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**SOUTHLAND HARMONY CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL** – Performed their rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” during opening ceremonies at the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life last weekend at Columbus High School.

## Schools applaud ROP medal winners

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education heard presentations by the Regional Occupational Program District Students of the Year at Tuesday’s regular Board meeting.

The Los Angeles County Regional Occupational Program consists of 22 school districts within the Los Angeles county area. Downey is one of these districts that offer job training skills to at least 2,000 students annually. Each year, LACOROP presents an ROP Student Recognition Competition among its 22 districts.

### Harvest of medals

This year, Downey sent 12 students to compete and they returned with three silver and two gold medals. Two silver medals in Business went to Saddat Adutwum from Web Design and Pablo Rizo from Banking. Both are seniors at Downey High School. Another silver in Creative Arts went to Ernie Gochez from Commercial Photography, a senior at Warren High School. The gold medal in Home Economics went to Dallas Struve from Careers in Education. Dallas is a senior at Downey High School. The gold medal in Trade and Industry went to Mark Brush, from Law Enforcement, a Warren High School senior.

LACOROP only gives out six gold medals in this competition and Downey captured two of them. Members of the School Board congratulated all the ROP students for bringing home such a harvest in gold and silver medals.

The youngsters were presented to the board by Dale Lostetter, Director of Alternative Education for the School District.

In other action the School Board Tuesday:

- \*Ratified attendance and authorized expenses and fees for various conventions and conferences.
- \*Ratified payment for special Education Placements as submitted.
- \*Approved proposed revisions to AR 2220.2, Reporting Student Progress in Middle School.
- \*Ratified purchasing orders prepared by the Purchasing Department.
- \*Ratified Payroll orders for hourly overtime, Civic Center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the month of March covered by payroll orders issued through April.
- \*Ratified B Warrants for the month of April.
- \*Ratified a Memorandum Of Understanding with Point Loma

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## Community takes up fight against cancer

*By Eric Pierce*

**DOWNEY** – More than \$60,000 was raised last week when Downey Adult School hosted the American Cancer Society’s annual Relay for Life, the organization’s signature fundraising event that honors cancer victims, survivors and their families.

The Rio Hondo Chapter of the American Cancer Society, with its offices at 9901 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, will be the primary beneficiaries of the proceeds, which it says will go towards cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and patient support.

An estimated 500 people showed up for the overnight event, which featured a continuous walk around the campus track for a full 24 hours. Twenty teams camped out at the school, including representatives from various schools and businesses.

Money was raised through sponsorships, donations, raffle tickets and the sales of candles for a late-night luminary.

Downey resident Melina Contreras won the grand prize raffle, her choice of a 2005 Ford Focus or \$13,000 cash. (She chose the money.)

Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, corporate sponsor of the event, coordinated the raffle and provided the prize.

Forty-five cancer survivors walked the first lap of the Relay at 9 a.m. Saturday and were presented with medals by Miss Downey and her court. Mayor Anne Bayor and Mayor Pro-Tem Meredith Perkins were also in attendance.

A full list of teams participating in the relay: Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, Pink Ladies, Curves of NE Downey, T-Birds, Escrow Net, Countrywide, Wal-Mart Norwalk, Century 21 Jervis, Norwalk Medical Academy, Downey Adult School, Carpenter Elementary, Rio San Gabriel Elementary, Rio Hondo Elementary, Imperial Elementary, Price Elementary, Alameda Elementary, West Middle School, Downey High School, Mayfair High School, Bell High School, the McGee Family and the Mejia Family.

The Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, based in Downey, opened the ceremonies with the singing of our National Anthem and other songs.

The American Cancer Society is the largest source of nonprofit, non-governmental cancer research funding in the United States, investing about \$130 million each year, it said.

According to statistics, one in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

Fifty-five percent of proceeds raised through the Relay for Life will stay in the local community, the American Cancer Society said. Another 30 percent goes to research, 10 percent is used for fundraising activity and five percent pays administrative salaries.

By the end of 2005, the American Cancer Society says that Relay for Life events will be held in over 20 countries. The fundraiser originally began in Tacoma, Washington over two decades years ago.

## Dispute over storage of precious runoff

Who should determine how much of the runoff from the very wet year we have just experienced should be stored in the vast underground basins beneath us? That is the question currently being debated by the cities and water agencies in the Southern California region.

Currently, water from rain runoff purchased from the Metropolitan Water District is used to recharge the underground basins while a similar amount is pumped out each year.

But the basin potentially could hold as much as twice the present amount, according to water officials. The vast basins stretch 420 square miles from the LAX Airport to the Orange County border and from the Whittier Hills to the coastline. In a wet year such as 2005, there is potential to store much more until it can be tapped during a dry year. But there is the possibility of problems. What if too much water pumped underground causes unexpected pollution?

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California claims the question is their responsibility.

Established in 1959 to protect the basin, the MWD assesses water utilities based on the amount they pump from the underground, then uses the income to purchase water to recharge the basin.

Officials from cities such as Bellflower, Cerritos and Lakewood have protested that the MWD does not have the authority to impose these rules. They assert that a 1965 court judgment determined who may pump and how much from the underground basin. Others call for cooperation between the concerned parties.

Meanwhile, as parties talk, precious water flows and is lost in the sea. It is hoped that new interim rules being worked on this week can resolve the differences.

## Kidsday offered all ‘breath of youth’

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—The community celebrated its 18th annual Kidsday beneath the tall trees of Furman Park Saturday May 14 with a day-long series of entertainments which included information booths, a scouting village, music and dance, community safety fair, 20 penny carnival games, and even a fun run.

There were displays of equipment by both the police and fire department, and enough food booths to satisfy any taste.

There were Hawaiian and Tahitian dances from the Pacific Islands, information from youth groups ranging from the Civil Air Patrol to Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD). And most of all a general sense of good feeling that this particular event seems to generate.

There was a man blowing bubbles, a booth extolling thoroughbred dogs, cartoon characters, Miss Downey and her Court, and lots of parents and kids who shared a sunny day in the park.

A special free shuttle bus service was maintained between the City Hall parking lot and Furman throughout the day.

If you have never attended mark your calendar for next May. Kidsday is a true celebration of the spirit and achievement of our youth.



**DANCE DIRECTOR**—This talented dancer took the stage at the north end of Furman Park during the early hours of Kidsday, getting volunteers to join her on stage for a variety of dances.



**DANCES OF THE ISLANDS**—Were performed at the Kidsday celebration at Furman Park Saturday, May 14 by colorfully dressed women and girls of all ages.

## Support for fine Downey Symphony

**DOWNEY**—Newly elected officers of the Downey Symphonic Society were announced at a recent meeting of the Board. They are Larry Lewis, President; Lorine Parks, Vice President; Ruth Hillecke, Secretary; and Bill Hare, Treasurer.

Board members include Betty Bryan, Colin Clarke, Gloria Crum, Ellie Harrington, Dick Holmes, Pauline Hume, Dr. Walter Kelley, Mary Alice Mandeville, Patti McMullen, Joyce Sherwin, Mary Stevens, and Harold Tsecklenis.

With a mission of bringing symphonic music to the Downey community the Society encourages and supports the Downey Symphony Orchestra’s artistic, organizational and fiscal development.

Three subscription concerts will be offered in 2005-06, the orchestra’s 48th year, and the season opener, a popular gift to the community, is the annual concert in Furman Park, scheduled for Wednesday evening, Aug. 17. In addition to furthering these events, the Symphonic Society sponsors Music in the Schools, a program that reaches out to children in every elementary and middle school in the city.

For information on our fine symphony orchestra and its program, phone (562) 403-2944.



### Guild seeks community's support

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Symphony Guild, which sponsors the Downey Symphony Orchestra and the “wonderfully successful” Music in the Schools Program, is in the midst of a campaign appealing to members of the community to either join or renew their membership in the Guild.

The Music in the Schools program provides a quintet of musicians from the Downey Symphony (including the conductor, Dr. Tom Osborn) to visit every Downey elementary school, public and parochial, to educate and entertain the children with the fundamentals of music, and give them the pleasure of listening to and performing symphony orchestral music.

The Guild says that as a member, 1) you'll join others in FUNdraising activities, 2) attend free outreach programs, 3) go on excursions to museums and other arts events, and 4) attend its “extravagant and elegant” annual Gala, complete with the famous cooking school with Chef Gregory of Embassy Suites, among other amenities.

Membership categories are: Individual - \$30; Family/Couple - \$40; and Business - \$50. Membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Application forms have been mailed out and are to be returned by July 1 to: Downey Symphony Guild c/o Marie Eckstrom, Treasurer, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240 (562-869-2120).

### DRMC inks contract with Blue Shield

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center announced it has signed contracts covering medical services for all members of Blue Shield of California's commercial HMO and PPO plans. Through this agreement, thousands of Blue Shield members can soon access DRMC's high-quality, comprehensive medical services. Many area employers offer insurance plans with Blue Shield.

“The new contract will be effective as of June 1, 2005,” announced DRMC president and CEO Allen Korneff. “This is especially important as many residents make important decisions this summer and fall about their health care coverage for 2006.”

### Neighborhood meeting at Riley Center

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Historical Society invites the community to a Neighborhood Meeting Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara Riley Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

The meeting is designed to help residents preserve existing Downey homes and neighborhoods from ‘Mansionization,’ as well as show how to preserve your classic neighborhood architecture, restore your historic home, set up neighborhood associations and even find historical status for your home. Speaker will be Leslie Heumann.

For information, call 862-2777 or see the Web site, [www.downeyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.downeyhistoricalsociety.com). Historical Society hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Church making quilts for tsunami victims

**DOWNEY**—Downey ladies are in the process of making small quilts for victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia. The quilts (45" x 60") will be made at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 12425 Orizaba Ave. Anyone is welcome to participate in this humanitarian project. Donations may also be made. The quilting materials cost \$4 per quilt.

The work sessions will be held on alternate Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the church. The next three are tomorrow, May 21, June 4 and June 18.

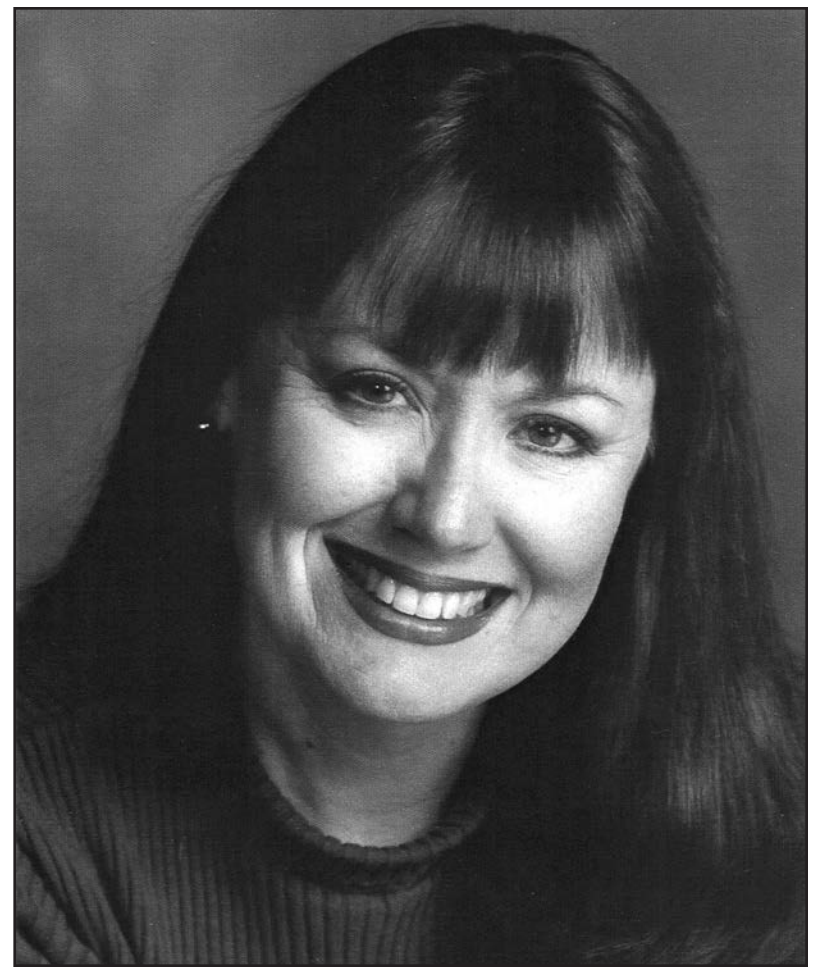
For more information, contact Norma Cunliffe at 869-9758 or Louis Buchanan at 927-9790. Cunliffe is the president of the Downey Stake's Relief Society, the Mormon women's organization in the area. Buchanan is the Community Relations Director for the church in Downey and neighboring communities, overseeing the church's projects; she is also a member of the Downey Coordinating Council that coordinates the service activities within Downey.

### OLPH carnival featuring rides and games

**DOWNEY**—Festivities begin today at 5 p.m. for the 20th Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Carnival, to be held on their campus at 10441 Downey Avenue.

Carnival rides, game booths, live entertainment, food and a raffle are planned for the event. The carnival runs from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. today; noon to 10:30 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, when the carnival ends.

Call 869-0963 for more information.



**ANN PECK MCBRIDE**—Returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera to star as “Golde” in “Fiddler on the Roof” May 26-June 12. This marks her ninth appearance – she starred as “Rose” in “Gypsy,” “Anna” in “The King and I,” “Reno” in “Anything Goes,” and “Annie” in “Annie Get Your Gun.” For ticket information, call (562) 923-1714. Box Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-5 p.m.



**COMMUNITY PHARMACY OWNERS**—Including Downey's John and Karen Tilley, owners of Zweber Pharmacies and Pacific Pharmacy, who were on Capitol Hill as members of the National Community Pharmacists Association to lobby Members of Congress about legislative issues affecting independent pharmacy owners, meet with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. From left: Micki Singh, owner of Medical Arts Pharmacy in Bell; John and Karen Tilley; Robert Fox, Zweber staff pharmacist; Roybal-Allard; Jerry Shapiro, owner and chief pharmacist at Uptown Drug & Gift Shop in downtown LA; and Leo McStroul, owner of Plaza Pharmacy in Northridge.

### Viking alumni reunion May 21

**DOWNEY**—Downey High School alumni are looking forward to a “fantastic reunion,” the school's 70th, Saturday, May 21 at the Embassy Suites' Hotel Gazebo, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

The bash starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12 noon. There will be a no-host bar.

Coordinating the event are Jean Haygood and Catherine and Lyle Emerick, (626) 793-3695, who urge all alumni, even those who cannot attend, to at least get in touch with them for a list update.

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**SAN ANTONIO GUILD LADIES** – Preparing for their annual rummage sale to be held tomorrow (Saturday) May 21, are (from left): Barbara Sterling, Jan Hammon, Lois Rossi and Floralei Anthony. The event will be held on the Sav-On parking lot, corner of Florence and Tweedy from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds go to the Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles.

## Qualities of senior class win applause

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—Among comments by members of the Board of the Downey Unified School District at Tuesday's meeting was an observation by the Board's Betty Ferraro, on the amazing poise and quality of many of the seniors preparing to tackle college or universities.

Ferraro said she had recently attended a meeting of 22 young women who discussed their goals. And she said it was amazing the qualities and strength and drive these young adults demonstrate.

Members of the Board who attended awards ceremonies such as Golden Bear including Barbara Samperi and William Gutierrez also said they were impressed.

Samperi added she enjoyed the recent stage production at Downey High School of "Moon over Buffalo."

### DUSD middle school track meet June 4

**DOWNEY**—The 31st annual Middle School Track Meet will bring together the four middle schools of the Downey Unified School District Saturday, June 4 at Downey High School.

Young athletes will compete from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

An estimated 400 boys and girls from sixth, seventh and eighth grades will compete in both track and field events.

Field events start at 8:30 with track events starting at 9:15 a.m.

Team scoring is on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis for first through fifth place in each event. Admission is free.

## Grad Night Committee appeals for support

**DOWNEY**—Looking to ensure a safe, drug and alcohol-free graduation night for their teenagers, the nonprofit Downey High School Grad Night Committee has appealed to the community for its "generous support" in meeting its fiscal goal of \$65,000.

"Your contribution," says the committee, "will help provide some of the following items given to our graduates at the all-night party": memorabilia—grad night T-shirts, pens, bags, disposable cameras; door prizes—gift certificates (for movies, gym passes, etc.), TVs, stereos, telephones, VCR, restaurants, CD players, calculators, etc.; and event vendors—hypnotist show, DJ and Karaoke, Laser tag, video and pinball games, food and snacks.

For information, call the Grad Night Committee, 469-6500 or Zully Giunta, 806-7401.

### St. Raymond's 'Wild West Fest' May 21

**DOWNEY**—St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, hosts "Teen Night" featuring back-to-back local rock bands Saturday, May 21 from 8-10 p.m.

"ADHD" band members, all Downey residents and all attending local schools, include Warren sophomores and "upcoming rock stars" Matt Donahue (guitar and vocals), Travis Boone (lead guitarist) and Steven Richart (drums and vocals), and St. John Bosco sophomore David Mahr (bass and vocals).

The same is true for band members of "Violet Scripkus": Warren junior Chaise Cendejas (lead vocals and guitar), and St. John Bosco juniors Victor Garza (drums and vocals), Roberto Reyes (bass and vocals), and Danny Noguieres (guitar and vocals).

### NARFE meeting at Furman Park

**DOWNEY**—The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) holds its monthly meeting at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 S. Rives in Downey, at noon on Wednesday, May 25.

Speaker is Nancy Bosnich of the Rancho Los Amigos Adult Day Service who will speak on various services available to the public 18 years or older, with emphasis on older adults.

Retired and active federal workers are invited as well as the general public. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and cake will be served. Contact Chapter president Bob Knerr, (562) 943-5513, for details.



**BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING** – Over 125 business people attended Action Faith Ministries' recent breakfast meeting at the Rio Hondo Country Club. Pastor David Sariaña spoke on "Success Through the Force of Fact." Pictured, from left to right, are: Rod Gordy, senior vice president Fidelity National Title; Pedro Aceituno, Mayor, City of Bell Gardens; Sariaña; Glen Kravig, assistant pastor, Downey Calvary Chapel; Anne Bayer, Mayor, City of Downey; and Meredith Perkins, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Downey.

### Women's Guild officers installation

**DOWNEY**—The installation of officers for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild takes place Wednesday, May 25 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Breakfast follows at Mimi's Restaurant. Cost is \$13.

For reservations, call Mary Miller at 928-2003. (Specify your choice of entrée: Quiche, half-order of eggs benedict or pancakes.)

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## Assistance League's new S.A.T. Test class

**DOWNEY**—The Assistance League of Downey is again offering a class to prepare college-bound high school students with the new revised format of the SAT Reasoning Test, considered to be the world's most widely-used college admissions test. The class of 2006 will be the first class to take the new S.A.T. for college admissions.

The program consists of 10 class sessions: Week I is on Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21; Week II runs Monday-Thursday, June 27-30; and Week III is Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8. All classes are held from 8-10:30 a.m. at Downey High School.

Daily rigorous homework assignments are an integral part of the course. At the end of the first week, the parents of students not participating in the course (resulting from either the student's lack of preparation for class or lack of participation in class) will be contacted and asked that their son/daughter not continue with the course. Students daily preparing/participating in the class sessions and meeting the attendance requirement (no more than two excused absences) will receive a certificate of completion.

The new SAT Reasoning Test was administered for the first time on March 12. Changes to the test include the addition of third-year college preparatory math, more critical reading, and a new writing section. The College Board made these changes to better reflect what students study in high school.

Cost (including the textbook) is \$30 if registration is received by June 10, otherwise it's \$40. English instructor is Ms. Bonnie Nishioka, while Ms. Dalyn Miller-Geiser is the mathematics instructor.

Says Alice Yamada, Assistance League S.A.T. chair: "We have had enormous success with this program for high school students planning to attend college. The quality of instructors that teach the class, and the course itself that prepares the students to become familiar with and take the practice S.A.T. test is the key factor in encouraging the college-bound students to enroll in this class. The test scores are an important source of information that the admission offices use."

Prerequisites are: 1) Evidence of successful completion of Algebra I (completion of Geometry strongly recommended); and 2) Student must enclose a photocopy of a report card which includes his/her final course grade in Algebra I.

For more information, call Mrs. Yamada, 861-2318.

## Free used oil recycling kits given away today

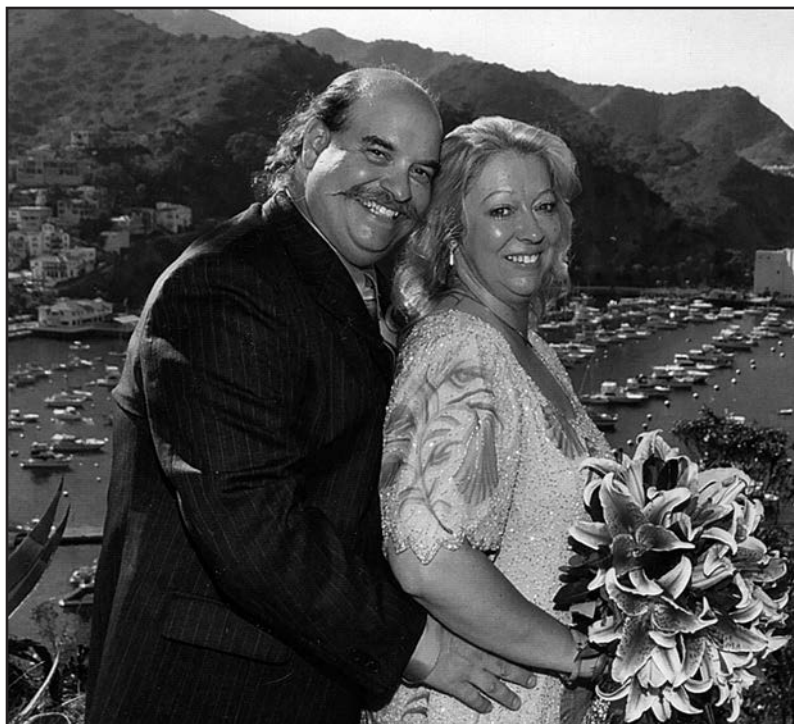
**DOWNEY**—Downey residents, who change the motor oil in their vehicles themselves, may receive a free "Used Oil Recycling Kit" from the City of Downey Public Works Department today, May 20 from 4-7 p.m. by the flagpoles at Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

The Recycling Kit includes: 15 qt. oil drainer container by GEO Plastics; cardboard oil change mat; shop towel; plastic oil filter collection bag; and a list of certified used oil collection centers.

Information: Downey's Recycling Office, 904-7103.



**ERICKSON-KAWULOK WEDDING** – 2002 Downey High School graduate Stephanie Erickson was married to Cheyenne, Wyoming native Vince Kawulok May 7. The couple was married in Cheyenne, where they also plan to live. Stephanie is the daughter of Debbie Erickson of Downey. Vince is the son of Rudy Kawulok and Carol Bowersox.



**PEART-DISTASO ANNIVERSARY** – Vicki Peart of Downey and Michael Distaso of La Mirada recently celebrated one year of marriage. The couple were married May 14 on Catalina Island and honeymooned off the central coast of California and in San Francisco. The couple resides in Downey.

## The poets' corner

### The Gift of Spring

How nice to walk on a fine spring day,  
Listen to the birds chatter away,  
And smell the fragrance in the air  
Of flowering blossoms this time of year!

How lovely now again to see  
The beautiful jacaranda trees  
Adorned in lavender crowns profound  
Decorating streets and grounds around!

How wonderful is the gift of spring  
And all the beauty that it brings—  
Especially that of a sweet smelling rose,  
Soft and velvety against my nose!

—Martha J. Morriessy,  
Downey

## Stroke awareness seminars at DRMC

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center invites the community to its "Stroke Awareness Month" seminars and screenings tomorrow, May 21, and on Tuesday, June 7, both from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tomorrow's seminar will feature neurologist Dr. Khalifa Mansour, who will speak on "What is a stroke, warning signals and stroke prevention"; general and vascular surgeon Dr. Mark Minkes on "What is a carotid endarterectomy (surgery to remove plaque from arteries)?" and Golden Outlook Insurance Services general manager Jim Shepard on "Medi-Cal/Medicare: What does it cover?"

On June 7, Dr. Kaushal Tamboli, chief of Cardiology at DRMC, will offer insights on heart disease and atrial fibrillation as well as high blood pressure and cholesterol in his presentation, "Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention." Aspirin therapy for a healthy heart will also be discussed.

Blood pressure and heart rates will be checked for requesting participants at both events; stroke screenings will be given for early sign-ups. The events are free for those attending. However, seating is limited and registration is required. DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Blvd.

For information/to register, call 904-5162.

## Hunter education classes May 21-22

**DOWNEY**—Hunter Education classes, now being scheduled for the Downey area on weekends in the form of 2 day classes, will next be held Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Class participants must attend both meetings in order to qualify for the hunter education certificate.

The hunter education program was started by the state of California in 1954. The course covers firearm safety for the field and the home, an overview of game care and management, basic survival and first aid.

For reservations/information, call Jerry Mishler, (562) 927-5707.

## 'Broadway Melodies' at OASIS May 23

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School vocal music instructor Gina Linden will take everyone down memory lane when she sings "Broadway Melodies" accompanied by Robert Flynn at the OASIS program May 23.

The class will open for enrollment (there is no enrollment fee/no pre-registration) at 3 p.m. The program will start at 4 p.m. and a healthful full course dinner (for only \$3.50) is served at 5 p.m.

Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend the class. For information, call 940-6200.

## Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet May 24

**DOWNEY**—Guest speakers at the next 7:30 a.m. meeting Tuesday, May 24 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group are Barry Kellman and Kevin DeBre of the law firm of Greenburg & Glusker. The topic: "Employment Privacy Issues." RSVP: 923-2191.

**10711 Paramount Blvd. Downey (562) 923-1215**

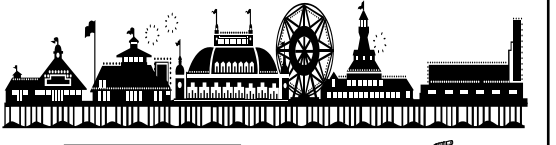
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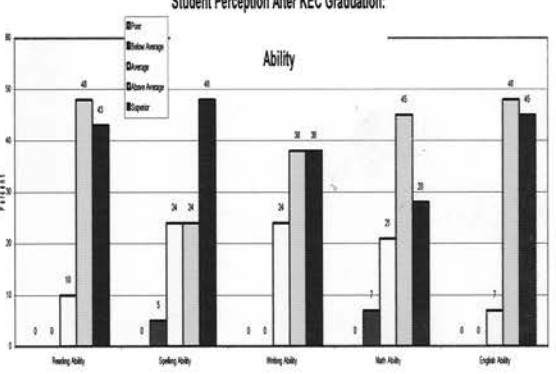


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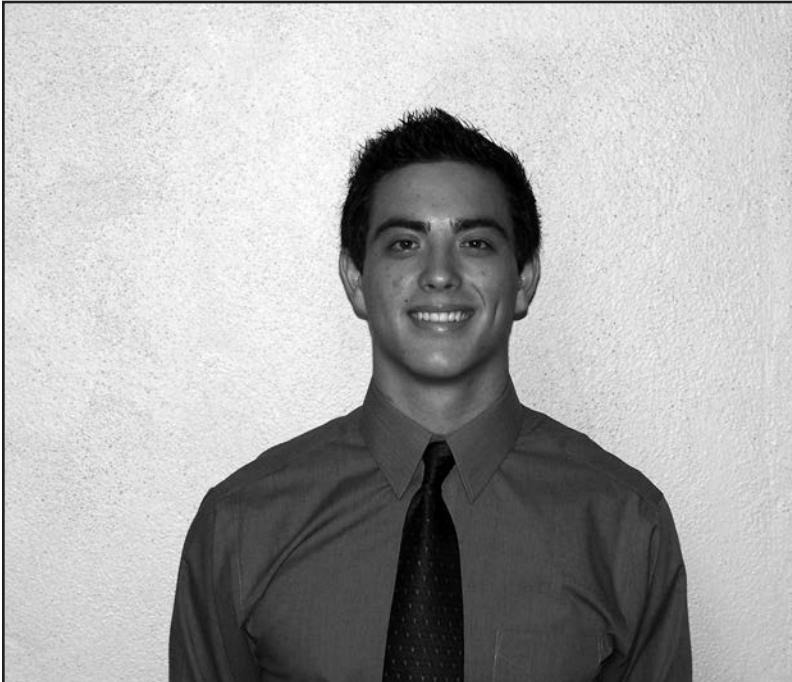
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**ROP GOLD MEDAL WINNER – In Home Economics** was Dallas Struve, a senior at Downey High School.



**ROP GOLD MEDAL WINNER – In Trade and Industry** was Mark Bush, a senior at Warren High School.

## ROP

Nazarene University effective March 24, 2005.

\*Approved a contract for services related to Mandated Cost Claims with Centration, Inc., effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

\*Approved a community-based English Tutoring (CBET) Program for fiscal 2005-06.

\*Approved a medical provider network administration agreement with Medical Audit and Management, Inc., effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

\*Authorized the advertising for bids for electrical supplies on an as needed basis in the estimated amount of \$600,000 with no guarantee the sum will be met, to be charged to the General or Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence Co. in the sum of \$7,385 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Fund.

\*Accepted as complete backhoe services by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$26,788 to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$34,748 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete trade electrical work on a bid by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$9,583 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Reduced the amount being held against a bid for work on Downey and Warren High School New Stadium Interior and Exterior Asphalt Paving by Terra Pave of Whittier from 10 percent to 5 percent, per the Public Contract Code.

\*Awarded a bid for purchase of a portable classroom building to Modtech Inc. in the sum of \$159,975 to be charged to ROP Funds.

\*Approved the use of the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) between the State Department of General Services— Procurement Division— and Folsom Lake Ford of Folsom for original Ford Parts by the School District on an as needed basis with the same advantages and conditions.

\*Renewed the annual contract with McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens for the fifth year of an optionally renewable period for the estimated amount of \$300,000 with no guarantee the sum will be met, to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 3 for Downey and Warren High School New Stadium Work Exterior and Interior Landscaping and Irrigation by American West Landscaping of Downey in the increased sum of \$5,923 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 3 for Downey and Warren High School New Stadium Work Exterior and Interior Track and Field construction by Byron Davey of San Diego in the increased sum of \$11,395 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 2 for the open purchase of unleaded fuel as



needed with Falcon Fuels of Paramount in the increased sum of \$30,000 to be charged to the Transportation Fund.

\*Approved Change Order 3 for soils testing services by Smith-Emory Laboratory of Los Angeles in the increased sum of \$4,000 to be charged to the Maintenance Fund.

\*Approved Change Order 1 for backhoe services of Terra Pave of Whittier in the increased sum of \$10,000, to be charged to Maintenance Funds.

\*Approved Change Order 1 to a purchase order with Special Education Consultant for Autism program with California Unified Service Providers, LLC, of Torrance in the increased sum of \$20,000 to be charged to Special Education Funds.

\*Approved the purchase of equipment, as listed, in accordance with established purchasing policies.

\*Approved routine personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board.

\*Authorized the service of teachers, as submitted, assigned to subject areas not listed on their credential for the 2004-05 school year, pursuant to the Education Code.

\*Approved the abolishment of one vacant position, and ratified the establishment of a new position to be assigned to Imperial Elementary School and corresponding to Senior Instructional Assistant effective April 8, 2005.

\*Approved the increase of hours of one Senior Instructional Assistant from five-and-a half hours to six and a half hours, assigned to Gauldin Elementary effective May 17, 2005.

\*Approved Changes in the duties of Senior Accounting Technician effective May 17.

\*Reviewed Proposed Revisions to AR 2105, Attendance Boundaries.

\*Adopted a resolution on the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2005.

\*Adopted a resolution on Classified School Employee Week.

\*Approved a maximum of 200 words for candidates statements for the Nov. 8 School Board Election, candidates to pay the cost at the time of filing.

\*Approved middle school and high school textbooks and amended the high school course of study for the 2005-06 school year.

\*Reviewed the GATE Application/Plan for submission to the State.

\*Held a Public Hearing on El Camino Technology and Arts Academy Charter High School Petition to consider support by teachers, employees and parents of the District. There were no speakers.

The next public meeting by the Board of Education will be at 5 p.m. June 7 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

## Advance Directives seminar at DRMC

**DOWNEY**—A free Advance Healthcare Directive class, "Who Speaks for Me When I Can't?", will be held Friday, May 27 at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. It will be conducted by Nancy Goetsch, R.N., senior advocate for Talbert Medical Group.

An Advance Healthcare Directive specifies your healthcare wishes in the event you are unable to speak for yourself.

Two sessions will be held: one from 9-11 a.m., and the other from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited. Free refreshments will be available at each session.

Following the general presentation at which the nurse will review the topic and the Advance Healthcare Directive form, attendees will be able to consult with the nurse regarding completing the form and individual questions. An "Advance Directive Kit" containing reference materials will be distributed to each participant.

Each class is limited to 30 persons, and reservations are required by calling Talbert Medical Group at (562) 366-1017 or (714) 236-7339.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Lauds Coordinating Council

Dear Editor:

I was recently a guest of an honoree at the Downey Coordinating Council's annual meeting at the Rio Hondo Country Club. Hats off to all who contributed to an outstanding event.

The evening was great and I was once again reminded of what an important function the Downey Coordinating Council performs for our city. Their monthly meetings bring together representatives from local service clubs providing an excellent way to coordinate special events, fund-raising calendars and become informed. Each member service organization has an opportunity to honor an outstanding individual within their group each year with certificates of appreciation presented from local and state dignitaries. A worthy venue for all our unsung Downey volunteers!

—**Doris Patterson,**  
Downey

### Street Fair 'just great'

Dear Editor:

What a great day for the Street Fair, one of my favorite activities.

I wish to express my appreciation to the three young men from the Explorers Club, who helped me to my car when my legs gave out. Such thoughtful, considerate men – I was so grateful.

My suggestion is to have a few chairs placed on the side or middle of the street for people who need to rest awhile. The bandstand is at the end of the street. Being able to rest awhile would have helped me a lot – but there were no chairs anywhere.

I'll still continue coming to the Fair but can stay only for a short time. Keep the Street Fair going – it is great.

—**Monica Bergschneider,**  
Downey

### Congresswoman's voting record

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Elsa Van Leuben's letter about begging Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to address the illegal immigration situation and to reply in the Downey Patriot.

Let me give you only eight votes she has cast. Remember these eight votes are but a small sampling of the Congresswoman's voting record. 1) Voted **against** secure IDs in 2004. 2) Voted **against** amendment to H.R. 10 to complete border fence in 2004. 3) Voted **against** bill to bar drivers' licenses for illegal aliens in 2005. 4) Voted **in favor** of rewarding illegal aliens from Mexico with Social Security benefits in 2004. 5) **Co-sponsored** H.R. 4262, a major amnesty for illegal aliens in 2004. 6) Voted **against** enforcing federal laws against sanctuary policies to protect illegal aliens in 2004. 7) Voted **against** authorizing the use of the military to assist in border control functions in 2004. 8) Voted **against** extending a voluntary workplace verification pilot program in 2003. Shall I go on?

There is plenty of information on Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and politicians like her. I don't understand how anyone can ask the Congresswoman to address the issue of illegal immigration sincerely without expecting to hear a bunch of political jargon. I believe she already has addressed this issue with her voting record and let me assure you she is adamant about positions she has taken in the past and will continue to take in the future on this issue. Let's at least get some of the story straight on the Congresswoman's voting record before she gives us the Biz.

—**B. Crow,**  
Downey

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### Ann Goad honored at Nurses Day

**DOWNEY**—Ann Goad, R.N., administrative director of Surgical Services at Downey Regional Medical Center and an operating room nurse of nearly 50 years, was honored at DRMC's "fiesta"-themed Nurses Day celebration May 13.

Rob Fuller, DRMC executive vice president, pointed to her "great drive, determination and leadership and an ability to work wonderfully with her teams" and thanked her "for all her hard work." Also lauding Goad was CEO Allen Korneff, who at the same time expressed his appreciation for all the hospital's nurses, which number approximately 400.

Hospital Board chair Mary Lou Schmidt had this to say: "Outstanding nurse leaders motivate, educate and inspire. They share freely of their time and expertise. They commit to excellence in patient care and professional practices. Ann is such a leader. She has earned the respect of colleagues, staff and physicians and truly inspires others."

National Nurses Week coincided with Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. Many consider Nightingale the founder of modern nursing. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 2.4 million nurses in the U.S.

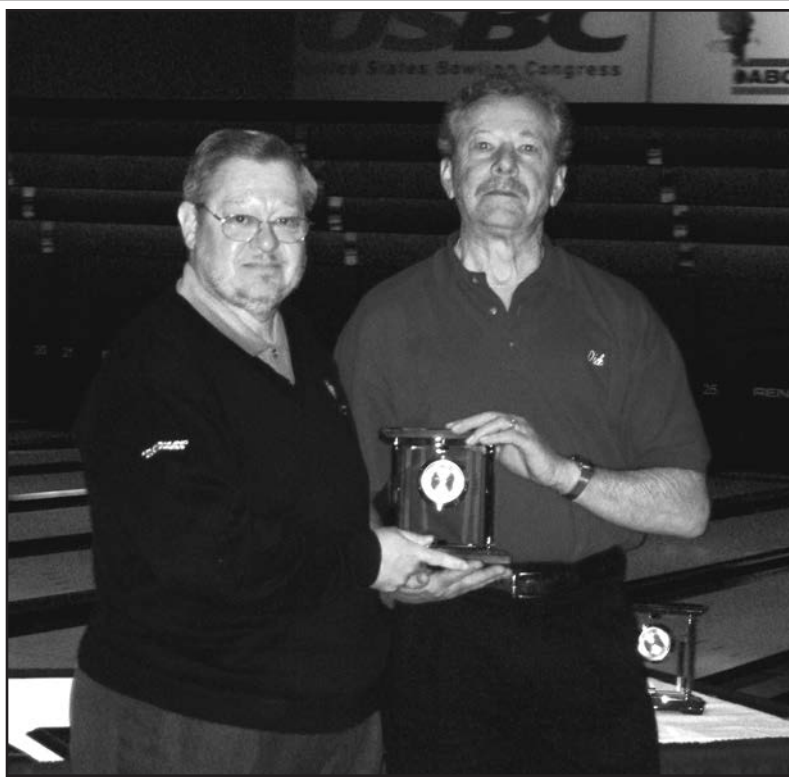
### St. Raymond's first annual golf tourney

**DOWNEY** — St. Raymond's Parish Community is hosting their first Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, June 24, at the Rio Hondo Country Club. All golfers are welcome.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble with hole-in-one prizes up to \$10,000 on the 10th hole and closest-to-the-pin contests on the 7th and 17th holes. Play begins at 12 noon and costs \$125 per person (payable by May 23), which includes tournament fees, green fees, golf cart, lunch and a barbecue dinner in the St. Raymond's Community Hall.

Advertising opportunities on tee signs are also available for \$100. Sponsors will be acknowledged with a letter for contributions.

For an application, call Cecilia Ordonez at 889-0521 or 869-3883.



**BOWLING CHAMPION** — Downey resident Dick Taylor captured the Senior National Bowling Championship earlier this month in competitions at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. Taylor was one of 200 players invited to the tournament, representing each state from around the country and the Provinces of Canada. He won more than \$1,000 in official prize money, in addition to "a ton of bracket money." Said Taylor: "I am absolutely thrilled by all of this!" Taylor, right, is shown receiving his first place clock trophy.

## Applications accepted for bond committee

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District is currently accepting applications for its Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The terms of seven of the nine members will be expiring on June 30, 2005. The committee was established as a state-required condition of the passage of Measure D, the local school bond election approved by the voters in 2002.

The purpose of the committee, pursuant to the California Education Code, is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of the local bond proceeds. The committee members may serve for no more than two consecutive terms, without any compensation.

The composition of the committee must include:

- \*One member who is active in a business organization representing the business community within the school district boundaries;
- \*One member active in a senior citizens' organization;
- \*One member who is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district;
- \*One member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district and active in a parent-teacher organization;
- \*One member who is active in a taxpayers' organization;
- \*At least two other members may come from any of the five areas listed above.

The committee members are appointed by, and report directly to the Board of Education. Applications are available in the Superintendent's office, and must be completed and returned to that office before June 10.

### 'Supersale' to benefit rehab services

**BELLFLOWER**—Southern California Rehabilitation Services is holding a one-day 'supersale' of new, quality women's and men's designer apparel overstock from leading national department stores at discounts of up to 93 percent off the original retail Saturday, May 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 9246 Rosser St. in Bellflower. Admission is free.

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## Travel with Auto Club on Route 66—online

**DOWNEY**—The Automobile Club of Southern California has created a web page so members and the public can follow an Auto Club travel writer and photographer on an 80th anniversary of Route 66 map research trip that will take 22 days to complete.

The route's unique roadside eateries, historic motels, trading posts, ghost towns, scenic natural wonders and offbeat attractions will be served up in the upcoming Auto Club's 2006 Route 66 GreatestHits Map, which will pay tribute to the 80th anniversary of America's "Mother Road."

The page, [www.aaa-calif.com/travel/promo/campaign/route66.asp](http://www.aaa-calif.com/travel/promo/campaign/route66.asp), describes the Auto Club's historic contribution to the creation of the route, biographies of Route 66 travel writer Dave Brackney and Auto Club staff photographer Todd Masinter, historic images from the Auto Club's Corporate Archives, photos from a previous Auto Club road trip in 2000, plus a map with the pair's route and daily itinerary. A unique feature of the trip is a Route 66 "geocaching" treasure hunt. Among the prizes are discount coupons, T-shirts and travel guides.

Brackney and Masinter began their expedition in Chicago on May 17 and will finish at the Santa Monica Pier, the western end point of Route 66, on June 7. The interactive web page features a daily journal with journal entries and photos sent in electronically from the road. Progress is being tracked on a map of the entire road. Members and the public also will be able to send their own special memories of Route 66, comments and questions about the trip to Brackney and Masinter via email at [Route66@aaa-calif.com](mailto:Route66@aaa-calif.com).

"This is a top-selling map that describes eateries, small towns, landmarks and the colorful Route 66 history," said Hend Hasrouni, the Auto Club's Downey district office manager. "Members will enjoy the travel journal from the road, in addition to the new map we release for the 80th anniversary."

Hertz and Ford Motor Company are sponsors of the vehicles that Auto Club representatives will traverse Route 66 in: a 2005 Ford Mustang coupe and Mustang GT convertible.

Before the federal government took it over in 1927 and renamed it U.S. Route 66, the original transcontinental byway was called the National Old Trails Road. The Auto Club's signposting crew installed 4,000 directional signs between Los Angeles and Kansas City, Mo.

Each GreatestHits map is \$4.95 for Auto Club members and \$7.95 for the public. Other titles include New Orleans, California Missions and Hollywood. The Auto Club plans to release a laminated map for Alaska this month and another for Boston in the fall.

### College course aimed at war veterans

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College will begin offering a new class beginning May 25 specifically for veterans of the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm.

Class members will have the opportunity to share their experiences while being videotaped, if they choose, as part of a national project sponsored by the Smithsonian and Library of Congress. Assistance will also be available for veterans wanting to write about their service in the military.

Clinical psychologist and author Elijah Levy will serve as course instructor. For registration information, call Levy at (562) 230-3334.



**DOROTHY REEL** – Past president of Downey Woman's Club, will be remembered at a funeral service today at Rose Hills.

## Funeral services today for Dorothy Reel

**DOWNEY** – Funeral services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Rose Hills Hillside Chapel for Dorothy Reel, who passed away peacefully at her Downey home May 5.

Born July 24, 1929 in Reno, Nevada, she was an active member of Downey Woman's Club, at one time serving as their president.

Reel is survived by her husband of 51 years, Donald Albert Reel; daughters Linda (Don) Clark, Shirley (Franklin) Cadwell, and Doreen Reel; and three grandchildren.

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## Funeral service held for Robert Eugene Cuicchi

**DOWNEY**—Robert "Bob" Eugene Cuicchi, who was born in Greenville, Mississippi to parents Frank and Phillipa Cuicchi and a Downey resident for the past 36 years, has died at the age of 60.

A funeral service on April 29 was held for the ex-Army Mississippi National Guard member who loved horses and going to the track. He also indulged in the art of the bonsai tree.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his son Michael (Mona); his daughter Leanne; sister Mary (Ross); brother Paul (Rosemary); sister-in-law Shirley; and grandchildren Trevor Michael and Austin Robert.

Interment with military honors was at the All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. Assisting with arrangements was the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For May

**Fri. May 20, 5:00 p.m.:** **Annual Carnival** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10941 Downey Avenue. Entertainment, rides, games, food and fun. Also Saturday and Sunday. For information call 869-0963.  
**Fri. May 20, 6:00 p.m.:** **Wild West Fest** at St. Raymond's Church, 12348 Paramount Blvd. Rides, games, entertainment, fun and food. Also Saturday and Sunday. For information call 923-1234.

### 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 Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.:** **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.  
**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 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 Mon., 7 p.m.:** **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.  
**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 Dorothy Paricek at 927-5437.  
**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 862-7197.  
**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 Samb's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.  
**12:30 p.m.:** **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.  
**6:30 p.m.:** **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.  
**7 p.m.:** **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.  
**4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.  
**2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.:** **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

#### 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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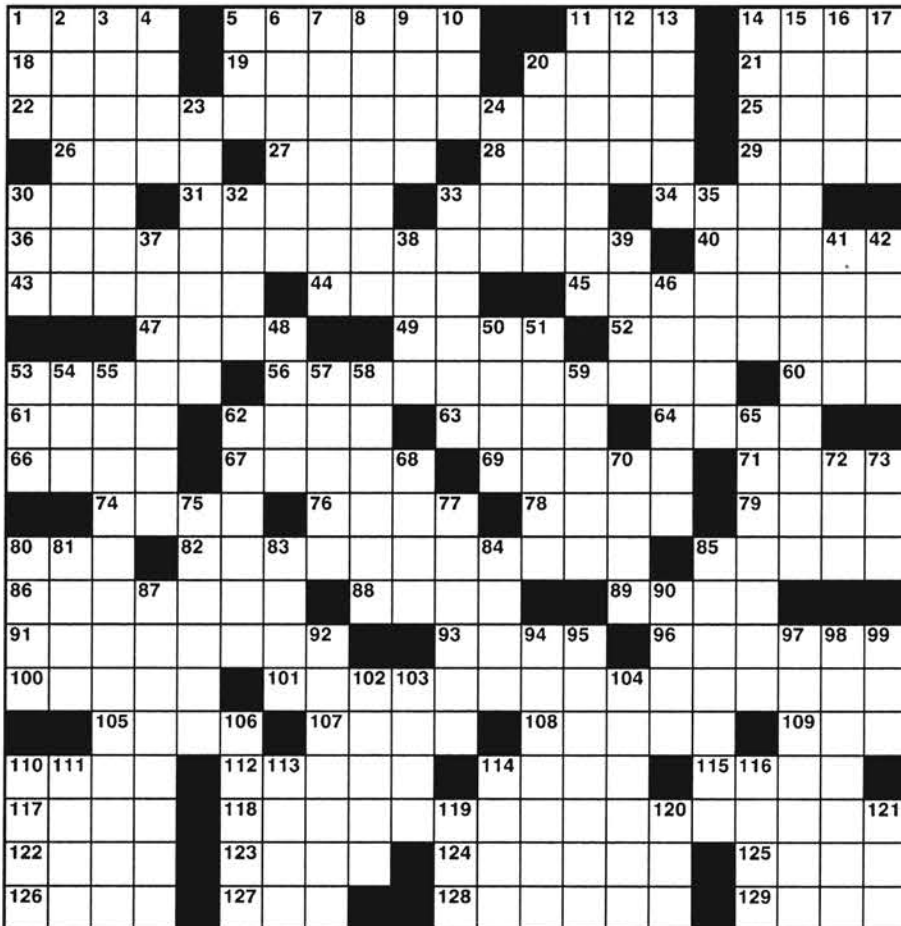
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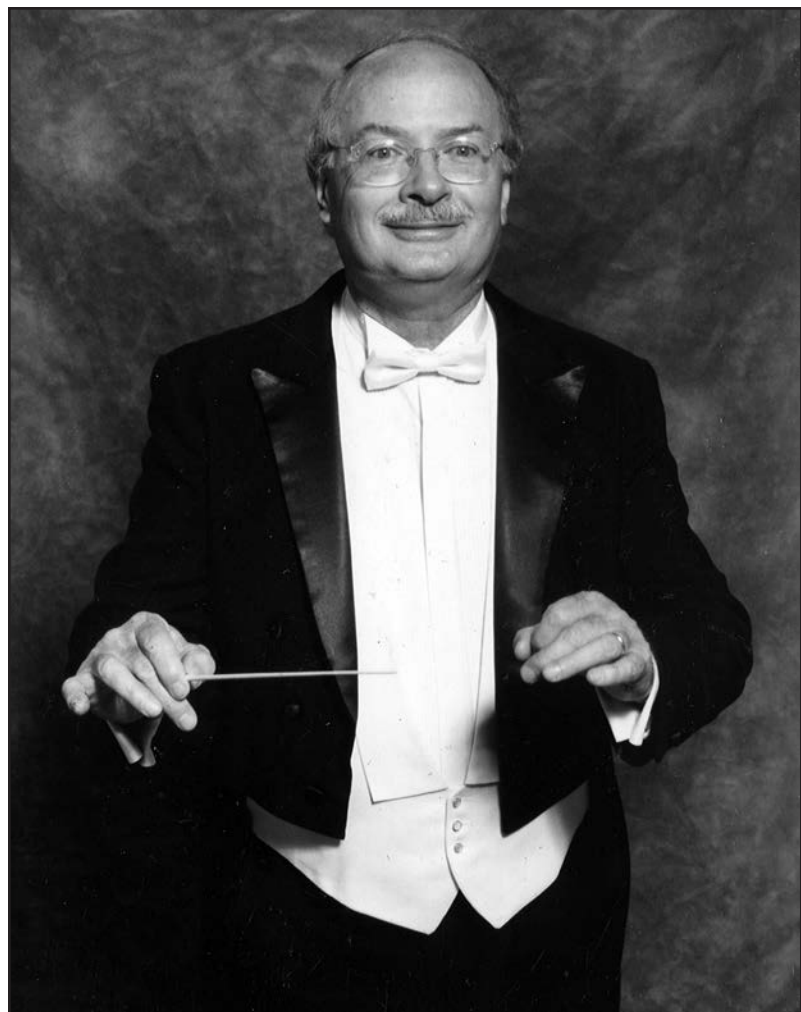
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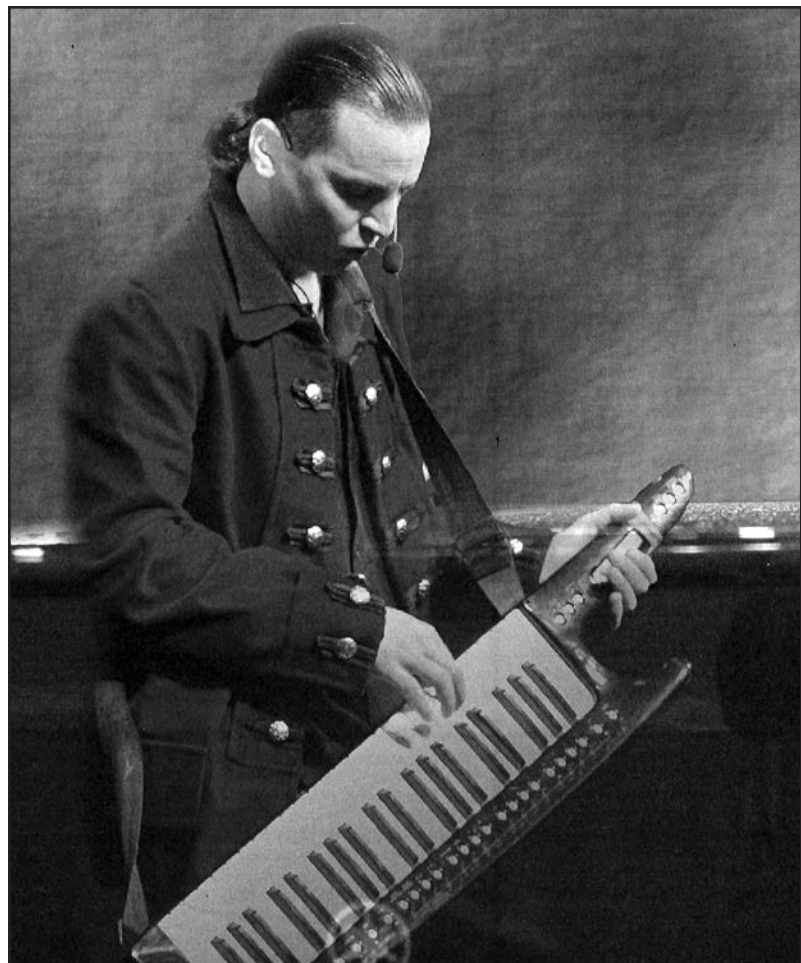


## How Music in the Schools came to be

By Rosalie Sciortino



**THOMAS OSBORN** – The artistic director and conductor of the Downey Symphony Orchestra gets much of the credit for establishing the Music in the Schools program.



**SEBASTIAN SIDI** – Talented local musical artist Sebastian Sidi brings his unique blend of sounds to Granata's Restaurant in Downtown Downey tomorrow, Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in an intimate dinner and show setting. Cost is \$25 and seating is limited. Granata's is located at 11032 Downey Avenue. For information, call 927-0014.

**DOWNEY**—How did it all come about—this idea for Music in the Schools? Because 2005 marks the tenth year of its existence, it was decided to contact the lady, Jerry Elicks, whose tireless efforts and foresight made the whole idea a reality.

As Jerry tells it: "Oddly, the initial thought came from years ago when some of my Swiss relatives were visiting Sid and me. Included in the 'itinerary' was attendance at the Downey Theatre where our symphony was playing. They were impressed with the program, but incredulous at the number of empty seats—especially when it was free!"

Jerry goes on to tell that the germ of the idea was planted that night. She thought it was possible that many of the town's residents were unaware that our symphony even existed and thus also unavailable to students—"especially that segment who would never be exposed to, or be a part of, this kind of music."

With this in mind she approached Dr. Ed Sussman, superintendent of the Downey schools, who referred her to Donna Boose, the assistant superintendent. Jerry continues, "I explained my thought of sending flyers home with the students, inviting them and their families to attend the concerts." She adds, "Donna wisely suggested flyers should go only to elementary and middle schools, as those flyers would actually get home to parents in the student's duffle bags."

Jerry was told that 9,000 flyers would be needed. The Downey Board of Realtors offered to make the flyers. "I picked up the flyers on Friday for distributing to the schools on Monday. The concert was the following Saturday. After distributing all I had to every public school, I discovered I was about 2,000 short! What to do? I went to one of the community's best supporters, Dennis King, of Litho Printing, who printed them for me immediately at no charge!"

The flyers got out and as a result, the auditorium was filled to capacity for the next two concerts.

A plaque was given to the school as well as the individual classroom for the largest attendance of families. "To make it more attractive, the children from the winning classroom with the largest attendance would each receive a voucher for a free pizza, compliments of Frantone's through the effort of Lea Fratello and the suggestion of the man who made the plaques. I regret to say I never went back to tell him he was responsible for our success."

When Jerry mentioned her idea of involving students in the Symphony, Dr. Thomas Osborn, artistic director and conductor of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, decided to try in-school concerts. Jerry quickly adds

that much of the credit for getting this dream going must go to Dr. Osborn, who eagerly became involved "and ran with it."

As he tells it: "During our first year, 1995, we visited only the Downey public schools with only three performers: Carolyn Osborn on violin, Mark Artusio on bass and myself on clarinet and as narrator. When we arrived at one of the schools, a teacher commented to me, "The students will like YOUR music!" When I saw her after the concert, she was dumbfounded that the students had actually loved the program."

In 1996 funding was increased by the Downey Symphony Society and matching support from the Music Performance Trust Funds of the Recording Industry awarded through Musicians Union Local 47. Since then, five performers have been sent to each school representing the four facilities of instruments in an orchestra: string, woodwind, brass, and percussion.

Besides performing in all fourteen of Downey's elementary schools, they also perform in four parochial schools. A second group, a woodwind quartet from the Symphony, gives concerts at the four Downey middle schools. In all, some 7,500 elementary school children will learn how symphonic music is made and get to know "Tom" personally.

Currently, Dr. Osborn rotates between four programs, with a different one each year at the schools. 1) Meter and Rhythm, 2) Melody and Accompaniment, 3) Style in Music, and 4) Motive, Theme and Melody. He also arranges one or two new selections from scores of current movies that the students have usually seen.

For the fifth year, the full Symphony presented three performances in one day at the Downey Theatre for all third graders in Downey. On March 23 all Downey's fifth graders were bused to the theatre designed to inspire and motivate them to take up a musical instrument as they enter middle school and their first opportunity to join a school band.

These concerts are made possible through the generosity of Downey Saving and Loan and Helen Hoag with the cooperation of the Downey Unified School District.

Donations from individuals, businesses and civic organizations are gratefully received by the Symphonic Society who, with the whole community, are justly proud of the way one remarkable lady, Jerry Elicks, who worked tirelessly to see her dream become a reality, spearheaded this valuable movement which has greatly benefited not only our children, but Downey as a whole. Brava, Jerry.

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## Armenian Memorial Day picnic

**DOWNEY**—Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church, 9516 Downey Ave. in Downey, will hold its Memorial Day Picnic Monday, May 30 from 11 a.m.-dusk.

Everybody is invited to the event, which features Shish Kebab dinners, Armenian pastries, entertainment and games. For information, call 862-7012.

## Memorial Day observance at cemetery

**DOWNEY**—New Niche Gardens and the Veterans Memorial Wall will be officially dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, at the Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale Ave., at the traditional Memorial Day Salute to Veterans.

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## District's Fall Craft Fair coming in October

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District and board members of the True Lasting Connection (TLC) Parent Resource Center are planning a Fall Craft Fair for Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Downey High School Gym, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

In addition to a wide array of handcrafted items, there will be coffee, snacks, raffles and door prizes. All proceeds go to the support of the TLC Center, which provides free vision, dental and health care for children of low income families who otherwise could not afford it.

The TLC also has school tutoring programs, crisis intervention, parent education, counseling, enrollment in Medi-Cal, and many other free services for families.

Persons wishing to rent table space should request it as soon as possible by calling Rose Boland at (562) 469-6890. Or write her in care of the Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

## St. George Greek Festival set for June 4-5

**DOWNEY**—The 21st annual St. George Greek Festival, featuring great Greek food, music, culture, and fun, will be held Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at 10830 Downey Ave., 3 blocks north of Firestone Blvd.

Much like the annual Christmas Parade, Street Fair, and Kidsday, the St. George Greek Festival has been a Downey community event that residents from all of Southern California look forward to attending.

For one thing, it is known throughout the entire Southern California Greek-American community for its authentic Greek food and pastries. At the festival, you can have lunch and dinner while enjoying traditional and Modern Greek music, sip on Greek coffee and take some food and pastries home to enjoy the next day. You can watch Saint George award-winning dance groups, and you might not want to forget to buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes. Tours of the Saint George sixth century Byzantine-style sanctuary will be available.

Entrance fee after 4 p.m. is only a \$2 donation; seniors and children under 12 are admitted free any time. Should you need more information, go to [www.stgeorgedowney.org](http://www.stgeorgedowney.org) or call the church office at 862-6461.

## Learn to cook Italian cuisine

**DOWNEY**—Executive Chef Bob Moonswami, who is also a culinary arts instructor at Cerritos College and chef at the Glendora Country Club, is teaching an Italian Cuisine class at the Downey Adult School Career and Education Center, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey.

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**COSTA MESA**—The following events are scheduled to take place at the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa:

**4-5 CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW** – Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14 & Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, children under 12 free with adult. B&L Productions, (801) 544-9125

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**24-26 HOME REMODELING & DECORATING SHOW** – Friday, noon-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bldg. #10, Parade of Products and Main Mall. Admission: adults \$6.75, seniors (55+) \$3, children 12 & under free. N.E.C. group, Inc., (818) 557-2950.

**Weekly Events:**

**INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RACING** – Saturdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25. Gates open 6 p.m., first race 7:30 p.m. Grandstand Arena. Admission: adults \$12, juniors (13-17) and seniors (60+) \$8, children (6-12) \$4, children under 5 free. Parking and Programs free. Preferred Parking \$5. International Speedway, Inc. (949) 492-9933, www.cmspeedway.com.

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### DFCU gets another 'superior' rating

**DOWNEY**—Downey Federal Credit Union, whose motto is "Count on Us," has earned a 5-Star Superior rating from BauerFinancial Inc., the nation's leading independent credit union rating firm that has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks and credit unions since 1983. This marks the 57th consecutive quarter that the credit union has achieved this honor, giving it added distinction as an "Exceptional Performance Credit Union." The 5-star rating recognizes DFCU's continual superior performance and strength based on an evaluation of the most recent financial data filed by the credit union with federal regulators and analyzed by BauerFinancial.

"The nation's credit unions are posting solid increases across the board: not just in membership rates, but assets, loans, shares and net worth were all up significantly last year," said Karen Dorway, president of the research firm. "Downey Federal Credit Union is a glowing example of everything that credit unions are about. It's no wonder it continues to come out on top."

Established in 1957, Downey Federal Credit Union has been serving the needs of its members for 48 years. Its field of membership currently includes persons who live, work, worship or attend school in Downey. DFCU operates through conveniently located offices on Third Street in Downey and can be found on the Internet at [www.downeyfcu.org](http://www.downeyfcu.org).

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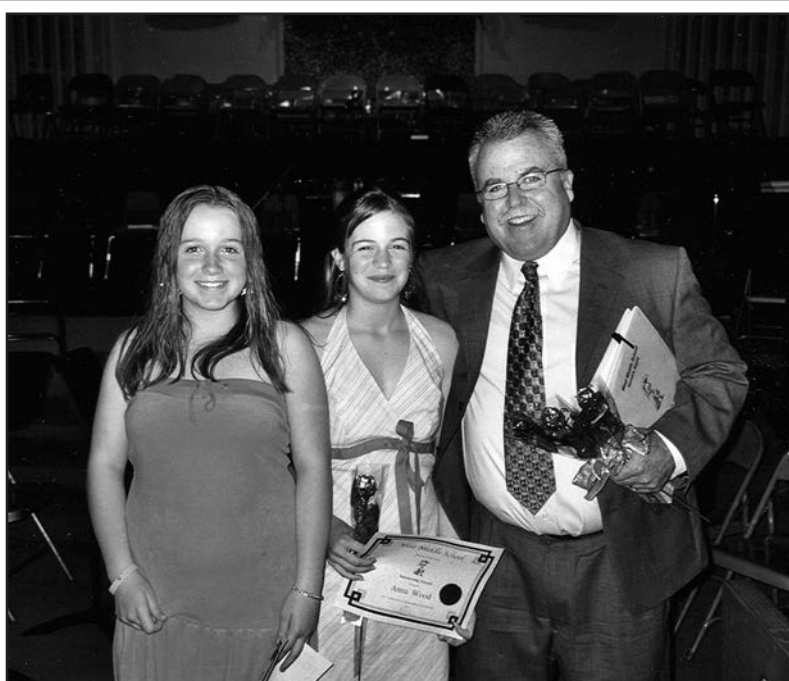
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### Hospice volunteer training July 16

**SANTA FE SPRINGS**—Companion Hospice Care, which provides services to a number of cities including Downey, is now recruiting volunteers for its upcoming training program Saturday, July 16 at 10330 Pioneer Blvd., Ste. 210, in Santa Fe Springs.

Each applicant will receive 16 hours of orientation and training from Companion Hospice Care. Volunteers can become a needed friend to someone during the last part of their journey. Volunteers can also relieve tired caregivers for short periods of time, or help with errands and shopping. The goal of the hospice team is to promote quality of life and comfort measures.

Clerical positions are also available that do not require the 16-hour training. For more information, call Deanna Miles, Coordinator of Volunteers at (562) 944-271 or email [CompanionSFS@covad.net](mailto:CompanionSFS@covad.net).

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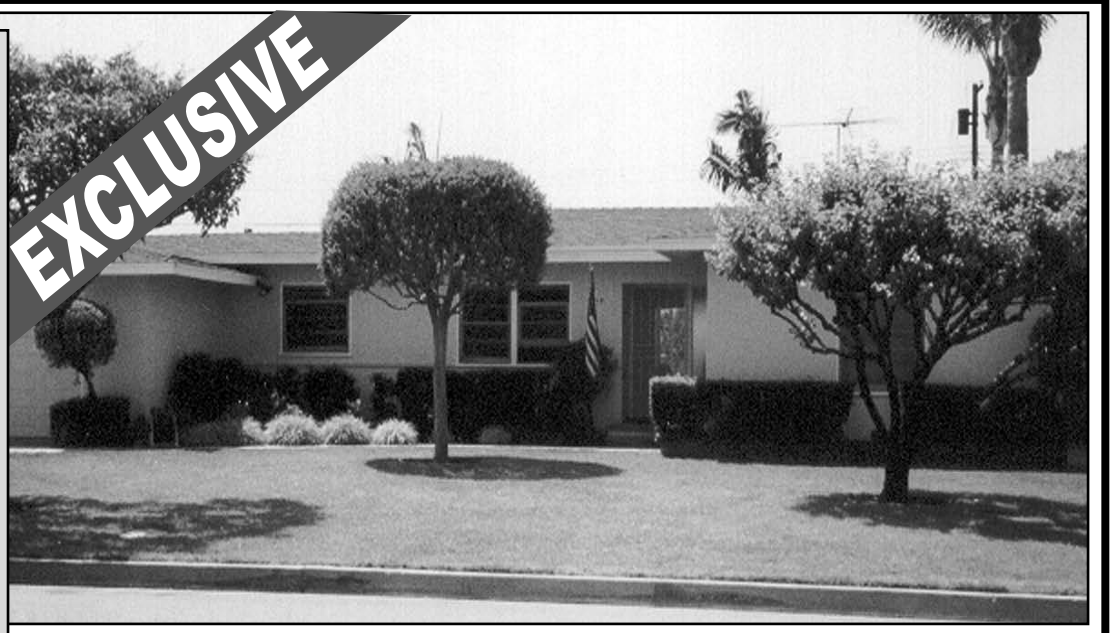


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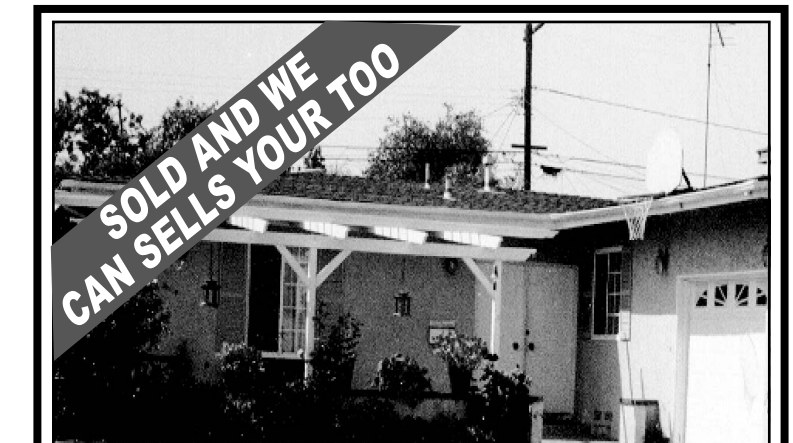
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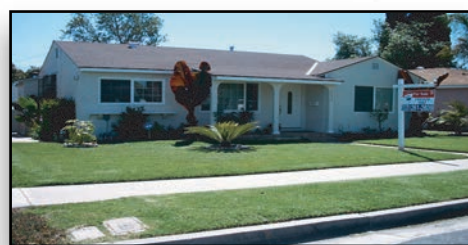
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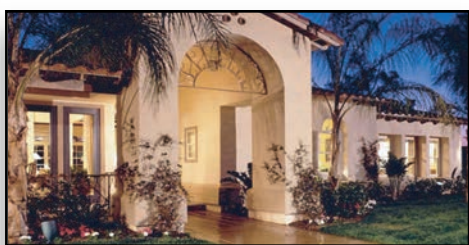
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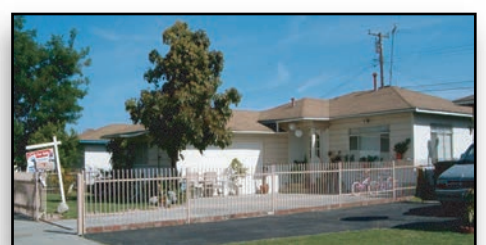
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Beautiful North Downey home located on cul-de-sac street. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a den which can be converted to formal dining room, a large remodeled kitchen (17x17), one year new roof and a very private backyard. 1,395 sq. ft. of living space on a 5,650 sq. ft. lot.  
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**MOVE-IN CONDITION!**  
Wow! This super sharp home is ready to move in to. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a master bedroom with bath, a 2 car detached garage and central air & heat. Priced at \$415,000  
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**THIS ONE HAS IT ALL!**  
This great Downey home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a living room w/ fireplace, original hardwood floors, custom cabinets in the kitchen, new copper plumbing, central air & heat and a huge backyard, plus much more!  
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Great house in a great neighborhood. This great 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home features an enlarged master with a new 3/4 bath, new carpet and paint, a nice bonus room off the garage with a fireplace. 1,095 sq. ft. of living space on a 6,369 sq. ft. lot.  
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6 Units in South Gate, each unit 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Recently remodeled. 3,296 sq. ft. on a 9,665 sq. ft. lot. Very clean and at a prime location.  
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This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms in a great area. 1,203 sq. ft. of living space on a 7,074 sq. ft. lot.  
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**A SUPER BUY!**  
Great town home features 2 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 989 sq. ft. of living space. Nice living room, formal dining room and central air & heat. Priced at \$329,900  
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Nine Units- 8 1 bedroom houses plus a 2 bedroom owner's unit with large kitchen, entry and fireplace. 10 garages plus additional parking. Built on 30,000+ lot. \$ 1,700,000 Probate sale. Accepted offer, court date to follow.  
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**13658 Earnshaw**  
Downey home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large living room, hardwood floor in dining room, lovely yard and patio with fruit trees.  
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**BUILDER'S DELIGHT!**  
This vacant lot in Downey is 1,680 sq. ft. and approved for residential zoning (R-1) and is located at 13639 Dempster Ave. (Gardendale & Rosecrans)  
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**2 Units in Bell Gardens**  
2 separate houses on one lot. Front house is 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms with a 2 car garage. Back house is 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with a 2 car garage.  
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North Downey house with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. House is 1,074 sq. ft. and lot is 7,496 sq. ft. Zoning is R3.  
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**Super Sharp North Downey Home**  
This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on a private cul-de-sac includes a spacious living room & family room. The interior has hardwood floors, newer crown molding, copper plumbing, and central air & heat. The newer stucco, newer roof, and newer windows give this home great curb appeal. The best feature of this 2,274 sq ft home is the master bedroom with its huge walk-in closet & large bathroom that features separate tub/shower. All this on a 8,320 sq. ft. lot can be yours for only \$749,000.  
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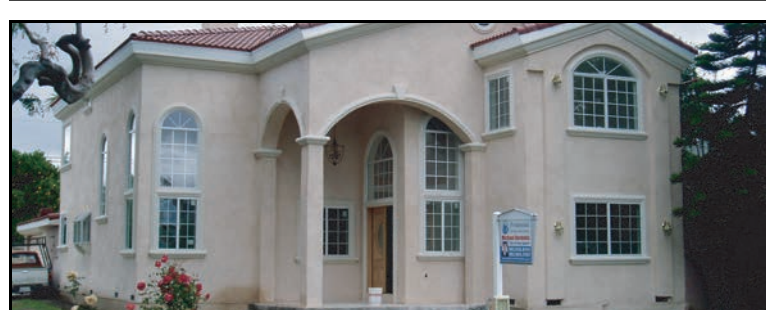
**Swimming in the Summer!**  
3 bedroom, 3 bath home with large pool on a 9360 sqft lot. The master bedroom has a very large master bathroom and the family room could be the 4th bedroom. Room behind 2-car attached garage gives someone additional storage space. Price: \$769,950.  
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**Custom Built Beauty**  
This 4 bdrm. home with bonus room & office was rebuilt/upgraded in 1987. The gourmet kitchen includes a restaurant-quality Viking range/oven. The large master suite features a Jacuzzi, fireplace, and balcony with a view of the pool/spa. The inviting floor plan, pool/spa, and covered patio are perfect for entertaining guests. Call Michael for more information or a private showing of this beautiful 3,048 sq. ft. home on a cul-de-sac. Price: \$825,000.  
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**Cherokee Estates Pool Home!**  
4 bedroom, 2.75 bath home with formal dining room, living and family room with fireplace, bonus room, and enclosed patio. Other features include dual central air & heat, copper plumbing, electric gate in driveway, 2 water heaters, & fruit trees. Priced at \$869,900.  
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**New Construction (2005) In Orange Estates!**  
5 bedrooms + bonus room, 4 bath with a very modern floor plan. Features beautiful kitchen with granite countertops, large master suite with Jacuzzi, sep shower, & walk-in closet, formal dining room & living room, family room with fireplaces, new plumbing/electrical, new roof & stucco, new central air & heat, & much much more! Price: \$1,095,000  
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**This You've Got To See!**  
This newly-built, single-story home has it all with a spectacular kitchen that includes granite counter tops, custom built cabinets, a large island, and all stainless steel appliances. This 5 bedroom, 4 bath home boasts three large master bedrooms. The open floor plan includes a living room with fireplace, large formal dining area, and a huge family room. The exterior features lush landscaping, a long driveway with potential RV access, an electric gate entry to the oversized two car detached garage, and a private pool. Call for a private showing or more information.  
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