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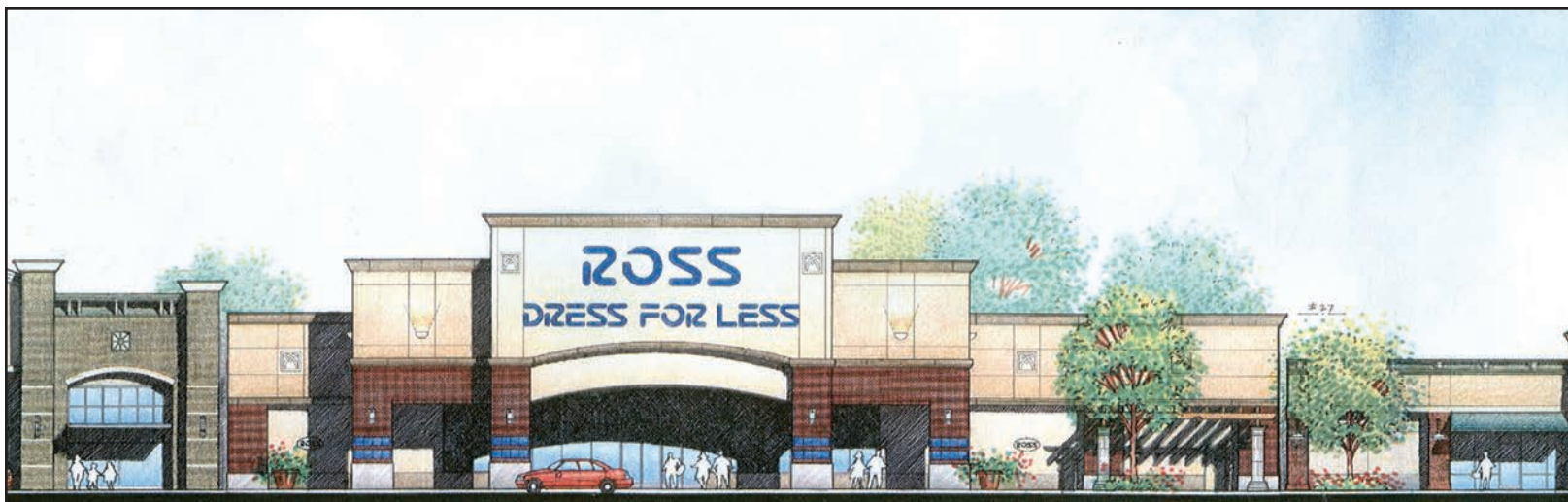
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**DOWNEY LANDING PACKAGE**—Of sparkling new shops and restaurant is slated to include an Elephant Bar and Restaurant on land formerly occupied by the NASA/Boeing complex. This is an exterior elevation which the developer showed the City Council Tuesday.



**ROSS DRESS FOR LESS**—And PetsMart are slated to be part of the new package of retailers offered at the Downey Landing development of the former NASA property. Some of the shops and stores are scheduled to open by Christmas.

## Council hears good status reports by NASA developers

*All good except for weather*

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—Status reports by the three developers of the former NASA property brought smiles to the faces of the City Council Tuesday.

The reports delivered in a special session before the regular Council meeting was very upbeat with Doug Gray, representing Downey Landing, the major retail portion of the development, promising to have his first major stores open before Christmas, with more to follow shortly.

### Elevated sketches

He gave the Council elevation sketches of some of the stores he expects to be part of the new retail development including an Elephant Bar and Restaurant, a PetsMart, a Ross Dress for Less, Best Buy, and a Chili's. Kaiser Permanente spokesmen had good news as well. The only setback has been the weather, and the hospital complex set on 30 acres of the former NASA/Boeing site is proceeding well. The hospital, one of three major structures slated for the Kaiser site—the other two being office medical buildings—is slated for an expected completion date of 2008.

### Downey Studios

A spokesman for the third developer, Downey Studios, said things appeared good with power being installed in the back lot and filming continuing on several major motion pictures, and about to begin on two TV pilots.

It was pointed out that no other studio facility in the Southland offers the spacious facilities and flexibility than that of which Downey Studios can boast.

The bottom line in terms of the studio facility will be the many satellite shops and functions expected to move in and fill up around the major filmers when completed.

It was suggested that since Downey Studios is a major weapon in the U.S. and California's arsenal to keep filmmakers from being lured abroad, that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger be invited on a personal tour here. The governor has made keeping filmers in the Southland area a battle-cry portion of his economic recovery package.

## Suggested uses for HUD funds are heard

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The City Council held a public hearing Tuesday during its regular meeting to receive public comment on its five-year consolidated plan for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Partnership Investment Grant programs.

The City is entitled to receive \$1,726,626 in federal CDBG funds and \$789,496 in HOME funds in the next fiscal year, but in order to receive the funds the City must have an approved five-year Consolidated Plan and a new one-year Action Plan for allocation of the funding.

Staff is currently working with the consultant firm of Castaneda and Associates on the new 5-year plan which will start July 1, 2005 and run through June 30, 2010.

The Consolidated Plan attempts to assess the City's need for affordable housing and supportive housing services for low and moderate-income residents. HUD requires that the plan include an analysis of the housing market and a five-year strategy of priorities, and an annual investment or Action Plan.

### Low and moderate income

Both grants require the primary beneficiary be households that are low or moderate income, elderly, disabled or homeless. No less than 70 percent of the CDBG funding and 100 percent of the HOME funds must benefit low or moderate income persons. The City can use up to 20 percent of the CDBG funds for general administration costs, but only 10 percent of the HOME grant funding may be so used.

Among those appearing before the Council Tuesday for a share of the funding was Kevin MacDonald of the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, which runs educational and job training programs here for the developmentally disabled.

This was the first of two public hearings on the suggested allocation. In other action the Council:

\*Presented the Mayor's Award for Service to the City to Michael Medina, Residential Rehabilitation Supervisor for the Housing Division.

\*Presented Certificates of Appreciation to certain members of the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

### Shared parking

\*Held a Public Hearing and then approved a resolution allowing shared-use parking between Downey's Billiards at 8606 Firestone Blvd., Storm Force at 8222 Firestone, Net Electronics at 8224 Firestone and Lulu's Bakery at 8228 Firestone.

\*Approved plans and specifications, then granted authority to advertise for bids for miscellaneous concrete work including wheel chair ramps,

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## \$6.2 million pact for Lakewood Blvd.

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Council has awarded a cash contract for \$6,274,630 to Sequel Contractors Inc., for the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project—Phase 1A, and has also appropriated \$1 million in Economic Development Administration Grant Funds.

This is the second segment in the multi-phase construction of the Lakewood Improvement Project, a comprehensive undertaking aimed at promoting orderly traffic flow, enhancing pedestrian and traffic safety, as well as beautifying the corridor. Work on Phase 1B between Fifth Street and Bellflower Boulevard began Nov. 13, 2004.

### Second phase

The Council approved plans and specifications and granted authority to advertise for bids on the second phase of the project on Dec. 14, 2004.

### Performance

The City has conducted a background investigation of the apparent low-bidder, Sequel, and found the firm's record of performance satisfactory.

The project is aimed at improving access to and beautification surrounding the former NASA site. The city is working on undergrounding overhead utilities and removing power poles wherever possible.

## 'Priceless' meal is among auction prizes

*By Rosalie Sciortino*

**DOWNEY**—If you had peeked into the kitchen of Gregory's Restaurant in the Embassy Suites Hotel last week, you would have been surprised to see four lovely ladies dressed for the evening having dinner. Yes, in the kitchen.

A culinary experience beyond their expectations was being served to Ellie Eck, Lorine Parks, Dorothy Pemberton and Sue Potter by two "waiters" in formal attire named Larry Lewis, President of the Downey Symphonic Society and Bill Hare, a past president. Hovering nearby was chef Gregory Andro who described the courses as they were being served and made sure that all was progressing smoothly because this was "Dinner in the Kitchen with Gregory" which the ladies had bid on and won at the last Symphony Guild Gala live auction.

When asked to describe the evening, Lorine Parks answered, "First of all it was fun, we were served with love and care, the menu was full of delicious and unusual surprises" and then she added, "money could not buy that exquisite meal."

### Private wines

Served with champagne and wines from Andro's private collection, the meal began with brucetta and focaccia with toppings of shrimp, roast peppers, tomato, mushrooms and roast garlic. Next came delicate lobster ravioli with orange ginger beurre blanc, followed by a salad of exotic greens with quail eggs and candied pistachio nuts. A mango sorbet preceded the pan-roasted filet Mignon with wild mushrooms, and stuffed halibut with Swiss chard and shitaki mushrooms—both entrees with complimentary sauces.

For dessert, the ladies were served a Grand Marnier soufflé with three individual sauces, a truly Grand Finale to a magnificent repast.

All that is needed for four people to have a similar experience, is for them to be present tonight, Feb. 25, at the Symphony Guild's Mardi Gras Gala in the Embassy Suites Hotel in Downey, and to be the highest bidder for "Dinner in the Kitchen With Gregory."

The Embassy Suites is at 8425 Firestone Blvd., in Downey.

## Can sheriff hike fees for service?

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Council has adopted a resolution asking the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for a fair audit of sheriff's costs charged to taxpayers of the contract cities that use the sheriff's services.

The action was at Tuesday's Council meeting. As background, on Feb. 16, Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins attended the monthly Board of Directors' meeting of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA). At the meeting the Association adopted a resolution in opposition to the L.A. County's desire to charge both contract and non-contract cities a higher rate for sheriff's services. At the meeting the Executive Director of the CCCA asked that member cities adopt a resolution in support of the CCCA's action.

While the City of Downey does not contract for sheriff's services, the city does use the sheriff's department for issues that it does not have either equipment or specialized units for. Such operations would include officer-involved shootings, crime lab, jail system, etc.

The Los Angeles County Auditor Controller is studying whether cities such as Downey can be charged for these services.



**DINNER WITH ANDRO**—Extraordinary meal is served (from left), by Bill Hare and Larry Lewis, to Ellie Eck, Dorothy Pemberton, chef Gregory Andro, Lorine Parks and Sue Potter.



# Noe Garcia murder suspect arrested

**DOWNEY**—The suspect in the shooting death of 20-year-old Noe Garcia, of Downey, and the wounding of Juan Garcia, age 19, of Los Angeles and a female juvenile, of Bell, on Sunday, Feb. 6, was arrested without incident last Friday, Feb. 18 in front of the Fry's Electronics Store, located in the City of Industry.

The suspect has been identified as Daniel Pallan, age 22, and allegedly a gang member from El Monte. He was arraigned on murder and attempted murder charges on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

It was at about 1:38 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 when Downey Police were dispatched to the 7300 block of Benares Street regarding a call of gunshots. Upon arrival at the scene, they located the three gunshot victims. Juan Garcia and the female juvenile victim were treated by Downey paramedics and transported to a local hospital, where they were listed in stable condition. Noe Garcia succumbed to the injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The suspect had earlier fired several rounds with a handgun after an altercation at a party in Downey. The suspect fled the scene on foot after shooting the victims.

Pallan is being held at Men's Central Jail with bail set at \$1,000,000.

## Full-range health screenings at Re/Max

**DOWNEY** – Re/Max Online will host a day of preventive health screenings at its offices at 9216 Lakewood Blvd. March 5. The event is open to the public.

Different screening packages will be available to choose from, ranging from a single screening (\$45) to the "Full Package," which takes about an hour and includes an EKG, a variety of ultrasound scans and cholesterol checks. To schedule an appointment call (877) 487-7324.

## Podiatry screenings at Senior Center

**DOWNEY** – Free podiatry screenings will be given March 4 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. Pioneer Medical Group is sponsoring the event.



**SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE** – The recent blood drive held at Century 21 My Real Estate was heralded as a success, thanks to a strong showing of community support. Treadway, Lumsdaine & Doyle helped in producing the drive, while Cafe N' Stuff donated fresh-baked cookies for a refreshment stand. Local residents and various service organization members also lent a hand. "With the need for blood being so great, we are pleased to be involved," said Laurie Mac Isaac, Vice President of Relocation and Marketing at Century 21.

## Apron fashion show at country club

**DOWNEY** – An apron fashion show will be presented March 9 when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets for their regular lunch meeting at the Los Amigos Country Club. The community is invited to attend. Charrise Williams will also speak at the luncheon and Ernestine Austin will provide the musical entertainment.

Cost for the lunch is \$12, which begins at 11:45 a.m. Reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269.

## Concert at Temple Ner Tamid March 5

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid is inviting the community to a musical concert Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m. Performances, highlighting the Best of American Composers, will include Cantor Kenneth Jaffe and special guest singer Cantor Mindy Harris.

Special benefactor tickets are \$100. Other seats are \$54, \$36, and \$18. For reservations/information, call the Temple Office, 861-9276.

## Artery exams to prevent strokes

**DOWNEY** – Are you at risk for a stroke? Find out with a free stroke screening March 1 at Pioneer Medical Group in Bellflower, 10234 Rosecrans Ave.

The painless, non-invasive ultrasound examines the carotid arteries. Call Golden Outlook Insurance Services at 904-6014 for information.

# 'Birdie' a musical that's lost in time

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Civic Light Opera Company offers "Bye, Bye Birdie" at the Downey Theater through March 6, but this one-time hit musical that opened on Broadway in 1960 seems odd and irrelevant to today's world.

Sure, one finds oneself tapping one's foot to such light musical offerings as "Put on a Happy Face," and "One Last Kiss" or "A Lot of Lovin' to Do," but one also asks why bother with this saga of the quasi-Elvis star named "Birdie" and his induction into the army along with "One Last Kiss."

The audience at the end of the evening finds itself wanting to reward the cast of actors on stage with applause, yet when it does, it is a half-hearted effort that fades into the night.

It is a shame too, because there is some talent on stage that should be recognized.

Sure, it is fluff Dink O'Neal is pushing from wing to wing this time, but he does it with flair and fire. He last appeared here as the Devil in the rollicking DCLO production of "Damn Yankees," certainly a more successful resurrection than "Birdie."

Kristen Beth Williams is lovely both in face and figure, but gets blown away by O'Neal in their shared numbers on stage.

Brenda Cox plays Mrs. Peterson, and is a sheer delight. It's a pity she couldn't have been on stage more of the show.

And Stephanie Wall is a coming talent as the 15-year-old Kim MacAfee who is bound to give "Birdie" a farewell kiss as the Elvis-like star prepares to enter the U.S. Army.

I still felt confronted with the same question throughout this long evening...who cares?

There are simply some Broadway hits of yesterday that should be left there. Surely the DCLO can find something more relevant.

Bye, Bye Birdie, indeed!

## GriefShare seminar at First Christian

**DOWNEY**—Downey First Christian Church offers a bereavement seminar series on Sunday evenings entitled "GriefShare," starting March 6. The seminar, held from 6-8 p.m., continues for 13 weeks.

GriefShare is for people grieving the loss of someone close. Each 2-hour seminar consists of a 35-minute video presentation and group discussion. The series features biblical teaching and video talks by leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. In addition, real-life stories will be told of how individuals, experiencing a loss, are coping with that loss.

A \$15 donation for the workbook materials is requested. Additional information may be found at [www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare](http://www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare), or by calling the church office at 862-2438.

## Art League's annual Spring Art Show

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Art League will be holding its 24th annual Spring Art Show from Thursday-Sunday, March 3-6 at Progress Park Plaza Community Center, 15500 Downey Ave., in Paramount. Reception will be at 1 p.m., awards at 2 p.m., followed by a demonstration by Bradford Salomon. Paintings must be entered Monday, Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If necessary, notify John Nowlin in order to enter on Tuesday, Feb. 29.

For information, contact Nowlin, 925-9143 or 455-6425.

## Sebastian Sidi 'Live' April 16

**DOWNEY**—Sebastian Sidi "Live" will be presented by Johnny & Company Hair Salon at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Downey Theatre, 8524 Firestone Blvd. Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered by calling 862-2111.

## Business guide on city's website

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey website, [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org), offers a step-by-step guide on starting a business in this city.

The guide provides general information, from choosing a name to specific required permits and licenses. The guide is free.

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**PENSKE TOYOTA** – President John Dinsmore, right, presents a \$1,500 donation to Jim Derry of the Downey YMCA in support of YMCA youth programs. Penske has been a decades-long supporter of Downey children.

**EZRA Center meets March 1**

**DOWNEY**—The 10 a.m.-12 noon program Tuesday, March 1 of the EZRA Center for Mature Adults at Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, has Tatyana Gurvich, Pharm. D., presenting “Medications and You,” in conjunction with the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute.

Dr. Gurvich will discuss 1) Medication and Seniors – how seniors interacting actively with their doctor have more control over their health care, physical condition, and future; and 2) Drug Interactions – how one drug or food interacts negatively with another, and the various ways medications can be made more effective.

The community is welcome to attend. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

**Adult Education Study continuing**

**DOWNEY**—Adult Education Study sessions will continue at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, the Temple’s Spiritual Leader, will conduct the 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon classes on the topic, “Psalms.” The evening Adult Education classes have been postponed until further notice.

The ongoing classes are open to the entire community and free to Temple members. For non-Temple members a donation of \$18 for the term is suggested, but no one will be turned away.

For information/to confirm meeting days, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Temple Ner Tamid will also present a concert March 5, with ticket prices ranging from \$18-\$100.

**‘Grief and Loss’ workshop at Riley**

**DOWNEY**—The City of Downey Community Services Department, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center, offers a Caregiver Workshop Monday, Feb. 28 from 10-11 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

The topic is “Grief and Loss,” aimed at helping individuals cope with the loss of a loved one. The workshop will also show how to provide resources for support groups. Information: 904-7223.

**Embroiderers’ Guild meets Feb. 25**

**LONG BEACH**—The Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc., which meets the fourth Friday of the month, has at its 10:30 a.m. meeting today, Feb. 25 Elinor Peace Bailey, known as “The Doll Lady,” presenting a slide and trunk show. Bailey is famous for her dolls and “their wonderful personalities.”

There is social hour preceding the program. The group is meeting at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 East Willow St. in Long Beach. Guests are welcome; they are requested to pay a \$2 donation. Information: Vicki, (562) 421-6975.

**Preparations for annual Street Faire in full swing**

**DOWNEY**—Specific guidelines and procedures have been issued by the Downey Chamber of Commerce for its 12th annual Downey Street Faire scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at Brookshire Avenue between Firestone Blvd. and Civic Center Drive, where attendance is expected to again exceed 18,000.

Main draws include the entertainment, its car show, the food court, crafts of all kinds, and the ever-popular Kid’s Zone.

Cost to participate for non-food vendors is \$85 per space, \$95 for food vendors (restricted to Chamber restaurant members only or Downey non-profits); cost is for a 10’ X 10’ space only—vendors provide canopy, table and chairs, and own portable generator/electrical cords.

Other important guidelines:

\*Desired optimum vendor mix is 1/3 business, 2/3 arts, crafts and collectibles

\*No used items (i.e., clothing, garage sale items, resale items or bankruptcy buyouts) may be sold

\*Anyone selling must have a Resale Permit number

\*Those selling or giving away packaged foods (including packaged foods, vitamins, herbs, water) must have a health permit

This year’s Street Faire Committee co-chairs are Fionnuala Anderson and Pacific Western Bank’s Jan Scott. For information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, (562) 923-2191.

**‘St. Joseph’s Table’ at St. Raymond’s**

**DOWNEY**—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond’s Parish will sponsor their 23rd annual “St. Joseph’s Table” Sunday, March 13 in Msgr. Bob Gipson Hall at 12348 Paramount Blvd.

The St. Joseph’s Table is a tradition that started many centuries ago in Southern Italy, when Italian Catholics publicly celebrate their greatest saint, Saint Joseph. What turned out to be a two-day celebration ends when the “Tavola de San Guiseppa” is set out on the piazza on the second day. The table is covered in white, decorated with flowers, and laden with many different foods, especially bread.

The celebration at St. Raymond’s March 13 will take place as follows: Viewing from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Liturgy Celebration—Procession at 11 a.m., Blessing of the Table at 12 p.m., and a pasta dinner from 12:30-5 p.m.

For information, call Marguerite Ferraro at 869-7024 or Charlene Drobeck at 928-1937.

**Downey Coordinating Council meeting**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Coordinating Council meeting Wednesday, March 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center will have as guest speaker Frances Saurenmann, who will speak on the history of the League of Women Voters.

The meeting is open to the public. For information, call Lois Buchanan, 927-9790.



**NOW PLAYING** – “Bye, Bye Birdie,” a musical comedy presented by the Downey Civic Light Opera, is in its second weekend at the Downey Theatre. Group veterans shown (from left) are Erin Manriquez, three shows with DCLO; Sara Howe, five shows; Nicolle Stier, seven shows; and Kristina Varvais, five shows. The production plays through March 6 at the venue, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For tickets and information call 923-1714.

**Annual spring boutique at Riley Center**

**DOWNEY**—The City of Downey Community Services Department is holding its annual spring boutique Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

Vendor spaces are \$20 for one space, \$35 for two. Reserve a space by calling 904-7223.

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## Space museum flap

By John Adams

Councilman David Gafin responded Tuesday to last week's column which raised the question of why no one from the Aerospace Legacy Foundation (ALF) was named to the Commission for the new Learning Center/Space Museum to be built on a portion of the former NASA property.

The Commission is primarily a fund-raising body, said Gafin. A second commission is envisioned for later, when planning details of display and acquisition need direction. Gafin sees a member of the ALF sitting on this second administrative body.

This may all be true, but it seems like an oversight not to explain it to members of the ALF, who have championed the creation of a space museum and learning center since their first meeting in 1996. They have spoken before many groups and organizations, pressing their dream of having a museum at the site where the development of the Space Shuttle and Apollo Programs began.

We hope the matter can be resolved by recognizing ALF with an official seat on at least one, or possibly both, commissions.

The dream is difficult enough to attain without divisiveness among those who champion it.

This discussion must not be allowed to detract from the two outstanding citizens already selected for the "first" commission. Raul Lopez is a hard-working businessman (insurance) who has been seeking a way to give back to the community. He will be a most effective fundraiser. And Orlando Waters is well tuned to the business field and his fund raising efforts will be helped by his longtime connection with the Boeing community.

## SCAG lobbies for key investments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a strong show of regional unity, transportation leaders from the six counties that make up the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region met with congressional representatives last week to advocate for its 2005 Consensus Program, a mutually agreed upon package of priority transportation projects. The projects involved improvements to core transportation programs, such as light rail, rapid transit systems and enrichment of the region's goods movement network.

"We are bringing to Congress a powerful message of consensus and unity on a series of mutually agreed upon transportation investments vital to our region and the nation," said Temecula mayor pro tem and SCAG president Ron Roberts. "This unified approach will go a long way in helping us get these vital projects funded, from roads and mass transit service to critical goods movement improvements."

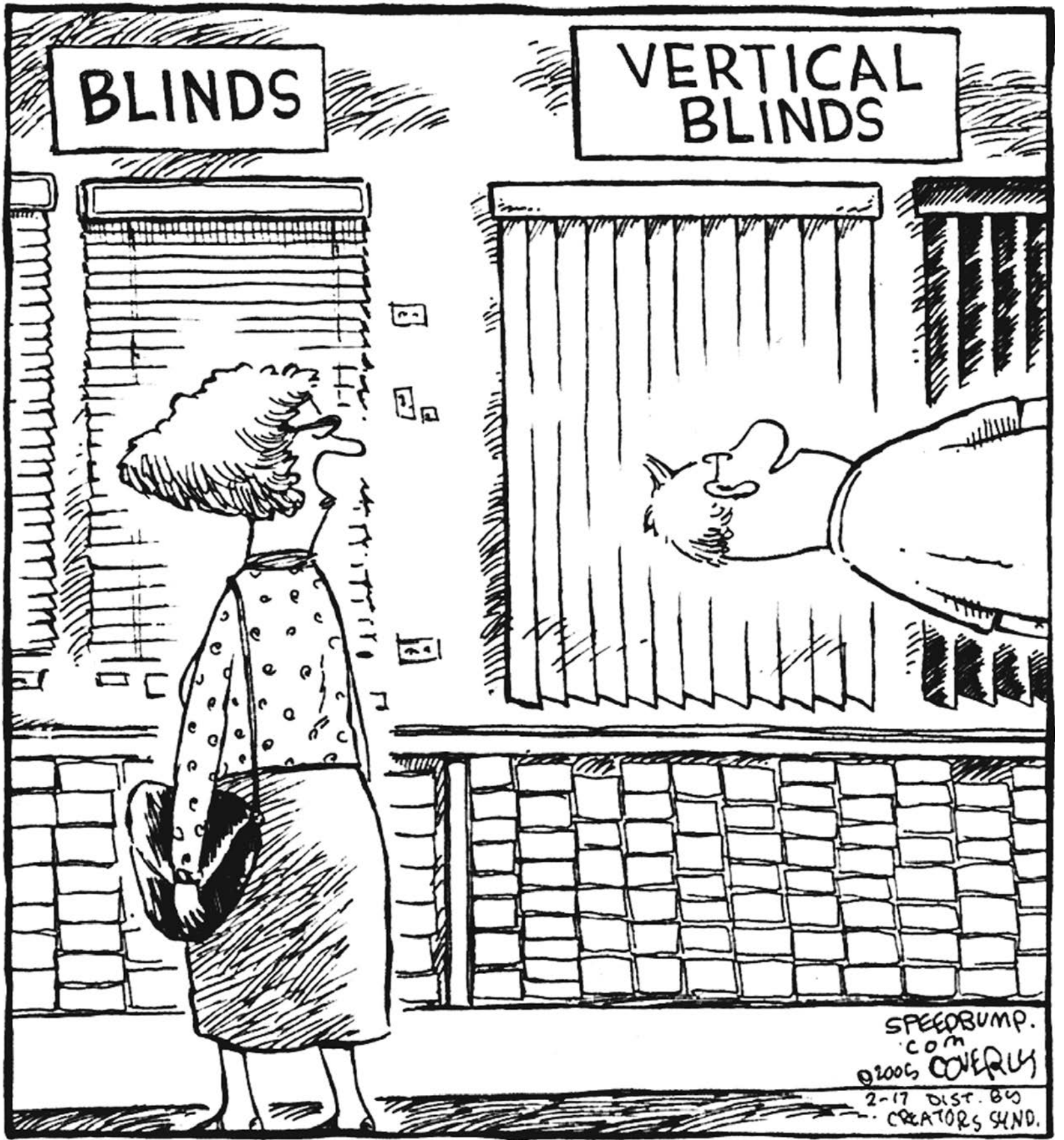
Congress is currently in the process of reauthorizing TEA-21, the primary federal transportation legislation that will authorize funding for key transportation projects across the country.

- The projects in the Consensus Program include funding requests for:
- \*Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension: Light rail service in the Eastside and Exposition Park areas of Los Angeles County
  - \*Perris Valley Line: 19-mile extension to the Metrolink 91 line connecting Riverside and Los Angeles Counties
  - \*Adding a multi-purpose lane to the 91 Freeway and a truck climbing lane to the 57 Freeway in Orange County
  - \*I-215 widening the Colton Crossing grade separation in San Bernardino County
  - \*Widening of the SR-23 and SR-118 Freeway in Ventura County
  - \*Improvements to SR-78, SR-98 and I-8 in Imperial County

"Southern California's transportation system is the economic engine driving both the state and the national economies. It delivers the largest proportion of goods and services that link the United States with its global markets," said Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica mayor and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority board member. "Our package was received positively by our congressional leaders, and we hope that our message will translate into real dollars coming back to Southern California."

"Our delegation carried a very strong message to congress, and I was impressed with the way in which we articulated Southern California's transportation needs," said Victor Carrillo, Imperial County Supervisor and chair of the Imperial Valley Association of Governments. "It is critical that we deliver and maintain our unified message to ensure that Southern California receives its fair share of federal dollars."

In addition to presenting the Consensus Program to congressional leaders, the regional delegation also presented its priorities to the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Undersecretary for Policy, and the State of California's transportation counsel.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Open letter to City Manager

Dear Mr. Gerald Caton:

In mid year 1994, two capable and responsible citizens sat down with associates to discuss a mutual dream for the future. They were at the North American Rockwell Plant in Downey where Gerry Blackburn, a senior engineering executive and project manager, was at that moment supervising the company-sponsored "Space Camp" for young students.

The other person was Jeanne Dowd (deceased 1998). She was a dedicated teacher for 46 years, a world traveler with her husband Ed, a lecturer in education and an accomplished videographer.

Both of them were very conscious of the part the downsized Downey plant had played in America's space program and the space shuttles. They were all manufactured at the Downey site, along with astronaut training and a backup for the Houston Flight Control Center. They visualized a heritage program that would bring local, national and even world attention to their city with economic side benefits to the city coffers.

They each began contacting individual citizens, commercial interests, educators, scientists and other professionals. The results were immediate, positive and enthusiastic, with offers of help in spreading the word and raising funds. The "public" response remains today, but is tempered by time and the city government's obvious lack of support.

They chose the name "Aerospace Legacy Foundation," formed a group, and started the monthly meetings that continue today. By 1997 the foundation was incorporated as a California non-profit corporation.

During this time both members of the city council and you, as city manager, were approached with the concept as it became clear that N.A./Rockwell, Boeing would be moving to another site.

Jeanne and Gerry were the first to meet with you, Mr. Caton, followed by Gene Myers, founder and CEO of "The Space Island Group," and myself, as co-founder, secretary and treasurer of ALF. You set the tone for those and all future meetings with you or your appointees up to today, when you called us "visionaries without substance," and said we were wasting our time and yours.

Well, Mr. Caton, in the last ten years, ALF and its members have acquired documented knowledge, materials (including museum memorabilia) and a healthy support from virtually every community organization, State Heritage Society, Boeing, NASA, JPL, etc. This has given us your "substance"—a posture in Downey, surrounding communities and even at a federal level. (Note: The requirements in the NASA property transfer documents as well as the seed money from Congress.) We have "earned" our position, in spite of your "rejection."

Since inception, ALF has worked conscientiously for the good of the city of Downey. We have not and do not seek to own or control the sponsored space museum/learning center, but we do seek the opportunity to collaborate with the city or its designees in this project—utilizing our knowledge and abilities.

ALF has highly qualified officers and members who have a working knowledge of the history of the physical plant and of some tremendous people. Coupled with their knowledge is a substantial volume of documentation, physical assets (models, pictures, films, videos, etc.), essential to presentations in the space museum/learning center. All of these valuable assets you have rejected out of hand.

Instead, you have formed a board of directors with intellectually competent and capable citizens to raise funds. You will be committing Downey city tax dollars to this and future endeavors with appointees who lack the knowledge and "substance" that you have knowingly brushed aside for the last ten years—for what possible valid reason?

We could write a book based on all the positive accomplishments that have built ALF over the years, and the people, famous and not, that we have interfaced with have been encouraged by and who stand with us today. Once again we offer our services and assets to the city of Downey, believing in their value, and asking only for recognition as part of the team to bring the original dream to fruition.

—Edmond J. Dowd

Co-founder and director of ALF, Downey

#### ALF board appointments faulted

Dear Editor,

Reading the *Downey Patriot* on February 11, I was shocked to learn about the appointment of the people on the Board of Directors of the Downey Memorial Space Science Learning Center. Even without your editorial about Mrs. Latimer's letter, I knew that a wrong had been committed here because I am familiar with how hard and persistent the Aerospace Legacy Foundation has worked to bring about this Learning Center and Museum.

To totally ignore the people of the ALF by appointing a Board of Directors without including them or discussing it with them and to let them find out in the paper what has happened, is not only an insult but most of all plainly states, "What you have done has not been worth much and we will now appoint people capable of handling this." I did not think that the City of Downey was capable of such behavior; however, it will certainly influence my voting at the next election.

This is a travesty which needs to be changed. Members of the ALF need to be and deserve to be on the Board of Directors.

—Irma T. Landesfeind,

Downey

#### A waste of talent

Dear Editor:

In October our Downey branch of the American Association of University Women was delighted to learn more about the Learning Center/Space Museum to be built in our city.

Larry Latimer and Jerry Blackburn presented a fascinating lecture and video display of the historical development of the aviation and space development in Downey's past.

We were mesmerized by the tremendous scientific accomplishments and the unique human interest stories. A treasure of 4 pages entitled "Downey Plant—Cradle of the Cosmic Age" was distributed for our personal Downey history collections.

Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Latimer organized the Aerospace Legacy Foundation in 1996 and have continued to gather more specialized information and many artifacts for sharing and display at the monthly meetings and future museum. Larry Latimer is the charter president. Jerry Blackburn worked for Rockwell and Boeing many years.

It doesn't seem to make sense that these tremendously well-informed, dedicated gentlemen are not listed on the new Commission for the Learning Center/Space Museum. Why can't the commission membership be enlarged? We need ALF members who have the background knowledge and enthusiasm as well as good people with fund raising skills.

—Carol Griffiths,

Downey

#### Flores graduates from basic training

DOWNEY — Air Force Airman Michael L. Flores has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the nephew of Cecilia Flores of Downey.

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## COUNCIL

and appropriated \$56,562 in Pedestrian Grant funding.

\*Awarded a contract for \$6,274,630 to Sequel Contractors and allocated \$1,000,000 in Economic Development Administration Grant Funds for the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project.

\*Approved an agreement for Prosecutor Services with Dapeer, Rosenlit & Litvak, LLP.

### New chairs

\*Appropriated \$6,000 from the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority to purchase ergonomic chairs.

\*Adopted a resolution ordering the engineer to prepare and file a report on assessments within Lighting and Landscaping District A.D. 121 for fiscal year 2005-06.

\*By a 3-2 vote (with Perkins and Gafin voting against it) adopted a resolution modifying the auto benefits for the Director of Development Services.

\*Modified the salary ranges of the Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director and Building Official, and changed the title of Assistant City Manager to Deputy City Manager.

\*Approved the appointment of Pat Smith to the Personnel Advisory Board from District 4.

\*Adopted a resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to conduct an audit of the sheriff's cost charges to the taxpayers of the Contract Cities.

### Pension fund

\*Authorized the issuance of one or more series of Pension Obligation Bonds, and authorized the execution of a trust agreement. The vote was 3-2 with Perkins and Cartozian voting against the measure. Gafin pointed out the measure was simply a refinancing of the PERS debt.

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

## Teens encouraged to join lifeguard class

**DOWNEY** – A spring break lifeguard training class will be offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department March 28 – April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The American Red Cross Certification Course provides the necessary skills and training needed to become a lifeguard.

Students must be at least 15 years of age on or before the last day of class to enroll.

“Training to become a lifeguard can be exciting and rewarding,” said Sheila Pautsch, Recreation Supervisor for the Community Services Department. “The skills and knowledge you learn, such as CPR and first aid, can help you as a lifeguard as well as in your day to day life. We encourage teens to enroll in this class because this can lead to jobs with the city for the summer. Applications will be accepted until April 15 in the Personnel Department.”

Registration for the lifeguard class begins March 7. Cost is \$105 and all materials will be provided.

## Underage drinking targeted in campaign

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard is working to create a national media campaign warning parents and kids about underage drinking.

Roybal-Allard sponsored a bill last year to create a new campaign focusing exclusively on underage drinking. It would be similar to the \$1 billion government-sponsored Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, which focuses solely on drugs like cocaine and marijuana.

The proposed campaign would air ads on major network television stations, including NBC, FOX, and Univision. The ads would educate parents and kids about the risks associated with underage drinking, including: increased rates of teen pregnancy and date rape, youth crime and violence, and increased use of illegal drugs like marijuana and cocaine.

## Wine tasting to benefit tsunami relief

**PASADENA** – The South Pasadena Rotary Club is holding a wine tasting fundraiser March 6 at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant in Pasadena, with ticket proceeds benefiting tsunami relief funds.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (626) 282-3970.



**TOPS AWARD WINNERS**—Rachel Grana and Clyde Pierce were honored on Feb. 17 as royal winners for achieving weight loss and health goals the best in past year.

## TOPS award winners show it can be done

**DOWNEY**—Clyde Pierce and Rachel Grana were crowned King and Queen, respectively, of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #CA 372, Downey at the group's annual awards meeting held at United Methodist Church Feb. 17, accented by Handel's music.

Pierce, who shed 15-1/2 pounds and achieved lowered cholesterol, reached his goal in early September; voted in December by secret ballot as the Most Inspirational KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly), he was also the Division 111 second place winner. Lighter by 31-1/2 pounds by mid-December, Grana also earned Division 1V first place honors. Both 'royal' winners (they got to sit on 'royal thrones' of deep red velvet-draped Queen Ann chairs) are TOPS members who get into the KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) circle.

Division 111 first place winner was John Blake, who lost 26 pounds; he was also voted as the Most Inspirational TOPS member. Maggie Genkos, who reduced her weight by 10 pounds, was also a Division 111 winner, while Nellie Emmi, by losing 12-1/2 pounds, earned Division 1V second place honors.

TOPS chairman Bonnie Fiala and weight recorder Angie Henschall presented the awards.

## Comments include Judge Perkins party

**DOWNEY**—Councilman Meredith Perkins, during Council comments Tuesday, reminded friends of Judge David Perkins not to miss the Judge's retirement party Thursday at Rio Hondo.

Councilman Dave Gafin noted that the UITC (Unity in the Community) group which has done so much to clean up the Island, is holding an organizational meeting for concerned residents at Golden Park on March 15.

Councilmembers noted the recent installation of officers by the Downey Rose Float Association.

And Councilman Kirk Cartozian complimented the *Downey Patriot* for last week's story on the announcement of the retirement of Principal Allen Layne at Downey High School. Layne will step down at the end of



**JACK KYSER** – A highly-regarded economist and Downey resident, gave his outlook on the economic future for next year at a recent Red Cross luncheon.

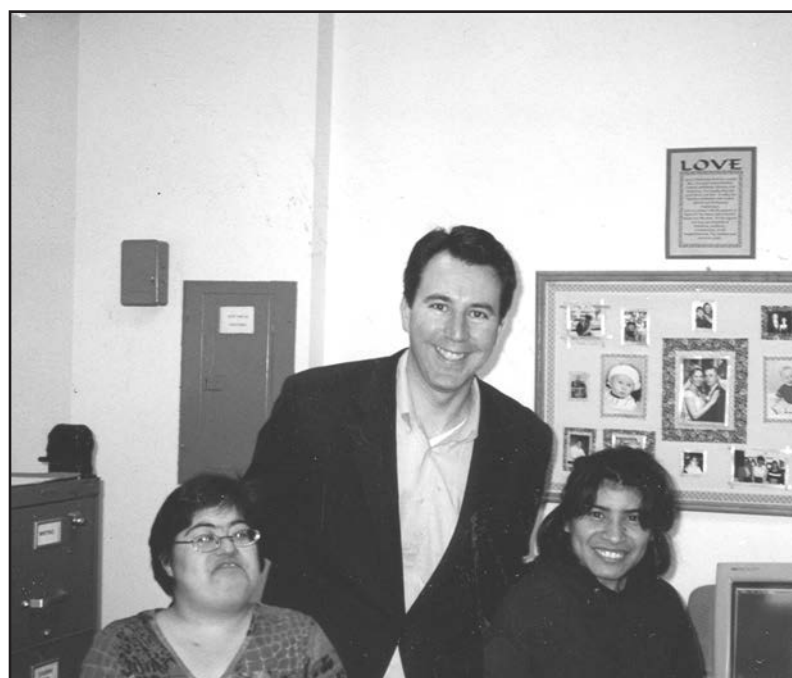
## Resident gives economic forecast

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident and L.A. Chief Economist Jack Kyser was scheduled to give his 2005-06 economic forecast when the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross hosted its semi-annual Legacy Society Luncheon Series yesterday, Feb. 24, at the Cravens Estate in Pasadena.

Kyser said he would give a frank assessment of current economic conditions in the Los Angeles area, while outlining some of the challenges facing the region.

“Most people look at industries as being monolithic and slow to change,” Kyser said. “The reality is that almost all of our key industries are facing structural change and intense competition. Who will survive?”

Called the “guru of the Los Angeles economy” by the Los Angeles Business Journal, Kyser is responsible for interpreting and forecasting economic trends in the Los Angeles five-county area (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties), and for analyzing the major industries of the area. Utilizing this information, he helps develop job retention and creation strategies for Los Angeles County. Kyser's advice is frequently sought by business, government and the media.



**ASSEMBLYMAN TO JOIN 'WALK'**—Assemblyman Hector De La Torre (D-50th), shown here visiting one of Arc's classrooms, will be joining Arc's "Walk for Independence" March 12.

## De La Torre to join Arc walk March 12

**DOWNEY**—Assemblyman Hector De La Torre (D-50th), who is Chair of Assembly Budget Sub-Committee #1, which handles health and human service programs like Arc, will be lacing up his walking shoes and joining the Arc Walk for Independence Saturday, March 12 at Stonewood Center.

In a recent visit to Arc, the Assemblyman took time to meet people with disabilities, and encouraged them in their “walk for independence” every day of their lives. The Assemblyman visited the facility's Packaging and Assembly Plant (Southeast Industries), as well as the day programs and classes Arc provides in collaboration with Downey Adult School.

For information/registration for the Arc Walk, call 803-4606, or e-mail at arckmac@aol.com.

## AAUW presents 'Her Story,' March 5

**LONG BEACH**—The Long Beach branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will feature portrayals of America's First Ladies from Lucy Hayes to Edith Wilson at their meeting Saturday, March 5 at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue in Long Beach.

The portrayals, written by Jacqueline Mason and Pam Gershkoff, will unfold from the Civil War to the Ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, and will be presented by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Theater.

For information, call 429-6923.

## The poets' corner

### suburban jackals

regarding the scrawny cats  
that live in the alley behind my business  
I have come to a decision

I had decided at first to shun them  
disapproving as I do of the way  
they work both sides of this cinder-brick wall

they are fed  
as I perceive it  
from my side of the equation

by anonymous hands rising up from the other side's garden  
which set out bountiful lunches  
on aluminum trays

for these felines who appear to be homeless  
but who shelter at their pleasure and leisure  
under the warmth of my car

and who feast up and down the alley  
on other hand-outs and the occasional rodent  
that disturbs their minuscule perimeters

I have decided to speak to them  
accustom them to my presence  
to let them know my voice

of course they know me already  
the way they know all the small disturbances  
in these suburban gutters

but it makes good policy  
to keep in favor  
with the gods of the cemeteries and their janitors

—Lorine Parks,  
Downey

## Downey sports reunion Feb. 26

**DOWNEY** – A “Downey Sports Reunion” will be held Feb. 26 in Santa Ana for Downey High School graduates, class of 1956, '57 and '58. Film of Downey's 1956 football game versus Anaheim High School at the Coliseum will be shown.

Country Garden Caterers will host the event. RSVP by calling (714) 972-9069.

## Youth volunteers sought by city

**DOWNEY** – Volunteers are needed by the city of Downey for the summer Volunteer Program, a group of middle school and high school youth that volunteer their time and skills to gain leadership experience while making worthwhile contributions to the community.

‘Volunteers’ are needed during the summer at the following camps: Camp Wilderness at Wilderness Park, Camp Hollywood at the Downey Theatre, Adventure Camp at Independence Park, Sports Camp at Apollo Gymnasium, and Little Buddies Club at Apollo Park. Volunteers are also needed at Furman, Golden and Denis the Menace Park.

A few hours within different departments at City Hall will also be available.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall. There will be a mandatory training session for all volunteers June 18. Flyers are available in the City Hall Community Services Department for more information or call 904-7238.

Deadline to apply is June 3.



**NEW EAGLE SCOUT**—Kevin Michael Wilkinson will be honored at Court of Honor at Downey First Christian Church March 11.

## Downey student attains Eagle Scout rank

**DOWNEY**—Fifteen-year-old Kevin Michael Wilkinson, a resident of Downey and a sophomore honor student at Valley Christian High School in Cerritos, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts of America's highest achievement. He has been affiliated with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts since 1999, and is a member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church's Boy Scout Troop 140 in Lakewood.

Kevin reached Eagle Scout status last Dec. 15, after earning 34 Merit Badges. Only 21 are required for the rank of Eagle. He has been Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. He completed a 10-day backpacking trip in the summer of 2004, hiking over 60 miles of trails in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico, in the area known as the Philmont Scout Ranch.

He provides sound technology assistance to the Children's Ministry at his church, and was recently appointed to the youth leadership committee. He participates in his church's annual mission to Tijuana.

To honor him and his achievements, his Eagle Scout Court of Honor is scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 11 at Downey First Christian Church, 10909 New Street, near downtown Downey. Presiding at the ceremony will be Scoutmaster Mark Taylor and former Scoutmaster Tom Eynon.

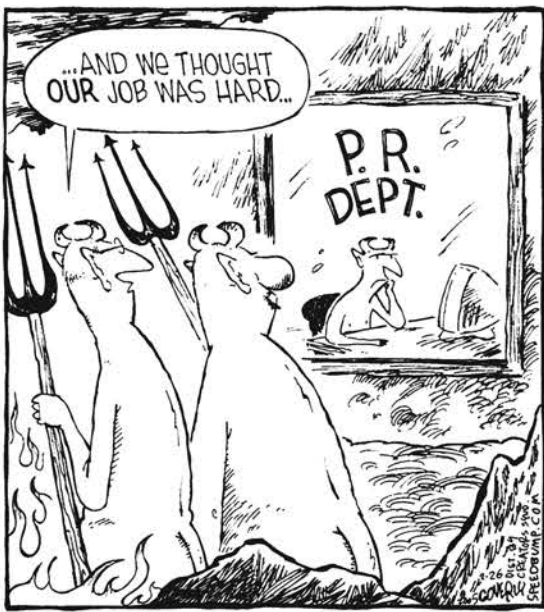
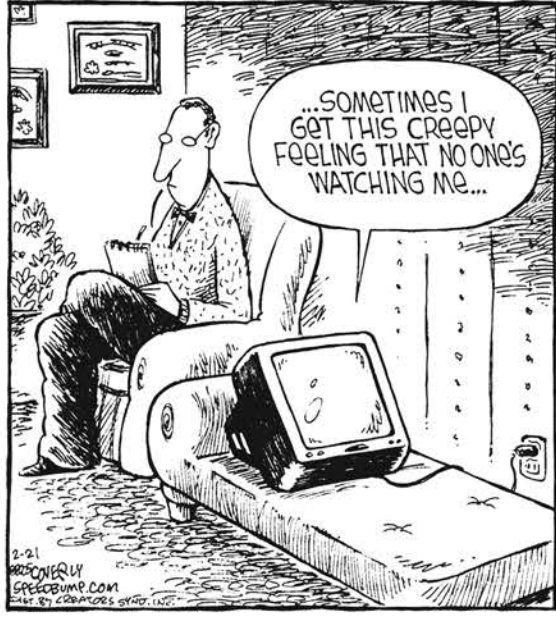


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# Downey Community Calendar

## Events For February

**Fri. Feb. 25, 8:00 p.m.:** **"Bye, Bye Birdie"** musical comedy presented by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Through Mar. 6 on Fri., Sat. and Sun. For tickets and information call 923-1714.  
**Fri. Feb. 25, 6:00 P.M.:** **Mardi Gras Gala** fundraiser presented by the Downey Symphony Guild at the Embassy Suites Hotel., 8425 Firestone Blvd. For information call 869-2120

### 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.  
**2nd Mon., 11 a.m.:** American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.  
**2nd Mon., 3 p.m.:** Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.  
**4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.:** Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

#### Tuesdays

**9 a.m.:** Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call 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 Rio Hondo, for information call Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.  
**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

**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.

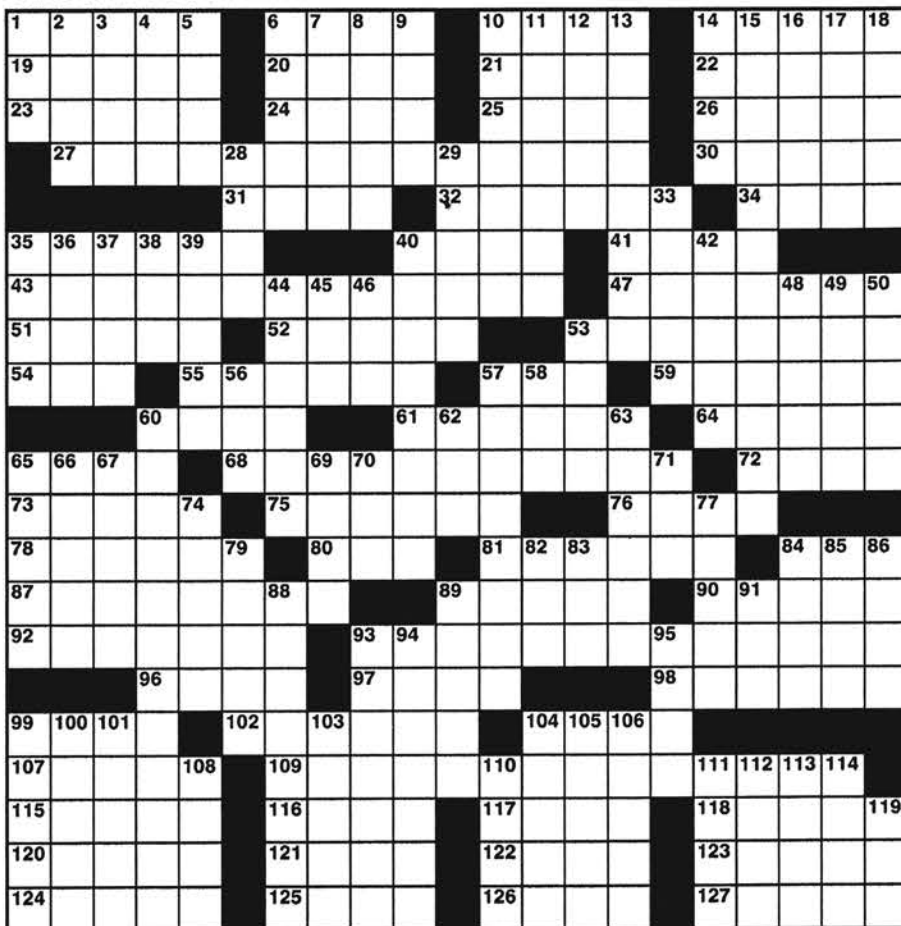
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**'WELCOME TO THE SAWDUST'**—An artist at the Sawdust Art Festival, which is located at 935 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach, welcomes pause before she applies finishing touches to her watercolor painting.

## '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. For information/to purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058, or visit [www.cerritos.edu/theatre](http://www.cerritos.edu/theatre).

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## 'Sawdust Art Festival' coming this summer

**LAGUNA BEACH**—The 39th annual Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna Beach, which hosts 200 Laguna Beach artists each summer, will this year run from July 1 through Sept. 4. The festival is known for its "exciting" live entertainment, featuring everything from jazz quartets to acrobats to surf bands, as well as three cafes and a saloon.

The festival takes place in picturesque Laguna Canyon in the midst of a three-acre eucalyptus grove, with majestic 100-year old trees shading and cooling the grounds while two waterfalls "add to the tranquil atmosphere." It's been voted one of the top three art festivals in the nation by the readers of *AmericanStyle Magazine* and is said to attract visitors from around the globe, including many celebrities.

But before the festival begins, the 5th annual *Spring Into Art* takes place on the weekends of March 12, 13 and 19, 20. Art students of all ages and levels are invited to the Sawdust Art Festival where classes will be offered in a variety of artistic media, including glass-blowing, oil and watercolor painting, glass sand casting, silk painting, and jewelry-making.

Fees for the two-day workshops range from \$100 to \$250. For more information, call (949) 497-0520.

## Lutheran church hosts symphonic band

**DOWNEY** — The Symphonic Band of Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin, will perform a concert March 20 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The event is free, but a freewill offering will be taken to help the band with their expenses.

Under the direction of Jonathan R. Wiegert, the 60-member ensemble will perform works by David Holsinger, Johan de Meij, John Philip Sousa, Percy Grainger, Philip Sparke, Stephen Bulla, Fred Allen and Tomohiro Tahebe.

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## 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).

## Concerto contest winners performing

**LONG BEACH**—CSU-Long Beach's University Symphony Orchestra will perform and feature the winners of the 2005 CSULB Concerto Competition Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Gerald Daniel Recital Hall. Richard Rintoul conducts.

The winners: Jeremy Swem (trombone); Sean Franz (alto saxophone); Katherine Koh, piano.

The program will include *Concertino for Trombone* by David, *Concertino da Camera for Alto Saxophone* by Ibert; *Piano Concerto No. 3* (3rd Movement) by Prokofiev; and *Don Juan* by R. Strauss.

Tickets are \$10 adults and \$7 for seniors and students with valid ID. For information/tickets, call (562) 985-7000.

## 'The Mousetrap' at L.B. Playhouse

**LONG BEACH**—Agatha Christie's mystery thriller, "The Mousetrap," will be performed at the Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theatre, 5021 East Anaheim St., Long Beach, from Feb. 25-April 9.

The opening performance is tomorrow, Feb. 26, which will be followed by a champagne reception with the director, cast, crew, and playhouse staff. Regular Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. March 6, 13, 20, and April 3. There will be a preview performance tonight with tickets at 2 for \$20 or \$12 each.

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### Chiropractor introduces new foundation

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Gerald Coy, a longtime Chiropractic associate in Downey, attended the International Chiropractic Association of California (ICAC) member convention last weekend in Costa Mesa. During the three-day event, attendees took part in CPR classes, learned about new X-ray technologies and visited with exhibitors.

Coy used the opportunity to introduce the CHER Foundation, the only non-profit charitable organization in the chiropractic industry. CHER (Chiropractic Health Education & Research) was founded in 1984 as the health division of the Coy Chiropractic Institute in Downey.

The CHER Foundation seeks to enroll donor support, as well as active members in their 4Life Nutrient Program, in order to bring funds into the organization that can be utilized to advance the primary programs of health, education and research.

CHER has conducted screenings for scoliosis and other treatable debilitating ailments throughout Southern California for over 20 years.

For information, call 776-1744. Dr. Coy's offices are at 7444 Florence Ave., #H, in Downey.

### Credit score seminar at Financial Partners

**DOWNEY** – Financial Partners Credit Union, a leading Southern California lender, will host a seminar on enhancing credit scores Tuesday, March 8, at its branch at 7800 E. Imperial Hwy. The hour-long presentation, followed by a Q&A, begins at 6:30 p.m.

The seminar is designed to help members understand their credit score and how to save money on lower interest rate loans and credit cards. It will include a detailed overview of what affects a credit score and what consumers can do to improve their rating. The seminar will cover such topics as:

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Financial Partners Credit Union is a full-service not-for-profit financial organization, established in 1937 by the aerospace industry to provide a means for people to avoid paying the high interest rates of that time. Previously known as Rockwell Federal Credit Union, Financial Partners is headquartered in Downey with branches throughout Southern California.



**DR. GERALD COY** – A chiropractor in Downey, introduced the CHER Foundation at a convention last weekend. The non-profit foundation conducts regular screenings for scoliosis and other debilitating ailments.

### Yoga classes at Community Center

**DOWNEY** – Yoga sessions with Yogi Ramesh begin again March 1 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. Call (877) 367-9642 to sign up.

### Caregiver support group at Rancho

**DOWNEY** – Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month. Call 401-7991 for times and more information.

## GOOD annual luncheon at Rio Hondo April 13

**DOWNEY**—Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) will hold its annual luncheon Wednesday, April 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club, located at 10627 Old River School Road.

The luncheon will highlight the tremendous work done by this community-based organization to combat gang activity in the community of Downey. GOOD is made up of many community leaders and has received national recognition, including the President's "Points of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

This special luncheon event costs \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. In addition, sponsorships are available as follows: Platinum sponsor for a donation of \$5,000 or more; Gold sponsor for a donation of \$2,000 to \$4,999; Silver sponsor for a donation of \$1,000 to \$1,999; and Bronze sponsor for a donation of \$500 to \$999. All proceeds are used to fund anti-graffiti programs, programs for "at-risk" students, the 10/20 Club for gang suppression, camperships for troubled youth, and the Community Policing in the Schools Program. The Downey Police, the City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District are recipients of funds raised by GOOD. For more information/to make reservations, contact Harry Montanez, Vice-President for Finance, Downey Federal Credit Union at 862-8141, or Stan Hanstad, DUSD Assistant Superintendent, at 562-469-6541.

The event is a yearly sellout with over 400 in attendance.

## Women's History event at Cerritos College

**NORWALK**—Cerritos College will host Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D-CA 39) and her sister, Loretta Sanchez (D-CA 47) as keynote speakers in the college's recognition of Women's History Month.

The Sanchez sisters are the first women of any relation to serve together in Congress.

They will appear together in a rare public appearance starting at 7 p.m., Monday, March 7 at the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. Free parking will be available in Lot C-10, located off 166th St., and New Falcon Way. Admission is free.

"Women Change America" is the title of the college's recognition of National Women's History Month. For information and a complete schedule of the month's events, visit the Web at [www.cerritos.edu/whm](http://www.cerritos.edu/whm).

### Congresswoman's grant to aid veterans

**LOS ANGELES** – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34th) is set to announce next week a grant from the Veterans Administration to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) to provide housing and other services to fragile, senior veterans age 65 and older.

"This grant provides the resources necessary to help VOALA provide housing and other critical assistance to elderly and homeless veterans," said the congresswoman. "I commend VOALA for its commitment to homeless veterans. With the organization's help, these veterans who have honorably served our country will now receive the support services they need and deserve to rediscover their potential as viable, contributing members of the community."

Two life coaches will be available to provide life and social skills. And on-site nursing, case management services and recreational and social outings are planned. A minimum of 20 seniors will participate in the nine-month program, at which time they will be transitioned into permanent housing. The program will operate out of the Ballington Plaza.

### Boat and travel show in Long Beach


**LONG BEACH**—Among the attractions at the Fred Hall Fishing Tackle, Boat and Travel Show scheduled March 2-6 at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center in Long Beach, will be the new "Experience Berkley" mobile display, targeting novice and experienced anglers alike.

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**Keep Downey Beautiful hotline numbers**

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**Women's golf club seeks new members**

**DOWNEY** – The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, is accepting applications for membership for the '04-05 season.

For information on the joining the women, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

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**Exhibitors, sponsors wanted for Job Fair**

**DOWNEY**—Latest corporate sponsors to sign up for the upcoming Job Fair Saturday, March 12 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey, are Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, Downey Regional Medical Center and Mitchell Personnel, it was announced by Tina Campos of the Downey Adult School and event chairman. Putting up the event, scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m., are the Downey Adult School and the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

"Last year's fair drew over 900 job applicants," said Campos, "and we want this year's fair to have the same results."

Several businesses will bring their recruiters to the event. More are needed, however, to make it the outstanding success it usually is. For \$50, Chamber-member exhibitors receive a skirted table and space to use for their display and recruitment purposes. Exhibitors will also be treated to a post Job Fair luncheon. Non-Chamber members may participate for a cost of \$60 per table.

"We can use additional corporate sponsors, too," said Campos. They are available at \$500 and entitle the sponsor to a table, two lunch meals, and a company name used on a banner displayed at the Job Fair. Their name/logo will appear as well in posters, flyers, advertising and news releases that are distributed throughout the community.

Exhibitors-to-date are: Avon, Bank of America, City of Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Federal Credit Union, Curves Downey – East, Downey Unified School District, Downey Regional Medical Center, Employment Development Department, Escrow Net, Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Help Mate, Home Instead, Hometown Buffet, Human Services Association, Jafra Cosmetics, Jiffy Lube, Keystone Lanes, Kitchen Fair, Mitchell Personnel, Primerica, Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, RMI International, The Villa, UPS, and U.S. Army Recruiting, WWS, Washington Mutual and Workforce Investment Board.

Major corporate sponsors of the job fair include DRMC, Kaiser Permanente, Keller Williams Real Estate, Mitchell Personnel Services and Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate

For more information, call the Chamber office, (562) 923-2191, or Tina Campos at Downey Adult School, (562) 940-6237.



**DOWNEY LACROSSE** – The Downey Lacrosse Club, a one-year-old Lacrosse team coached by Downey High School English teacher Scott Witkin, will host its first home game tomorrow, Feb. 26, versus Woodbridge at East Middle School. The club, which climbed from 25 players last year to 40 this year, will split home games between East MS and the new Downey High School stadium. The community is invited to attend the games and cheer for the boys.

**Downey Lacrosse Club 2005 Schedule**

Feb. 26	Woodbridge	East MS	4:00 p.m.
March 1	@ St. John Bosco		1:00 p.m.
March 5	Palisades	East MS	1:00 p.m.
March 8	Long Beach Rampage	Downey HS	5:00 p.m.
March 11	Peninsula	Downey HS	5:00 p.m.
March 17	@ Mira Costa		7:00 p.m.
March 19	@ Brentwood		1:00 p.m.
April 11	NCJ HS	Downey HS	4:30 p.m.
April 16	Saugus	East MS	1:00 p.m.
April 19	@ Culver City		6:00 p.m.
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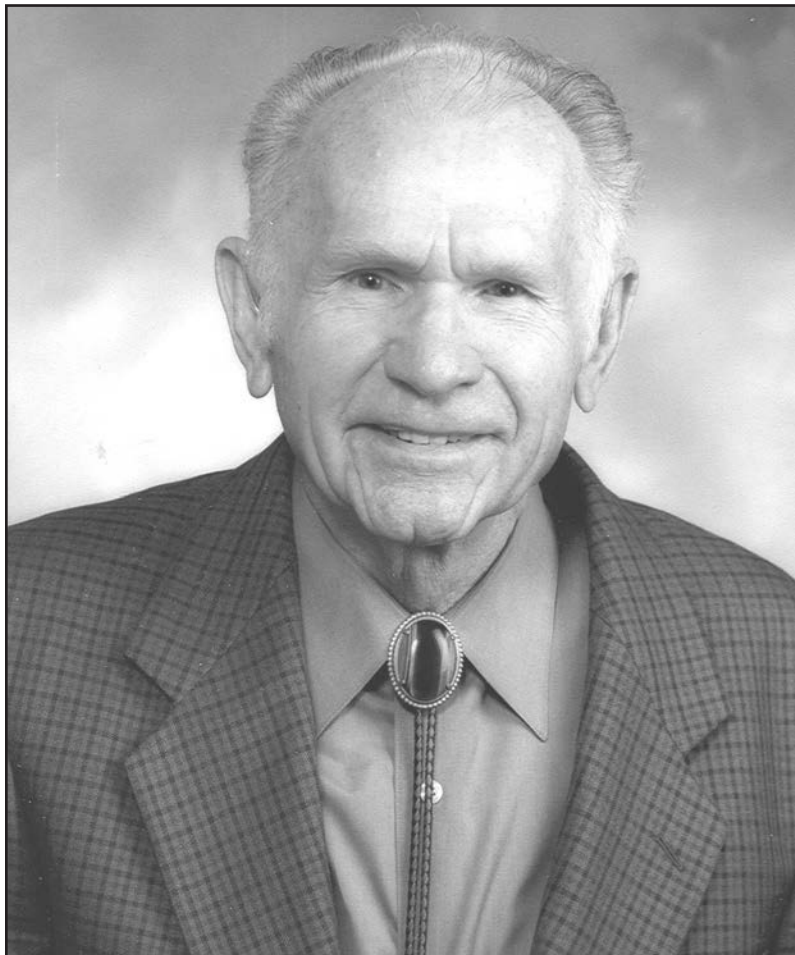
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RAYMOND JOSEPH BECKERMAN - Will be remembered at a vigil tonight at Miller-Mies Mortuary. He died Feb. 21.

## Raymond Beckerman viewing and vigil today

**DOWNEY** - Raymond Joseph Beckerman, born April 6, 1915 in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, died Feb. 21 in Norwalk. A viewing will be held today, Feb. 25, from 4 - 7 p.m., with a vigil service afterwards, at Miller-Mies Mortuary.

Beckerman owned and operated Automatic Specialty Company in Huntington Park for over 55 years.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; brothers William and Virgil; five stepdaughters; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 17 great great grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his wife of 37 years, Geraldine, who passed away in 1986.

A funeral mass is scheduled for tomorrow, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.

## Funeral Liturgy for Eileen Patricia Purdie

**DOWNEY**—A Funeral Liturgy was held at St. John of God in Norwalk on Feb. 23 for Eileen Patricia Purdie, who passed away on Feb. 17 in Downey. She was 87.

She is survived by her daughters Rosemary Purdie and Patricia Fernandez; her sons Frank and Robert Purdie; 4 grandchildren; and her sister Mae McLeod.

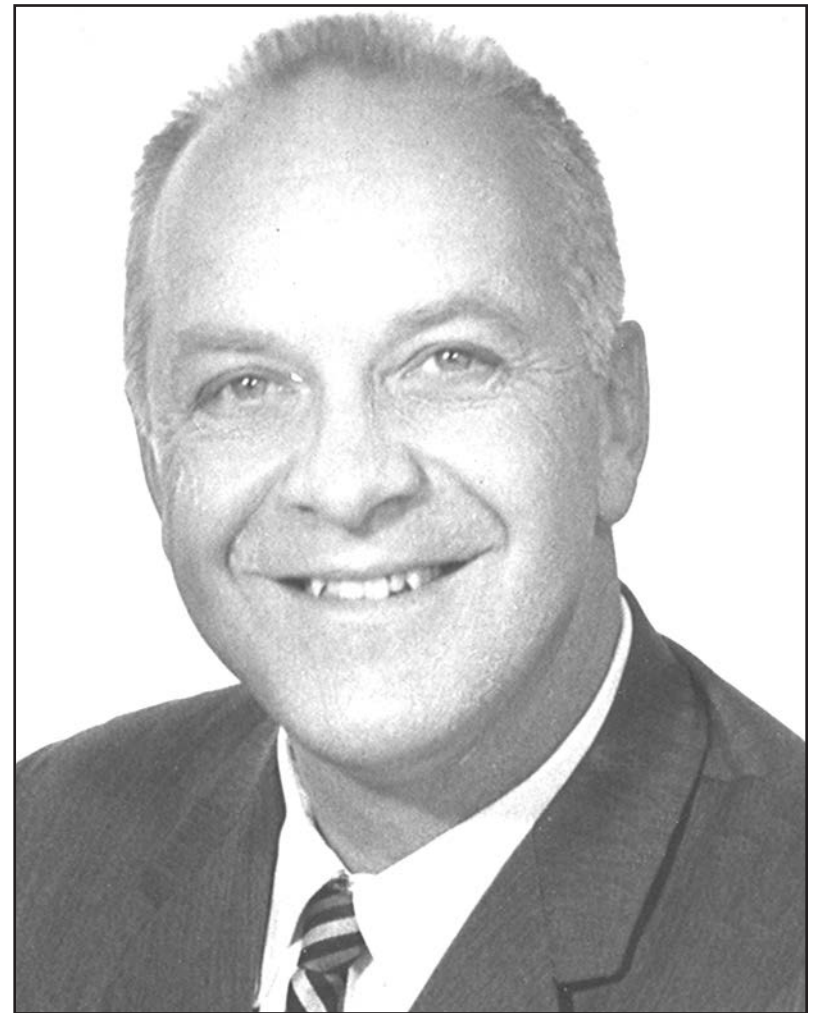
Visitation was held on Feb. 22 from 5-9 p.m. at the Chapel of Memories in Norwalk; Vigil Service was at 7 p.m. The Rite of Committal followed at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.

## EPC meeting schedule changed

**DOWNEY**—The Emergency Preparedness Committee, which previously met the third Wednesday of every month, will now meet regularly the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at 12222 Paramount Blvd. For information, call the city of Downey Fire Department, 904-7344.

## 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.



STANFORD LAW GRADUATE—And until his retirement in 2001 a member of the law firm Van Petten & Holen, Harry O. Van Petten, Jr. has passed away.

## Harry O. Van Petten, Jr. was a Stanford graduate

**DOWNEY**—Harry O. Van Petten, Jr., who was born on May 19, 1920, passed away on February 5.

"Van" Van Petten graduated from Long Beach Community College, Stanford University, and Stanford Law School. He practiced law from his admission to the California Bar in 1950 until his retirement in 2001, including many years in the firm of Van Petten & Holen. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the military as an Army staff intelligence officer. He was an active member of the Democratic Party, and was the Party's nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1964.

In his spare time, Van Petten was a serious bridge player. He is survived by his wife, Ione; children Peter and Cyma; and brother Gaynor.

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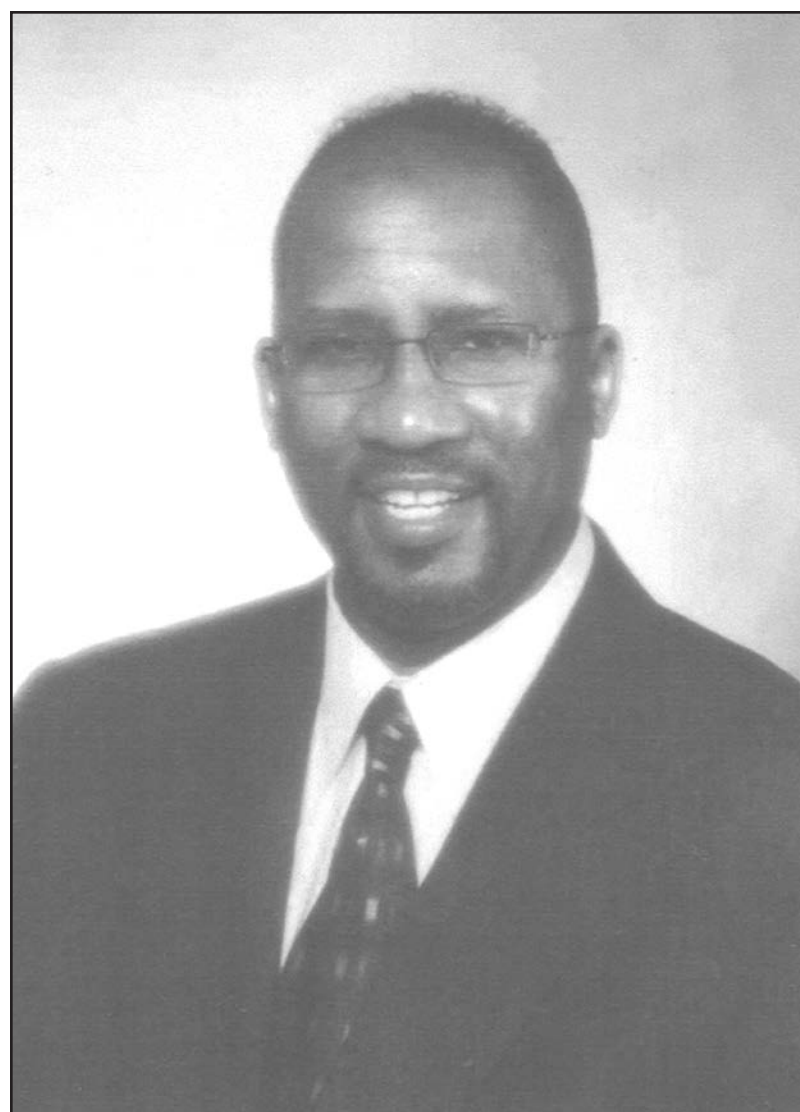
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### Red Cross seeks volunteers for local area

**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. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

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.

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### 'Women of Distinction' breakfast

**DOWNEY**—Soroptimist International of Downey will honor the following "Women of Distinction" at their Thursday, March 10 7:30 a.m. breakfast at Rio Hondo Country Club: Joanne Bauer, Stacy Brabant, Faye Campbell, Jean Kiskadden, Lucy Lynn Wilson, Dorothy Pemberton, and Violet Richardson Award winner Kathleen O'Connell.

Dawn Marie Lemonds, who is liaison for Project Independence/Women Survivors of War, is the guest speaker. RSVP by March 3, 928-3826.

### 'City makeover program' invites entries

**CARSON**—The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is currently accepting applications for its popular City Makeover Program, designed to further promote water conservation to cities within its service area.

The City Makeover Program was established in 2003 by MWD as a competitive grant program to provide funding for new heritage landscapes in prominent public locations within Southern California.

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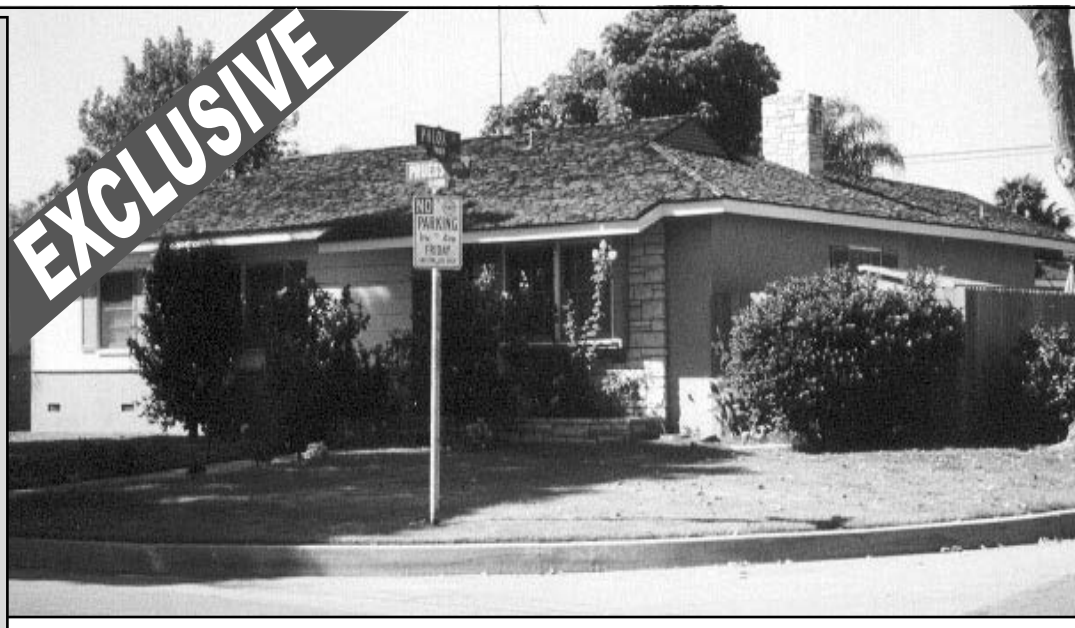


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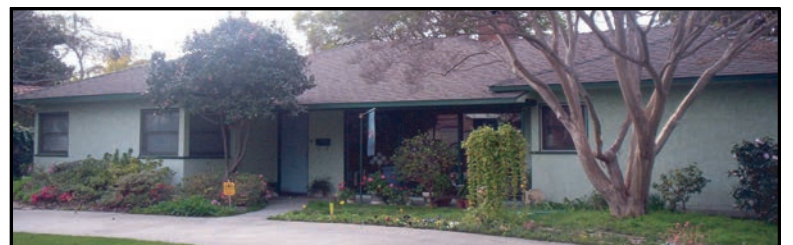
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