GABRIEL—Who has been featured on numerous television shows and commercials, will attempt to accurately predict the score of the Downey-Warren basketball game Feb. 10.

Magician to predict Downey-Warren score

DOWNEY – Using magic, illusion and the power of the mind – along with a little luck – magician John Gabriel will try to accurately predict the final score of the Downey-Warren boys varsity basketball game Feb. 10 at Downey High School.

Gabriel's voice will be secretly recorded and guarded on a cassette tape, three days before the game takes place. The day of the game, the cassette tape will be signed and authenticated by principals from both schools. The tape will hang above the gym in full view during the game, and be played back to the crowd afterwards.

"If all my new methods work correctly, I should be able to know the exact ending scores in advance," Gabriel said. "I have been working on this for several years now and I am finally ready to give it a try."

Gabriel will use past scores from both schools in making his prediction. He says 90 percent of the feat is mental, the other 10 percent luck.

"It is very, very difficult to attempt a challenge like this and it will be my first time predicting it live," he said. "Anything can change in a matter of seconds, depending on the players' moves and motivations on that actual night, but I am willing to take all the risks."

Gabriel will also perform at half-time, where he will "saw a teacher in half, then hopefully put her back together again."


The show is a prequel to another show scheduled for March 12 at the Downey Theatre. There, he will "risk his entire life submerged within 2,000 pounds of water." He also plans to merge a black and white dog together, creating a Dalmatian.

Tickets to the basketball game will be available at the door. Call (323) 440-7297 for tickets to the March 12 performance.

Cancer support group at DRMC

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

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



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Street Faire preparations underway

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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 and Bronze Sponsors one. For more information, call Scott at Pacific Western Bank, (562) 806-3701.

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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:

Wednesday, February 9th: Barbara Riley Community/Senior Center 7810 Quill Dr, Gallatin Room at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 10th: Golden Park Activity Room, 8840 Golden Avenue at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 22nd: 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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CareMore introduces new health plan benefits

CERRITOS—California Medicare Advantage, CareMore Value Plus, and the Blue Shield Value Plan have announced upgraded health benefits for 2005, providing members a significant increase in savings and enhanced preventive health care services. The increase in benefits now offers members a comprehensive array of clinical services and pharmacy savings. These include no co-pay for physician visits and inpatient hospital stays, coverage for routine podiatry, and unlimited name brand and generic drugs.

The Medicare health plans, California Medicare Advantage and CareMore Value Plus, are operated by Cerritos-based California Health Plan, a unit of the physician-owned and operated CareMore. CareMore also markets and contracts with the Blue Shield Value Plan for Medicare beneficiaries in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties.

Advanced services

In addition to health plan benefits, CareMore members can count on advanced clinical services provided by the physicians of its partner company, CareMore Medical Group. Members can access specialized care at CareMore's Comprehensive Care Clinics, which are located in Downey, Long Beach, Brea, Montebello and Anaheim. For CareMore members, the Diabetes Management Program will be providing insulin, glucose strips, monitors and other supplies at no cost. The group's "Physician House Call" Program has also been expanded for home-bound Medicare members.

CareMore provides all benefits without charging an additional monthly premium.

Award recipient

The California Medicare Advantage plan was named one of 54 Medicare HMOs nationally – and the only health plan in Orange County – to receive the 2005 Senior Choice Gold Award.

The award recipients were selected from more than 175 Medicare managed care plans based on cost-sharing comparisons conducted by HealthMetrix Research, Inc., an independent managed care research firm in Columbus, Ohio.

"These programs are a direct cost savings for our members," said Sheldon S. Zinberg, M.D., chairman of CareMore. "Offering insulin and supplies at no cost for our diabetic members and providing no co-pay house call services for patients underscores our mission of putting our members' health care needs first. The constellation of clinical services these programs provide improve the overall health status of our members and support their independence."

CareMore's Medicare HMO plans, which were approved by the Federal Government's Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, were developed by the physicians at CareMore to give seniors a cost-effective solution for their medical care.

The health plans are available for Medicare-eligible members in the Southeast communities of Los Angeles and in Orange County. CareMore currently contracts with more than 750 physicians throughout Los Angeles and Orange County.

For more information about the Medicare health plans, call (877) 211-6614.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

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



50TH ANNIVERSARY – Barbara and Bob Udoff, longtime Downey residents, were joined by their sons Michael and Mark in the celebration of their 50 years of marriage and the renewal of their wedding vows. Many relatives and friends joined them on this occasion for brunch and dancing at the Downey Rio Hondo Events Center on January 29.

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**
562-923-4484
- Shopping Carts**
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- Illegal Dumping**
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1-800-CLEAN-LA

Free hotline magnets are available at City Hall.

Eaters Anonymous meetings

DOWNEY – Compulsive Eaters Anonymous is a group of men and women that have found relief from eating disorders of compulsive eating, Bulimia and anorexia, who hold three weekly meetings in Downey.

There are no dues or fees.
For information call Marie Augimeri at 884-5799.

City Affairs committee meets

DOWNEY – The City Affairs Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12 noon in the boardroom of the Chamber. For information call 923-2191.

Playwriting workshop Feb. 2-March 2

LOS ANGELES—East West Players, ostensibly the nation's premier Asian American theatre organization, offers "Next Draft: Revision/Revise/Rewrite," a new playwriting workshop designed to help writers continue the development process of a completed play, on Wednesdays, Feb. 2-March 2, from 7-10 p.m. The four-week session will be led by playwright Oliver Mayer, a USC assistant professor who has authored 15 plays, and will meet in Studio City. There will be no class Feb. 9. Fee is \$175.

According to Judy Soo Hoo, East West Players Literary Manager: "Good writing stems from rewriting, sculpting and honing the text, and structure. Oliver's workshop will give tools to assist the playwright do the hard work for getting a script to the next level. While it is important to finish the play, the next step is to make it the best possible play through rewriting, rethinking and retooling."

For more information, call Soo Hoo at (213) 625-7000, Ext. 27 or visit jsoohoo@eastwestplayers.org.

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Bill Hanan Travel changes its name

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"One of our most important freedoms is the freedom of travel," said company president Robert Zavala. "We can go practically anywhere we choose, experience the wonders of the world at our leisure. The world is ours to discover and to explore. We hope our new name will reflect the freedom to dream."

According to Zavala, the travel agency has built a solid reputation of stability and service in the community throughout its many years of challenges and successes. The designation "travel agency" reflects the ability to serve both commercial and vacation travelers. The new name will hopefully convey the message that their specialty is vacation travel.

"Travelers have always preferred the services of travel agents, and recent events have made our role even more important," Zavala said. To reach the travel agency, call 862-1126.

Downey Unified sets Open House dates

DOWNEY – Downey schools will hold their Open House nights beginning Feb. 17. Questions regarding specific activities should be directed to individual schools. Open House dates are listed below:

Imperial ES	Feb. 17	5:30-6:30
Carpenter ES	Mar. 3	6:30-7:30
Columbus HS	Mar. 9	12:00-2:00
Rio Hondo ES	Mar. 23	6:30-7:30
Downey HS	Mar. 23	6:30-8:30
Price ES	Mar. 24	6:00-7:00
Williams ES	Mar. 24	6:30-7:30
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Old River ES	Apr. 8	5:30-6:30
Rio San Gabriel ES	Apr. 12	6:30-7:30
Warren HS	Apr. 13	6:30-8:30
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Alameda ES	May 26	6:00-7:00
Gauldin ES	May 26	5:30-7:00
Unsworth ES	May 26	6:30-7:30

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.



FREDERICK R. INSLEY—A resident of Downey for 53 years, he died of a stroke Jan. 28.

Frederick R. Insley served in WWII

DOWNEY—Services were held yesterday, Feb. 3 at Rose Hills Memorial Park for Frederick R. Insley, a lifelong insurance agent and property owner who died Jan. 28 at the age of 87.

He was a Downey resident for 53 years. Born July 18, 1917 in Tampa, Florida to parents Irving Thomas Insley and Sadie Bell Waddell, he served in WWII with the 703rd Tank Destroyer Outfit, which was stationed at Fort Polk, Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was a graduate of John Hopkins University ('41). Insley is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary; son Donald (Patricia); daughters Patricia (Jerry) Endres, Peggy (Dennis) Davis and Janell (Doug) Young; grandchildren Craig, Kym, Katie, Kristi, Brad, Brent, Collin and Emily; great grandchildren Briana, Megan, Hayley, Adam and Kendall; brother Richard Insley; and sister Sara Lee Dunbar. A brother, Tom Insley, and sister, Dorothy Linker, predeceased him.

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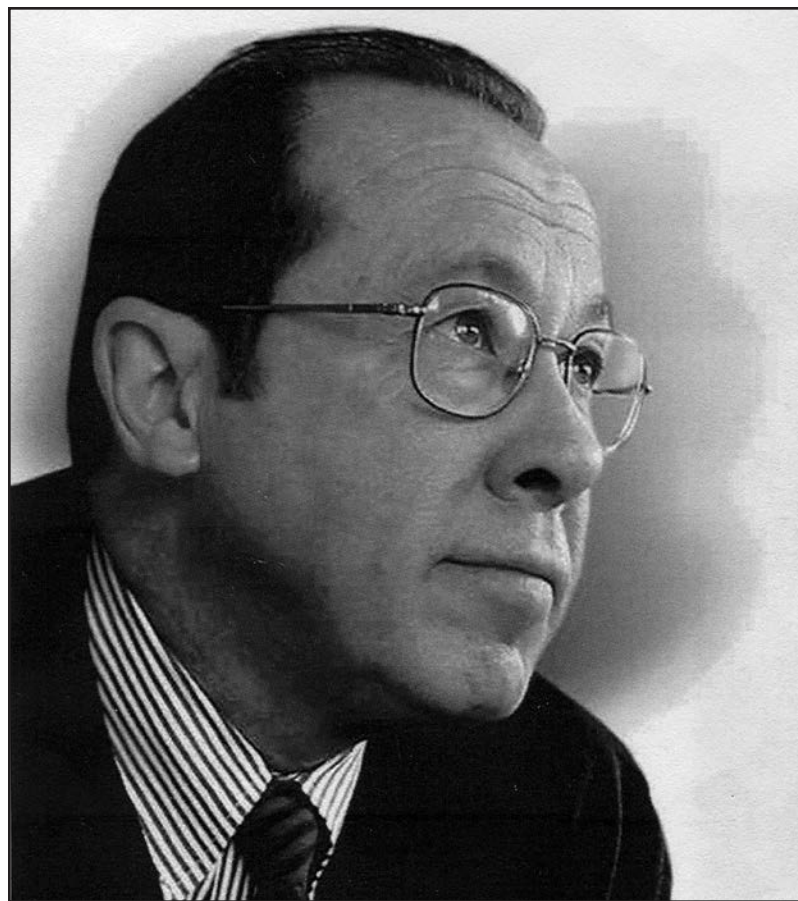
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READING EXPERT JIM TRELEASE—Will speak on the importance of reading aloud to children at free seminar Feb. 7 at Sussman Middle School.

2005 Rose Float officers to be installed

DOWNEY—Downey Mayor Anne Bayer will install the 2005 officers and board members of the Downey Rose Float Association next Friday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at Rio Hondo Country Club.

For reservations, call Gary DeRemer at (562) 260-8503 or (562) Sue England at 889-1828.



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There are more than 1.7 million copies of Trelease's *The Read-Aloud Handbook* in print, including Japanese, Chinese, British and Australian versions.

Trelease, who has appeared on the Larry King Show, and been published in *Smithsonian* and *Reader's Digest*, said 15 minutes a day is all it takes to turn kids on to reading.

"What you need is parents and teachers reading terrific books to kids every day," he said, adding that such reading helps instill a love of reading while improving children's reading, writing, and listening skills. "Teaching a child to read is one thing; teaching him or her to want to read is what this program is about."

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Trelease said that during his seminar he will show parents and teachers the best books to read aloud; discuss what parents can do about "T.V. problem"; and inspire, inform and make you laugh.

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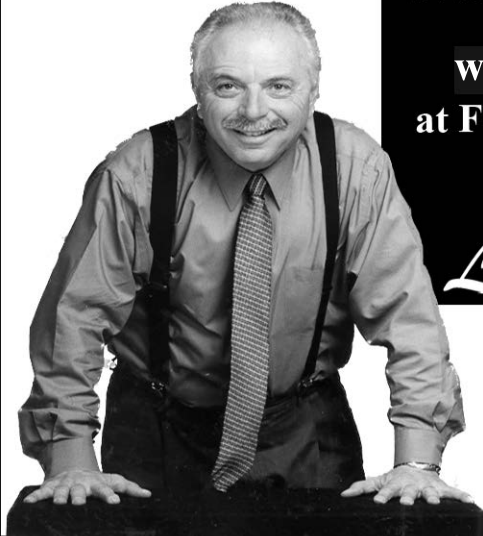
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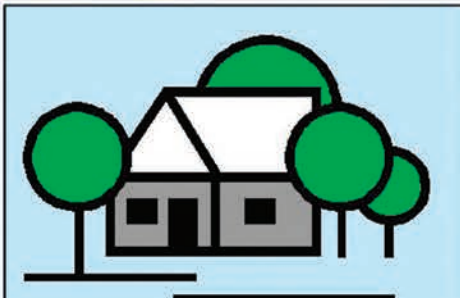
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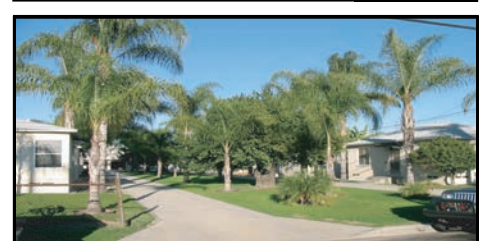
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