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The magic of music and our children

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Saying "thanks" is always in style, and when the word comes exuberantly from Downey's school children, whether they are second graders or graduating seniors, it has an especially pleasing ring to it.

Recently the Downey Symphony has been thanked a lot for its Music in the Schools presentations and its scholarships, and it seems especially appropriate at the close of the school year to acknowledge some of these expressions of thanks.

Annually, conductor Tom Osborn and his quintet of musicians play before the students in every elementary school in Downey Unified, and a few months ago they received from Unsworth's second graders a fat packet of letters, each one carefully printed, many illustrated, all enthusiastic.

Excerpted here are some examples:

Dear Downey Symphony. You guys are really great musicians and all of you are so fabulous. If I ever see you again, can I have your autograph? Thank you for having time to go to my school. (Matthew).

Thanks for picking me to play the block instrument. Wow! (Adriana).

My favorite style is the one before George Washington was born. I wish you could come again. I wish I will be as good as you and be in a show like you. When I am older I will go to schools like you. My family should have been here to see your good job. (Nick F.).

I felt happy when they came to Unsworth School. I think this is cool! I like the different styles. You were terrific! That is the best thing I've ever seen in my life. I wanted to stand and clap so hard. I wanted to have an instrument from the stage. It is a bass. The bass is so beautiful. How do you know how to read the songs on paper? How is Tom the leader of the symphony? (Herman).

I just want to say that was the best symphony I ever heard, and I want to be a musician when I grow up too. (From your friend, Xochiquetzal).

Thank you for playing for us. We all enjoyed it. I felt great when you came. (Emily).

Some people probably think you are musicians. I do! (Nicholas).

You were fabulous. I'll be in a symphony too. (Love, Jonathan).

Thank you for playing so much wonderful music. I really enjoyed it, and I can tell everyone liked your great music. (Jazmine).

I had a blast. The music was great. (Hallee).

When did you get all the instruments? When did you learn music? I liked the music! (Edwin).

You guys really rock! (Matthew)

And from their teacher, Mrs. Hodgins, "No matter where we could go in the world, we could not find any better friends (and musicians) than you!

The Symphony's quintet included parochial schools in their schedule also, and St. Dominic Savio School responded with thanks from the principal, Sister Mary Link, along with a colorful array of cards crafted by the students.

Somewhere in the ranks of the sixth graders is a real artist, who illustrated the class's thank-you card with seven carefully drawn musical instruments and a slew of musical notes hopping about everywhere. The class wrote, "Dear Downey Symphony, Thanks for coming and playing for us. We learned a lot from you! ...After the show, our day was fun!"

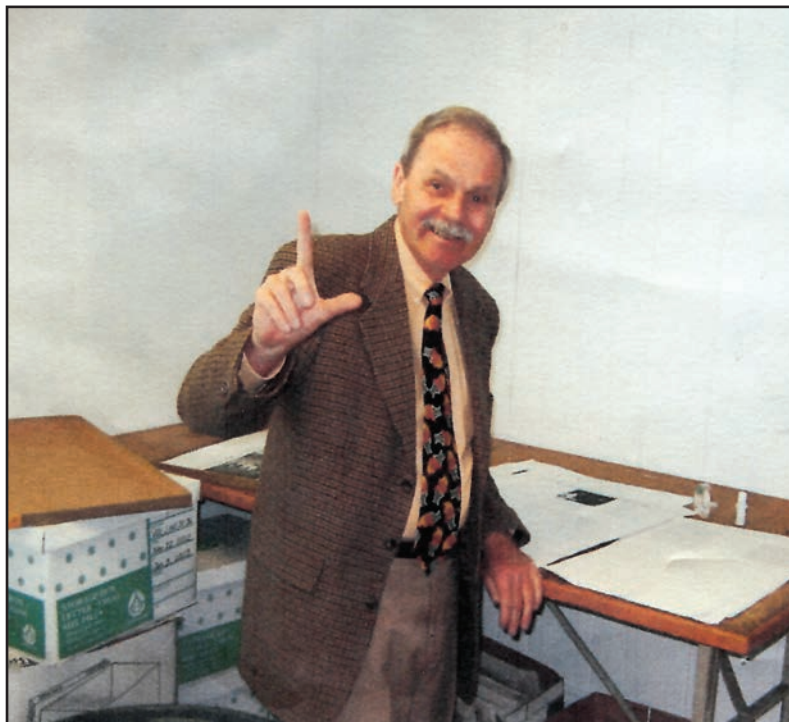
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FIELD TRIP—Teacher George Redfox helps a student with her camera during a field trip Tuesday, June 21, to the Nordic Fox Restaurant by his ROP photography class at Warren High School. Redfox said the old restaurant makes a fine photo subject for his students and is threatened with destruction like so many other old buildings being asked to make way for development.



CHAMBER INSTALLATION – Steve Hoffman will be installed as the 102nd president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at ceremonies today at 12 noon at the Rio Hondo Events Center.



IT'S BEEN NICE! – Jerry Brady, advertising director of the Downey Patriot, will become immediate past president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce today as he hands his gavel over to incoming president Steve Hoffman.

Chamber to install Hoffman today

Will be 102nd president

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will install attorney Steven J. Hoffman as its new president in a gala luncheon and installation ceremony today, June 24 at 11:45 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

Hoffman has been a member of the Downey Chamber since 1994, served on the Board of Directors since 1999, and has served as president-elect during the present 2004-05 term.

Statement

When elected president, Hoffman said, "It is an honor to be selected the 102nd president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. I hope to carry on the traditions of our past leaders in encouraging Downey businesses to continue to be a part of this great community. I will continue to work with the City to maintain the cooperative relationship the Chamber has had."

Hoffman has served on the Street Fair Committee of the Chamber since 1997. He has been that committee's chair since 2001, and has served in many other capacities through 2005. He will continue to serve on the Street Fair body through the coming year.

32 years here

Hoffman has managed his private practice here for more than 32 years. He is also active in the American Cancer Society and holds a seat on the Downey/Rio Hondo unit's Board of Directors since 1998. He served as president of the board for 2002-2004. He served as chairman of the Advocacy Committee from 1998 to the present and as vice president in charge of public issues from 1999 to 2001. He currently is a member of Los Angeles Regional Counsel of the American Cancer Society and is chair of the Los Angeles Region's Legislators Constituent Team for 2004-05 term.

To be installed with Hoffman are president elect Steve Allen of Cedars Bank; vice president Orlandus Waters of Financial Partners Credit Union; treasurer Joe Keays of Downey Plumbing and Air Conditioning; and past president Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot.

Executive Director Joan Warner-Plettink serves as secretary of the corporation.

Directors

Also to be installed are 2005-08 directors Joe Becker of Nordic Fox; Darrell Dixon of Dixon & Son Associates Insurance; Dr. Dan K. Fox, Chiropractor; Dr. John McAllister, D.D.S.; and Orlandus Waters of Financial Partners Credit Union.

Returning directors in addition to Hoffman, Brady, Allen and Keays are Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting; Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente; Kathy Gorman of Downey Adult School; Matt Knox of Storm Force marketing; Rick Rodriguez of Rodbat Management; and Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank.

Councilman Dave Gafin will serve as emcee for the luncheon and installing officer will be Meredith Perkins of the City Council.

Three police officers added to City Budget

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The proposed 2005-06 City Budget the City Council is expected to approve at its Tuesday, June 28 meeting will include an additional \$450,000 for three more police officers, thanks to a vote at the Council Study Session June 21.

The Council added the three police positions at the urging of Councilman David Gafin, despite the fact the proposed budget for 2005-06 already has a deficit of \$565,000.

Gafin, normally a fiscal conservative, warned that money for more officers was vital in order to stay on top of crime here, and that it is well spent rather than wait for the results of further cutbacks due to budget woes.

Hoped for revenue

Gafin added that the deficit can be fixed when income from new business from Downey Landing is realized.

Gafin's motion to add the \$450,000 to a deficit budget was seconded by Councilman Meredith Perkins, also a fiscal conservative. The vote was 5-0.

The Police Department is currently five positions short. Chief John Finch told the Council that part of the problem is that good officer material is hard to find. He estimated that Downey interviews 100 potential officers before it finds one who meets the standards of the department.

City fees

In comments Tuesday, Perkins said he wants to see a staff report comparing fees of the City of Downey compared to adjacent communities. Mayor Anne Bayer applauded city staff for outstanding work on the budget report. And Councilman Rick Trejo said he would like to see Sunday hours restored to the library as soon as possible.

The Study session Tuesday lasted more than three hours as each department head reviewed their own portion of the proposed budget before the Council.

The next public meeting of the Council is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Businesses racing to wire at Landing

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City of Downey has released a list of businesses that are confirmed at this time for location at the Downey Landing site, and has added the first of these are expected to be open by September or October.

Best Buy and Staples are said to be neck-and-neck in the race to be first to have their doors open to customers.

Local residents have viewed the tall structures rising at the Downey Landing site, but due to construction and safety factors, have been kept outside the development located on the former NASA property at Lakewood and Stewart and Gray Road.

Partial list

The partial list of Landing businesses released this week is growing daily, and includes Elephant Bar; Johnny Carino's; Chili's; Rubio's; Wild Noodles; Philly's Best; Quiznos; Coldstone Creamery; Starbucks; Jamba Juice; Verizon; Ross; PetSmart; Best Buy; Marshall's; Michael's; Old Navy; Discount Shoe Warehouse; Pier 1 Imports; Bally's; Staples; and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

160 acres divided

Retail -- Approximately 24 acres, including a landscaped pedestrian walkway and food court at Lakewood Blvd. and Stewart and Gray Rd.

Kaiser -- 30 acres for a new Kaiser Permanente hospital and medical center, occupying approximately 1 million square feet.

Downey Studios -- 78 acres on the western portion of the property dedicated to television and movie production. The complex will use up 14 existing buildings.

Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center -- Educational facility honoring the city's deep astronomical history.

Park -- 13-acre public park on the southwestern property, facing Clark Avenue, adjacent to Downey Studios.



THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD - Presented on behalf of the President of the United States, was presented to 52 Kirkwood Christian Elementary School students during graduation ceremonies June 10 at First Baptist Church of Downey. To be eligible for the award, students must score above the 85th percentile in reading or math on the SAT's and have a grade equivalent of an "A" average.

Sertoma Club honors essay winners

DOWNEY—Winners of the Old River School National Heritage Essay Contest were recognized Wednesday, June 15 at the school's awards ceremony.

The 5th grade winners were: Moses Lim, Sydney Juaregui, Jeremy Rocha, Jennifer Barillas, Ceona Caruso, Ayana Pepaj, Evelyn Parada, Conor McGarry, and Daniel Dominguez.

Sertoma Regional Foundation coordinator Dave Bilawa, Judi Thomas, and Judy Bilawa presented the certificates and prizes. Cash prizes were: 1st place, \$25; 2nd place, \$10, 3rd place, \$5. All participants received a copy of "The Bill of Rights." The essay title was "Why is it Important to Vote in National Elections."

For information about Sertoma, call Britt Rivers, (562) 862-9629.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet July 12

DOWNEY—Chamber members Michelle Elliott of CareMore Insurance Services, Steve Ron-Allen Denapoli of Cedars Bank, and Eddie Morales of Downeycoupons.com are the scheduled speakers when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meets Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

To RSVP, call 923-2191.

St. Raymond 5th graders safety contest honorees

DOWNEY—Michelle Valle and Elliot Esfahanian, both grade 5 students at St. Raymond, were among 8 local area students to win recognition for their creative work in the AAA National School Traffic Safety Poster Contest.

Valle received a Merit Citation for her poster depicting the theme, "Buckle Up." Her teacher is Danielle Rush. Esfahanian received a Judges Award for depicting the same theme. Earning a first place award and \$300 is another 5th grader from La Mirada's Escalona Elementary School. His theme was also "Buckle Up."

The Auto Club reproduces some of the winning posters and distributes them free of charge to schools throughout Southern California to remind students about traffic safety issues.

"Traffic collisions are the leading cause of death among children and young people," said Hend Hasrouni, manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California's Downey office. "During 2002 in California, 141 young people ages 5-14 were killed and 23,383 were injured in traffic collisions. For teen drivers and passengers, ages 15-19, there were 37,698 killed or injured in auto crashes. The contest allows kindergartners to 12th graders to use their creativity to interpret safety messages that could save many lives."

"Thousands of students enter the poster competition every year. And all of the students help AAA bring important but often overlooked traffic safety messages to the forefront. The competition emphasizes the essential role education plays in these issues," Hasrouni added.

Dinner to honor Temple president

DOWNEY - Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will host a dinner party at the Dal Rae Restaurant in Pico Rivera on Monday, July 18, to honor Temple president David Saltzman for his dedicated service to the congregation over the years. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and a gourmet dinner at 7.

Reservations are a must, and the donation is \$32.50 per person for the gourmet dinner celebration. For reservations and/or information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Newcomers Club visits San Gabriel

DOWNEY - Vicki Augimeri, tour chairman for the Downey Newcomers Club, has scheduled a trip for Wednesday, June 29 to the Sam Woo's Seafood Restaurant at 140 W. Valley Blvd. in San Gabriel, for lunch and shopping, etc., afterwards. Call Vicki at (562) 862-7562 for reservations.

Hotline taking reports on area graffiti

DOWNEY - Graffiti in the city of Downey may be reported for clean-up by calling 923-4484.



A MARCH 2006 WEDDING—Is planned for M. Elizabeth Beck, daughter of Mr. David Wm. Beck and Mrs. Mary Crawford-Beck of Downey, who announced the engagement of their daughter to William D. Burger, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Burger, Sr. of Las Vegas, NV. A graduate of Loyola Marymount University, Elizabeth is an administrator in human services, while William, a 2001 graduate of UC-San Diego and a 2004 graduate from UCLA School of Law, works as an attorney with the law firm of Freeman and Nunes.

Chamber Mixer at Rancho July 14

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, 7601 E. Imperial Highway, will host a Downey Chamber of Commerce Mixer Thursday, July 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The reception will take place in the courtyard adjacent to the historical Spanish Harriman Bldg. Parking is ample and free in the doctors' parking lot.

The Rancho Gift Shop, whose proceeds benefit Rancho patients, will be open, offering 10 to 50 percent discounts. Other Mixer features are a visit to the renowned Rancho Art Gallery and a mouth stick painting demonstration, and music by the Rancho Choir.

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BRIANNA ARCEO – Miss Teen Downey 2004-05 and current Miss Greater Teen Long Beach, will compete for the title of Miss Outstanding Teen California at competitions today in Fresno. She will be a junior at Warren High School in September.

Handmade goods to highlight craft fair

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.

The group has also formed partnerships with many local businesses, including Kaiser Permanente and Downey Regional Medical Center.

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.

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Granata's annual GOOD golf tournament June 29

DOWNEY—Granata's second annual Golf Tournament for GOOD with a Scramble format is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29 at Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12 noon.

Entry fee, which includes green fees, golf cart, lunch and post-tournament banquet with 1 free cocktail, is \$150 per person. Tee sign sponsorships are available for \$100. Donations start at \$15. Funds will benefit Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), which strives to involve the entire community in the prevention of youth gang activity.

Golf Committee members this year include: Paul Granata, Kent Kalbmaier, Robert Jagielski and Rick Molinaro. President of GOOD is Brent Shubin.

Summer trips to Pizza at the Pool offered

DOWNEY—With the advent of summer, the City of Downey's Community Services Department is offering trips for youngsters ages seven-12 on the Fridays of July 8 and 22, and of Aug. 5, all to Pizza at the Pool. All three trips are from 1-4:30 p.m. and under the supervision of Recreation Leaders. Cost is \$5 each trip.

Registration is now under way at City Hall's Community Services Department. Due to limited space, sign-ups are limited. For more information, call 904-7238.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month.

Tuesday meetings are held at 7 p.m. while Wednesday sessions meet at 1:30 p.m. Call 401-7991 for more information.

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Emblem Club scholarships to 3 students

DOWNEY—The following students have been awarded Downey Emblem Club #309 scholarships: Marie Palacios of Downey High, Stacy Slercove of Warren, and Kayleigh Lucero, Columbus High.

Moravian parking lot and bake sale

DOWNEY – The Moravian Women's Fellowship of the Downey Moravian Church will hold a parking lot and bake sale tomorrow, June 25, from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the church grounds.

Downey Moravian Church is at 10337 Old River School Road.



ST. RAYMOND'S – Italian Catholic Federation recently awarded donations to various groups and organizations, including Life Teens Foley House, Rio Hondo Temporary Home and the Tijuana Orphanage. Representatives from each of the groups were on hand at a recent presentation night to accept the donations.

Messiah Lutheran offering free pews

DOWNEY – Messiah Lutheran Church is replacing its 26 pews and will donate them free of charge to any church or body willing to pick them up.

Pews available include:

- 17' – 10 available
- 10' 5" – 10 available
- 10' – four available
- 6' 6" – two available

Half of the pews will be available July 1; the rest August 8.

Call Carol, parish secretary, or Pastor Norm Stoppenhagen at the church office at 923-1215 for more information. Messiah Lutheran Church is at 10711 Paramount Boulevard.

Summertime fun at the parks for kids

DOWNEY—The City of Downey is offering activities for youth at the local parks and the Downey Gymnasium from June 20 through Aug. 12.

With youngsters ages six to 12 in mind, the free program, "Let's Go Play," will be available from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Apollo, Crawford, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks. The first activity is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., the last activity at 4 p.m.

The Brookshire Park program is co-sponsored by the G.O.O.D. Committee and is conducted Monday-Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

"The youth enjoy the daily activities, especially the water games," said Teri Akloff, Recreation Supervisor. "They teach different skills and prepare their bodies and minds for the next school year." There will be about eight (8) activities per day.

A daily schedule of activities for "Let's Go Play" is available at the six parks or at the Community Services Department located on the second floor of City Hall. For more information, call 904-7238.

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by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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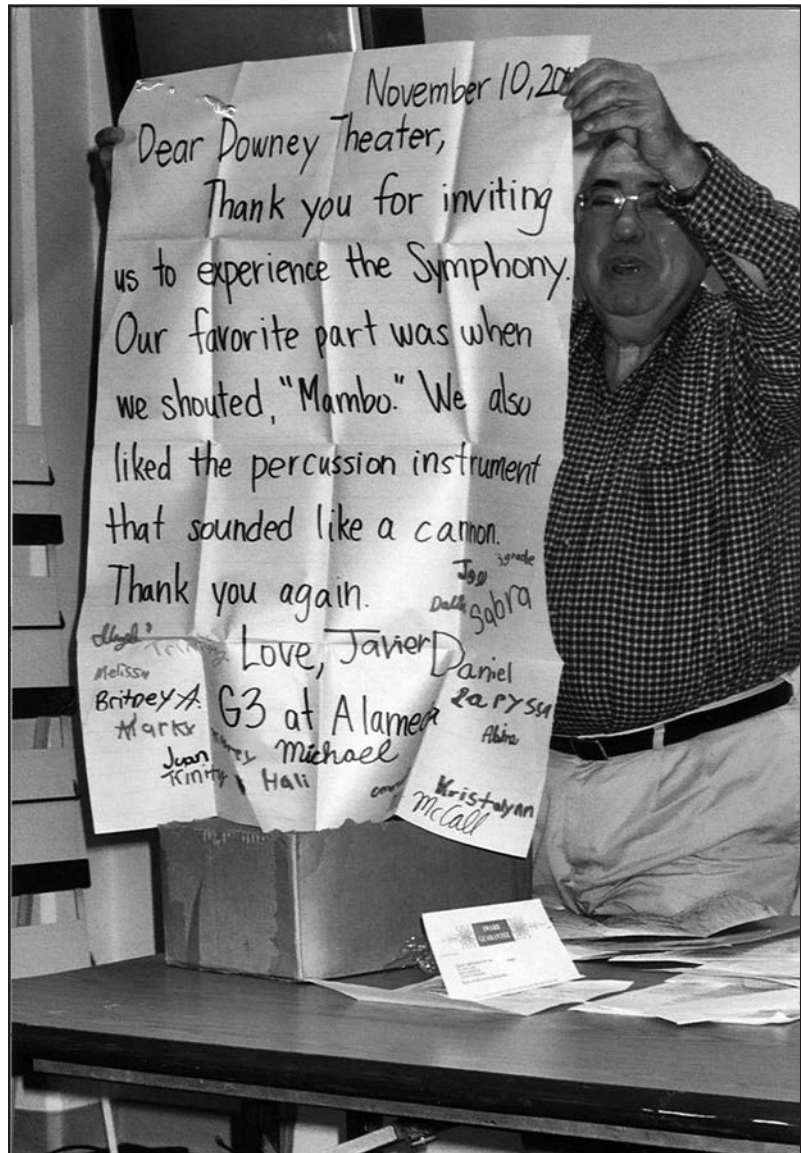
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Second graders at St. Dominic's colored a gorgeous sunburst with a big "Thank you" on the cover of their note, and 33 students from the 7th grade, plus the teacher, inscribed their signatures on a huge note of thanks. Across town, 3rd grade kids from Alameda Elementary, who attended the special concert presented for them at the Civic Theater, sent a letter the size of a poster signed by all.

And in late May, at Downey High School's Awards Night, the Symphonic Society presented a scholarship to clarinet student Virgil Rosales, who wrote an eloquent letter of appreciation. Along with recognizing the valuable guidance of his music instructor, Mr. Olariu, Virgil said, "I am writing to thank you for your scholarship...It encourages me to do music at California State Long Beach...I thank you for just believing in students; especially in this day and age, in making the dreams come true. Music is what I want to do, and the money you have entrusted towards me will go to great use, that I promise..."

So it seems that for all that symphony supporters and the orchestra give to Downey school children, the children themselves, with their thanks, return even more to us. A very rich feeling indeed. Thank you.



THANK YOU NOTE -- Larry Lewis, president of the Downey Symphonic Society, holds up a huge thank you letter from the children of Alameda School for a Music in the School Program.

Roybal-Allard honored by cancer group

EL SEGUNDO – In recognition of her outstanding achievements on behalf of the medical research community, the National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR) has awarded the Congressional Champions Award to U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34th) on the recommendation of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN).

PanCAN is the first national patient advocacy organization for the pancreatic cancer community. The organization works to focus national attention on the need to find a cure for pancreatic cancer, and provides public and professional education embracing the urgent need for more research, effective treatments, prevention programs and early detection methods.

NCCR seeks to support the purposes of the 1971 National Cancer Act: landmark legislation that established a national network of facilities and researchers to address the growing epidemic of cancer. The Coalition is dedicated to strengthening the National Cancer Program through public education and communication about the value of cancer research, treatment and prevention.

"Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is a shining example of how one person can make a difference in the war against cancer," said Julie Flesherman, president and CEO of PanCAN. "We're delighted that her accomplishments on behalf of her constituents have been recognized publicly. Only through continuous, well-funded research can we hope to discover early detection methods and effective treatments for cancer."

NCCR honors congressional champions of cancer research each year. In 1999, the NCCR began its Congressional Champion Awards to recognize members of Congress who bring a strong voice and leadership to the battle against cancer.

Summer fundraiser at Pechanga July 20

DOWNEY – The Downey Emblem Club #309 will be traveling to the Pechanga Resort & Casino Wednesday, July 20 for a summer fundraiser. A bus will be leaving from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 5:30 p.m. Bingo will be played on the bus to and from the resort.

Cost is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members. A \$5 voucher will be issued to use as you choose. All are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Mary Guzman at 622-1003.

New CERT classes starting up

DOWNEY—New Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes begin Sept. 10 at the Downey Woman's Club, located at the southwest corner of Paramount and Lubeck.

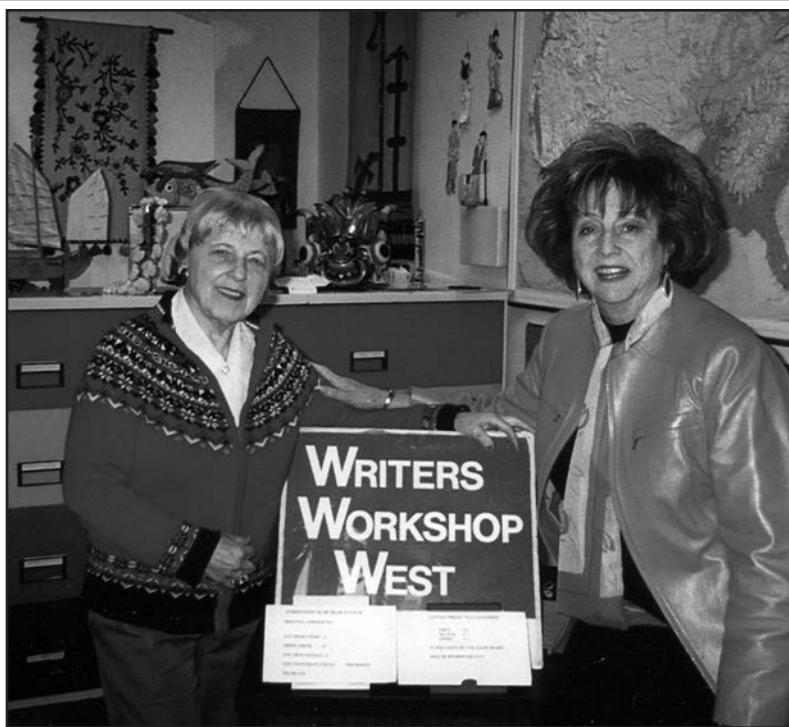
CERT, which is designed for citizen responders who in the event of a major emergency would help neighborhoods and local government, shared information about the program at their booth when the annual Kidsday Fair took place at Furman Park May 14.

Monthly meetings are held from 6-7:30 p.m. every second Thursday. New members are welcome.

Women's Golf Club seeking members

DOWNEY – The Los Amigos Women's Golf Club is looking for more women golfers to join their club. Tee time for the group is 8 a.m. every Friday at Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

For more information on joining the club, call 634-2816.



WRITERS' WORKSHOP WEST—April poetry contest winners Anna Winslow, left, and Lorine Parks.

Writers' Workshop poetry winners named

By Rosalie Sciortino
President, Writers' Workshop West

DOWNEY—The results of this year's two annual Workshop's poetry contests are in.

The April competition was won by Lorine Parks for her entry, "at the medical building." Tied for second place were Anna Winslow for her "Poem to an Artist Friend..." and Stanley Hoffman for "I Wake Up—". Dolores Roupe was in third place for her "Death by Apocryphy."

The light verse contest in May was won equally by Stanley Hoffman's "Better Living Thru Chemistry" and Lorine Parks' "survival tales."

New member Michael A. Loya was welcomed at the April meeting, and members bid Winslow bon voyage as she was leaving for Budapest, Hungary, for the opening there of a new opera, "The Legend of St. Elizabeth," for which she wrote the libretto.

Writers' Workshop West meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Stonewood Travel, 9968 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. It welcomes new as well as established writers to meetings where they share their work, critique each other's work, and discuss writing and related subjects.

The next competition will be the nonfiction category with a 500-word minimum to as many as 3,500 words, for submission at the July meeting. It will be voted on in August. For information and contest rules, please call (562) 862-3106.

Volunteers get their day July 27 at the Embassy

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will recognize outstanding businesses in the 1-10 employee and 11+ employee categories chosen by fellow Chamber members during its Volunteer of the Year Luncheon Wednesday, July 27 at the Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd. The program is scheduled for 11:45 a.m.

The two businesses will be judged for their "consistent leadership on civic and business issues, and for their contributions to the community and to variety of organizations.

Nominations deadline was set no later than 5 p.m. on June 30.

Past recipients of the "Business of the Year" award include: the late Ed DiLoreto, Yale Engineering, 1989; Morrie Adnoff, Calsan, 1993; Dave Gafin, CPA and current City Councilmember, 1997; Steve Roberson, Century 21 My Real Estate, 2000; and Steve Allen, Pacific Western Bank, 2003.

The Chamber will also recognize the Outstanding Committee Persons of the Year, Director of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

6-week 'Healthier Living' class at the Y

DOWNEY—Kaiser Permanente – Bellflower Medical Center, in partnership with the Downey Family YMCA, will offer a *Healthier Living* class starting Tuesday, June 28 at the latter's facility at 11531 Downey Ave. in Downey. The class runs six weeks.

Developed by the Stanford University School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente, the program is designed to help people manage ongoing health conditions, which can include heart disease, a lung disease, diabetes, chronic pain and arthritis. Classes will include a discussion on managing the effects of pain, stress, depression and even fatigue though goal-setting. The importance of exercise and nutrition are also covered.

Seating is limited at this free class, which is scheduled from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Subsequent meeting dates are July 5, 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2.

To register, contact the Downey Family YMCA at 862-4201.

Ward teachers find work at McDonald's

DOWNEY—Educators from more than 200 local schools that included Downey's Ward Elementary School traded the classroom for a post behind the front counter at participating local McDonald's restaurants during McTeacher's Night to collectively raise more than \$100,000.

Proceeds raised by McTeacher's Night, McDonald's largest educational fundraiser of the year, are donated back to the participating schools to be used for supplies, field trips or other student activities.

Each school's principal and approximately 10 teachers were asked to "work" at community McDonald's restaurants greeting customers, working the registers, and in some cases, assisting in the kitchen area with the preparation of food. Families of students and school supporters were encouraged to visit their local McDonald's and enable the educators to help them help their schools.

Participants from Ward "worked" March 16 at the McDonald's store located at 8855 Rosecrans Ave.

'Shabbat Shelach' celebration and Oneg

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be celebrating Shabbat Shelach at 7:30 p.m. today, June 24. The community is welcome. Officiating at the service will be Cantor Kenneth Jaffe.

There will be the usual Oneg following services, sponsored by the Temple's Sisterhood. Call 861-9276 for more information.

The poets' corner

Building

I am building a cathedral
with God's choice material
Erecting that which must not fall
be it great or ere so small

I cannot see the whole design
seems all confusion, waste of time.
But I can see just far enough
to keep on building in the rough.

--Ruth Day,
Downey

Citizenship meeting sponsored by Allard

BELL—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and Bell High School invite legal permanent residents who have had their permanent resident cards for more than five years to a U.S. Citizenship Form Completion Workshop to apply for naturalization.

The free event is set for from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, July 9 at Bell High School, 4328 Bell Ave.

Free services will include completion of the Naturalization application N-400; photographs; review of the Naturalization packet; and delivery to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (U.S. CIS).

The U.S. charges a \$300 processing fee. Check or money order should be made out to "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services." For information, call NALEO at 1-800-34-NALEO.

Cerritos College helping seniors get into shape

NORWALK – Cerritos College's Fitness Specialist Certificate Program now includes a work-experience segment within its curriculum that involves students leading senior citizens at the Cerritos Senior Center in "Cerritos Senior Fitness" evening workouts. Cerritos College fitness instructors Ni Bueno and Dr. Carrie Gleckner collaborated with the City of Cerritos to create the Center's new fitness class, which debuted during the spring 2005 semester.

For the past two years, Bueno has offered a once-a-month "Ask the Expert" seminars at the senior center that addresses health and wellness issues for seniors. "I soon realized there was a desire for evening exercise programs at the Senior Center," said Bueno.

Bueno's initial proposal gained momentum and became a work-experience program for students earning a Fitness Specialist Certificate. The Senior Center staff's enthusiasm about the new offering helped spread the word, and during the spring semester, program registration filled and exceeded capacity.

"This work-study program is the first of its kind for the Cerritos Senior Center and we look forward making this a long-term partnership with Cerritos College," said Senior Services Supervisor Chelsea Otero at the Cerritos Senior Center.

Four students nearing completion of the fitness specialist program expressed interest in specializing in fitness among the senior population. These students were tapped to work with the Center's patrons in developing individualized fitness programs. The first step involves giving the seniors fitness and health screening tests to gauge their strengths and areas for improvement. From there the students work closely with the seniors to develop their individual programs, incorporating cardiovascular exercises, weight training, and stretching.

Cerritos College hosted a graduation ceremony on May 18 at the Cerritos Senior Center to recognize participants in the fitness training program. Each senior who completed the fitness sessions received a certificate of honor.

"We are thrilled about this program because it allows our students the opportunity to apply their skills and to gain confidence with what they've learned," said Gleckner, Cerritos College's Health and Wellness Department Chair.

"There's a real sense of pride among our students when they can teach their client how to do something that they didn't think they could."

"Our main focus is to improve our patrons' quality of life and whether that's more energy, more mobility, or better health we're there to improve their activities of daily living," explained Bueno, Cerritos College's Health Education Department Chair.

"It's also has a great social impact as well. We have roughly 40 people in our program from ages 50 to 84, and they're building new friendships. It's really remarkable."

Cerritos Senior Fitness will be available again in fall 2005 and is free to residents and non-residents over the age of 50. For further information please contact Gleckner at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2876.

EZRA to discuss 'Israel's New War'

DOWNEY – In its meeting Tuesday, July 5 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., the Ezra Center for Mature Adults will discuss "Israel's New War?", subject of a recent Frontline TV program which dealt with the ongoing intifada as well as a war with the settlers currently living in the West Bank. These settlers refuse to vacate land scheduled for turnover to the Palestinians.

Jerry Silverman will render an analysis and will moderate the discussion after the TV program has been shown. Registration, coffee/tea and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. The community is welcome.

For information, call the Temple Office at (562) 861-9276.

St. Raymond's golf tourney today

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Parish Community is hosting their first Golf Tournament Fundraiser today, 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.

For information, call Cecilia Ordenez at 889-0521 or 869-3883.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Take advantage of open forum

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the Downey City Council for scheduling time at the June 28th meeting to allow people to express their thoughts on the "mansions" of Downey.

For some time I, as well as many others, have been concerned about so many homes being torn down and monstrous buildings taking their place. As I became more deeply interested, I learned things of which I was not aware. Perhaps there are many who do not know that what is referred to and represented as a "single" family residence, is in reality a home that may be, and has been, bought by multiple families. The word "single" to me, means one. If two, three or four families buy one home, it would appear to me to be a "glorified" apartment house, sharing a common kitchen.

Mr. Yoshiki, who is head of the Building Dept., told me they are doing this because the homes are too expensive and one family can't afford them! Perhaps the practical solution to this problem would be that a family would buy a home they can afford, or the Building Dept. should only issue permits for affordable housing. It isn't the responsibility of the Building Dept. to see that everyone who wants to live in Downey has a home here.

Another thing I learned that disturbed me is that "granny houses" may be lived in by people who are not blood relatives. In other words, they may be rented out to anyone! Permits are being granted in areas zoned as "single family's residences," but can be rental properties back of "single family residences."

I feel both the above-mentioned issues are being handled deceitfully!

There are other issues, such as overcrowding and high-density population, that must be addressed.

If you are concerned about these things, show up at the City Council meeting on June 28th, 7:30 p.m., and let them know you'd like a moratorium on building these huge homes until the public has a say in this matter.

They are good enough to schedule this on their agenda, so come and express your opinion.

—Elsa Van Leuven,

Downey

'Neo-Luddites' have got it wrong

Dear Editor:

Apparently, a number of vocal and misguided Downey residents need some lessons in real estate. Sadly, the City Council seems as clueless as these hapless citizens, who have adopted a non-applicable term, McMansionization, for their campaign. The term "McMansion" properly refers to giant cookie-cutter new homes on huge lots, generally in previously undeveloped areas. None of that could ever happen in Downey, which has no undeveloped areas, few large lots, and every addition quite unique. These people claim that there are houses that overfill their lots and overwhelm their neighbors, but in fact the Downey planning and building departments require significant setbacks, inspections and other measures that prevent this.

If these neo-Luddites get their way, they will drive down Downey property values. I am not talking about the "real estate bubble," but the relative value advantage Downey has long enjoyed over surrounding communities. This same group has sought to do this before, by attacking our schools, our police, and our fire department. Now, they are after our right to add on to our houses. Who would buy an 800-square foot house at today's prices if they knew they would be unlikely to be able to add on significantly?

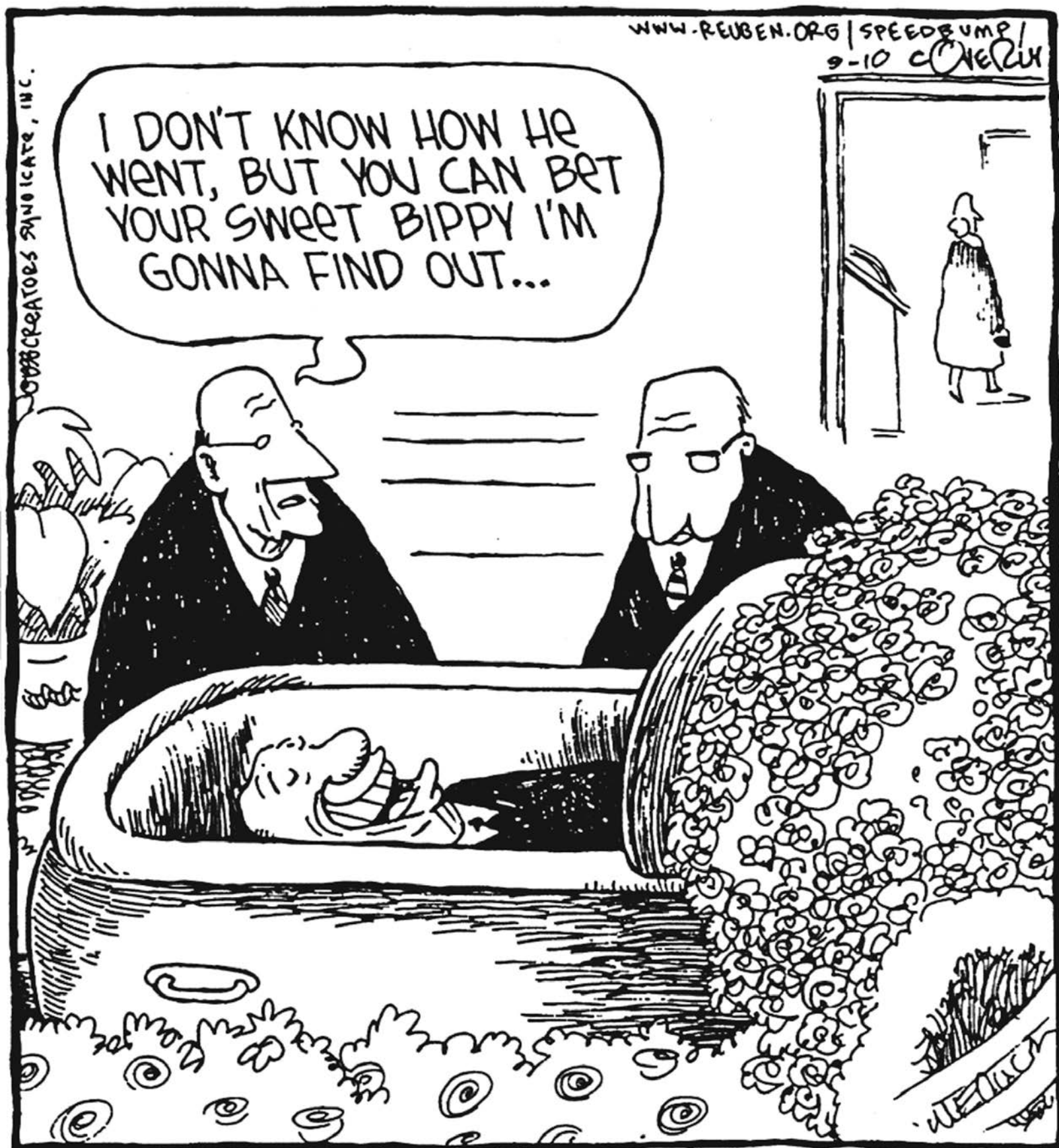
A quick lesson (go to any Downey Realtor for the full version): Much of Downey was built in the late 1940s, in the early days of Levittowns, with cheaply-built houses, many under 1,000-square feet (some under 700), and without the sort of classic craftsmanship one finds in areas of Los Angeles that were developed earlier. That fit those times, not these. Today, with home values skyrocketing, many residents find themselves in tiny houses with huge values they know will not last. This provides an opportunity for them to add on, make room for their families, and most of that surplus value permanent. But to approach the 2,500-square foot standard size of modern houses, and to meet the two-car garage requirement that Downey added to most lots in the 1950s, they must either build upward or end up with no yard (and exceed city "lot coverage" requirements).

In surrounding communities, this often seems to lead to the "turret in the back," on-the-cheap addition. Fortunately, with our growing, superior schools and the new Downey Landing development coming along, Downey property values allow people adding on to do a proper job. We mostly go for an integrated house line, with the addition gradually and gracefully stepping back from the front of the building. This builds the image of the street and community, and puts Downey back in the mainstream in terms of home sizes and appearance.

This sort of progress hurts no one, provides jobs, and helps everyone who owns a house in Downey. But it does seem to make neighbors with less ambition or vision jealous. Too bad for them. The city and the council should ignore them. Downey surely doesn't need to ban cookie-cutter housing development on five-and 10-acre lots. The last thing they should do is to make the "turret in the back" the only legal way to build upward, as was recently proposed in this space. If anything, those should be banned.

—Matthew Filler,

Downey



Holiday weekend 'Topsy Tow' service

DOWNEY—The Automobile Club of Southern California is offering its free Topsy Tow service to drinking drivers during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The service is available from 6 p.m. on Friday, July 1, until midnight on Monday, July 4. Topsy Tow is available in the 13 Southern California counties served by the Auto Club.

Motorists, bartenders, restaurant managers, party hosts or passengers of a drinking driver may call 1-800-400-4AAA for a free tow home of up to seven miles. Callers simply tell the Auto Club operators, "I need a Topsy Tow," to receive the free tow and ride home. A regular Auto club-contracted emergency road service truck will be dispatched. Callers need to keep in mind that the service excludes rides for passengers, is restricted to a one-way one-time ride for the driver and the destination is limited to the driver's residence. Reservations are not accepted. Drivers can expect to pay the rate charged by the tow truck contractor for rides farther than seven miles.

"We want motorists to be aware of the high crash risk from drinking and driving associated with holidays and encourage them to think twice about getting behind the wheel if they have been drinking," said Hend

Hasrouni, the Auto Club's Downey district office manager.

Independence Day is a traditional time for excursions, parties, trips to the beach, backyard picnics and barbecues, activities that contribute to a more relaxed atmosphere and more drinking, according to Hasrouni.

"It takes only one or two drinks to slow physical and mental skills and affect vision, steering, braking, judgment and reaction time," Hasrouni said. "We hope drivers are aware that the CHP and law enforcement agencies are likely to be using extra patrols to look for drinking drivers during holidays."

While the number of Californians arrested for driving under the influence in 2003 (the latest figures available), is far lower than it was 20 years ago, it is still disturbingly high—186,000, according to Hasrouni. Statewide annual alcohol-related fatal and injury crashes have also decreased sharply, from 45,000 twenty years ago (1983) to nearly 22,000 in 2003. "We'd like to see these numbers reduced even further, particularly the high numbers during the holidays," added Hasrouni.

Drinking drivers frequently don't plan for other ways to get home

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Education is key to country's future

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Education is the key to opportunity. I believe in an America that offers the best possible education to all of our children and young people — wherever they live, whatever their background.

Indeed, the number-one concern of America's parents is the quality of the education that their children receive. That is why I am working with others in Congress to enact a five-part initiative to strengthen our schools, expand educational opportunity and address the concerns of our nation's parents.

One key concern of parents is that college tuition is skyrocketing and becoming less and less affordable. Over the last three years, tuition at four-year public universities has increased by 38 percent and at private universities by 16 percent. At a time when tuition is rising, the purchasing power of Pell Grants has declined — covering 23 percent of average public college costs, compared to 35 percent a few years ago. This is leading to more and more students graduating from college with excessive levels of debt.

Our initiative would significantly expand access to an affordable college education for our young people. First, it would expand access to college scholarships and increase Pell Grants by as much as \$1,000 per student. It would also make college loans significantly less expensive by lowering the interest rate cap, and allowing students to choose a fixed or variable rate on their consolidation loans, which would save the typical borrower more than \$5,500 over the life of a loan. Furthermore, our initiative would provide incentives to public and private colleges to make tuition more affordable.

A second key concern of parents is the quality of their child's teacher. Our nation's teachers work hard to ensure that children are provided a high quality education. And yet schools serving millions of schoolchildren cannot find or retain enough highly skilled teachers.

Our initiative would increase the supply of outstanding teachers in our schools by providing financial incentives to encourage excellent teachers to enter and remain in the profession. It would also elevate the teaching profession by promoting the establishment of career advancement ladders that encourage teachers to take on new professional roles such as mentor



and master teachers. In addition, it would ensure that children have teachers with expertise in the subjects they teach and provide extra incentives for those who teach subjects in which there are shortages.

Third, America's parents also expect the Congress to keep its promises. The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* imposed numerous requirements on our schools to raise the achievement levels of all students and also provided increased federal resources to carry out the new mandates. But to my great disappointment over the last four years, Congress has provided \$39 billion less to schools than promised by the *No child Left Behind Act*.

Our initiative would require the Congress to keep its promises by fully funding the *No Child Left Behind Act*. We must provide struggling schools across the country with the resources needed to raise student achievement.

A fourth key concern of our nation's parents is that America is trying to educate too many of its schoolchildren in dilapidated, unsafe and outdated school buildings. According to the Department of Education, more than 75 percent of public schools need to spend an average of \$3,800 per student to be brought into good overall condition.

Our initiative would provide matching resources to local communities for the construction, modernization, and repair of school buildings. This focus would help assure parents that their children are being educated and cared for in safe environments conducive to learning.

Finally, a key concern of parents is that young children have access to high-quality pre-kindergarten programs. Parents know that everyone benefits when children enter school ready to achieve and succeed. Young children are eager to learn and their brains grow faster before age 5 than in any other point in their lives.

Our initiative would help to meet the needs of parents by assisting states to establish, expand and enhance pre-kindergarten programs.

We must invest in these initiatives to boost college affordability, improve teacher quality, fully fund *No Child Left Behind*, modernize our schools, and expand preschool opportunities. Improving education is crucial to ensuring that our children and grandchildren lead fulfilling, successful lives. Education is the key to America's future. We must do all we can to make sure as many people as possible have access to a college education and the many opportunities the experience provides.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Fri. June 24, 11:30 a.m. : Chamber of Commerce Installation Luncheon at Downey's Rio Hondo Events Center, 10627 Old River School Rd. "Island Fever" theme, new officers and board of directors to be installed. For information call 923-2191.

Sun. June 26, 6:30 p.m. : Rob Syphax Guitar and vocals played with hits of the 60's and 70's at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

City Meetings

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

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

1st 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 Parizek 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 Denny's Restaurant. for information call (562) 927-6438.

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

3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.

3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: Huff and Puff Respiratory, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.

Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, for information call 869-8782.

6 p.m.: Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.

1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.

1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790.

1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.

1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.

2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087.

2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.

2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.

3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: Diabetes Support Group, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.

Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.

7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.

9 a.m.: Senior Californians of Downey, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.

12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call 928-4153.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays

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

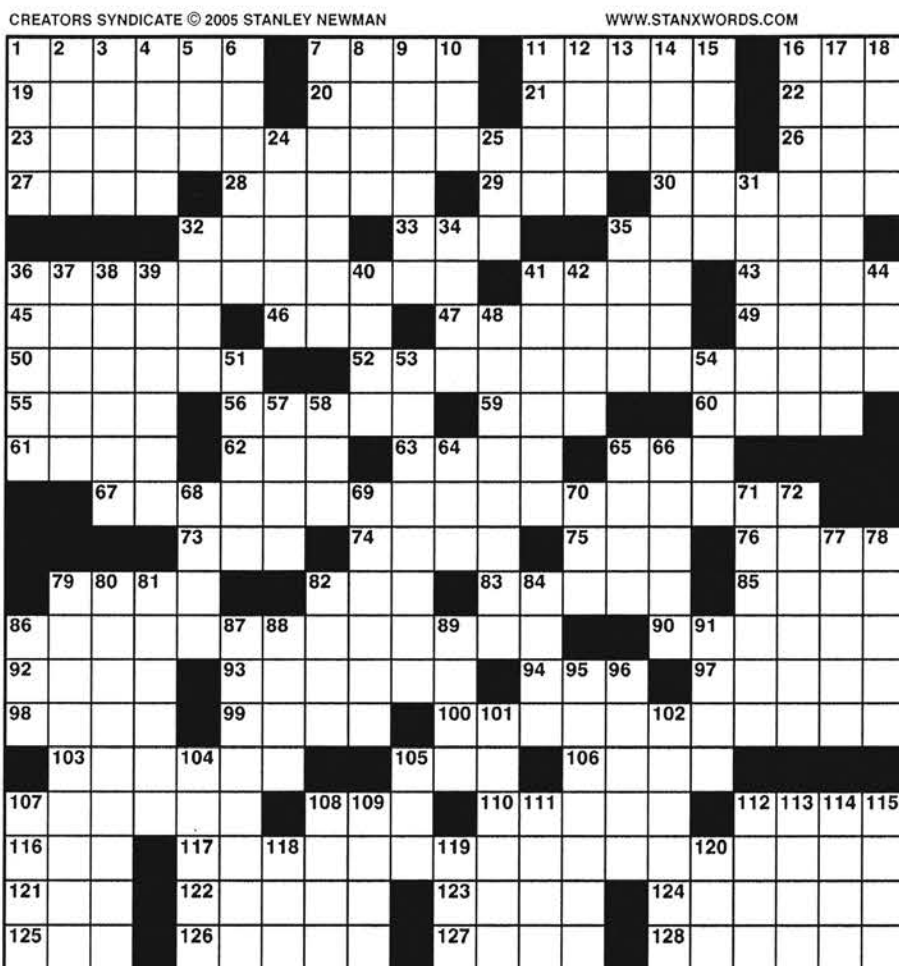
7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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Watchmen Gospel Quartet here June 30

DOWNEY—The Watchmen Gospel Quartet, who have shared the spotlight with Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Roy Rogers & Dale Evans, and numerous national gospel recording groups such as J.D. Sumner & the Stamps, The Kingsmen and Cathedrals, will present a concert of traditional gospel music Thursday, June 30 at 1 p.m. at Downey First Christian Church, 10909 S. New St. The community is welcome.

Watchmen Quartet programs feature songs from their recordings of old-time hymns and current favorites with a broad range of quartet styling from high tenor to low bass with powerful four-part harmony. The quartet is accompanied by piano, guitar, and bass guitar.

Reading of romantic comedy June 25

LONG BEACH—A staged reading of the full-length original play by Tom Sharkey, "Scenes from My Life," will be performed at the Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St. on Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. The reading is open to the public, admission-free, with seating on a first-come-first-served basis.

The play is a romantic comedy about two drama school graduates who have wildly different experiences revealed through three 10-year reunions. The play's characters reflect the lives of theatre people Sharkey, author of the award-winning dramas *Dreams* and *Angel of Halsted Street*, has known and loved during his lifetime.

Scenes from My Life is the last play to be read in the series of four plays chosen as winners out of 230 nationwide submissions of plays to the Long Beach Playhouse's 15th annual New Works Festival (which is designed to help new and established playwrights develop new plays for the theater).

For more information, access www.lbph.com.

Music Center taking award nominations

LOS ANGELES—The Music Center of Los Angeles County, a national leader in arts education, is seeking nominations for its 24th annual BRAVO Awards, honoring teachers and schools for outstanding arts education. The prestigious award includes a cash prize of \$4,000 for each of the two winning teachers (one general subject teacher and the other teacher working specifically in an arts subject) and \$10,000 for the winning school. The awards will be presented on Feb. 28, 2006 at a gala dinner at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

Nominations of teachers and schools are made by principals, faculty committees, superintendents, or parents. Nomination forms for both teachers and schools can be accessed at www.musiccenter.org/BRAVO.html. Nominations are due by Sept. 13. Finalists will be selected by a committee of educators and artists and notified in early December. Finalists will not be announced until early February and the winners will be announced at the BRAVO gala on Feb. 28.



THE DRIFTERS – Original member Bobby Hendricks will be featured with the storied singing group, the Drifters, when the Downey Chamber of Commerce presents their second annual Oldies Concert on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater. They will sing all of their classic rock 'n roll hits, including "There Goes My Baby," "This Magic Moment," and "Save The Last Dance For Me." Tickets are now on sale at \$30 each at the Chamber office. For best seating, call 923-2191.

July activities at Pasadena Center

PASADENA—Like most places, the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena, offers varied programming to satisfy devotees with varied interests.

The program for Friday-Saturday, July 8-9, is the "California Women's Show," sub-titled "Body, Mind & Spirit Show," which will feature guest speakers on beauty, fitness and nutrition, informative workshops, entertainment, as well as free makeovers and spa treatments. For more information, call (626) 793-2122.

Sunday, July 10, the Center's "California Wedding Expo" focuses on fashions for the entire wedding party, accessories, flowers, and the "most comprehensive wedding planning advice around." The number to call here is (805) 552-0745.

Then John Moran Auctioneers' "Antique & Fine Furnishings Estate Auction" takes place Tuesday, July 12. On hand will be 350 quality items, including antiques and fine furnishings that have been removed from local estates and homes. Information: (626) 793-1833.

'I Shot Ray Charles' exhibit now open

LOS ANGELES—An exhibit comprised of highly personal and rarely seen photographs from the collection of distinguished photographer Howard Morehead of his favorite subject Ray Charles, opened June 9 at the California African American Museum (CAAM) in Exposition Park. The exhibit is titled "I Shot Ray Charles"—Howard Morehead, *Photographer*, which runs till Nov. 5.

Morehead is one of the few African American photographers who worked steadily in the entertainment industry for more than 45 years. Morehead photographed Ray Charles at every opportunity between 1961 and the end of his life, made possible as a result of Morehead's long friendship with Ray Charles' manager Joe Adams.

Included among the 50 photographs that will be on display are moments of Ray Charles recording alone and with others, including the famed "It's the Real Thing" Coca Cola commercial with Aretha Franklin and Billy Preston. In 2000, Morehead wrote of those years in an essay entitled, "I Shot Ray Charles," which became the genesis for this exhibit. "This exhibit gives the public a rare chance to see the music legend from the perspective of someone who had unique access to his life and experiences," said Charmaine Jefferson, CAAM executive director.

Morehead's illustrious career included being the first West Coast staff photographer for Johnson Publishing Company and the first African American hired as a staff cameraman for TV station KTLA. He was also known for capturing the bronze beauties of "Jet" magazine. He spent 17 years as a cameraman for KABC-TV. Morehead, who died in 2003, traveled extensively and photographed in such international locations as Japan, China, Russia, and Africa.

The California African American Museum, 600 State Drive in Exposition Park, is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first Sunday of the month for "Target Sundays at CAAM." Admission to the museum is free with on-site parking available for \$6 per vehicle. For information, call (213) 744-7432 or visit www.caamuseum.org.

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The Auto Club advises that motorists can keep themselves and others safe and can avoid DUI arrests by keeping these safety tips in mind:

*At social events, designate non-drinking drivers who can get everyone home safely.

*Call a friend or family member for a ride if you have been drinking.

*Keep a cab company telephone number in your wallet so you can call for a ride home.

*As a party host, offer a variety of non-alcoholic drink alternatives and provide a gift to guests who volunteer to be designated drivers.

*Take the car keys away from friends and relatives who have had too much to drink.

For more information, access the Auto Club's website at www.aaa-calif.com.

Polynesian music and dance at OASIS

DOWNEY—The Polynesian dance troupe, KUIUIPOS (Sweethearts), with their colorful costumes and tropical instruments, are bringing their music and dance to OASIS Monday, June 27 at Downey Adult School. Toni Stewart directs the group, whose ages range from six to 82.

The class will open for enrollment at 3 p.m.; there is no enrollment fee and no pre-registration. Dr. Robert Flynn will entertain at the piano, followed by the program at 4 p.m., then a full-course dinner at 5 p.m. Downey dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend the class.

For information, call 940-6200.



DUANE EARL BRUNER—Who was born in a small one-bedroom farmhouse in Gettysburg, South Dakota, graduated second in his class from Gettysburg High School in the spring of 1937, at 16 years of age. He was a Major in the Reserves after serving stints during WWII and Korea.

Funeral services today for Duane Earl Bruner

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held today, June 24 at 2 p.m. at Downey United Methodist Church for Duane Earl Bruner, who was born Dec. 4, 1920, the youngest of 3 children to Nettie and Earl Bruner in Gettysburg, South Dakota and died June 19.

His family resided in Long Beach before moving to Downey in 1975. Wife Marge, nee Marjorie Lucille, passed away in 1987.

He flew 35 combat missions with the U.S. Air Force over Europe during WWII, and was Company Commander while serving in Korea. He worked as an accountant for over 50 years.

He is survived by daughters Renee Schlater, Cynthia Brooks, and Vanessa Ivie; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Predeceasing him also were his parents, son David, daughter Cheryl Ellen, and sister Thelma.

Military burial services will be held Wednesday, June 29 in Gettysburg, SD.

Berniece Schilling-Perrone, 89, interred

DOWNEY—Services officiated by Father Steve Davoren were held yesterday, June 23 for Berniece Schilling-Perrone, who was born in Galena, Illinois and died June 15 at Riviera Health Center at the age of 89. She had been a Downey resident five years.

She was a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey. She is survived by son Walter (Adele) of Downey; daughter Mary Fitzpatrick of Utah; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Schilling.

Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. Arrangements were by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

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Each participant in the AAF SCTA/NJTL will receive 24 hours of tennis instruction during a six-week module. In addition, they will take home a free T-shirt and certificate of participation. Racquets are provided for use to those who need them. There is a registration fee of \$10 per child, though scholarships are available. Children may register at sites wherever this program is offered.

During the month of August, prizes and awards will be presented at the AAF SCTA/NJTL Tennis Carnival and Championship Tournament. A limited number of tickets to the Mercedes-Benz-Cup (held at the UCLA Tennis Center) will also be awarded.

For more information and a brochure with all of the AAF SCTA/NJTL sites, contact Arlene Barco at the SCTA, (310) 208-3838.

Small business marketing class June 25

DOWNEY—Aimed at small business entrepreneurs, the Downey City Library at 11121 Brookshire Ave. will conduct a free "Marketing Your Small Business" workshop Saturday, June 25 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Cormack Room.

The program will teach owners how to market a business so that customers will gravitate to using your product or service. You will learn best methods for advertising and publicity both in print and on the Web.

Speaker Sharon Peterson is a business advisor with over 13 years experience in marketing and sales for Fortune 500 and privately-owned companies. To register, call the Library Information Desk at (562) 904-7360 ext. 32.

Embroiderers' Guild meeting today

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America is meeting today, June 24 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St in Long Beach.

Jan Heistermann will teach a Genny Morrow design called "Barbara's Glory," a patriotic design to celebrate the 4th of July. Kits are \$15. Information: Vicki Young, (562) 421-6975.

Listening devices explored at meeting

LAKESWOOD—Assistive listening devices and the ways they help people hear better will be the topic when Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) meets July 14 at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Avenue in Lakewood. The program is free and open to the public.



WELCOME HOME MAJOR BROWN—Major Charles L. Brown, originally from Downey and a graduate of Warren High School, visited the kindergarten and second grade classrooms at Unsworth Elementary School recently, which served as his pen pals while he served in Iraq. "Charlie Brown," as the kids know him, presented each classroom with Certificates of Appreciation from the First Battalion Seventh Marine Division. The kids sent candy, cards and letters of encouragement to Brown when he was overseas.

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FERNE MCCALLISTER—Who took up residence in Downey in 1987 and is an active member of the South Gate Women's Club, the South Gate Church of Christ, and the Lynwood Republican Women, celebrated her 100th birthday June 5 with her numerous friends and members of her extended family. Born in 1905 in Coffey County Kansas, she was assistant postmaster in Eastern Kansas; she also worked for the state of California in the Human Resources Department. She is past Worthy Matron and a lifetime member of the Eastern Star. Her husband, Earl, passed away in 1965.

June 'Scleroderma Awareness Month'

LOS ANGELES—The L.A. County Board of Supervisors has declared June 2005 as Scleroderma Awareness Month, it was announced by 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe, who said: "There are nearly 300,000 people battling Scleroderma in the United States, yet there is so little awareness about this devastating disease. In designating June as Scleroderma Awareness Month, we can bring this disease to the forefront and help educate and fund research so that we may find a cure." A fundraising and awareness walk, "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma," hosted by the Southern California Chapter of the National Scleroderma Foundation, was held June 5 in Huntington Beach's Central Park.

"With events such as this walk, we can hope to reach out to many who want to contribute their part to find a cure for this disease," said Knabe.

Literally "hard skin," scleroderma causes a thickening and tightening of the skin and in some cases can cause serious damage to internal organs or even result in death. Nearly 80 percent of those living with the disease are women although the disease can strike men and children across all ages and ethnicities.

Series of 10-minute plays at college

NORWALK - The Cerritos College Department of Theatre is currently presenting "Take 10," a festival of 10-minute plays written and directed by Cerritos College students, at the Cerritos College Burnight Studio Theater.

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 24, 25 at 8 p.m. A matinee performance will be held on June 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students.

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Fall travel season begins to catch wind

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DOWNEY - Summer has always been known as the major travel season. While that's still true, largely because it's the traditional vacation time for families, fall travel is coming on strong and lengthening the travel season, according to an analysis of AAA Travel data by the Automobile Club of Southern California. Fall vacations have the advantages of smaller crowds, easier access to popular historic and scenic sites and lower prices for hotels and tours.

The most popular fall destinations, according to AAA Travel professionals, are Hawaii, Mexico and the South Pacific. Those locations have seen notable growth over the past three years.

"Not surprisingly, Hawaii remains our most popular destination, where Auto Club members' fall travel has increased 31 percent since 2002," said Hend Hasrouni, manager of the Auto Club's Downey office. "Hawaii offers a wide variety of accommodations for all budgets. Now, travelers enjoy the added convenience of customizing their Hawaii vacation with pre-booked activities, such as golf, snorkeling and a traditional luau."

Over the past three years, Mexico has become increasingly popular with a 28 percent increase in fall travel by Auto Club members. The new trend in Mexico vacations is for all-inclusive resorts where meals, many activities and even tips are taken care of before you leave home.

Growth in fall travel has increased competition among hotels and resorts, encouraging them to offer more competitive prices. In addition, AAA Travel's buying power brings more benefits.

"Another area growing in popularity for fall travel is the South Seas. When it is fall in Southern California, it's springtime in Australia and New Zealand and summer year round in Fiji and French Polynesia where Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora are travel favorites," Hasrouni said. "Attractive prices and tour packages are encouraging travelers to try destinations they may have dreamed about, but thought they couldn't afford."



ELLIE ECK - Was installed as the new president of Soroptimist International of Downey for the 2005-06 year at ceremonies June 17 at Sambi's Restaurant. Eck, left, is shown with Outgoing President Linda Haines. Also installed were Beverly Mathis, president-elect; Sherry Jaeger, vice president; Judy McDonnell, recording secretary; Monica Goel Hornberger, corresponding secretary; Carol Rowland, treasurer; Jan Scott, assistant treasurer; and Dianne Lumsdaine and Linda Haines, directors.

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CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE - Lended a helping hand to the PTA Helps Food Bank, which tends to run low on food in the summer months. "We try our best to put into action our mission statement, which is to improve the quality of life for others and promote goodwill in the community," said Laurie Mac Issac, Vice President of Relocation at Century 21. My Real Estate holds two annual food in drives - in the fall and summer - to assist the organization.

Players, sponsors sought for Downey Golf Classic

DOWNEY—The 9th annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic scheduled for Monday, Aug. 8 at Rio Hondo Golf Club will be a 4-man Best Ball Scramble affair, according to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which is presenting the shootout. Only soft spikes will be allowed. The Shotgun start is at 12 noon.

Entry fee of \$135 per person (\$155 after July 25) includes green fees, carts, BBQ luncheon, dinner, awards, prizes and fun.

The Chamber is also seeking additional sponsors, including. A Gold Sponsor (\$2,500)—provides for One Foursome to play, a Tee Sponsor sign, an individual banner, publicity, and recognition at the Awards Dinner; a Silver Sponsor (\$1,500)—is entitled to One Twosome play, a Tee Sponsor sign, group banner, and publicity; a Bronze Sponsor (\$500)—gets name on poster, a Tee sign, and two dinners; and a Tee Sponsor (\$100)—gets a Tee Sponsor sign on one hole.

A portion of the proceeds of the Downey Golf Classic will provide scholarships for local high schools, and for the winner of the Miss Downey Pageant.

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Host of new agents join Re/Max Online

DOWNEY – Re/Max Online has announced the addition of four new agents to their staff.

Jacqueline Lopez, Angeles Garnica, and George Saucedo will join the Downey team, while Silvia Medrano will operate out of Re/Max's Pico Rivera office.

Jacqueline Lopez

Lopez has lived in the Los Angeles area for over 12 years, and uses her bilingual skills in both English and Spanish to assist her clients with both buying and selling. She has handled a wide-range of transactions, from first-time or move-up buyers to clients looking for investment opportunities.

"I really enjoy my real estate career, which gives me the ability to help people achieve their real estate goals," said Lopez. "I pride myself on being a good listener as well as being an easy person to talk to. By really listening and talking with my clients, I can get a good idea of what they are really looking for."

Angeles Garnica

Garnica is also bilingual and is a member of the Downey Board of Realtors, California Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

A former "Rookie of the Year" at her former office, she primarily handles residential sales.

"I really love to help families find their dream home," she said. "Nothing beats the feeling of handing over the house keys to a first-time homebuyer and it's fun to share in their joy when they finally achieve the American dream of homeownership."

George Saucedo

A 14-year, award-winning real estate veteran, Saucedo is a past winner of the Centurion Award at his previous national brokerage.

Re/Max Online broker/owners Phil Limon and Minnie Gaspar said Saucedo is "renowned for being amongst the hardest-working agents around. He routinely puts in extra hours on a regular basis, and his hard work and integrity are two of his many admirable traits that have contributed to his impeccable reputation and professionalism."

Saucedo, who is married with two daughters, is also a licensed minister.

Silvia Medrano

Medrano has dabbled in the real estate profession for years, working as an assistant to a top producer and an assistant to a loan officer.

"Silvia Medrano has a good working knowledge of all the details of a real estate transaction," said Limon. "Her clients appreciate the skill set and knowledge she brings to the transaction process and her determination to make the entire process as smooth as possible for her clients doesn't go unnoticed."

Medrano, also bilingual, lives in Bellflower.

To reach any of the agents, call Re/Max Online at 904-8844. The company has two offices in Downey and one in Pico Rivera.



GRADUATING RESIDENTS—Left to right, front row: Alisha Bynum, D.O.; Sheree Cloer, D.O.; Jenny Tai, D.O.; and Hye Lee, D.O. Standing: John Dunlap, D.O.; program director Ole Heggeness, D.O.; Charles Stein IV, D.O.; and Max Nguyen, D.O.

Interns graduate from osteopathy program

DOWNEY—Seven residents and 14 interns graduated from the Downey Regional Medical Center Family Practice Internship and Residency Program June 17. The following day, a new intern class of 13 began working at the hospital.

DRMC Medical Education director Natalie Nevins, D.O., noted the faculty's "passion and dedication to teaching the bright minds of the future," saying: "We would not be able to offer this training program without the help of Drs. Mark Minkes, Robert Deere, Neil Klein, Patrick O'Leary, Ambrose Tsang, Mark Lee, Sanat Patel, Charles Kung, Pinal Doshi, William Wong, Joel Golden, Laura Sullivan, Vinod Patel, Bill Kim, Richard Guess, the Emergency Room staff, and all the other Nursing and support staff."

DRMC describes its program thus: A Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) must complete four years of medical school plus an internship and residency. Throughout their training, interns and residents are exposed to numerous medical subspecialties. More than half of all osteopathic physicians practice in primary care areas such as pediatrics, family practice, obstetrics/gynecology and internal medicine. They focus on preventive health care and practice a "whole person" approach to medicine rather than treating specific symptoms of an illness. D.O.s receive extra training in the diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders, and hands-on manipulative therapy. Many of these physicians go on to practice in the Los Angeles-Orange County area. The Doctor of Osteopathy post-graduate program has graduated well over 100 interns and residents since it came to DRMC in 1994.



SUMMERTIME CASINO NIGHT PARTY – And silent auction, presented by Soroptimist International of Downey, will be held today, June 24, at the Woman's Club in Downey starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, with all proceeds benefiting community scholarships and women's shelters, and may be purchased at the doors. Gold 'N Baked Hams will provide a light barbecue. Pictured are Soroptimist members Sue Potter, Ellie Eck, Jan Scott and Dorothy Pemberton, with some of the prizes to be given away at the end of the evening.

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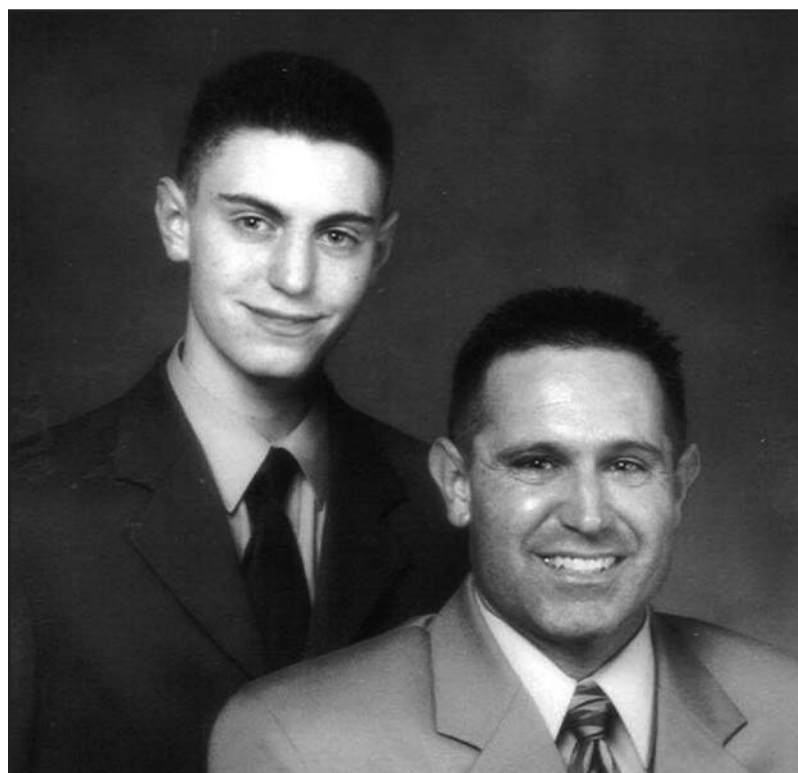
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ANDREW NTZOURAS – Has graduated to agent after working with Century 21 My Real Estate as a call coordinator. He will be teaming with his father, Telly, who is also a realtor. “Andrew attended school daily, worked part time at the company, and studied for his real estate license, showing a great deal of dedication,” said Laurie Mac Issac of Century 21. To reach Andrew, call 927-2626.

Breast cancer seminar at UCLA

WESTWOOD—The UCLA Division of Plastic Surgery will offer a new informative seminar to educate breast cancer patients on reconstructive procedures, as well as information about skin care and permanent make-up to help patients feel better about their appearance during treatment.

The free seminar will be offered from 6:30—7:30 p.m. on a choice of two dates—Thursday, July 7, or Thursday, Sept. 1—at 200 UCLA Medical Plaza, Ste. 465, in Los Angeles. Parking costs \$8 at the 200 Medical Plaza. Refreshments will be served and a raffle will be held.

An advanced breast reconstruction procedure called “deep inferior epigastric perforation” flap, offered by only a handful of skilled microsurgeons throughout the country, will also be discussed by UCLA’s board-certified plastic surgeons. The reconstruction uses the patient’s blood vessels, skin and fat from the lower abdomen for reconstruction without removing muscle. All plastic surgeons at UCLA are board-certified and university faculty members.

Reservations are required, by calling (800) 825-2752 or emailing Deborah Levinrad at dlevirad@mednet.ucla.edu.

Adult School offering 8-day cruise/rail tour

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School Creative Learning Tours offers an all-new, relaxing 8-Day Pacific Coast By Land and Sea Tour with director and escort Harriett Paine Sept. 23-30: two days and one night of ‘unsurpassed scenery’ in comfortable bedrooms on the Amtrak deluxe Coast Starlight to Seattle, then a grand 5-night cruise back to Los Angeles. The Norwegian Star cruise ship will embark from Vancouver, B.C. for this one, with three ports of call with a day each at Victoria, B.C., Seattle, Washington, and Astoria, Oregon.

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Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 28 (Information: Bernice, 940-6213). Registration is at Downey Adult School office, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

Business guide on city’s website

DOWNEY – The City of Downey website, www.downeyca.org, offers a step-by-step guide on starting a business in this city.

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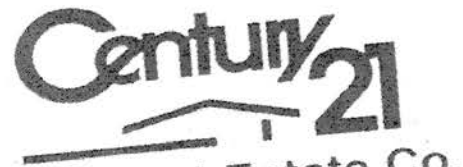
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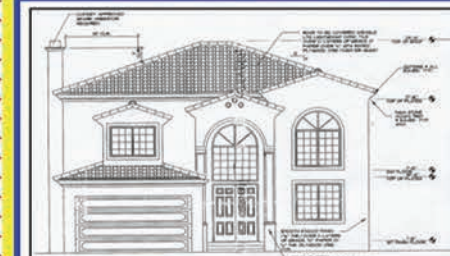
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This newly-built, single-story home has it all with a spectacular kitchen that includes granite counter tops, custom built cabinets, a large island, and all stainless steel appliances. This 5 bedroom, 4 bath home boasts three large master bedrooms. The open floor plan includes a living room with fireplace, large formal dining area, and a huge family room. The exterior features lush landscaping, a long driveway with potential RV access, an electric gate entry to the oversized two car detached garage, and a private pool. Call for a private showing or more information.
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Fun in the Sun!
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with pool & large yard is located near East Middle School in Downey. The refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior with molding, remodeled bathrooms, and travertine tile floors give the home a modern feel with the traditional ranch style exterior. Let the pool parties begin when you buy this home priced at \$745,000.
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Picture Perfect!
Newly constructed 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home with large master bedroom, new kitchen and bathrooms, refinished hardwood floors, new windows, and central air & heat. Property has a new carport and 2 car detached garage. Too many amenities to list! Price: \$539,900.
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Room to Grow!
North Downey home on an 11,700 sq. ft. lot with granite kitchen, new bathrooms, new flooring & carpet, new doors & crown molding, new windows, copper plumbing, central air & heat, & much more. Bonus room with bath behind 2-car garage has new tile & is in great condition. Priced to sell at \$730,000.
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