



The Downey Patriot

Greek Festival
Page 5

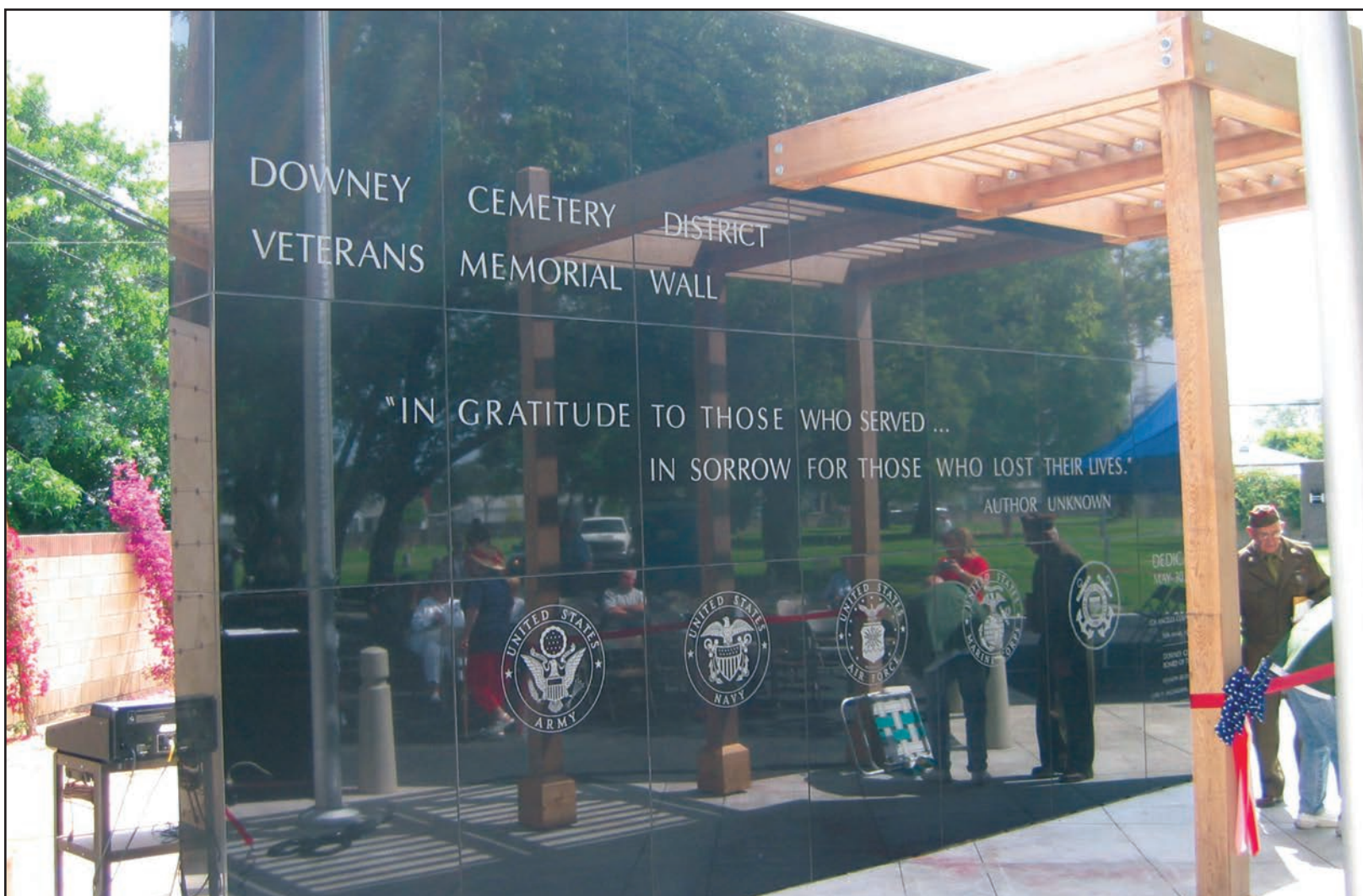
Downey's mighty Titan
Page 4

Support Grad Night
Page 2

Friday, June 3, 2005

Vol. 4, No. 06

11525 DOWNEY AVE., SUITE A, DOWNEY, CA 90241



THE NEW NICHE GARDENS AND VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL—Was dedicated at the Downey Cemetery as part of Memorial Day ceremonies Monday, May 30th. Funds from the sale of the niches will go toward continued upkeep of the cemetery. The black granite wall is both beautiful and impressive.



FLOWERS—Were placed at the graves of veterans as part of the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Downey Cemetery Monday, May 30th.



DRESS AT THE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE—At the Downey Cemetery ranged from military uniforms to this couples' adoption of an American flag motif.

Memorial Day at Downey Cemetery

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Downey turned out to honor its war dead in Memorial Day ceremonies at the Downey Cemetery Monday, May 30th, and also dedicated a new Memorial Wall and Niche Garden.

Former Mayor Diane Boggs opened ceremonies, and was followed by a salute to Veterans by former Mayor Dr. Gary McCaughan.

Ceremonies included a wreath laying and gun salute by American Legion Post 723, a brief speech by Boggs on the creation of the wall and niche gardens, and presentation of certificates of appreciation to major contributors. These included the Disabled American Veterans Foundation, the Downey Historical Society, Downey Y Service Club, Barbara Halbmaier, Irene and Thomas Longergan, McKinnon and Sons Plumbing, Hazel Shepherd, Thomas and Joy Strickfaden, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4138, and the Woman's Club of Downey.

Karnette and Havice

McCaughan and Boggs also thanked Betty Karnette, who sponsored a state senate bill which made the niche garden possible. And they also thanked Sally Havice for securing two state grants that provided partial funding for the construction.

The wall and niche garden allow the cemetery to provide additional niche space, which in turn will provide funding for the cemetery's continued upkeep. Most agree that the wall's black granite facade with inscription is a magnificent addition to the cemetery's decor.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard gave a brief speech on Memorial Day and veterans.

Others

Other noteworthy participants included Kenneth Beckner, the Sweet Adelines, Chaplin Mario Guerra and Boy Scout Troop 441.

Those spotted in the crowd included Mayor Anne Bayer, councilpersons Meredith Perkins, Kirk Cartozian and David Gafin; Kent and Barbara Halbmaier, Pauline Hume, John Vincent; former councilman Keith McCarthy; former assemblywoman Sally Havice; Planning Commissioner Mike Murray, and many more.

\$120 million City Budget under study

DOWNEY—City Manager Gerald Caton and his staff have produced a \$120,045,030 City Budget proposal which is currently under study by the City Council.

The proposed budget is scheduled for a study session by the Council at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 at City Hall.

In a letter accompanying the huge document Caton points out that the budget is composed of two main parts, operating and capital. The operating budget equals \$85,838,109, and the proposed capital budget equals \$40,200,807.

The funds

The budget is also divided into different parts called funds. Each fund is a separate operation of the City. Although interrelated, each fund has its own budget with its own expenditures and revenues.

The proposed budget is for a city of 113,607 residents, with 720 city employees, of which 437 are fulltime.

Caton points out that this 2005-06 budget deals with the third year of the state budget crisis, which caused the state to reduce revenues to the City in each of the three years and to make changes in revenue sources for Downey and all other California cities.

Motor Vehicle Fees

Starting in 2003-04 the state reduced the city's Motor Vehicle in-lieu fee (VLF) which cost the city \$1,893,908.

The following year the state developed a two-year plan for budget cuts using three components.

1) A reduction in property tax revenue for fiscal 2004-05 and 2005-06. The City lost \$1,384,262 in fiscal 2004-05 and is scheduled to lose the same in 2005-06.

2) A smaller reduction in specific areas such as library services and law enforcement amounting to a total of about \$120,000.

3) A shift of revenue from sales taxes, property taxes, and VLF which are intended to be revenue neutral.

All this has resulted in fiscal confusion. Some of the reductions are scheduled to end this year, and some are supposed to be paid back to the City during 2006-07. However, since the state budget crisis does not appear resolved, the future is still uncertain.

Uncertainty

Given the uncertainty, Downey's budget situation is reasonably stable. The City faced a \$1,530,000 operating deficit in the General Fund in fiscal 2004-06, but development-related revenues and lowered revenues taken by the state, plus reduced expenditures have bridged the gap.

The city still faces problems as the 2005-06 budget before the Council still contains a \$565,000 deficit. However, experience from last year, ability to control expenditures, and expected future revenue from the development of the NASA property are expected to bridge the gap.

New programs

The proposed budget contains some noteworthy new programs which include:

The Development Services Department. The new budget reflects the reorganization that occurred in February. As part of this reorganization, City staff has been working to improve the development review process in accordance with a study completed by a consultant last year. New procedures for improved communication and coordination have been established

See BUDGET, Page 4

Nutrition is goal of school program

DOWNEY—Healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle are the goals of a nutrition program funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Downey Unified School District.

"Our goal is to help students adopt healthy eating and physical activity patterns as part of a healthy lifestyle," said Colleen Anderson, Registered Dietician and project director of the Nutrition Network.

Threat of obesity

With childhood obesity rates in the news, reportedly more than doubling for children ages 6-11 over the past three decades, she says her goal is essential for the future health of youngsters.

To achieve her goals she promotes the following activities:

1) Harvest of the Month Program, in which elementary teachers at 12 school sites each month receive a newsletter featuring a produce item. Teachers discuss the newsletter contents with students to increase interest in more fruits and vegetables. Students are able to order the featured produce so each can be sampled in the classroom. (The sample for June is watermelon).

2) Nutritional training for teachers, who are provided basic nutrition principles in order to better prepare them for classroom instruction.

3) Parent nutrition education, including parent nutrition classes so nutritional principles may be applied in the home.

Mural

One recent project was a mural painting at Alameda Elementary. About

See NUTRITION, Page 5



HEALTHIER DIET—Is the goal of a program at Downey Unified School District schools. Here, third graders work on a mural at Alameda promoting healthier foods.

ALF director to recount NASA history

DOWNEY—Gerald (Jerry) Blackburn, former Boeing project manager on the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs and currently director on the board of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation, will recount the 70-year history of the NASA Downey site and will describe some of the new developments for the area at the upcoming monthly meeting Wednesday, June 20 of the Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA).

The meeting takes place at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road, Downey. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Blackburn, a member of the nonprofit Downey City Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center, has worked with a group of volunteers to collect and secure artifacts for the new learning center and an Aerospace Research Library. He currently teaches at Cerritos College and USC.

For information/reservations, call Nada Singh at (562) 439-1782.

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 for consideration are available in the Superintendent's office, and must be completed and returned to that office on or before June 10, 2005.

Summer reading program at library

DOWNEY—"Super Readers, Super Heroes" is the theme for the upcoming Downey City Library's summer reading program for children ages preschool through 8th grade. Registration begins Monday, June 20.

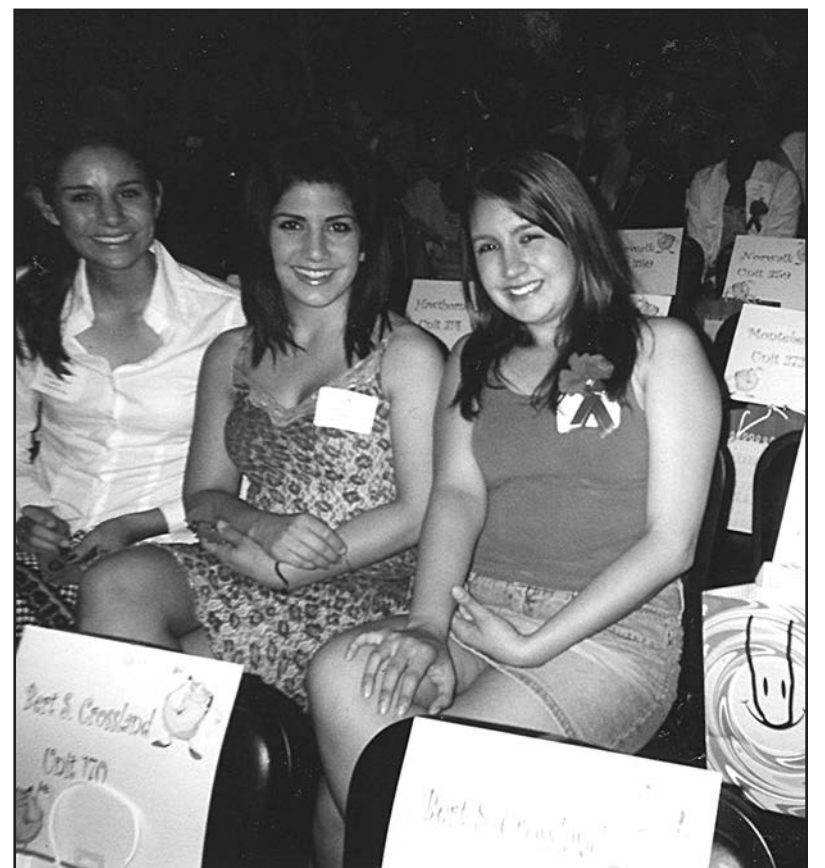
From June 20 through Aug. 6, children may check out books and read them at home to earn prizes. Kids who read 20 books or 1,000 pages receive a reading certificate and free book during the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library and community donations, the program also features "Super Wednesday" special events at 2 p.m. for kids ages 5-12. Middle school students may register for a cartoon workshop on June 27, and "Monday Movie Madness" on July 11, 18 and 25.

For more information, contact Children's Services at 904-7360, Ext. 4. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

CNA training classes taking sign-ups

DOWNEY—Residents can become a Certified Nurse Assistant in less than 17 weeks at Downey Adult School, which has had a 100 percent passing rate on the state exam for the past several years. Classes begin June 20.

Orientation and registration are scheduled for Thursday, June 7, at 9 a.m. for morning classes, and at 6 p.m. for evening classes. Bring your photo ID, social Security card and \$50 (cash or m.o.) registration fee. Call Downey Adult School for further information, (562) 940-6200.



GIRLS STATE — Marianne Shortridge of Downey High School and Alexandria Cole-Farias of Warren have been selected to attend the 2005 Session of Girls State at Pitzer College in Claremont, where they will study the patriotic principles of city, county, and state government functions through mock proceedings. Pictured from left are Lara Petrossian (La Serna High School), Shortridge and Cole-Farias. The trio are being sponsored by the Downey American Legion Auxiliary Unit #270.



ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNEY — Was honored at the Rotary District Conference in Palm Springs with the Club of Excellence Award, one of 22 awards the local club was bestowed with. Pictured from left to right, Past President Kevin MacDonald, Vice President Darren Dunaway with Cindy Dunaway, President Elect Carol Pearce, President Doug Baker and Past President Dr. Wayne Wilcox.

Report illegally dumped garbage

DOWNEY — Illegally discarded items may be reported for pickup by calling 904-1161.

If you have items of your own to be picked up, call Calmet at (562) 869-0901.

FREE ESTIMATE and FREE INSTALLATION

Budget Blinds

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL!
BUY 3 - GET 4TH FREE*

Call Today For a FREE In-Home Consultation
Ask for Myra 562-944-9473 or 562-843-2389
SHOP FROM YOUR SEAT, NOT YOUR FEET! WE COME TO YOU.

Custom Interior Design including...

- ▶ Shutters - Awnings - Drapes - Retractable Screens
- ▶ Blinds: Vertical, Wood, Vinyl, Aluminum
- ▶ Window Tinting ▶ Area Rugs ▶ Re-Upholstery
- ▶ Duvet Covers, Slip Covers, Throw Pillows

HUGE FABRIC SELECTION

BUY ANY 3 WINDOW COVERINGS AND THE 4TH WINDOW COVERING OF THE SAME IS FREE.

limited time offer • start saving now • limited time offer • start saving now • limited time offer

4% apy*

start saving now!

for 18 months

Federally and privately insured share certificates

Visit your local branch today to take advantage of this exclusive offer!

Downey • 7800 E. Imperial Hwy.
Anaheim • 3061 E. La Palma Ave.
Newport Beach • 5160 Birch St., Ste. 101
Woodland Hills • 21700 Victory Blvd.

www.fpcu.org **Financial Partners** CREDIT UNION 800.950.7328

*APY=Annual Percentage Yield. New promotional 18 month Share Certificate must be opened with at least \$5,000 in new money (funds transferred from another institution). After 18 months, this new Share Certificate will roll over for the same term at the then-current 12-23 month rate. Rates are quoted as of 5/9/05 and are subject to change without notice. Penalties and fees may apply for early withdrawals.

PRO NETWORKERS OF DOWNEY

Our membership includes:

FUAD ALSHAMIIYEH of
Zain's Jewelry & Repair
10337 Lakewood Blvd.
Downey 862-4410
"Personal Service and Integrity"

We meet for breakfast at Mimi's Cafe every Friday at 7:15 a.m.

Promote your business products of services with us, call 869-7618

www.pronetworkers.com

TREE SERVICE • TREE SERVICE • TREE SERVICE

George's
tree & landscaping service

Trimming Topping Stump Grinding Removing
Residential • Commercial • Apartments • Condominium
Free Estimates
FULLY INSURED
Same Owner Over 20 Years

(562) 923-8911 (800) 695-5237

\$50⁰⁰ OFF

Any Tree Service

Min. \$200.00
Present coupon after quote

Residential Only

TREE SERVICE • TREE SERVICE • TREE SERVICE

Qwest Homework Assistance & Computer Learning Center

A place to keep your child on track

MATH ALGEBRA 1 & 2

Youth Educational Summer Program

After School Educational Program

LANGUAGE READING

Quality With Education Successfully Taught

(562) 861-9119 Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM www.qwesthomework.com

11530 Lakewood Blvd., Downey, CA 90241

CROWN CLEANERS

"Fast Drive-Thru Service"

Hours: Mon - Fri. 7-7 • Sat. 7-5

Quality Cleaning & Pressing 12621 Paramount Blvd. (Paramount at Imperial Hwy.)

DOWNEY
(562) 923-2292

• Suede & Leather
• Drapery Cleaning
• Wedding Gowns
• Formals
• Area Rugs
• Much More

\$4⁰⁰ OFF

Present Coupon with Any Incoming Order Only. Minimum \$20.00 Dry Cleaning Order. Expires 6-30-05

\$3⁰⁰ OFF

Present Coupon with Any Incoming Order Only. Minimum \$15.00 Dry Cleaning Order.

\$2⁰⁰ OFF

Present Coupon with Any Incoming Order Only. Minimum \$10.00 Dry Cleaning Order. Expires 6/30/05

\$1⁰⁰ OFF

Present Coupon with Any Incoming Order Only. Minimum \$5.00 Dry Cleaning Order.



DOWNEY HIGH JUNIOR—Karina G. Mariscal has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars.

DHS student gets national honor

DOWNEY—Downey High School junior Karina G. Mariscal has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), which was formed in 2002 to “recognize academic excellence at the high school level and encourage members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.”

The announcement was made recently by NSHSS founder and chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

Free DUSD lunch program for students

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District will be offering the Seamless Summer Food Service Program (all lunches free) to all students in the community this summer at selected school sites. All children ages 3-18 are invited to participate. Meal service is on a Monday-Thursday schedule only: no available lunches on Fridays.

The program will be available at the following locations:

Warren High School	6/20-7/28	11-11:15 a.m.
Downey High School	6/20-7/28	11-11:15 a.m.
Griffiths Middle School	6/20-7/21	11-11:15 a.m.
Sussman Middle School	6/20-7/21	10:45-11 a.m.
West Middle School	6/20-7/1	11:15-11:30 a.m.
Gauldin Elementary	6/27-7/28	11:15-11:30 a.m.
Imperial Elementary	6/27-7/28	11-11:15 a.m.
Price Elementary	6/27-7/28	11-11:15 a.m.
Golden Park	6/20-7/28	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For information, contact DUSD's Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

Downey Retirement Center

We offer a Continuum of Care...

Bathing and Dressing Assistance	Private/Semi-Private Rooms
24 hour Dementia Care	Housekeeping and Laundry Services
Memory/Sensory Stimulation Activities	Medication Administration
Individualized Care Program	Complete Dietary Services/Special Diets

**To See What We Have To Offer In Care
Stop By For Lunch And A Tour.**

11500 Dolan Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (562) 869-2416 FAX (562) 869-4986

DOWNEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Preschool Kindergarten Elementary

SUMMER DAY CAMP / KINDERGARTEN PREP PROGRAM

Summer Day Camp for Ages 2 - grade 5 with Academic Enrichment, Weekly Field Trips, Water Fun and Sports
Offered June 27th - September 1st
6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Prep / Beginning Reading Program for children 4 years of age or entering Kindergarten

Our program will give your child the necessary skills and confidence to enter and be successful in Kindergarten

Skills Introduced:
Alphabet Skills Phonics Basic Math Concepts Great Children's Literature
Daily Bible Stories

Kindergarten Prep Class Schedule and Tuition
Monday - Thursday
June 27th - August 24th
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$65.00 per week

562-927-7540

10335 Paramount Blvd. Downey

(One Block south of Florence behind The Living Hope Church)

‘Fiddler on the Roof’ tugs at your emotions

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Everytime I see a play or a Broadway musical like “Fiddler on the Roof,” which will run until next weekend (June 12) at the Downey Theatre, I tend to compare it with past incarnations, be it a stage or a film version.

I saw the film with Zero Mostel as Tevye a long time ago, and the haunting lyrics particularly of “Sunrise, Sunset” have lodged in my subconscious ever since. I couldn’t wait to hear it sung when I attended last Saturday’s Downey Civic Light Opera performance, and, in all honesty, the singing didn’t disappoint.

Even on a basic story level, “Fiddler” has enough elements of bitter-sweet experience to prompt a strong emotional response. Add a fondly remembered song or two, and it can evoke a tear or a rush of memories...

The DCLO productions I’ve seen over time have been uniformly good—not as spectacular perhaps as those seen on Broadway itself, but good, given the naturally limited resources with which producer-director Marsha Moode has had to deal.

The performance by the ensemble cast was efficient and strong, but Downey-born and -bred Joe Matarazzo’s as Tevye was particularly good, and the audience recognized his acting as well as vocal range by giving him its biggest ovation.

You who haven’t seen it yet should see it (and hear its tender, memorable music), for what has been described as “one of the giants among American musicals” is exactly that.

Luncheon/book signing set for June 18

DOWNEY—Author Patricia Smiley, one of the rising stars of the popular mystery genre, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and book signing from 11:30 a.m.-2p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. The event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15, which includes a choice of roast beef, chicken Marsala or vegetarian plate. All proceeds support library programs. Reservation deadline is June 10.

Copies of Smiley’s novel, “False Profits,” will be available for purchase and signing at the event. For reservations, call 904-7360, ext. 32 or visit the Friends’ Shop located inside the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

EMBROIDERY • SILKSCREENING

TEAM UNIFORMS

VISIT STORMFORCE TODAY AT OUR NEW LOCATION!
8222 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA • 562-622-7307



DOWNEY KIWANIS CLUB — Recently held a dinner reception for Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis International Governor Larry McLeland, who made an official visit to Division 13. Thirty-two members of local Kiwanis clubs were honored with Hixson Awards for their work with the International Foundation Worldwide Service Project, a group working to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders.

cfe
OPA

9905 PARAMOUNT BLVD.
DOWNEY, CA
(562) 806-0761

- Greek Style
- Rotisserie Chicken
- Lamb Chops
- Fresh Salads

- Souvlaki
- Donair
- Gyros
- Wraps

Casual Greek Dining...

Cafe Opa features a variety of delectable, authentic Greek specialties

\$3.99

Whole Chicken Special with this ad
Exp. 6/10/05

Dine In or Take Out

Bring this ad and receive a free drink during the month of June '05
Offer not good with Whole Chicken Special

ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES



Paying too much for medications? We can help.

Blue Shield 65 Plus Value PlanSM, along with the physicians of **CareMore Medical Group***, offers:

- Prescription Drug Coverage with No Annual Limit****
- **\$0 copayment** for insulin and diabetic supplies
 - **\$0 copayment** for non-emergency transportation to and from medical appointments within the Blue Shield 65 Plus Value Plan service area
 - **\$7 copayment** for generic drugs
 - **\$0 copayment** for 100 hours of in-home care assistance per calendar year, 80 hours of respite care per calendar year AND physician house calls.
 - **\$29 copayment** for brand-name drugs
 - **\$0 copayment** for your covered inpatient hospital stay*** OR office visits to your Personal Physician or specialist.

Attend one of our free seminars to learn more.

<p>Monday, June 6th 2:30 p.m. Mimi's Café 8455 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey</p>	<p>Monday, June 6th 2:00 p.m. Coco's 1918 W. Artesia Blvd., Compton</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 7th 10:00 a.m. Hometown Buffet 11471 South St., Cerritos</p>
<p>Friday, June 10th 10:00 a.m. Souplantation 4720 Candlewood St., Lakewood</p>	<p>Monday, June 13th 2:30 p.m. Sizzler 10153 Artesia Blvd., Bellflower</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 15th 10:00 a.m. Baker's Square 5520 South St., Lakewood</p>

A sales representative will be present with information and applications. Accommodations for persons with special needs may be arranged.

CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

1-866-622-2820 (TDD: 1-800-577-5586)

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (excluding holidays)

*Over 500 Personal Physicians and 300 specialists affiliated with CareMore Medical Group. **Formulary prescription brand-name and generic drug copayments are for a 30-day supply and must be obtained through a Blue Shield network pharmacy. Prescription drugs must be included on the Blue Shield formulary to be covered. The formulary may change without notice; contact Blue Shield for details. ***\$50 copayment for emergency room visits; waived if admitted. Blue Shield 65 Plus Value Plan is an HMO with a Medicare Advantage contract. Minimal copayments, restrictions and limitations apply to some services. This plan is available in portions of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. SMBlue Shield 65 Plus Value Plan is a service mark of Blue Shield of California. ©Blue Shield and the Shield symbol are registered marks of the BlueCross BlueShield Association, an Association of Independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans.

BUDGET

including revised City Zoning Code; two additional building inspectors and one additional permit counter employee; and computer software to help track building permits by address.

The budget includes \$50,000 to help draft a revised easier to understand City Zoning Code.

New park

NASA Park. A new park is planned on Clark Avenue just south of Lakewood. Preliminary plans are now being processed. This and the Learning Center project require an environmental release from the State Water Board. The soil required some remediation due to contamination, and the Water Board and State Toxic Control Agency must provide an environmental release before the property can be used for recreational activities.

Columbia Learning Center/Museum. The proposed budget includes \$5 million for the Learning Center. The funding is derived from proceeds of the sale of NASA land. A new building will be constructed to house items built in Downey during the space program. It will also be a science and education center.

Lakewood Street Improvements. These improvements are the largest public improvement program the city has ever embarked on. Most of the work will take place during 2005-06, and the work includes \$16.5 million for funding.

Expanded day care

A New Day Care program. A fifth program in the Community Services Department's expanding after school day care program. The budget will add one new elementary school to the program day care services.

Library computer system. A new computerized library catalog and public access system. The city is obligated to move to the vendor's new system. The annual maintenance costs will be less expensive than at present.

The new budget does not include any salary increases for employees. The city has five labor contracts that expire during the budget year. If new labor agreements include salaries the city's operating deficit will increase. The expected savings due to the City Council-approved Pension Obligation bond program will not be known until July at the earliest.

General Fund

The biggest part of the budget is the General Fund. This fund receives general tax revenues and finances basic City services such as fire and police. It amounts to 46 percent of the total budget.

Overall, the General Fund Budget is up six percent. The Police Department is the biggest part of the General Fund with 42 percent, an increase of 1.6 percent. It does not include any wage increases. Two non-sworn positions remain frozen, but it unfreezes a police officer position formerly frozen a year ago. It also allows a police lieutenant position to be filled by a sergeant, and includes \$25,000 for a school resources officer program that is largely funded by outside agencies.

Fire

The Fire Department is the second biggest part of the General Fund budget with 28 percent, an increase of seven percent. This includes a scheduled salary increase of 4.5 percent and increased retirement costs. The post of education specialist is frozen for the 2005-06 year.

The Community Services Department is the third largest part of the General Fund with 10 percent. It is increased by 12 percent from last year due to the expansion of the after school day care program. It also includes CDBG funding for social services agencies including \$17,000 to the Rio Hondo Home; \$11,000 to Arc; \$5,500 to the Children's Dental Program; \$3,000 to the Salvation Army; \$2,500 to the Family Crisis Center; \$5,000 to Southern California Rehab Center; ad \$2,500 to the True Lasting Connections. It also includes General Fund allocations for PTA HELPS, \$16,000; The Rose Float Association, \$3,200; Downey Art Museum \$3,200, and Downey Symphony \$6,400.

Public Works

The Public Works is the fourth largest General Fund portion and is up by 5.5 percent, due to salary increases provided for maintenance employees in 2004 and increased cost of retirement.

Development Services Department is up 19 percent due to efforts to improve building inspection and permit processes. Also included is funds for an outside consultant who will help develop a new building code. General Government includes general administrative operations and legal, and is up 3.4 percent.

Revenues for the General Fund are expected to increase by about eight percent.

Returning soldier given hot rod homecoming

NORWALK — When Aaron Musgrave, of Orange, finally saved up enough money during high school, his father, Grant Musgrave, let him purchase his first car — a 1966 Chevy El Camino. The car was showing its age, with paint peeling, the suspension bowing and interior ragged and fading. But the men — both self-described “car guys” — figured they'd spend time together restoring it.

But life continued, and the younger Musgrave found himself volunteering for service with the U.S. Army. He was deported to fight the war in Iraq last year.

So, when Aaron, an Army specialist IV, found out he would be assigned to a base in Southern Utah this spring after returning from his Middle East tour, his father decided to have Aaron's “fixer-upper” retouched with new paint.

But when Grant's friend, Charlie Robertson, an instructor with Cerritos College's Auto Collision Repair Program, became involved, the result was a large-scale quest to transform Aaron's El Camino into the classic head-turner it was originally meant to be.

“Once the students heard Grant and Aaron's story, they were very excited to give this car the supreme treatment,” said Robertson. “And from there, as we shared the story with vendors and local auto supply stores, we began to receive donation after donation for this El Camino.”

More than 25 students pitched in 1,525 hours of their own time to restore the car. Local companies donated more than \$10,000 worth of paint, parts and accessories — including a new carburetor, a BMW-grade paint job, a custom Sony audio system and new bucket seats.

Robertson and his students kept the fine details as a surprise for Grant, as well as from Aaron. The group presented the fully restored, shiny vehicle to the Musgrave father and son on May 11.

Aaron, in full military dress, barely recognized the car as it was unveiled. Amid applause from a crowd of students, military colleagues and automotive instructors, Aaron examined the car while smiling broadly.

“Now don't dent it,” joked Tanya Ratliff, who was part of a special task force of students who helped lead the restoration project.

“I'm just so thankful for this gift,” Aaron said. “I'm really appreciative. I can't believe it.”



ESTHER ANAYA



JESSICA LAWRENCE



DANIEL ORTIZ



VIRGIL ROSALES

Music scholarships for four talented students

Courtesy of Symphonic Society

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Four students from Warren and Downey High Schools have been selected to receive music scholarships as part of the educational outreach program of the Downey Symphonic Society, according to Ellie Harrington, Scholarship Chairman.

The winners are Virgil Rosales from Downey High School, and Esther Anaya, Jessica Lawrence and Daniel Ortiz from Warren. All are graduating seniors and list involvement in musical activities as an important aspect of their education to date, as well as of their future plans.

Virgil Rosales' instrument is clarinet. He has participated every year in Downey High's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble, receiving festival honors as a jazz soloist, and this past year was drum major for the Marching Band. He is also a singer, both in the school's Jazz Choir and in his church, all the while maintaining a B+ average, and is a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

Virgil will major in music and history at CSU-Long Beach or Fullerton, aiming for a career as a secondary school teacher. He says, “I believe that I can reach teenagers before they enter the real world and teach them to be responsible leaders with integrity and confidence.”

Though Esther Anaya has lived in the United States only two years, she says, “The difficulties of being a part of a new culture have not stopped me from continuing to pursue my dreams, aspirations, and giving it my all.” A major portion of the aspirations she holds today was shaped when she was eight years old and heard the tonal quality of a violin. That was it. That would be her instrument, and the life of a professional musician would be her goal.

Esther is currently the only high school student in the prestigious Young Musicians Foundation, is a member of the Pasadena College Orchestra, and plays every Sunday in her church's worship group. On graduation from Warren this spring, her hope is to attend a community college for basic music theory, then the Colburn School of the Performing Arts.

Jessica Lawrence writes, “Singing has always been a part of my life. I grew up singing at family get-togethers and listening to every type of music. I would sing around the house and with my dad and I loved it.”

While the Warren High student played flute in the Marching Band and Advanced Band for four years her heart is with choral music, and she hopes to become a high school choir director. “I didn't decide that I actually wanted to be in choir until the 8th grade when the Warren Vocal Jazz came to my middle school and sang for us. All I remember thinking was that I wanted to do that. I could do that. When I first started singing I was really shy. I was afraid that people would think that I wasn't good. Once I joined the jazz choir I realized that I had nothing to be afraid of.”

To see Daniel Ortiz lift the huge tuba to his left shoulder, settle his balance and then stride out confidently with the marching band, actually playing the thing, is, to an onlooker, a lesson in confidence. Looks easy, the way he does it, but as usual there is a lot of unseen resolve behind the skill. His experience includes four years with Warren's Marching Band, Advanced Band and Wind Ensemble, and playing with two Drum and Bugle Corps, but he also has received a Warren Silver Bear award in Biology and scholarship awards for five semesters.

This summer Daniel will tour Europe and compete on our east coast as a new member of the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps. Then he will enter CSU-Long Beach in the fall, studying for a career as a music teacher. “Music has taught me,” he says, “to be responsible, disciplined and an all around better person and that is why I have learned to love it.”

The Board of the Downey Symphonic Society is proud of these students, for their goals and their achievements, and wishes them success and the profound joy that a close association with music brings into our lives.

Keep Downey Beautiful hotline numbers

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

Graffiti
562-923-4484
Shopping Carts
800-252-4613
Illegal Dumping
562-904-1161
Household Hazardous Waste
1-800-CLEAN-LA

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.

The poets' corner

Back Yard Face-Off

Two birds face-off
Feathered warriors they
On the south stands a robin
From the north struts a jay

Red robin advances
Blue jay stands his ground
The object for both
A tiny fresh mound

From which emerges
A newly hatched bug
Down swoops a butcher
And gives it a tug

The two birds looked startled
As off went their prize
Prey to a rogue
With flashing black eyes

The butcher sang out
From the top of his tree
“I'm impressed with your posturing
But this morsel's for me!”
—Richard Thormodson,
Downey

Coach knows the secrets to success

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — As Cal State Fullerton opens defense of their 2004 World Series crown today with regional competition, there will be special reason for the Downey community to watch.

That's because one Titan stands mightier than the rest. A true local boy for sure, at age 51.

Coach George Horton, Downey High School graduate, will attempt to capture back-to-back national baseball championships, a feat so rare it has been accomplished only five times in NCAA history. If successful, the repeat will highlight a very impressive resume for the coach, who's already earned inclusion into two separate hall of fames.

Early success

Horton's baseball career began as a varsity player with Downey High School and continued through the early 1970s at Cerritos College. As captain in 1973, he helped lead the Falcons to the state championship, earning the Dallas Moon Award along the way.

He went on to CSU-Fullerton, where he played first base and nabbed All-PCAA honors his junior and senior seasons. In 1975, he was on the first Fullerton team to ever advance to the College World Series.

His playing career finished, Horton bounced around different schools as an assistant coach, eventually returning to Cerritos in 1980 and taking the head coaching job in 1985.

Horton brought the school three junior college state championships in six years, compiling a 226-53 record. He was named National Junior College Coach of the Year in 1985, 1987 and 1989.

Successful in the junior college ranks, Horton graduated to Division I competition, accepting the job of associate head coach to Augie Garrido at Fullerton. He remained in that capacity for six years, eventually replacing Garrido in 1996.

New heights

And the Fullerton baseball team took off. The Titans are 397-168-1 overall under Horton, including Number 1 national rankings in 1999, 2001 and 2003.

Despite the accolades, a national championship eluded Horton until last year, when his team beat the Texas Longhorns — managed by his former mentor, Garrido — 3-2 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Eleven of Horton's players have reached the Major Leagues over the years, including Roger Clemens (Houston Astros), Phil Nevin (San Diego Padres) and Mark Kotsay (Oakland A's).

Horton was inducted into the Downey High School Hall of Fame last year. In 1994 he was made a member of the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Fullerton hosts Harvard today at 8 p.m.

New insurance agency opens in Downey

DOWNEY—With an assist from the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Farmers Maria Mendoza Agency, located at 7332 Florence Ave., Stes. B & C (just west of Old River School Rd.), will have its grand opening/ribbon cutting Thursday, June 9 at 11:15 a.m. City Council members, city administration staff, and

Other community figures have been invited to the celebration. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

Owner Maria Mendoza has been in the insurance business for the past 12 years and with Farmers for two years.



SAN ANTONIO GUILD MEMBERS — Are seen preparing for the group's annual fashion show and luncheon tomorrow, June 4, at the Barbara Riley Community Center from 12 to 3 p.m. Chico's Womens Wear is providing the fashions. For tickets, call (562) 400-0799.

Code Inspections

By John Adams

A new chapter is about to be written in the long battle between building inspectors and building contractors, the latter of whom say they have often been frustrated by the system here.

The many complaints about the building and inspection services here were brought to a head by Councilman Kirk Cartozian who said at a recent meeting that he had compiled more than 100 complaints about delays in the building, planning and inspection process.

A subsequent survey by an outside expert in the field resulted in a number of suggestions, many of which are being implemented at City Hall. These include a rewriting of the Building Code by a separate consultant.

We became aware of the problem years ago when a contractor told us he would never work in Downey again. He was upset by an inspection of a large sign he was installing for an auto agency which was adding Oldsmobile to its line of cars. The large sign manufactured for General Motors out of state, but to its G.M. specifications, was questioned by Downey's City Inspectors on the grounds the welds were unproven.

The delay for weld testing would have been crushing to the car dealer. After the facts were made known through a news item the City eased up on its inspection demands and allowed the G.M.-made Oldsmobile sign to be installed.

The new Code may have some flaws at first, but none, we are sure, that can't be worked out. Meanwhile, there is a new hope on the part of contractors and home builders alike that many of the old problems can be left in the past and a bright new future lays ahead of us.

One thing is clear, after the tragic slides in Laguna Beach this week. Building codes are put in place with a common good in mind, and that is building safety. Without such codes the losses can be staggering. And even with them there are no guarantees.

St. George Greek Festival tomorrow and Sunday

By Linda Pak

DOWNEY—In a true, zesty Greek-style celebration of culture and life, Saint George Greek Orthodox Church will be hosting its two-day 21st annual Greek Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on the church grounds, 10830 Downey Ave. The festival will be presented under the joint chairmanship of Jimmy Spathopoulos and Vasso Bouras.

Known throughout the Southern California Greek-American community for its authentic Greek cuisine and lively cultural displays, the festival has become one of the largest traditional community events in Downey, much like the annual Holiday Lane Parade, Street Fair, and Kidsday.

Visitors will be treated to a wide array of traditional Greek dishes, which have kept people returning year after year. Some of the foods have become an attraction in and of itself, like the all-time favorite, whole lamb spiced and slowly roasted on a spit.

Other favorite entrees include souvlakis, which are tender pieces of cubed meat barbecued and served on pita bread with lettuce, onions, tomatoes, and a distinctive cucumber-yogurt-garlic sauce, and gyros, also served on pita with the usual trimmings but with filets of meat instead. For dessert, Greek pastries, like handmade baklava and loukoumades, will be available along with Greek coffee and other drinks.

Live music, ranging from traditional to modern, and dance floors for open dancing will light up the grounds with hand-clapping and foot-tapping rhythms for everyone to enjoy. Several visiting groups, as well as the church's own award-winning dance group, will be performing traditional Greek ethnic dances. Also scheduled to perform are church bands Kritikakia, Perifania, and Vergina.

Since its inception 21 years ago to share the Greek culture and heritage with the community, the festival has certainly stamped a lasting impression on the city with its lively festivities and established itself as one of the largest traditional events in Downey. The event also invites the community to share in the rich, religious culture of the Greek Orthodox Church. Tours of the Saint George sixth century Byzantine-style sanctuary will be available during the festival.

"The festival is an opportunity for the community to get together and share one of the great traditions that make up the mosaic of our American communities," said Harold Tseklenis, member of the festival committee. "It is a day of celebration and thankfulness of living in this wonderful, great country."

Funds raised from the sale of foods will be used to support the church. For more information, call the church office at 862-6461, or visit www.stgeorgedowney.org.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Save Nordic Fox (Foxy's)!

Dear Editor:

I have just come home from a pleasant evening listening to the very talented Rob Syphax at the Nordic Fox right here in my hometown, Downey. Going out, eating some great food, and being treated to excellent entertainment in clean, comfortable, and friendly surroundings is something that is very hard to do in Downey. How many places are there like that in Downey? A couple of weeks ago, I was shocked and frightened when I drove past the Nordic Fox (my family still calls it Foxy's) and saw a huge sign announcing that a shopping mall was going to be built there.

Tonight, when I asked the manager what was happening to the restaurant he said that the new owners want to tear it down. Oh no, not again! Not another Downey landmark! We cannot let this happen again. Driving past what used to be Johnie's Broiler and seeing yet another used car lot just tears at my heart. What a sacrilege! We tried to save Johnie's, but it was gutted and historic furnishings were destroyed and dumped before we could stop them. We cannot let this happen to Foxy's. Built in 1968, this landmark restaurant represents what Downey was and could be again, a hometown with a unique identity, not another cookie cutter look-a-like city. The A-frame building with the wooden beams and toasters on the table and fireplaces at each end has been there for us in good times and bad—after church on Sunday or a football game on Friday night, a birthday dinner or business lunch. We are running out of original, one-of-a-kind businesses in this town. Tearing down the past doesn't build the future.

Those of us who have lived in Downey for a long time can now count on two hands the number of family-owned restaurants that have been torn down in the name of progress. We cannot continue to dismember Downey; we need to remember and restore what we have and have had for many years.

Please support the efforts to save the Nordic Fox (Foxy's) restaurant by stopping by and signing the Friends of Foxy's petition and enjoying a meal with friendly service (something else that is also difficult to find in Downey and most other places). Call, write, and e-mail the members of the City Council.

If you go on the city of Downey website, it boasts that Downey is "where you can find the world's oldest McDonald's restaurant and the site of the first Taco Bell." That is what we have become famous for: restaurants built in the past! The website goes on to say in the next paragraph that Downey is "a place of pride, history, involvement and community." If that is really true, then I know we will get the support we need from the people who live here and the officials who make decisions which affect our lives. We have got to show them and the owners of this property that we don't want another strip mall with yet another nail shop, mini-mart and, and donut shop!

We need to rally together and stand up for the past, preserve it, support it, and keep it alive for the future citizens of Downey. My children grew up here eating at Foxy's and it should be here for their children to enjoy one day, too.

Please act now, before Foxy's becomes yet another memory instead of a reality. We can do it. I believe in the power of people who care about their hometown, its past and its future.

—Kathy Perez,
Downey

DowneyLINK services for residents

DOWNEY – DowneyLINK, the city of Downey's transit system, operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information on routes and transfers, call 529-LINK. Each ride costs 25 cents.

Roadway repair a priority

Dear Editor:

As manager of the Auto Club's Downey office, I've heard many complaints about our traffic growing worse. Unfortunately, that's not our only commuting headache. A new report (released May 26) by the Washington, D.C.-based TRIP organization reveals that the roads and freeways we already have are some of the most poorly maintained in the U.S. Drivers in the Los Angeles area spend an extra \$671 per year on vehicle repairs because of potholes and other road and freeway maintenance issues. Ninety-one percent of the road and freeway system in Los Angeles County is rated in "poor" or "mediocre" condition.

These statistics show the need for immediate investment in our existing roadways, as well as in new projects that can help relieve the strain on our current system. For the first time since nearly 70 percent of voters approved it in 2002, Prop 42 may be allowed to take effect July 1 and pump \$1.3 billion in state gasoline sales taxes into repairing street and freeway potholes, improving road safety and starting long-delayed projects to reduce traffic congestion.

In the upcoming Sacramento budget debate, we hope drivers will join the Auto Club in making sure our legislators fund transportation and put us on the road to better traffic conditions.

—Hend Hasrouni,
Downey

NUTRITION

40 third graders helped with the painting as part of Operation Clean Slate. The mural depicts six energetic youngsters holding notebooks with positive messages such as "Eat 5 day", "Power up with breakfast," and "Energize with exercise."

Anderson is also working with Christine Woods, DUSD Food Services Director, to develop health policies at the district level. One goal is to improve student health by reducing non-nutritious food sales on campus. Students should be able to practice the principals they learn in the classroom.

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.

City Affairs committee meets

DOWNEY – The City Affairs Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12 noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.

The Downey Patriot



John Adams..... Editor and Publisher
Jerry Brady..... Advertising Director
Jennifer DeKay..... Business Manager
Eric Pierce..... Editorial, Production
Henry Veneracion..... Editorial
Robert Tolentino..... Display Advertising
Lisa Lavadores..... Display Advertising
Linda Larson..... Classified Advertising
Jonathan Fox..... Production
Christopher Pinto..... Production

11525 Downey Ave., Suite A, Downey, CA 90241
 Phone (562) 904-3668 * Fax (562) 904-3124
 Hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

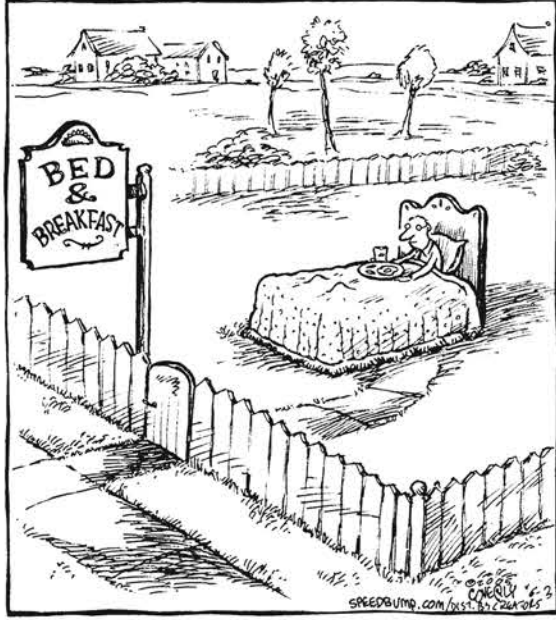
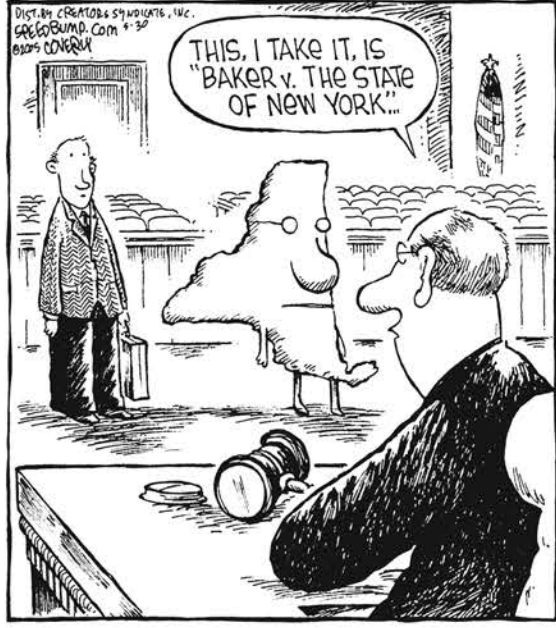


The Downey Patriot is published weekly by John Adams. Controlled Distribution, 25,000 copies printed. Distributed by Great Western Advertising Distributors, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Sat. June 4, 8:30 a.m.: **Middle School Track Meet** for Downey Unified School District young athletes from 6, 7 and 8th grades. Field events at 8:30, track events at 9:15. To be held at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. Free admission. For information call 869-7301.
Sat. June 4, 11:00 a.m. : **St. George Greek Festival** with Greek food, music, culture and fun. To be held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave. Also Sunday. For information call 862-6461.

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., 8:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7 a.m.: **Citizens for Downey**, at Rio Hondo C. C., call 803-9000.
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 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

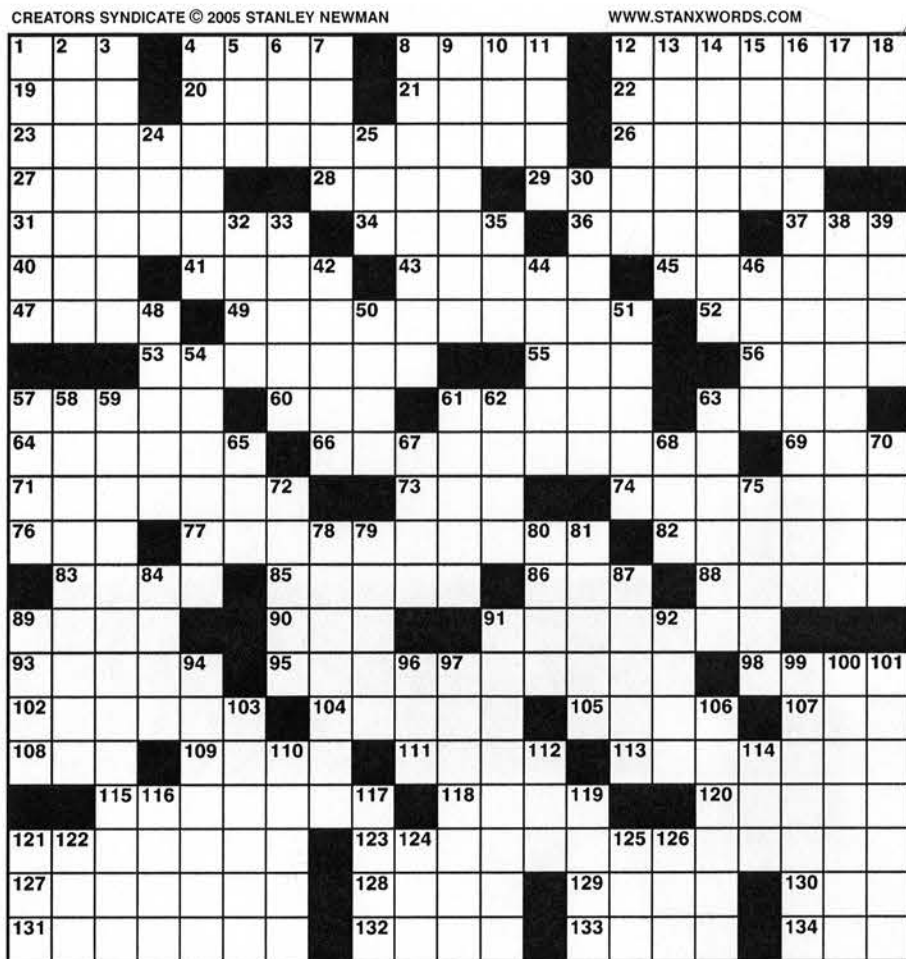
7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE YOURS
CALL THE
DOWNEY FAMILY YMCA
(562) 862-4201**

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
"PULL!": An alternate title is at 123 Across
by Fred Piscop

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACROSS | 77 Concert instrument | 6 One of the Stooges |
| 1 Bacillus shape | 82 Entered | 7 It's inside an env. |
| 4 Unlikely to bite | 83 Saluters' needs | 8 Multinational pact |
| 8 Qatari, for one | 85 Run up the flagpole | 9 Atomic-energy source |
| 12 HBO family name | 86 Business card abbr. | 10 NRC forerunner |
| 19 Log or gram starter | 88 Mudville man | 11 La ___ Tar Pits |
| 20 Bard's "soon" | 89 Mule's team | 12 Rogue |
| 21 Impolite stare | 90 QB's negative stat | 13 Lunar circuits |
| 22 Put together | 91 Architectural bands | 14 '60s Canadian leader |
| 23 Woman's jewelry | 93 Book of public records | 15 Tabula ___ |
| 26 Red-faced | 95 Jazz instrument | 16 Gym wear |
| 27 Make a case | 98 Biblical verb | 17 Born, in bios |
| 28 Of the flock | 102 Typewriter roller | 18 Lacking a match |
| 29 Halsey or Nimitz | 104 59 Down material | 24 Feel sorry for |
| 31 Mom and dad | 105 Conduit bends | 25 Krazy ___ |
| 34 London art gallery | 107 Wire wearer | 30 An original Mouseketeer |
| 36 Highrise dwellings: Abbr. | 108 Gal of song | 32 Social skill |
| 37 Fraternal fellow | 109 Capitol topper | 33 Mower's path |
| 40 SFO info | 111 Pizzeria fixture | 35 Ecol. watchdog |
| 41 Shooting marbles | 113 Hobbyist's racer | 38 Elvis' daughter |
| 43 Without face value | 115 Radical | 39 Old-time radio sleuth |
| 45 Pilot's mission | 118 Theater award | 42 Use a pick, perhaps |
| 47 San __, Italy | 120 Magna ___ | 44 Build an annex |
| 49 Intricate pattern | 121 Handsome fellows | 46 Sub ___ (secretly) |
| 52 Hip-hop music, to many | 123 Alternate title for the puzzle | 48 Ryan or Tatum |
| 53 Hickory, e.g. | 127 Radiator fluid | 50 Nintendo rival |
| 55 Buster's org. | 128 Actor Mischa | 51 Bridge seats |
| 56 Do a checkout chore | 129 Stiff wind | 54 Removes equipment from |
| 57 Visibly frightened | 130 "However . . ." | 57 Verdi title role |
| 60 O, in letters | 131 Weasels out | 58 Blissful place |
| 61 Literary VIPs | 132 Funny Foxx | 59 Party decoration |
| 63 Isl. of Australia | 133 Use a poker | 61 Restrict |
| 64 "___ that!" | 134 Sci-fi figures | 62 Tiny bit |
| (eavesdropper's remark) | DOWN | 63 Two-card combo |
| 66 Pinocchio, for one | 1 Cover over | 65 ___ Rosenkavalier |
| 69 Solo of Star Wars | 2 Do business | 67 Criminal charges |
| 71 Wastes time | 3 Floor plan, for instance | 68 Gumshoe |
| 73 Qty. | 4 What some scouts seek | 70 Big Apple initials |
| 74 Part of ESP | 5 Cape __, MA | 72 Sir, in old India |
| 76 Singer DiFranco | | |



- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 75 Flop's opposite | 94 Danger sign | 112 French diarist |
| 78 They're hardly celebs | 96 ___-no replay | 114 Tit for ___ |
| 79 Scatterbrained | 97 Having the best odds | 116 Vogue rival |
| 80 Geeky sort | 99 Attribute | 117 Bygone despot |
| 81 Rust is one | 100 Spoke with contempt | 119 Provokes, with "on" |
| 84 Veto from Putin | 101 Absolute rulers | 121 Unlike this ans. |
| 87 Spills the beans | 103 Zero | 122 "Annabel Lee" writer |
| 89 Italian range | 106 Suburban grade-school sport | 124 What mardi means: Abbr. |
| 91 Baltimore oriole | 110 Fine rains | 125 Did nothing |
| 92 Georgia politico Miller | | 126 Yalie |

You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

MIYLAR (104 Across) is a trademark for a brand of polyester film used in balloons, recording tapes and insulation. Lester PEARSON (14 Down) received the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize prior to becoming Canada's 14th prime minister in 1963. The reference at 39 Down is to the character of the radio series "Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons."

Orange County Fair June schedule

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

9-11 SUGAR PLUM ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL – Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: free. Sugar Plum Festivals, (562) 598-0857, www.sugarplumcrafts.com (No strollers, please).

10 COMPUTER FAIR – Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #12. Admission: adults \$5, children under 10 free. Discount tickets for \$2.95 are available online at tickets.lacomputerfair.com. NP Expos, Inc., (800) 800-5600, www.lacomputerfair.com.

17-19 AMERICA'S ZESTY BEST CELEBRITY FOOD SHOW – Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Trade Only); Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: adults \$8, children under 12 free. Open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Jazz Gourmet Foods, Inc. (866) 323-5299, www.zestybest.com.

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.

ORANGE COUNTY MARKETPLACE – Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Main Lot. Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free. Tel Phil Enterprises (949) 723-6660, www.ocmarketplace.com.

FARMERS MARKET – Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Lot. Orange County Farm Bureau (714) 573-0374.

CENTENNIAL FARM – Monday-Friday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: free. (714) 708-1916.

Oldies musical playing at La Mirada

LA MIRADA – “Smoky Joe’s Cafe, the Music of Leiber and Stoller,” the longest running musical revue in Broadway history, comes to the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts June 10. Directed by Glenn Casale, production features some of the best songs of the ‘50s and ‘60s, including “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “Spanish Harlem,” “Stand By Me” and “Fools Fall in Love.”

For tickets, call the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801.



JOE MATARAZZO — Starring in the current production of “Fiddler on the Roof” is Joe Matarazzo, veteran stage performer. The Downey Civic Light Opera will continue its run of this classic musical through June 12. For ticket information, call 923-1714.

10-minute plays performed at college

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Department of Theatre will present “Take 10,” a festival of 10-minute plays written and directed by Cerritos College students, beginning June 17 at the Cerritos College Burnight Studio Theatre.

Each “Take 10” vignette addresses life’s most defining moments, such as a first date, a wedding, a divorce, a homicide and the afterlife.

Performance dates are June 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (562) 467-5058.

Vocalist Roberts back at OASIS June 6

DOWNEY—Back by popular demand, Norma Roberts will bring her one-woman show, “Happy Summer Melodies,” to the Downey Adult School’s OASIS program Monday, June 6. An accomplished guitarist, pianist, and composer with 6 produced albums, the vocalist with “a captivating style” likes to share entertaining facts about the songs she sings and bring life to the music and lyrics.

The OASIS class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn providing piano entertainment. You may purchase a dinner ticket for \$3.50. There is no enrollment fee and no pre-registration. The program is at 4 p.m., followed by the healthful full-course dinner at 5 p.m. Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend the class.

For information, call 940-6200.

Bianchi THEATRES
7770 Rosecrans Ave. @ Paramount Blvd.
Phone: (562) 630-SHOW (7469)

CINDERELLA MAN PG13	(12:30 3:50) 7:10 10:30
LORDS OF DOGTOWN PG13	(11:45 2:15 4:45) 7:15 9:45
SISTERHOOD, TRAV. PANTS PG	(10:45 1:40 4:35) 7:30 10:25
THE LONGEST YARD PG13	(10:30 1:20 4:10) 7:00 9:50
THE LONGEST YARD PG13	(11:30 2:20) 5:10 8:00 10:50
MADAGASCAR PG	(11:00 1:20 3:40) 6:00 8:20 10:40
MADAGASCAR PG	(12:00 2:20 4:40) 7:00 9:20
STAR WARS: EPISODE III PG13	(10:15 1:25 4:35) 7:45 10:55
MONSTER IN LAW PG13	(11:15 1:50 4:25) 7:00 9:35
UNLEASHED R	(11:45 2:20 4:55) 7:30 10:05
HOUSE OF WAX R	(11:15 2:05 4:55) 7:45 10:35

Krikorian theatres
www.kptmovies.com

Downey Cinema 10
8200 3rd Street
562.622.3999 ALL STADIUM SEATING

- * CINDERELLA MAN PG-13 (12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15)
- * LORDS OF DOGTOWN PG-13 (10:30, 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20)
- THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS PG (10:40, 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10)
- THE LONGEST YARD PG-13 (11:00, 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:35)
- MADAGASCAR PG (10:45, 11:40, 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:15, 5:30, 6:35, 7:45, 9:00, 10:00 (ON 2 SCREENS))
- * STAR WARS: EPISODE III PG-13 (10:30, 11:45, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30 (ON 3 SCREENS))
- MONSTER-IN-LAW PG-13 (11:10, 1:35, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50)

Times for Friday-Thursday, June 3-9, 2005
Bargain Matinee () Advance ticket sales
No Passes * www.kptmovies.com

CLASSIFIED
904-3668

SOUTHEAST ENTERTAINMENT FUN BUS

Southeast Entertainment
11838 Pomeroy Rd., Downey, CA 90241
QUALITY TOURS • TOURS FOR INDIVIDUALS

River Palms Resort & Casino Laughlin
\$79.50 p.p. (Dbl. Occ.)
Aug. 23, 24, 25, 2005
Includes: room, transportation, taxes & baggage handling & two buffets
Departing: Downey High School at 6:00 am

Flamingo Hotel & Casino Laughlin
\$17.50 p.p.
June 18 & July 9, 2005
Includes Buffet
8-Hour Turn-Around
Departing: Downey High School at 6:00 am
Back at 11:30 pm

Plaza Hotel & Casino Downtown Las Vegas
\$98.50 p.p. (Dbl. Occ.)
Jun. 28, 29, 30, 2005
Includes room, transportation, taxes & baggage handling
Departing: Downey High School at 6:00 am

TUESDAY SPECIAL
Pechanga Entertainment Center Temecula, CA
Tuesday, July 19, 2005
\$12.50 p.p.
Departing: Downey High School at 6:30 am
Back at 5:30 pm

ENTERTAINMENT FUN BUS
For Reservations or information on Other Tours
Call Alen (562) 923-1755

We are adding new business updates daily

PLEASE VISIT US Online!
Save Time and Money
"It's That Easy"

downeycoupons.com
"click N clip"

21ST ANNUAL DOWNEY GREEK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH AND SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

DELICIOUS GREEK FOOD, INCLUDING SOUVLAKIA, GYROS AND TRADITIONAL BBQ LAMB

TASTY GREEK PASTRIES, FEATURING LOUKOMADES MADE BY HAND

LIVE GREEK MUSIC

KID ZONE

FOLK DANCING BY OUR AWARD WINNING DANCE GROUPS

TOURS OF OUR 6TH CENTURY BYZANTINE STYLE SANCTUARY

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
10830 DOWNEY AVENUE
ON THE CORNER OF DOWNEY AVENUE AND LA VILLA STREET, THREE BLOCKS NORTH OF FIRESTONE BOULEVARD
SENIORS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 ADMITTED FREE
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 562.862.6461 OR VISIT WWW.STGEORGEDOWNEY.ORG
Free admission from 11AM - 4 PM • Free admission with this ad after 4 PM

ENJOYABLE AFFORDABLE

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BINGO

Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd
Early Birds 12 noon
Regular Games start 12:30
~Prizes, Suprises Galore~
Benefits Rancho patients

Downey Family YMCA
We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

SUMMER PROGRAMS
11531 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241
For more information call: (562) 862-4201

Summer Childcare
Monday– Friday 6:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m.
June 20th–Sept. 1st

Action packed week loaded with excitement. Weekly field trips, sports, hikes, arts & crafts, special events and more fill your child’s day with memorable experiences.

- Price Site - Grades K—3rd (Discovery Camp)
- West Site — Grades 4th—6th (Funseekers Camp)

Monday– Friday 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
June 20th—August 26th

- West Site—Grades 7th—10th (Teen Scene Camp)

Closed—July 4th—8th for Camp Whittle
Aug. 8th—12th for Camp High Sierra

(We accept DCFS, Gain, CHS CCFS funding)
Financial Assistants Available

Polynesian Dance Camps
Cheerleading Clinic Camps

Preschool
Monday– Friday 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Year-round program
Ages: 2 to 5 years (does not have to be potty trained)
Location: Trinity Baptist Church (8219 Florence Ave., Downey)
Direct Phone: (562) 776-9695 Branch (562) 862-4201

The Downey Family YMCA Preschool offers exciting and challenging activities for your child using the High –scope curriculum, games, music, story time, arts & crafts.

Summer Curriculum (July—August)
Monday—Kool Krafty Kids
Tuesday—Preschool Café
Wednesday—Wacky Tee-Shirt Days
Thursday—Water Adventure
Friday—Fun In The Sun
(Specialty Camps include—Basketball, Polynesian dance and Gymnastics)

(We accept DCFS, Gain, CHS CCFS funding)
Financial Assistants Available

~Specialty Camps~
Basketball Camps
Varsity Dance Camps

For more information visit the Downey YMCA

PRE-CAMP ORIENTATION MEETING: Saturday, June 4th
10:30 a.m. —12 noon at Maude Price Site 9525 Tweedy LN., Downey

Downey Kiwanis Presents
Special Guest Membership Day
Friday June 10th
Rio Hondo Country Club
Downey
7:00 am

★ ★ ★ Starring ★ ★ ★

- ★ Your Downey Kiwanis
- ★ The Mayor
- ★ Civic Leaders
- ★ Distinguished Speaker Tom Vildibill
- ★ Free Breakfast and YOU!!!

Come Find Out What Kiwanis In Action Is All About
RSVP by June 6th (800) 641-2111



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS—Ferne McCallister (bottom right) will be celebrating her 100th birthday this Sunday, June 5. Presenting her with a cake are South Gate Women's Club members Charlotte Gaston, Norma Byllesby and Naomi Nixon (left to right).

Downey resident to mark 100 years

DOWNEY—Downey resident Ferne McCallister will be celebrating her 100th birthday this Sunday, June 5.

Since moving to South Gate in 1941, McCallister has served as the president of the South Gate Republican Women's Club, president of the 50+ Fellowship, and Parliamentarian of the South Gate Women's Club. She was also an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1976. Currently, McCallister holds a lifetime membership in the Friends of the Library and is the oldest member of the South Gate Women's Club.

In honor of McCallister, a reception will be held Saturday, June 4 from 2-5 p.m. in the Social Room at the Regent Terrace, 11410 Dolan Ave. in Downey.

Historical presentation at EZRA June 21

DOWNEY—At the EZRA Center for Mature Adults' meeting Tuesday, June 21, Hal Raiklen, who is no stranger to EZRA, will make a slide presentation on "The 14th Tribe?"—the story of a Japanese young man in search of his Jewish roots, who, in the end, must decide whether he is a descendant of the Ten Lost Tribes, or of an emperor, who converted to Judaism.

A short documentary will also be shown entitled "Visas and Virtue," inspired by the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania, who saved over 2,000 Jews by issuing them transit visas through Kobe just before WWII.

For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Fall Craft Fair set for Oct. 8 at Downey High

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.

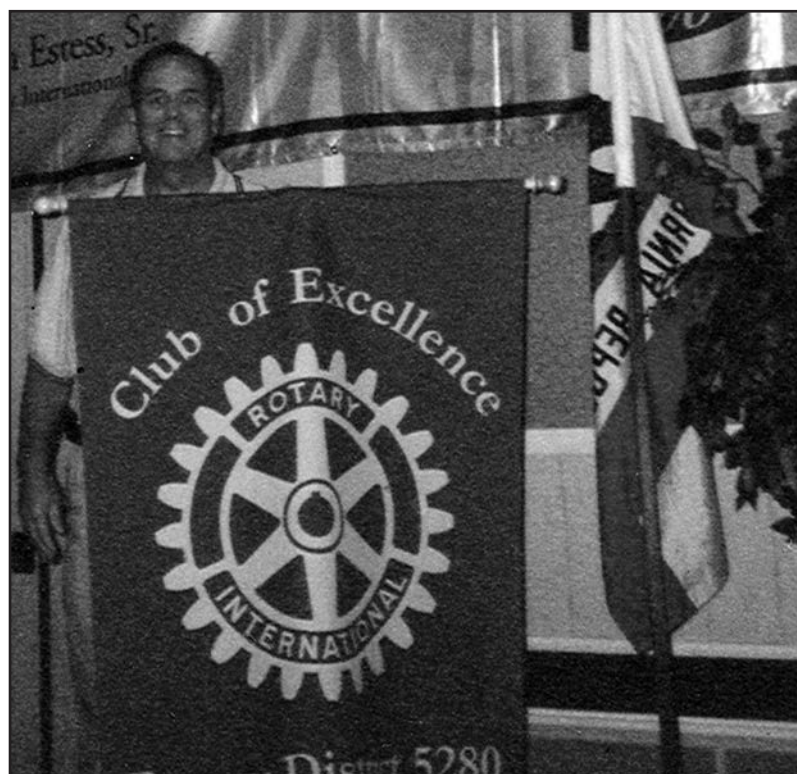
In addition to a wide array of handcrafted items, there will be coffee, snacks, raffles and door prizes. All proceeds go to the support of the TLC Center, which provides free vision, dental and health care for children of low income families who otherwise could not afford it.

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.



AT RECENT FAMILY NIGHT—Sponsored by the Downey United Masonic Lodge #220, essay contest winners Ernesto Martinez and Kristy Cahoon are congratulated by Worshipful Master Scott Morrissy for winning essay contest among local youth groups, themed "How to be a good citizen in my community." The two, along with other winner Downey DeMolay, were awarded certificates and monetary gifts. Cahoon is past honored queen of Downey Bethel 244, Job's Daughters.



DOWNEY ROTARY PRESIDENT — Doug Baker accepted the Club of Excellence Award, designating Downey Rotary as the number one club in the 5280 District. The award was presented at the District Conference in Palm Springs with 46 clubs and over 2,300 Rotarian members participating.

Lose excess pounds with Downey TOPS

DOWNEY—TOPS Downey Chapter #63 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) invites people trying to lose excess pounds to their Monday meetings from 6:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third St., in Downey. For more information, call Lou at 861-9425.



GABRIEL J. PARRA — A Downey High School junior, took first place in the 11th Grade Residential Division in the BIA model building contest held at the Almansor Court in Alhambra May 18. Parra, left, plans to compete again next year and is considering a career as an architect.

For advertising in this **DOWNEY WORSHIP DIRECTORY** CALL (562) 904-3668

Caring is our concern
Christ Lutheran Church
7707 Florence, Downey 927-4421
Rev. Nancy Hamm, Pastor
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:00AM

10711 Paramount Blvd. Downey (562) 923-1215
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP . . SUN. 8 A.M.
ESPAÑOL . . 9:30 A.M.
PRAISE SERVICE . . 11 A.M.
Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen
Rev. Ramon Contreras

When our humans are away from home, they use **PET SITTING** 'You can count on me'
Insured Bonded Licensed
(562) 699-7570
Serving Downey Since 1992

UNIVERSAL YOGA
"Yoga for beginners with Guru Yogi Ramesh 45 yrs. exp."
Yogi Ramesh
New Session from May 3rd '05 @ Downey Senior Center 15317 Paramount Blvd. Paramount, CA 90242 Call (562) 808-0804 www.universalyoga.org

WE REPAIR WHILE YOU WAIT!
ZAIN'S JEWELRY AND REPAIR
WE BUY AND SELL
• DIAMONDS • GOLD • JEWELRY
10337 LAKEWOOD BLVD (562) 862-4410

DOWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(562) 904-3668

All American HOME CENTER
(562) 927-8666
Like having an expert in the family!

GOT A BEEF ? AN OPPOSING VIEW ? WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE ?

DROP US A LETTER TO THE EDITOR....

The Downey Patriot
11525 DOWNEY AVE. SUITE A, DOWNEY 90241 FAX: (562) 904-3124
Letters may be edited for style, space and/or content

CLASSIFIED 904-3668

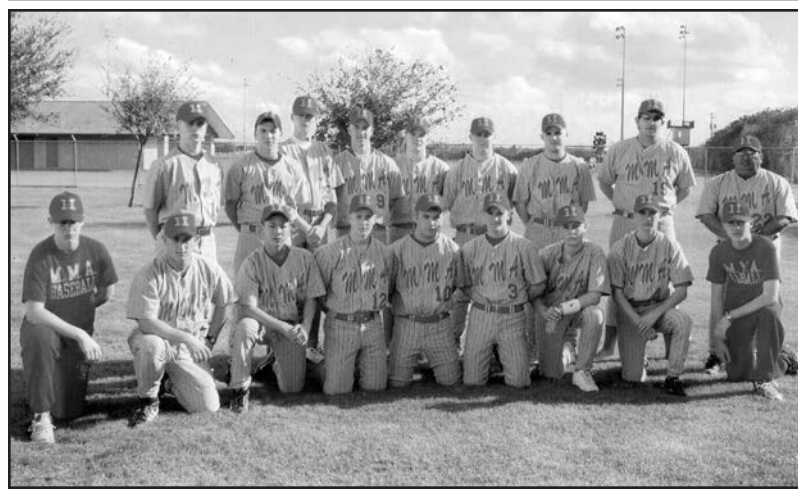
We've been here for 48 years... Isn't it time we met?

- Investment Accounts that earn MORE than bank accounts, with no hidden fees to waste ANY of the money you earn!
- FREE Checking... no minimum balance
- ATM Cards & ATM/ Visa® Debit Cards
- Competitive Loan Rates
- Full Line of Real Estate Loans
- Home Branch... for 24-hour FREE Internet banking!
- DOTTI... 24-hour telephone teller
- Extended Hours at Drive-Through Teller Window
- NCUA & ASI Deposit Insurance up to \$350,000 per account!
- Plus... Personalized Service, Convenient location, & Lots More!

To join, visit us at 8237 3rd Street, across from the Krikorian Theater; call us at (562) 862-8141; or visit our website at www.downeyfcu.org

Downey Federal Credit Union
Your Hometown Credit Union
Count On Us

* All new accounts and loans are subject to approval.



MMA CADET LANCE CPL. CAMERON NORDBAK—Of Downey is in front row, fourth from left, in this picture of the Marine Military Academy baseball team playing out of Harlingen, Texas.

Cadet named to all-district 2nd team

HARLINGEN, TX—Marine Military Academy's Cadet Lance Corporal Cameron Nordbak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nordbak of Downey, has been named to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (T.A.P.P.S.) Second Team - All District in varsity baseball.

MMA is the only private secondary academy in the world based on the customs and traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps.

New worship time at Christ Lutheran

DOWNEY—Christ Lutheran Church of Downey has announced a new worship time. Beginning Sunday, June 5, the worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. This new worship time will be joined with a new study hour which will begin at 11 a.m. beginning Sept. 25. The first and third Sunday of each month is a Traditional worship service and the second and fourth Sunday is a Praise service.

The study hour will provide: Sunday School for children 3 to 12 years old, a Youth Gathering for ages 13 to 19 years old, and an Adult Forum for all others. The first adult forum topic will be "Science and Religion" and will be co-led by Pastor Nancy Hamm and Ron Stearns.

In addition, all are welcome to attend the following community programs:

- Saturday, June 4: Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- July 25-29: Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon
- Sept. 18: Rally Day Celebration

For additional information, call or come by the church office, 7707 E. Florence Ave. in Downey, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 927-4421.

Acting, music, and dance workshop

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse offers its 21st annual Summer Youth Workshop in acting, music, and dance for youth ages 7-16 June 20 thru July 15 (no classes on July 4). Classes will be held at the Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Tuition is \$150 inclusive for the month-long session.

Enrollment is limited to 45 students. The classes have a 15 to 1 student-to-teacher ratio. Each day students will have an hour of music, an hour of dance, and an hour of acting with professional instructors.

Gregorio named 2005 'Volunteer of the Year'

DOWNEY—The Downey Coordinating Council has named Helen Gregorio of Downey its 2005 "Volunteer of the Year."

An Auxilian for 21 years at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) and currently Gift Shop assistant manager, she was selected for her "outstanding volunteer service" at DRMC. She has logged 27,500 volunteer hours.

"I'm found here a lot, in fact, I feel like a permanent fixture here," says Gregorio while in the Gift Shop. "This gets me out of the house, and it beats watching TV. Instead I'm with people and making friends."

She also keeps records for Auxilian's required health tests, provides clerical support in the hospital's Employee Health Department, and assists with special events, as she will for the June 6 DRMC Golf Classic. She recalls having served on what she terms "umpteen committees," including as the former Auxilian board's parliamentarian, ways and means director, Gift Shop director and treasurer, as well as helping with the Blood Bank and flu shot programs.

Gregorio was introduced to the hospital Auxilian in the 1980s when she volunteered with the PTA. "My friends there hounded the daylighters out of me to come to the hospital," she says.

Now in her 80s, she says, "I feel volunteering helps keep me young."



HELEN GREGORIO—Is the Downey Coordinating Council's 2005 "Volunteer of the Year."

Downey PTA set to install officers

DOWNEY—The Downey Council PTA will hold its Scholarship and Installation Program at 6:45 P.M. on Monday, June 6 at the Barbara J. Riley Neighborhood Center, 7820 Quill St.

To be honored are the Council PTA which will have its installation of officers for 2005-2006, Sally McFarland and State PTA Scholarship recipients, with guest appearances by the PTA's Sacramento Safari Students, the Sally McFarland Volunteer Winners, and The Davis Brothers.

RSVP: Annie Casey, (562) 633-5275.

'Connections' meets Thursdays

DOWNEY - Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith, president of the group, at 861-5222.

Nutrition class taught at DRMC June 8

DOWNEY—A Healthy Heart Nutrition Class will be taught on Wednesday, June 8 from 3:30—4:30 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

People who have high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend. The class is free but space is limited and registration is required by calling the DRMC Department of Education, 904-5580.

Miller Mies Mortuary

'Our Family Serving Your Family'

The price of quality funeral and cremation service is now more affordable. When you have a need for compassionate, professional assistance we guarantee the finest at the lowest rates.

So Call us... Our family is waiting to help yours.

11015 Downey Avenue, Downey
(562) 861-1274



LAURIE'S PERSONAL PET AND HOUSE SITTING SERVICE

1. In business since 1990
2. Bonded and Insured
3. Member, Downey Chamber of Commerce
4. Member, Pet Sitters International
5. We transport your pet to vet, emergency vet or groomer when needed
6. We medicate as needed
7. Care for all pets - reptiles to horses
8. We house sit (In your home as needed)
9. Time during the day with your pet as needed
10. We work inside and out, bring in newspaper and mail, open and shut blinds, turn lights off & on.

CALL ME AT
(562)
927-7519
OR
CELL PHONE
(562)
505-4089

Great Care. Expect It.



Looking for a great doctor?

At Talbert Medical Group, you'll find the perfect physician for you. We offer primary care and many on-site specialties, including pediatrics, OB/GYN, and care for seniors. For your convenience, we provide same-day appointments and walk-in after-hours care on evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Our doctors really care about patients and listen to their concerns. It's no wonder we're a leader in patient satisfaction. At Talbert Medical Group our patients expect great care—and they get it.

For an appointment or our free physician guide, call 1-866-5-TALBERT or visit us at www.talbertmedical.com.



Nine Convenient Locations to Serve You:

Anaheim | Compton | Downey | Fountain Valley | Huntington Beach | Long Beach | Long Beach Plaza | Santa Ana | Tustin

Turn in old and unused cell phones

DOWNEY – Downey Curves at 9430 Firestone Blvd. and 16000 Paramount Blvd. have signed on to host cell phone drives, where idle or inactive phones may be dropped off for disposal. The drive benefits Southern California Rehabilitation Services (SCRS).

Phones may be dropped off at both of the Curves locations or at SCRS offices at 7830 Quill Drive, Suite D. For more information call Judy Logan at 862-6531, ext. 15.

THE DRIFTERS ARE COMING TO DOWNEY!

IT'S JUST GOOD BUSINESS!



Join The **DOWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
(562) 923-2191

Services held May 28 for Marvyl L. Thompson

DOWNEY—Services were held on May 28 at the Calvary Chapel in Downey for longtime resident Marvyl Lenora Thompson, who was born in Rutland, North Dakota to Martin and Anna Kloven and died in Downey May 21 at the age of 82.

She is survived by daughter Dana (Jorge); son Robert (Celia); and grandchildren, Andrew and George (from Dana and Jorge), and Jason, Vanessa, Marcus and Marisa (from Robert and Celia).

A procession from Calvary Chapel to Park Lawn Memorial Park preceded interment. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handled arrangements.

Michael Puch interred at All Souls Cemetery

DOWNEY—Services were held June 1 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey for Michael Puch, who was born in Cudahy March 10, 1928 to Dominic and Theresa Puch and died on May 27. He was 77.

An armored car driver for 32 years, he was also an artist, spending his spare time making birdhouses. He also collected clocks.

He is survived by wife Lila, son Donald and eldest grandson Michael; daughter Linda and her husband Mike, and their children, Madison and Gillian; his youngest daughter Lisa, her husband Mike and their son Christopher; and great grandchild Jaden; his brother William; and his sisters Rose, Lucille, Marnie and Barbara.

Interment was at All Souls Cemetery, with Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handling arrangements.

Cancer support group at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday at 4 p.m. Call 806-2790 for information.



HAROLD TREDWAY – Passed away at the age of 86.

Harold Tredway had served on school board

DOWNEY – Harold Tredway, the founding partner of Tredway, Lumsdane and Doyle Law Offices and past board member of the Downey Unified School District, died May 26 of an acute illness. He was 86.

Tredway had been a Downey resident since 1953. He was active in many local organizations, including Downey Rotary, the Masons, and Downey United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Downey Unified School Board and served as a trustee of the Cerritos College Board for 26 years.

Born February 19, 1919 in Oxford, Kansas, he was preceded in death by Helen, his wife of 60 years. He is survived by his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandsons.

Funeral services were held May 31 with arrangements by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

A New Health Plan for Small Business

BC Life & Health Insurance Company introduces the PPO \$35 Copay GenRx Plan, the first generic prescription plan of its kind. This new health plan offers the same quality as brand name drug coverage but at a lower overall premium. It's designed for groups that want comprehensive PPO coverage at a low price. With a \$35 Copay GenRx Plan, relief from high premiums is on the way.

For more information, call your local Authorized Independent Agent.

CALIFORNIA WELL BEING INSURANCE AGENCY L.L.C.
Expert Knowledge. World-Class Customer Service.



JERRY WETZSTEIN
Authorized Independent Agent
Serving California over 20 years. Expert Knowledge. World-Class Service.



562-869-5323
for a FREE QUOTE
CA Insurance Lic.#0642830
Located in the City of Downey.
Serving California Businesses
and Residents for over 20 years.

BC Life & Health Insurance Company (BCL&H) is an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross Association (BCA). The Blue Cross name and symbol are registered service marks of the BCA. © 2004 BCL&H. Policy form #T159. CAN70



STAY FIT

- 1 on 1 Personal Training
- Weight Management Program
- Fitness Consulting
- Instructional Exercise

For Appt. Call (562) 618-4164
Erwin Clamor
Certified Personal Trainer

Prime Time Fitness 8029 Florence Ave.

DOWNEY PLUMBING, HEATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING (562) 861-1234

- Air Conditioning
- Drains and Sewers Cleaned
- Copper Re-piping
- Furnaces
- Hydrojetting
- Water Heaters
- Water Piping
- Leak Detections
- Water Softeners
- Disposals
- Bath Remodeling

State Contractor Lic. #731172

Senior Discounts
\$10 OFF ALL REPAIRS

BULLETIN BOARD

MAYTAG
Genuine Factory Parts Distribution

To Order, please call
Consumer Direct Sales
toll free at
1-877-232-6771.

8724 Garfield Ave., Suite 101
South Gate
LE CHEF (562) 776-6067

Quality Dining & Full Bar
Lunch & Dinner Entrees
From \$12 to \$16
Including soup or salad

Formerly Le Chef in Downey
Across from Edwards Cinema

Dependability. It's the promise Maytag® has made to its customers for nearly a century, and the commitment we'll make to you as an employee of Maytag Services. To join the dependability team, contact:

Maytag Services Staffing
403 West Fourth St. N.
Newton, IA 50208

Employment Line
1-888-388-2470
Career Center
www.careers.maytag.com

www.maytag.com
Maytag Services is an equal opportunity employer M/F/D/V.

Hoffner Plumbing, Inc.
Serving this neighborhood for over 30 years
• SERVICE • REPAIR •

Free Estimates
(562) 803-5406 or (800) 400-5145

Drain & sewer cleaning, water heaters, copper re-pipes, heating & toilet repairs

Lic. # 301474 **10% OFF** with this coupon (after price has been quoted)

Gourmet Restaurant Cafe 8250 Firestone Blvd.
(562) 923-2812

\$4.99 Steak & Eggs
Top Sirloin, Two Eggs Cooked to Order, Hash Browns, & Toast

All Day Expires 6/17/05

Peloon 10822 LAKEWOOD BLVD.,
DOWNEY • 862-0223
"Best Prime Rib in Town"

Your choice of any item on the Dinner or Pasta section of our menu. valid only with purchase of two beverages 2 coupons per table • No take-out

BUY ONE DINNER AT REGULAR PRICE GET ONE DINNER FREE!
of equal value or less (with coupon only)

Offer Good through 6-16-05 Not good with any other offer

DON'T DO WINDOWS? WE DO! - FREE ESTIMATES

21 YEARS IN DOWNEY

WINDOW CLEANING • MINI-BLIND CLEANING
T.B.M. Co. ~ Downey's Most Trusted

~We also do OFFICE CLEANING~
30% Discount with Coupon
(562) 928-9250

CANDY BOUQUETS
(a delicious alternative to flowers)
ideal GIFT for GRADS & DADS

We also carry:
• Gourmet Gift Baskets & Novelties
• Fresh Fudge, Gourmet Popcorns

Fun to Give Fun to Receive Fun to Eat
We deliver locally & ship anywhere in US

8644 Florence Avenue
Downey, CA 90240
Phone: 562-923-2736
Fax: 562-806-2327
http://3330.candybouquet.com

McKinnon & Sons
Lic. # 759646

Full Service Plumbing
Same Day Service
562-904-3616

10% Off With Ad (max. \$25.00 value)
Senior Citizen Discount • Available 24 Hours

THE **DOWNEY GRAFFITI HOTLINE NUMBER**

923-4484
Report graffiti or persons performing the act to this number.

Curves
The power to amaze yourself.®

Join Now **2 for 1**
*split service fee with friend

562-803-3630 Firestone & Woodruff
562-869-5055 Imperial & Garfield

Or take 50% off the service fee.
curvesinternational.com

JOIN THE DOWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(562) **923-2191**



DAVID ROBLES — Has joined the Century 21 My Real Estate staff. He has been working with the Department of Social Services and a supervisor for Fire Help Services. He holds an AA Degree from Cerritos College and currently attends CSU-Fullerton, where he is studying Interpersonal Relations, Doctrinal Classes, Ministries and Church Services. To reach Robles, call 927-2626.

Home buying and selling seminar June 11

DOWNEY — A free home buying and selling seminar, sponsored by Countrywide Home Mortgage, will be presented June 11 at the offices of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate.

Home buyers can learn how to find the right home and the advantages of buying investment properties. Sellers can obtain a detailed market analysis of their property and a marketing plan to get their home sold. Financing options will also be discussed.

Sole Gutierrez, Realtor/notary, and Hector Perez, Realtor/appraiser, will conduct the no-obligation seminar, which runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Call Sole at (562) 382-1248 for more information.

"Prestigious Stonewood Townhouse"



Open House Sun. 6/5 12:00 - 4:30
 9712 Karmont Ave. So. Gate
 So. of Stewart & Gray Rd.
 West of Old River School Rd.
 This immaculate Townhouse features 2 bed (master upstairs - 2nd downstairs) 2 bath, lrg. living room w/ vaulted ceiling, formal dining area, central A/C & heat, new windows, private covered patio, access to 2 car garage plus community pool in beautiful park like grounds. \$390,000.

Tamara Wendt Kardashian
 Wendt Realty
 (562) 743-7355

Red Carpet Heritage Realty

(562) 618-0391

Pool Time
 Just in time for summer!
 This sparkling pool is 15 x 35. House has 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, and a fireplace. Large Guesthouse has fireplace and 3/4 Bath. You must see this!

BLANCA PACHECO
 Attorney At Law / Broker / Notary
 Hablo Español

AVOID PROBATE
 Call Blanca If You Think That a Living Trust Might Be Right For You and Your Family!
562.244.3664

YOUR HOMETOWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER
The Downey Patriot
ADVERTISING DEADLINES

DISPLAY ADVERTISING
 DEADLINE AT 3 P.M.
 ON MONDAY
 FOR THAT FRIDAY'S PAPER

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
 DEADLINE AT 11 A.M.
 ON WEDNESDAY
 FOR THAT FRIDAY'S PAPER

FOR ADVERTISING RATES CALL
(562) 904-3668

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

'Packages of Gratitude' meeting topic

DOWNEY—The public is invited to the Citizens for Downey breakfast meeting Wednesday, June 8 at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

Mary Ann Cordoba, founder of "Packages of Gratitude," will speak about the patriotic program and its successes. The program gives support to our troops, as individuals, that are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Falling between Memorial Day and Independence Day, her message should be most timely.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

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

WHERE IN THE WORLD

CAN YOU FIND THAT "PERFECT" DOWNEY DREAM HOME YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED ?

EVERY FRIDAY IN THE REAL ESTATE SECTION OF YOUR HOMETOWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

CAROL PEARCE
 (562) 622-1425 * (562) 254-0591
#1 INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE
 A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE... A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

CPA

"Remember it costs no more to have the very best professional Real Estate representation!!!"

JUST LISTED

Central Downey location with 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, 2 fireplaces, newly carpeted, family room plus separate dining area and hardwood floors. Over 1,700 sqft of living space and situated on a 6,000 sqft lot. Private and quiet cul-de-sac location. Asking \$625,000 then see today!

NEW FOR SPRING

Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home with almost 1,700 sq. ft. of living space. Family kitchen plus separate formal dining room. Living room with used brick fireplace and vaulted ceilings. Very well maintained front and back yard situated on an 8,000 sq. ft. lot. All this and more for \$695,000. Call Carol today for the best deal!

JUST LISTED

Remodeled with new windows, tile flooring, and in move in condition with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and 700 sq. ft. of living space. Asking \$429,000 hurry to see at this great price!

NEW LISTING

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home with over 1,100 sq. ft. of living space. Perfect for the first time home buyer. Asking \$485,000. Locked in one of SFS. Very best area listed at \$485,000. Call Carol today.

NORTHEAST DOWNEY

Located in the heart of northeast Downey on a 10,875 sq. ft. lot. This custom home has 1,743 sq. ft. of living space with 3 bed and 1 3/4 bath. The parklike back yard has a huge pool plus spa and fireplace. Perfect for the growing family with space to expand. all this and more at \$895,000! Call Carol today for a private showing.



JAIME CARANZA – Is the instructor of a new “Live” Real Estate Principles Course being offered collectively through Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate and Downey Adult School. Classes begin June 9 and cost \$199, which includes a text book, live classes and a two-day weekend crash course just prior to the state exam. Call 940-6200 or 861-7257 to register.

‘Ancient Egypt’ topic at EZRA meeting

DOWNEY—The 10 a.m.-12 noon program at the EZRA Center for Mature Adults’ meeting Tuesday, June 7 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be devoted to “Egypt Revisited,” as EZRA member Carl Greenwood asks the audience to step back in time to ancient Egypt to visit the Valley of the Kings and the age of Tutankhamen.

Greenwood will explore the “mysterious past and the beauty of antiquity that continue to fascinate the modern world” through a slide presentation.

A second speaker, from the Bowers Museum, will discuss the exhibition, “Mummies,” currently on loan to them from the British Museum in London.

Registration, coffee/tea and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m., and a catered Kosher luncheon will be served after the program. The community is welcome. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



DOWNEY DOLPHINS — Swim meets begin Tuesday, June 7 and run through July 29 at the Downey Community Aquatics Center at Downey High School. USA Swimming coaches Federico Ricketts and Rafael Rosero will instruct on freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke techniques. Swimmers must be at least 5 years old and able to swim 25 yards without stopping and without assistance. The program costs \$180, which includes coaching, membership in USA Swimming, Downey Dolphins swim cap and T-shirt and a last-day celebration and certificate of achievement. To register, call Ellen Whalen at 862-1948.

Ask the Contractors...

Experts answer home improvement questions

By Larry Booth

Chair, California Contractors State License Board

SACRAMENTO—Do you have questions about hiring and managing building contractors? The California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) has answers. For more information, or to check out a contractor’s license, bond and workers’ compensation insurance information, visit the CSLB Web site at www.cslb.ca.gov.

Q: Is it against the law for a homeowner to hire an unlicensed contractor?

A: It is not against the law for a homeowner to hire an unlicensed contractor, just dangerous. If the unlicensed contractor or one of his or her workers is hurt while on your property, you could be held liable. Homeowners can also face liens on their property if an unlicensed contractor fails to pay a subcontractor or materials suppliers. And, homeowners have few remedies if something goes wrong with a job done by an unlicensed contractor. If you have a problem with a licensed contractor, the CSLB can mediate and help both sides reach a solution. If warranted, the CSLB can discipline a licensed contractor and seek relief for the homeowner. When dealing with an unlicensed contractor, a homeowner’s best hope is usually filing a lawsuit in civil court. Licensed contractors are required to have liability insurance, workers’ compensation insurance and cash reserves. This helps protect homeowners. Licensed contractors have also proven they have the skills, knowledge and experience to do the job. According to state law, contractors taking jobs valued at \$500 or more, including labor and materials, must be licensed. Although it’s not illegal to hire an unlicensed contractor, it is illegal for a contractor to take these jobs without a license.

Q: What is a mechanic’s lien?

A: When you hire a contractor to do work at your home he or she typically hires laborers and subcontractors to do some of the work, and purchases materials from materials suppliers. If the contractor, subcontractors, workers or suppliers who provide goods or services to improve your property aren’t paid, they can file what is called a mechanic’s lien on your home. A mechanic’s lien is a “hold” against your property that, if unpaid, allows a foreclosure action, forcing the sale of your home. The unpaid contractor, subcontractor or supplier records it with the County Recorder’s office. It means that any of these unpaid entities can claim a lien against the property until they are paid. Most problems occur when the homeowner pays the prime contractor for all or some of the work, but the prime contractor fails to pay the laborers, subcontractors and materials suppliers. You can protect yourself from liens by carefully selecting your contractor and responsibly managing your construction project. Follow these tips:

*Hire only licensed contractors and check the contractor’s license status on CSLB’s Web site at www.cslb.ca.gov

*Make sure your contractor hires only licensed subcontractors, and check their licenses, too

*Check with your local courthouse to see if the prime contractor has a history of litigation

*Get your prime contractor to give you a list of all subcontractors, laborers, and materials suppliers they will be using

*Check with those suppliers and workers about the prime contractor’s payment history

*Make sure your written contract includes a schedule that demonstrates when specific construction activities will start and end (such as the framing, sheetrock work, or painting), and the projected payments tied to the contract price of these activities

*Write payment checks to both the prime contractor and the materials supplier and only pay after the materials are delivered

Q: All the contractors I have called are too busy to take my job. Where can I find a good contractor who will take my job?

A: California’s construction business is booming, and it can be frustrating trying to find a good contractor who’s available. However, persistence does pay off. Try as many sources as you can, including local telephone directories, friends and neighbors, local builders’ exchanges (look in the phone book), trade associations, the Better Business Bureau, newspaper and magazine ads and the Internet. No matter where you find a contractor, use the same careful screening process. Just because a contractor has a large ad or is a member of the Better Business Bureau, doesn’t mean you don’t need to thoroughly check references and past work. Even after all this you may still need to wait for the contractor to start work. Good contractors are in demand. But, in the long run, you’ll be glad you waited. For more information, download CSLB’s free publication, “Finding the right contractor: Where to start,” at www.cslb.ca.gov.

Help-U-Sell
REAL ESTATE

Sell Your Home
From **\$4,950*** set fee and **SAVE THOUSANDS**

3 Ways to Sell and Save! The Ulloa Family-Downey **SAVED \$22,950**

Help-U-Sell of Downey
562-904-9008
Visit & search the MLS
www.helpusell.com/downey
www.jessemoreno.com

Full Service From **2.5%**

FREE Home Selling & Buying Seminar!!

Home Sellers	Home Buyers	Financing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Obtain the best value for your home ✓ Marketing plan to sell your home ✓ Listing process for a successful sale ✓ Moving up or buying down ✓ Free detailed market analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The power to purchase ✓ How to find your home ✓ Team Involved ✓ How to Buy Investment Properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Financial options for you purchase to best suit your financial needs ✓ Equity lines ✓ Refinancing - how can you benefit ✓ How to use your equity to invest

When: Saturday, June 11, 2005
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate Training Center
8635 Florence Ave. Ste 201
Downey, Ca 90240

Limited Seating!
Reserve a Space with Sole at: 562-382-1248

Sponsored By: **Countrywide Home Loans** Miguel Esquitin, Rosalie Warfield, and Frank Garcia with the Whittier Office

Sole Gutierrez
 Realtor/ Notary
 562-659-5891

Hector Perez
 Realtor/ Appraiser
 626-926-4838

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOURCE FOR EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF DOWNEY NEWS

The Downey Patriot

25,000 WEEKLY CIRCULATION EVERY FRIDAY ... YOUR HOMETOWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER!

Planning to sell your home?
How much is it worth?
Find Out Free at:
HouseValues.com
www.HouseValues.com

CLASSIFIED
904-3668

FOR TOP DOLLAR \$\$
List with Lee

GUARANTEED \$2,500 to YOU!
If I Don't Sell Your Home
within 15 Days at FULL MARKET Value!

Lee Brooks
Broker - Notary

CALL ME TODAY!
562.618.9065

"I'M SERIOUS ABOUT SELLING YOUR HOME."

COLDWELL BANKER
EXPECT more OLYMPIC



Real Estate By Rina & Assoc.

Presents: Rina Villeda

Exceptional Homes... Exceptional Service!

Experience, Knowledge & Integrity!

Over 19 Years Servicing Downey and Surrounding Cities

(562) 716-9807

Rina Villeda

**Sells Downey's Most Prestigious Homes!
Call Today for a Private Showing of These
Lovely Homes or a FREE Market Analysis!**



**Luxurious Northeast Downey Custom Built in 2005
Located in the Most Prestigious Area of Downey!**

2 Story, 6 Bedrooms, 6.5 Baths, Large Family Room w/Fireplace & Wet Bar. Gourmet Kitchen. w/Stainless Steel Appliances & Island. Office, Pool, Spa & Patio. Granite, Marble, Wood, Travertine. Living Area Approximately 6,400 Sq. Ft. Lot size 10,150 Sq. Ft.

ASKING PRICE \$2,197,777



**Luxurious Northeast Downey Custom Built in 2005
Located in the Most Prestigious Area of Downey!**

2 Story, 6 Bedrooms, 7.5 Baths, Large Family Room w/Fireplace & Wet Bar. Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Appliances & Island. Office, Study, Pool, Spa & Patio. Granite, Marble, Wood, Travertine. Living Area Approximately 7,186 Sq. Ft. Lot size 10,260 Sq. Ft.

ASKING PRICE \$2,197,777



**Luxurious North Downey Home
Custom Built in 2004**

2 Story, 5 Bedrooms, 5 Baths, Large Family Room w/Fireplace. Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Appliances, Island w/Sink. 2 Fireplaces, Swimming Pool, BBQ, & Patio. Living Area Approximately 4,100 Sq. Ft. Lot Size 7,379 Sq. Ft.

ASKING PRICE \$1,587,777



**North Downey
Custom Built in 1992 -- Remodeled Like New in 2004**

2 Story, 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Large Family Room w/Fireplace & Wet Bar. Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Appliances, Island w/Sink and 2 Wine Coolers, Maple Wood Cabinets, & Eating Area. 4 Fireplaces. Pool, BBQ, & Patio. Living Area Approximately 4,025 Sq. Ft.

ASKING PRICE \$1,277,777



**NORTHEAST DOWNEY
VALUE IS IN THE LAND
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!
EXTRA LARGE LOT, APPROXIMATELY 12,000 SQ. FT.**

ASKING PRICE \$1,047,777



Custom Built Beauty in Year 2003

2 Master Suites on 2nd Floor, One Master/Guest Room on 1st Floor. Total of 4 Bedrooms, 5 Baths. Double Door Entrance to Foyer. Extensive Use of Marble Floors. Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Viking 6-Burner Stove & Appliances, Granite, & Island. Formal Dining Room. Family Room w/Dining Area. Living Area Approximately 3,510 Sq. Ft.

ASKING PRICE \$887,777

ABOVE INFORMATION DEEMED RELIABLE, BUT NOT GUARANTEED. BUYER TO VERIFY.

ANIMALS/PETS

NEED HOME
For "Sam", M. Golden Retriever. 4-5 yrs. old.
(562) 862-3786

AID-CITIES ESCROW
"Complete Escrow Service"
• Sales • Refinances
• Commercial
• Business Opportunity
8136 2nd Street, Downey
Bus: 904-3151 Fax: 861-2251

COLIN'S CORNER
By Colin Clarke
Inspection Selection!

Imagine you've found a great new home and made your Offer To Purchase. What sort of guarantee do you have that what you see is what you'll get? These days, most real estate contracts allow inclusion of satisfactory professional inspections as a requirement for completing the purchase. You wouldn't select a doctor by opening the Yellow Pages and blindly pointing to a listing, and you shouldn't be uninformed in your choice of home inspector, either. After all, this is a huge purchase, and you shouldn't place your trust in just anybody's hands. The real estate agent will be able to recommend reliable local inspectors, but you're still faced with making the choice. What are some questions to ask? Ask about the inspector's experience in construction or building maintenance as it relates to his or her qualifications. Don't be afraid to request a sample report, so you can judge if the job will be done in a thorough and detailed fashion. Also ask for references - and call them! This is an excellent method of verifying the quality you can expect. Finally, understand that even the best inspectors experience oversights, so kindly ask about their policy in such cases, and to what degree they are liable. Remember that no home is perfect, but be sure that you don't get any nasty surprises after you've completed your purchase!

I'll be pleased to help you with any of your real estate needs.
Call Colin
(562) 904-6652
Century 21
Jervis & Associates

PERSONALS

ST. JUDE NOVENA
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.
Thank you for granting my petition. K.T

WANTED TO RENT

1 OR 2 BED HOUSE
Call after 5 PM
(562) 861-6028

CLASSIFIED
904-3668

AUTO SALE

1998 MAZDA 626
A/C, overhauled transmission \$4,300 OBO. Mike
(562) 923-7758

1989 TOYOTA CRESSIDA
Needs transmission work. Sell \$900.
(562) 923-7758

CLASSES

REAL ESTATE LICENSE TRAINING
Live Sessions. \$199 reimbursed. Call Darlene.
Century 21 My Real Estate
(800) 641-2111 ext. 119

FOR SALE

OFFICE FURNITURE
Large conference table, oak desks & credenza, computer tables & book cases.
(562) 776-1979

FOR RENT

2 BED, 2 BATH
D/W, F/P, 2 car parking, W/D incl. avail. 7-1, \$1,200.
John (310) 901-6971

SINGLE PERSON
New stove, new refrigerator, carpet, blind - all utilities included \$725. Apply at 9303 Alondra Blvd., Bellflower
(562) 869-4710

1 BED
New kitchen, new drapes, gas, water included \$775. See Joan - 11540 Imperial Hwy.
(562) 863-6599

EMPLOYMENT

SECRETARIAL HELP NEEDED
Applicant must have fire casualty & life ins. license. Must have previous receptionist experience or willing to train, hours 8:45 AM - 5:15 PM - Call before applying Farmers Insurance, 8737 Firestone Blvd., Downey.
(562) 923-8118

GARAGE SALE

YARD SALE
Fri. & Sat. June 3 & 4
8 AM to 1 PM.
8542 Luxor

ESTATE SALE MULTI FAMILY
FRI., SAT. JUNE 3 & 4
Furn., antiques, household items, tools, craft items, men & womens clothes & a lot more!
8800 Block of Tweedy Lane x St. Paramount - Gallatin

FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM
Downey quiet, gated. Gas included.
(562) 861-8615

SPACIOUS 2 BED APT.
Gated, quiet. Gas, carport included.
(562) 861-7457

DOWNEY
Front owner's unit. Must see. 3 bed, 2 bath, in unit laundry. Lots of room. Hurry won't last. \$1,595 mo. No Section 8. AMCAP (562) 861-8906

BROOKSHIRE MANOR DOWNEY
Senior 55+ view condo \$925 mo. + dep., gated comm., lounge, rec. rm., pool, spa, courtyard, new paint, carpet, vinyl & appliances. Show appt. only - ask for Gordon.
Cell (650) 722-2116
(760) 200-8856

*** JUST FOR U ***
Lrg. 2 bed \$1,150, 1 bed \$890, A/C, fan, vtrcls., pool, lndy.
(562) 923-8400

OFFICE FOR LEASE

PRIME DOWNEY LOCATION
Office space available for lease in the prestigious "Wendt Building" located at 10810 Paramount Blvd. 1,100 sq. ft. suite w/private parking. Call for details. Wendt Realty.
(562) 861-1241

SERVICES

CARPET, LINO. & LAMINATE
Serving Downey since 1968. 12142 Woodruff Ave. LIC# 421455. Call Kent
(562) 401-1177

MIKE THE ELECTRICIAN
Recessed lighting, remodel home and office, service upgrade 120-600 volts. FREE NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE. Lic. #829705
(562) 861-4266

SUPERB PAINTING
Exterior, Interior, senior discounts, differences, dependable & reliable. Free estimates. Lic. #634063. Wayne.
(562) 863-5478

ARMAS PATCHING
Exterior & interior plaster patching, matching all stucco textures. Very clean. 25 years exp. No patch too small. Free estimates. Ask for Ray Armas
(562) 923-8227

HONEST HANDYMAN
Painting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry. References furnished. Call Jim.
(562) 869-0741

SCREEN DOOR SALE
Front & back doors: white, bronze & silver color. Promos \$20, Expandos \$25, Honeycombs \$30, Heavy duty \$40, sliding screen doors \$25+.
8400 Rosemead Blvd., P.R.
(562) 949-7171

QUALITY CLEANING
Houses, apts., office & move out. Excellent work, ref. Lic. & Bonded. Call Rita.
Cell (562) 213-5071
(562) 291-3574

ACTION IS HIRING!

Action Realty & Investments

ATTENTION!
Action Realty is Hiring New and Experienced Agents!
Please Contact
Guillermina or Carlos for a Private Interview!
562~928~8500

SOLD

Sign On! www.DaleJervis.com

Your link to Downey's Top Producing CENTURY 21® Realtor and all available homes throughout Downey.

RE/MAX Online **OUTSTANDING AGENTS! OUTSTANDING RESULTS!** **562-904-8844** **www.onlinerealty.us**

 <p>NEW LISTING-LONG BEACH Beautiful spacious home in prime residential neighborhood features 3 bedrooms w/ 1 bath, living room/dining room and a breakfast nook. For more details call today before its too late. Monica & Marcy (562) 572-1197</p>	 <p>HOME WITH A VIEW Great location minutes from downtown Los Angeles. This 2 bedroom & 1 bath home comes with a 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest house. A spacious lot is perfect for expansion to build your dream house. City view and lights view makes this a GREAT INVESTMENT! Call Now. Luis Guevara (562) 806-2460</p>	 <p>COMMERCIAL BUILDING 2 units Mix use commercial/residential building is in MOVE IN CONDITION. Asking \$385,000. Call today for more information. Jose Cabrera (800) 527-7788</p>	 <p>COZY CONDO-BELL GARDENS Excellent price for top unit w/ 2 bedroom and 1 bath. Attached 2 car garage. Call today for an appointment. Se habla espanol. Luther Sanchez (562) 755-9387</p>
 <p>HUGE LOT! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath (bonus bath), hardwood floors & new kitchen cabinets. 946 sq. ft. of living space built on 8,670 sq. ft. lot. Room to build and expand! Call Luis for more information. Luis Martinez (562) 261-1922 www.luismartinez.net</p>	 <p>VACANT LAND IN PALMDALE Residential Triangular Shape Lot is 12,197 sq. ft. offered at \$25,000. Avenue T8 Palmdale APN: 3062-030-027. For more information and details call today. Jose or Dene Cabrera (800) 527-7788</p>	 <p>PERFECT FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS This beautiful house features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, bonus room & a wet bar. Near freeways shopping and schools. Call today for the best deal. Marcy & Monica (562) 231-1269 or 1270</p>	 <p>HOME WITH A POOL Beautiful 3 bd & 3 ba home in Huntington Park features a large backyard w/ a gorgeous swimming pool surrounded by fruit trees. Hardwood floors throughout, a bonus room (w/ permit) & a nice patio/ B.B.Q. area. Call for a private showing. Jose Barrios (323) 365-6188</p>
 <p>CAROLINA'S HOUSE I have the Keys to your house!!! Renting is like throwing your money away!! My 28 years as a home owner and a business owner can help you own your dream house. Call me today for an appointment and STOP THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY! Se habla Espanol. Carolina Salazar (323) 788-0109</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL HOME This 3 br, 2 ba home opens up to an exquisite Cathedral ceiling. Accented w/ a lovely oatmeal colored carpet w/ 1,548 sq. ft. of living space on 7,475 sq. ft. lot. Central Air/Heat provides added comfort and a manicured lawn completes this fine house. Call Minnie for a private tour. Minnie Gaspar (562) 261-1926</p>	 <p>REMODELED IN 2002 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a step down family room. Master bedroom w/ own bath. Tile and laminated flooring throughout. In-ground vinyl pool (looks great) Priced at \$539,900. Freddie Diaz (562) 261-2809</p>	 <p>CHARMING TORRENCE HOME 3 bedroom, 2 ba, family room, French windows, ceramic tiles, built in appliances, new stucco, newly painted in and out. Quiet area on a cul-de-sac. Angel Morales (562) 754-5554</p>

IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BUYING OR SELLING, WE'RE YOUR COMPANY!

BUYERS:

- ★ FREE LOAN QUALIFICATION
- ★ FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR IN SEEKING YOUR NEW HOME
- ★ GET INFORMATION ON DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COSTS

SELLERS:

- ★ SEE WHAT YOUR HOME IS WORTH WITH A "FREE" MARKET EVALUATION
- ★ "FREE" HOME PROTECTION POLICY WHEN YOU LIST YOUR HOME WITH US
- ★ FIND OUT WHAT YOUR NET PROCEEDS WILL BE AFTER ALL YOUR EXPENSES

CALL US TODAY...

(562) 923-5507



HOME AND INVESTMENT
11600 PARAMOUNT BLVD.
DOWNEY SUITE A

VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE: www.C21HI.com

RED CARPET HERITAGE REALTY



Charming Spanish Style Home

Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath, office home. Traditional Spanish tiled roof, arched veranda, and creche. Remodeled bath & kitchen. Freshly painted inside & out - new carpets & ceiling fans. Nothing to do but move-in! Located near schools, churches, transportation, restaurants, & entertainment. **Asking \$639,000.**

For further information or private viewing, please call
Red Carpet Heritage Realty
(562) 923-5401

All listings can be found at www.downeyrealestate.com

"The Brother & Sister Team"



Dumont - Downey Beauty 3 bdrm 2 bth
1600 sq. ft. on a
6000 sq. ft. lot.
several upgrades
through out. Priced
at \$549,900.



Cedartree - Great Downey home 3bdrm.
2 bth. conveniently
located to schools
freeways and all of
your shopping needs.
Priced at \$589,000.



Brook Park - Great opportunity for first time home buyers. 3 bdrm
1 bth. must see to appreciate call us for an appointment to see it
today. Priced at \$499,000.



Julian & Wendy

"The Brother & Sister Team"

562.776.2599

562.964.0833

Escrow Depot, Inc.
(562) 776-2550



COLDWELL BANKER

Coldwell Banker 1st Class Realty
7825 E. Florence Ave, Ste. A
Downey, CA 90240



Finishing Touches Zone

Beautiful custom touches highlight this 2-Bedroom, 1.5-Bath condo. Kitchen with huge eating area, Birchwood cabinets, maple hardwood floors in living room, ceramic & tile counters and floors, huge upstairs bedroom. Call Fred Herndon

(562) 500-1975



Mi Casa - Su Casa

A taste of Spanish flair in this North Downey home. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Master Suite, family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, formal living room & dining room, built-in BBQ on Patio.

(562) 927-2626



Soak Those Tired Muscles

Master Bedroom has a hot tub, also 2 other Bedrooms, family room, formal dining room, bonus room, beautiful backyard to enjoy.

(562) 927-2626



Orange Juice & Cinnamon Rolls

Enjoy yummy morning starts at this breakfast area. Enjoy 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, formal dining room & living room, family room, huge backyard with nice patio area.

(562) 927-2626

A Firm Foundation Built on Proven Success.

CENTURY 21
The Most Recognized Name In Real Estate

CENTURY 21 My Real Estate
The Most Recognized & Trusted Name In Downey and The surrounding areas for 28 years

Downey's Large Business of the Year 2004-2005
Downey's Real Estate Office of The Year 2004-2005
Presidents Quality Service Award 2004-2005

100 Associates and Management
Team knowledgeable in the real estate profession.

Recognizing Diversity in Our Community, we offer multi-lingual agents for your convenience.

Where Quality Service
THE WOW CLUB 2005
IS AN ATTITUDE

Associate Report Cards

- "I am so happy with my realtor associate **Micheal Berry**. Micheal did a wonderful job. He worked really hard." -- Michelle Parque
- "**Frank Foster** did a great job. I will be using **Frank** on my next purchase to help me find the right company, the right home." -- Frank Cheeks
- "Straight to the point: my listing agent **Daniel Bugarin** did an excellent job!" -- Mercedes Diaz

APPLAUSE AWARDS

April 2005

TOP Listing Associate



Maria Trevino Cibrian
(562) 746-8832

TOP Sales Associate



Edwin & Adriana Huber
(562) 419-4942

TOP Production Associate



Leticia Leal
(310) 612-2410



OOO LA LA CRÈME

Beautiful French doors and windows, 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, family room with fireplace, lots of tile tops & floors, custom window covers/blinds, mirrored closets, ceiling fans -- a must see!

(562) 927-2626



Once Upon A Time

Every story needs a beginning. This is a great place to start, 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Bonus Room/Workshop & Spa.

(562) 927-2626



Love To Hear NEW News

New Whittier listing, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, NEW A/C unit, NEW oven & cooktop, 200 amp electrical panel, dual-pane windows, copper plumbing, fireplace.

(562) 927-2626

7834 Florence Avenue • Downey, CA 90240 • 800 641-2111
www.century21myrealestate.com

PROPERTY SEARCH
View Thousands of UP TO THE DATE LISTINGS
MORE HOMES-MORE CHOICES
www.century21myrealestate.com

LIVE ONSITE Real Estate Training Center
800-641-2111 x119

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Managing Property... SO YOU CAN MANAGE YOUR PRIORITIES

MY MORTGAGE COMPANY
Saving You Money & Time
A DIVISION OF METROCITIES MORTGAGE

One STOP Shop
Escrow • Mortgage • Relocation
800 641-2111

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR INVESTMENTS
The Commercial Group
800-641-2111

RELOCATION
Always The Right Direction and Moving You Here, There or Anywhere
1-800-641-2111

FREE MARKET EVALUATION
800-641-2111



Fit For Royalty

Mini Royal Retreat for you: 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths, huge family room, over 3300 sq. ft., totally remodeled Baths, large dining room w/view to gorgeous patio, huge den w/view to spectacular swimming pool, 2 fireplaces. A delight.

(562) 927-2626



Downey's Largest Most Prestigious Real Estate Office

Visit Us Online:



www.Prudential24Hours.com

Mel & Rita Berdelis

"The 24 Hour Brokers"
8635 Florence Ave., Suite 101
Downey, CA 90240

562-861-7257

Carrie Uva

"Let's Talk Real Estate"

562-382-1252

www.CarrieUva.com

Specializing in Wills/Trusts,
Real Estate Law & Realtor!



Who Says Prices are Going Down... **Not Carrie!!**



BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD!

Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with a fireplace. Roomy 5,500 sq. ft. lot. Nice, quiet neighborhood.

For more information or the price, please call Frank Moreno @ 562-949-8139 or visit www.FrankMoreno.com



CHARM! CHARM! CHARM!

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 back yard. 1,395 sq. ft. of living space on a 5,650 sq. ft. lot. For more information or for price, please call Carmelo Mauro @ 213-718-1741



Become an Agent Now!

Summer Session

ONLY \$189

Call Today!

1-800-521-4572



Jaime Carranza
Instructor



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) \$ 85,000 Call Carrie Uva



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.

Call Carrie for more information!



Contractor's Dream

North Downey house with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. House is 1,074 sq. ft. and lot is 7,496 sq. ft. Zoning is R3.

Call Carrie for information! (562) 382-1252



13658 Earnshaw

Downey home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large living room, hardwood floor in dining room, lovely yard and patio with fruit trees. Priced @ \$425,000 Call Carrie (562) 382-1252

Call Carrie Today!



LISTINGS WANTED!!

This 2 bedroom, 2 bath Downey home features a large living room with 1,236 sq. ft. of living space on a 7,600 sq. ft. lot. Close to schools and freeways! Now taking Listings!

For more information, please call Roger Beltran @ 562-477-4527



COMMERCIAL BUILDING!!

Ready for you to move your business to! Has beautifully appointed lobby and office area with approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of building on a 12,001 sq. ft. lot. Perfect to build out to your specifications. Too good of a deal to pass up! Call now!!

For more information or price, please call Marie Picarelli @ (562) 618-0033



CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY!

Beautiful custom built home features 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and over 3,800 sq. ft. of living space. Perfect for entertaining! Priced at \$1,149,900

For more information, please call Jose Garcia-Yanez @ (562) 519-4010



NORTHEAST DOWNEY CONDO

Two bedroom, two bathroom condo at over 1,300 sq. ft., one story, super clean, and prime location!

Call Mario Persico @ 562-533-7433 for price and more information or visit him on the web @ www.MarioPersico.com.



A RARE STEAL!!

This 2 bedroom with a large master suite, 2.5 bathroom condo features a bright living room with fireplace, cathedral ceilings, central air and heat, enclosed patio and much, much more. 981 sq. ft. of living space.

For more information or for the price, please call Nancy Fairbrother @ 714-814-8088



LOCATION! LOCATION!

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.

For more information, call Mary Jane Lee @ 562-618-0390



Michael Berdelis

562-818-6111

"The 24 Hour Agent"

www.MichaelBerdelis.com



Downey's #1 Agent
Chairman Circle
Ultimate Service
Award

Call for a **FREE MARKET EVALUATION** to get your home **SOLD!**



Budget Beater!

Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in North Downey near Stonewood Mall with hardwood floors, 2 car detached garage, and covered patio. This corner lot property needs some TLC but is perfect for first time buyers, someone looking to add on, or those that don't mind doing some work. Price: \$549,000.

Call Michael @ 562-818-6111



Warm & Friendly!

This 3 bed, 2 bath, corner-lot home near Gallatin Elementary has been well maintained by the original owner. The cement tile roof & copper plumbing mean little worries for many years to come. The open floor plan features a large family room, brick fireplace off of the kitchen with built-in breakfast bar. The hardwood floors & brick fireplace give this home a special charm. Price: \$609,900.

Call Michael @ 562-818-6111



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.

Call Michael @ 562-818-6111



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.

Call Michael @ 562-818-6111



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 with fireplaces, new plumbing/electrical, new roof & stucco, new central air & heat, & much much more! Price: \$1,095,000

Call Michael @ 562-818-6111



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.

Call Michael @ 562-818-6111