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New fields are said sunflower-vulnerable

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District Superintendent Wendy Doty called the Board's special attention Tuesday to student art from entries in the recent Congressional Art competition of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard which are now on display on the walls of the main office of the School Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

And Doty gave special thanks to Stan Hanstad and Jennifer Boose for taking time to hang the pictures with such skill.

The Board then turned to discussion of the new stadiums at the two high schools.

Seed problems

The Board briefly discussed the problem with the new surface of the fields at both Downey and Warren High School. It seems the artificial material is vulnerable to sunflower seeds, as well as chewing gum.

Stadium access hours

The discussion extended to what hours the facilities at the new stadiums at the high schools should be made available to the public. The Board's Tod Corrin said the public, which paid for the new stadiums through a public bond measure, should have some added access, but he asked "how much" with the problems of graffiti and vandalism so serious today.

The Board's discussion favored access weekdays until dusk, but not weekends which would require additional staffing expense. Betty Ferraro was adamant that the new stadiums be protected.

Buck Weinfurter, who is in charge of construction and transportation, suggested the "weekdays until dusk" policy as a good compromise. The policy will be voted on at a future meeting.

The Board also expressed hope that once public hours at the new facilities have been established, that they be made known through the pages of local newspapers such as the Downey Patriot.

In other matters, the Board's Donald La Plante said this is one of the worst state budgets "ever."

And Board President Barbara Samperi gave special thanks to the Assistance League for contributing \$15,500 to the operation of the TLC Center.

Sports teams

The Board's William Gutierrez wished the district's sports teams which have begun fall practice "good luck" in the upcoming season.

DUSD Board extends management pacts

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education Tuesday approved addendums to the contracts of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, and Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services which extends the contracts to June 30, 2009, except as specified.

Boardmember Donald La Plante noted the action simply extends the terms of the contracts and does not affect salaries.

In other action, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downey Education Association to continue release time for the President of the DEA.

The Board also held a public hearing and then received initial bargaining proposals for reopeners from the CSEA Chapters 248 and 746.

In other action the Board:

*Approved the Appointment to the Citizens Oversight Committee, per the Education Code, of Sean Ashton, Annie Casey, Ramona Dominguez, Barbara Lamberth, and Tracy Riley.

*Reviewed proposed changes to BP 1221, BP 1221.1, and AR1221.1, Use of School Facilities; reviewed proposed changes of AR 1221 for adoption; Deleted BP 1221.1 through BP 1221.2 through BP 1221.10, AR 1221.5 through AR 1221.7 and AR 1221.10.

Gifts from private sector

*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector including a cash donation of \$7,000 for school beautification from the carpenter PTA; a cash donation of \$15,500 to support the TLC Center from the Assistance League of Downey Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary; and several smaller but no less appreciated gifts.

*Approved payment of attendance and conference expenses.

*Ratified a general agreement with Hillside Education Center for the fiscal 2004-05 year retroactive to May 26, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

*Ratified a general agreement with Pyramid Autism Center for 2005-06 effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Ratified payments as submitted for special education placements.

*Ratified purchase orders submitted by the purchasing department.

*Ratified payroll orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of May.

*Ratified B Warrants.

*Ratified Amendment 3 to an agreement between Downey Adult School and the City of Hawthorne under the Workforce Investment Act.

*Ratified an educational fieldwork agreement with the University of Redlands starting January 2005 through June 30, 2007.

Agreement with Whittier College

*Ratified a student teaching agreement with Whittier College starting June 13, 2005 through June 23, 2006.

*Ratified an agreement on funding the Peer Assistance and Review Program starting July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Approved an agreement between Downey Adult School and Natural Health Services to provide office skills externships.



FURMAN PARK CONCERTS – Celtic Spring will entertain at the next Summer Concert at Furman Park Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. The series is sponsored by Financial Partners Credit Union. All concerts are free at 10419 Rives Ave., Downey. For information, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7238.

*Approved an agreement between Downey Adult School and Downey Plumbing and Heating to provide office externships.

*Accepted the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary.

*Named the Old River Elementary School Library the Pamela A. Box Library.

Stadium named for Layne

* Named the Downey High School Football Stadium the Allen Layne Stadium.

*Ratified the advertising for bids on a contract for final cleanup work on the new stadiums at Warren and Downey High Schools, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Ratified the advertising for bids for roof repairs and asbestos replacement to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Authorized the advertising for bids for demolition and site clearance for portable classroom buildings at Downey High School SELACO, to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.

*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$30,219 to be charged to the Bond and/or General

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – Louis Pintola of Escrow Results was honored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce this past Wednesday as Volunteer of the Year. He holds the plaque presented to him by Steve Hoffman, chamber president at a special luncheon at Embassy Suites in Downey.

Learning Center concept approved

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The conceptual design submitted by the architectural firm, Arquitectonica, for the new Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center, has been approved by the Downey City Council.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

When completed, the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center will accommodate the following elements:

- *The Challenger Learning Center
- *An Interactive Exhibits Area
- *A History and Educators Resource Center
- *A Robotics Lab
- *Meeting and Program Rooms
- *A Retail Store
- *Administration and Support facilities

The Center will occupy a 20,000 square foot building site at the north-west corner of the proposed new city park at the former NASA site. Arquitectonica, which has designed a number of museums and educational facilities, including the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana, will now proceed with the preparation of plans, specifications and cost estimate for the project. The City Council approved an agreement setting aside \$587,875 for this purpose.

Council reaction

Councilmember Rick Trejo said he was pleased with the overall configuration of the museum/learning center. Councilmember Dave Gafin suggested the architectural firm incorporate ecological considerations in the design. When Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins asked how much will it cost to run the Center, it was pointed out that Arquitectonica was just submitting a diagrammatic scheme at this stage, and that plan details will be submitted later that would incorporate suggestions/other ideas. Councilmember Kirk Cartozian was assured that Arquitectonica would be working very closely with the contractor during its construction.

In other matters the City Council Tuesday:

*Approved warrants Nos. 205691-206010, Wire Nos. 30001047-30001054, in the total amount of \$4,274,505.51.

*Approved the 2005 annual project update for Propositions A and C local return funds, and approved a \$1,233,300 inter-fund transfer from the Proposition A Fund to the Proposition C fund.

*Approved an agreement with Los Angeles County to develop a traffic signal control system, and appropriated \$300,000 in grant funds for the project.

Agreement with Lin Consulting

*Approved an agreement with Lin Consulting for on-call traffic engineering and signal design services.

*Adopted a resolution approving the destruction of certain obsolete records of the City Clerk's department.

*Adopted a resolution approving the appeal and denying a conditional use permit for a combination gasoline fuel sales/convenience market/take-out restaurant on property located at 8801 Lakewood Blvd.; it also approved the appeal and denial of a zone variance on the same property.

*Adopted a resolution adopting class specifications and establishing salary ranges for secretaries to the City Attorney/Development Services and City Clerk, Public Works Technician, Equipment Maintenance Leadworker, Keep Downey Beautiful Coordinator and Senior Building Permit Technician.

*Heard a presentation by Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter on the Emergency Room crisis developing in Los Angeles County.

Travel, meeting policy nixed

*Took no action on the draft of a proposed Travel, Conference and Meeting Expense Policy which would have applied to Council members, City staff and Commissioners.

*Presented the Mayor's Award for Service to the City to Sonya Meacham, ASPIRE Program Supervisor with the Community Services Department.

*Presented proclamations to Dave and Vicki Gunderson, representing Downey High School; and David and Pam Langford, and Steve and Ruth Ruckman, representing Warren High School, as Parents of the Year.

*Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Cristina Rodriguez, Rio Hondo (Boys and Girls Club) Teen Center member and volunteer.

*Heard State Assemblyman Hector de la Torre reiterate his intent to work closely with the Council, especially with regard to Prop. 42 funds.

The meeting adjourned in memory of Patti LeVar, wife of Building Official and longtime Downey resident Ron LeVar.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Chamber's 2nd annual Oldies Show fundraiser

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual "Oldies, but Goodies" Concert featuring The Drifters, who will perform such hits from their legendary career as "Under The Boardwalk," "On Broadway," and "Save The Last Dance," is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Downey Civic Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Hosting the show is singer/comedian/emcee Mark W. Curran.

Tickets are \$30 and may be ordered from the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191. The Chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.



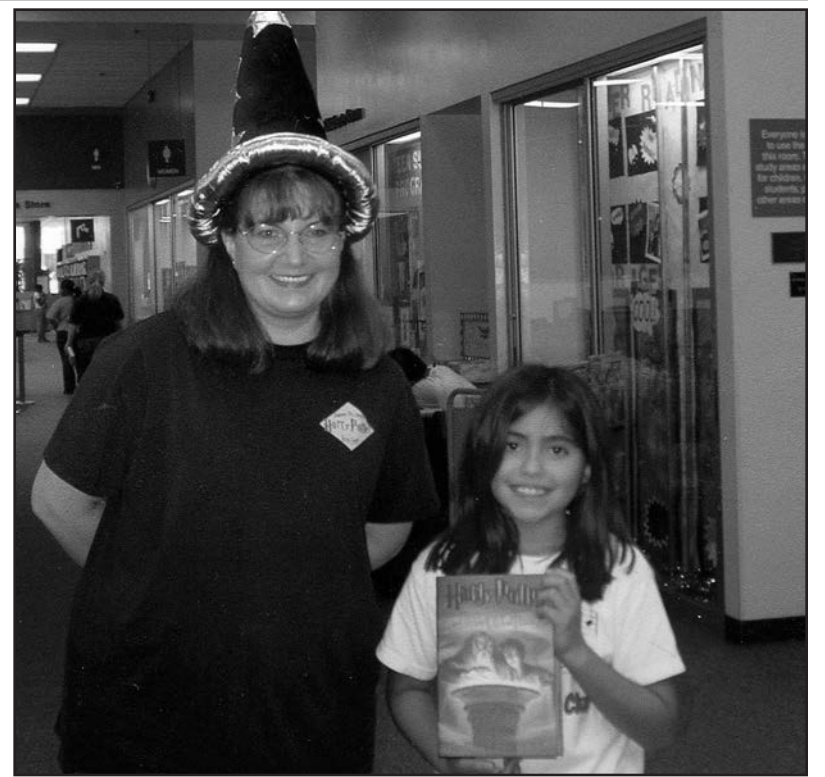
HAWAII IN CALIFORNIA – The dancers of Ku'uipo O Hula are busy rehearsing for their summer performances for private and public events. They are shown above at Kids Day 2005. They performed at the Lotus Festival July 10 and will be performing at the Orange County Fair today, July 29. For information, call 927-7566.

Photos of old Foxy's wanted by Nordic Fox

DOWNEY—The Nordic Fox Restaurant, which is running a contest for the funniest story, as well as the most sentimental, about the old Foxy's, is also requesting copies of any old photos clientele may have of it. It would like pictures of people in the restaurant, pictures of the outside, and especially any of the old Fox Statue that once stood outside the front door.

Nordic Fox management wants to make a display of them so "those that were not in Downey (then) will know why Foxy's will always be special." The pictures can not be returned.

The restaurant, located at 10924 Paramount Blvd., is offering \$100 for the funniest tale, and another \$100 for the most sentimental story. Deadline for entries is Aug. 15. Winners will be announced Aug. 19. The restaurant went by the name, "Foxy's," before it was renamed "Nordic Fox." It was built in 1968.



IRMA MARQUEZ—Shown here with Children's librarian Gina Orello, was one of the winners of a free copy of J.K. Rowling's latest bestseller, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, at the Downey City Library's book release party July 16, which included prize drawings throughout the day, games and puzzles with a Harry Potter theme. Other lucky winners included: Fatimah Aljahra, Marwa Garawi, Britney Gallardo, David Guzman, Luis Nunezuribe, Ali Garawi and Valeria Uscarga. With 22 library copies in hardback and CD, others won't have to wait long to read Harry's latest adventures, says Orello. To reserve a copy, call the library at 904-7360, ext. 4. The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

'Business legislation' topic at luncheon

DOWNEY—Southern California Gas Co. will host a "Legislative Luncheon" presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16 at Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd.

State Sen. Alan Lowenthal and Assemblyman Hector De La Torre are scheduled to talk on the topic, "Business Legislation."

The Chamber sees the event as your opportunity to meet and hear from your legislators and ask questions.

For information, call the Chamber, 923-2191.

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CITY LIBRARIAN THAD PHILLIPS—Welcomes Super-Girl (Angie Macias-Mendez) and Spider-Man on kick-off day.

Library's summer reading program a hit

DOWNEY—More than 2,600 "Super Readers, Super Heroes" – children ages 0-13 – have reportedly so far embraced the Downey City Library's Summer Reading program, and accounting for an estimated 38,000 books read. Features of the free program include a special appearance by Spider-Man and Super-Girl on Opening Day, June 20, and the granting of prizes for independent summer reading.

Children's librarian Gina Orello reminds parents: "Be sure to register all the kids in the family. We have a great selection of books for all ages." Last day for registering in the program is tomorrow, July 30.

The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



DAVID AND ELEANOR BALINT – Celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with dinner at Salvatore's Restaurant with family and friends followed by an overnight stay at the Embassy Suites. David Balint is retired from Los Angeles Unified School District while Eleanor is retired from Downey Regional Medical Center. The Balints, shown above with great-grandson Ashton Comer, are graduates of Downey High School, along with their children and grandchildren.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet Aug. 9

DOWNEY—Scheduled speakers at the Tuesday, Aug. 9 meeting of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group are Chamber members Maria Mendoza of Farmers-Maria Mendoza Agency; Steve Roberson of Century 21 My Real Estate Co; and Jan Simon of the Downey Federal Credit Union.

The group meets at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: (562) 923-2191.

3 couples honored on 'Parents Day'

DOWNEY—National Parents Day was proclaimed by the Downey City Council Tuesday at the regular Council meeting, and parents David and Pam Langford of Warren High School and Steve and Ruth Ruckman of Warren, were joined by Dave and Vicki Gunderson of Downey High, and each couple was honored by the presentation of certificates as "Parents of the Year," by Mayor Anne Bayer and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office.

Each couple was nominated by their school. The Langfords are the parents of Erin and Ryan. The Ruckmans are the parents of Eric and Katie. And the Gundersons are the parents of Crystal and Michelle.

Volunteer Coordinator Katrin McCarthy said, "Parents of the year is a special award because it represents lifelong commitment, 24-hours a day. The importance of being an effective parent is often overlooked because of its ordinariness. Yet nothing has a more significant impact on the future of a child's life, and ultimately, the future of our society."

"These couples have been nominated by their children's respective high schools for their love and dedication in raising their children to be people of good character. They have volunteered countless hours for programs benefiting children in their school, church and community."

National Parents day was established in 1994 by Congress and President Clinton, as a day to support and uplift the important role of parents in the lives of their children and the culture of our nation. It is nationally recognized as the fourth Sunday in July.

Temple barbecue welcomes Shabbat

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is having a barbecue at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, followed by "Shabbat Under The Stars" at 7:30 p.m.

Barbecue choices are hamburger, hot dog, or a Veggieburger. Beverages, salads and trimmings will be provided. Donation is \$5 per person.

Shabbat Devarim Service will be held outdoors in the garden setting of the temple. Dress is casual, and sweaters are recommended should it get chilly.

Temple Ner Tamid's Cantorial Intern, Ellen Jaffe-Gill, is conducting the service. Everyone is encouraged to join in "this spiritual uplifting and welcoming" of Shabbat. There will be an Oneg (Reception) afterwards, with desserts and beverages provided by the Sisterhood of the Temple.

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

\$100 prize at Mixer/Business Expo

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce announced Downey Regional Medical Center is hosting a "Mixer & Business Expo" with the theme "Fall Celebration" Thursday, Oct. 13 from 4-7 p.m. at DRMC's new medical building at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

The Chamber is offering a \$100 prize for the best decorated booth. Promotional booths cost \$60 to members, \$100 to non-members.

To participate/for information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191.



JUDGE LONDON STEVERSON—Presents Downey High School's Eleni Christidis a check for \$100 from the Downey Sister Cities Association to help finance her trip to Washington, D.C. where she represented Los Angeles at the week-long Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) World Leadership Congress. She joined 350 other students from around the world to participate in panel discussions with international leaders. She was one of two students chosen from the 120 ambassadors who attended the HOBY Los Angeles Region Seminar held June 3-5.

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Funds.

*Authorized the advertising for bids for snack foods for the Food Services Department for the 2005-06 school year, to be charged to Food Services.

*Accepted as complete backhoe services on a project by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$10,575 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete paving and repair work on a project by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$33,847 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete work on a project by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$43,360, to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$21,204 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Ratified the awarding of a bid for roof repair and asbestos abatement to FC & Sons Roofing of Bell Gardens in the estimated sum of \$800,000 to be charged to the General, Bond and or Deferred Maintenance Funds.

*Ratified the award of a bid for final cleanup work on Downey and Warren Stadiums to Ultimate Maintenance Service of Redondo Beach in the sum of \$35,000 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

Electrical bid

*Awarded a bid for electrical supplies to AAA Electric Supply of Montebello and B&K Electric Wholesale of Downey in the estimated annual sum of \$600,000 with no guarantee of the amount, with options to renew for two additional years, to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved the use of a Capistrano School District bid for flooring material and installation by the DUSD on an as needed basis for carpet and vinyl tile flooring, with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

*Approved the use of an Eastern Sierra Unified School District bid with West Coach of Chino by the DUSD with the same advantages terms and conditions.

Food Services

*Approved a second year renewal of a bid for Food Services for produce products by ASR Food Distributors of Commerce in the estimated annual sum of \$100,000 to be charged to Food Services.

*Approved the second year renewal bid by Food Service paper products for food services paper products in the estimated annual sum of \$120,000 to be charged to Food Services Funds.

*Approved Change Order 4 for inspection services with Joyce Inspection & Testing of Costa Mesa in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.

*Approved Change Order 1 to an order for transportation services with Administrative Services Corporation of Gardena in the increased sum of \$34,000 to be charged to Special Education Funds.

*Approved Change Order 1 to an order for trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the increased sum of \$25,000 to be charged to Maintenance Funds.

*Approved Change Order 2 for new stadium interior and exterior finishes with Kitson Specialty of Santa Fe Springs in the increased sum of \$13,255 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved a Change Order 1 for demolition and modernization work at Lewis School with Good Life Inc., DBA U.S. Construction of Santa Ana in the increased sum of \$15,643 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 3 for electrical work by Dennison Electric of Los Alamitos at Unsworth Elementary in the increased sum of \$11,558 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

Claims

*Acknowledged the receipt of an application for a late claim dated June 25, 2005 received June 30, 2005 from Mario Conte on behalf of minor Gaby Conte, and granted permission to present it for consideration.

*Acknowledged receipt of a claim dated June 24, 2005 and received June 30, 2005 submitted by Alfred Aguero Jr., on behalf of Kaila Aguero, a minor, and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

*Acknowledged receipt of a claim received June 30, 2005 from Mario Conte on behalf of Gaby Conte, minor, and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

*Acknowledged receipt of a claim received June 30, 2005 submitted by Bertha Garcia, on behalf of minor Marilyn Lima, and denied claim in compliance with the Government Code.

*Acknowledged receipt of a claim June 30, 2005 submitted by Jorge Gonzalez on behalf of minor Marlene Gonzalez, and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

*Acknowledged receipt of a claim received July 5, 2005 submitted by Maria Magdaleno on behalf of minor Stephanie Magdaleno and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

*Approved the establishment, abolition, and change of duties of several positions.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board of Education will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



MOST OF THESE TEENAGERS—Part of the 170-member Downey Regional Medical Center Volunteer Corps, depart soon for colleges of their choice. They were given a fond farewell at a summer outing to the Krikorian Theater, where new officers were announced. The Corps, who volunteered 9,500 hours in 30 service areas this past year, welcomes short-term student volunteers who are considering a career in healthcare, or interested in community service, as well as working adults with limited free time. Anyone interested in volunteering at the hospital is invited to call 904-5321.



CONGR. ROYBAL-ALLARD – Receives SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) award from its president and executive director, Penny Wells.

Underage drinking campaign recognized

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34th) has been honored with the 2005 Outstanding Contribution Award by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), in recognition of her sponsorship of “The STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act” (HR864) and for her successful efforts to create a national media campaign aimed at parents to combat underage drinking that will be released this fall.

The STOP Underage Drinking Act would make this media campaign permanent. In addition, the measure would also coordinate the efforts of various federal agencies charged with addressing the problem; provide additional funding for the Drug Free communities program; provide competitive grants to states, nonprofits, and institutions of higher education to create statewide coalitions to prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse by university students, as well as increase federal research into the physical impact of alcohol on adolescent brain development.

SADD has for more than 23 years been committed to empowering young people to lead education and prevention initiatives in their schools and communities. Founded as Students Against Driving Drunk in 1981 in Wayland, Massachusetts, SADD has grown to become the nation’s dominant peer-to-peer youth education and prevention organization with thousands of chapters in middle schools, high schools and colleges.



NURSING STUDENTS – Pictured are the “Downey 10” (minus two) Cerritos College/Downey Regional Medical Center nursing students, who are expected to graduate in spring, 2007. From left, Lindsay Allen, Regina Alba, Raymond Jimenez, Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell, Jacqueline Lopez, Christine Warren, Eugene Sanchez, Cindy Cornejo, and Rainould Bagnol.

Hospital welcomes ‘Downey 10’ nurses

DOWNEY – The third class of Cerritos College/Downey Regional Medical Center nursing students was welcomed to the DRMC family at a Bridge to Nursing luncheon on July 18. Called the “Downey 10” by Cerritos College, these men and women are expected to begin their courses in the fall semester and graduate in spring, 2007.

Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell congratulated the students for being selected for the program. She stated, “We had nearly 100 applicants, and selected the top achievers whose grade point average, essays and applications reflected nurses we want to have in our society and hospital.”

She added, “We realized four and a half years ago that our own exceptional personnel couldn’t get into the nurse training programs (because they were full). In partnership with Cerritos College we laid out a plan to get more nurses into the pipeline by funding a nursing instructor. Cerritos has an excellent program and faculty. I am especially grateful to Nursing Instructor and Faculty Liaison Kelli Brooks for being the bridge between Cerritos and DRMC. Her enthusiasm and positive approach is largely responsible for two very successful classes, with 19 graduates and another student who will soon graduate.”

A number of DRMC nursing educators and managers at the luncheon stated they were proud to be Cerritos College nursing graduates. One of them, Ranie Hamilton, RN, nursing director for the Family Birth Center and Home Health, told the students, “Everyone here is passionately interested in your success and we will support you in any way we can.”

Several of the students are already employees at DRMC. After graduating from the two-year program and passing their state boards, the nurses will come to work at DRMC for at least one year and hopefully for many years to come.

School supplies collected for children

DOWNEY—School supplies for the children at the Rio Hondo Temporary Home will be collected by the Moravian Church of Downey throughout the month of August. Notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, handheld calculators, paper, scissors, backpacks and the like are sought.

This is an annual event for the congregation who welcomes contributions to the project. Bring supplies to the church (927-0718) at 10337 Old River School Rd., one block south of Florence.

Cerritos inter-generational art class

NORWALK—Cerritos College’s Older Wiser Learner (OWL) program, part of its Adult Education and Diversity Programs, is offering an inter-generational arts and crafts class for parents or caretakers of special-needs children, 6 years and older, on Saturdays, Aug. 20-Dec. 10 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Venue is at La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada.

Participants will have the opportunity to create crafts using various mediums such as clay and wood, and will take home a new project each week. For more details, contact Sally Greer of the OWL program, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2517.

The poets’ corner

fielder’s choice

things you men take for granted
how to drive a nail
tap tap tap
those little finish pins
it’s all in the wrist
whereas if whole body involvement is needed
only a sledgehammer
gets that kind of emotional commitment

consider Noah a farmer turned carpenter
God never gave that kind of job to a woman
because women don’t operate vertically
they spread the blow and hope for the best
there are no females with mallets in the Old Testament
unless you’re counting the housewife Jael
who smote Sisera the idolater with a tent peg
pounding it vigorously into his sleeping head
big blows for women’s empowerment
but questionable marks for technique

back to Noah picture that frenzy at embarkation
when time having run out
the rains coming and all
God had to waive final inspection
the peacocks were already beginning to molt
dropping their gorgeous feathers onto those dusty runs
the panthers sniffing at the zebras’ stripes
eager to get on board
and see whose stall was next to whose
when Noah had to be both herdsman and hotel manager
he asked for his plowshare back
cobbling together a biosphere wasn’t enough

now he was expected to learn the hospitality industry
having to placate those daughters-in-law
with their complaining about his built-in closets
worrying that the Mediterranean was leaking in
spoiling their second-best clothes
making the big decisions is second nature to men
whether to throw out the lead runner
or make the play at first
other issues are best left to women
let them allot each rough beast his due
so much for clover so much for swill

—Lorine Parks,
Downey

Downey Golf Classic tees off Aug. 8

DOWNEY—A new promotion is being introduced at the upcoming 9th annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic which takes place at Rio Hondo Golf Club Monday, Aug. 8. Members will be allowed to promote their businesses at various holes: a table will be placed at a hole of your choosing, where you may distribute any literature or product you desire. Cost is \$250 for availing of this promo approach. This is in addition to advertising your business with a tee sign, which costs \$100.

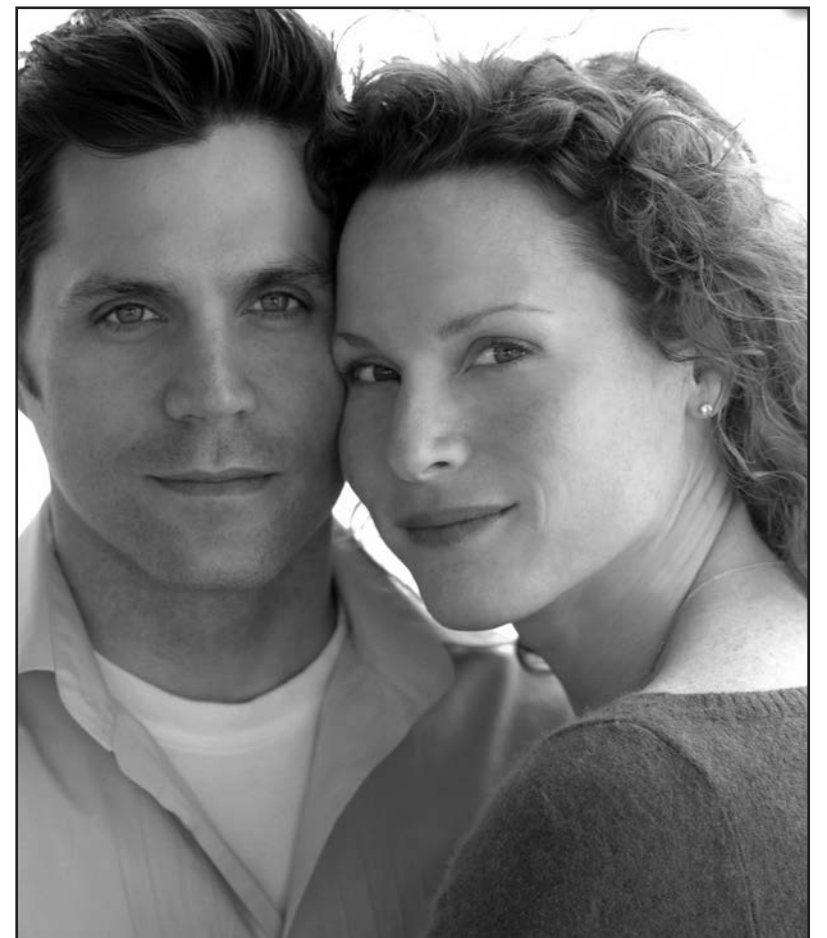
The Golf Classic is a 4-man Best Ball Scramble affair, with a Shotgun start at 12 noon. Features include cash prizes, a putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, closest-to-the-pin on all par 3s, money hole on #14, a BBQ lunch and awards dinner.

To join the fun/for more information, call 923-2191. No refunds or cancellations after Aug. 1.

Families invited to learn CPR

DOWNEY—Health education instructors at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) are teaching men and women from the community how to help save someone’s life. To this effect, a “CPR for Family & Friends” class will be held Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 6-10 p.m. Taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor, this class covers how to recognize life-threatening emergencies and how to perform CPR techniques for adults, infants and children.

Classes are held in the hospital’s lower-level conference rooms at 11500 Brookshire Ave. at Firestone Blvd. The fee is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Reservations are required, by calling 904-5580.



LEVIN-WILLIAMS WEDDING – Mandy Christine Levin and Brice Johnnie-Lee Williams, both Downey residents, have announced plans for an October 8 wedding in Pasadena. Levin, daughter of Bill and Judy Levin of Portola Valley, is a graduate of UCLA and works as an actress. Williams is the son of Candi Applegate of Sequim, Washington and the late Johnnie Lee Williams and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy. He is also an actor. The couple plans to honeymoon in Santa Fe, New Mexico and reside in Downey.

Chamber fun

By John Adams

The Downey Chamber of Commerce held its annual Volunteer Awards and Business of the Year Awards Luncheon and Fashion Show Wednesday, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, and as usual the mix of colorful personalities and spontaneity made for good fun.

Executive Director Joan Warner-Plettinck assumed the role of emcee. The music was to have been provided by her ancient radio, but that machine had a mind all its own, refusing to be heard above a mere tinkle of sound at first and then interrupting proceedings when it was supposed to be quiet.

Joan and other chamber stand-ins overcame all obstacles and produced a good show. The fashion show was particularly popular with a good deal of silliness. With Jerry Brady dressed as the "Home Improvement Man," who needs music?

Personally, it was good to see many friends such as John Croshaw. And the Chamber always offers a chance to make new friends as well.

The list of awards will appear in a subsequent story. Big Business of the Year honors went to the Downey Federal Credit Union.

We would like to say that we hope the Downey Chamber and Downey never loses their small-town charm. Go Chamber!

Registration for DAS fall tour now open

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School is now accepting registrations for the fall Creative Learning Tours, and Tour Director/Escort Harriett Paine encourages interested travelers to sign up early. Registration may be made at the Downey Adult School office at 12340 Woodruff Ave. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tours at a glance:

*Polynesian Spectacular Show and Luncheon – Hilo Hattie's Store and Sam's Seafood, Huntington Beach, Thursday, Sept. 15, \$56;

*Jet Propulsion Laboratory Guided Tour – Twin Palms Luncheon, Old Town Pasadena, Wednesday, Sept. 28, \$62;

*Reagan "Air Force One" Pavilion and Presidential Museum, Reagan Country Café Luncheon, Tuesday, Oct. 11, \$51;

*Candlelight Pavilion Dinner-Theater, Claremont, "The Wonderful world of Christmas" Production, Thursday, Dec. 8, \$76.

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. For more tour information, call 940-6213.

Waste roundup Aug. 20 at Columbus

DOWNEY—L.A. County residents are invited to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and e-waste at no cost at the free Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste Roundup from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Columbus Continuation High School, 12330 Woodruff Ave.

Many common household products pose a hazard to the environment if disposed of improperly.

E-waste is electronic equipment near the end of its useful life, including computer monitors and TVs which cannot be thrown out with regular trash.

Place the items in their original boxes if possible, and drive them to the free roundup site. You never have to leave your car. However, no explosive or radioactive materials, tire or business waste will be accepted. Do not mix products together.

For information, call the L.A. County Dept of Public Works at (888) CLEAN LA, the L.A. Sanitation District at (800) 238-0172, or visit the website at www.lacsd.org.

Council agendas available online

DOWNEY – Complete City Council and Community Development Commission agendas and minutes can be accessed on the City of Downey website at www.downeyca.org.

Council and commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall.

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.

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.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Enjoys Web site

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the great web site.

Thank you for keeping us current on all the growth and happenings within our communities. The Patriot makes our Fridays, helps us plan for events, and reinforces the sense of community so vital to making things happen/work.

Good job!

—Jan Christiansen,
Downey

City of Downey 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

Free hotline magnets, courtesy of Keep Downey Beautiful, are available at City Hall's 2nd floor at the Public Works counter.

Chamber's Golf Classic set for Aug. 8

DOWNEY—The ninth annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic scheduled for Monday, Aug. 8 at Rio Hondo Golf Club will be a four-man Best Ball Scramble affair, according to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which is presenting the shootout. 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. Only soft spikes will be allowed on the green.

Sponsorships

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.

New CERT classes start Sept. 10

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 Lubec.

CERT is designed for citizen responders who, in the event of a major emergency, would help neighborhoods and local government.

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

Disabled Americans feeling pangs of neglect

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

The month of July marks the 15th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities.

The ADA, which passed Congress with bipartisan support and was signed into law by the first President Bush, recognized the simple premise that every American ought to have the right to live independently and to fully participate in all aspects of our society - in the job market, in schools and in communities. The ADA sought to foster inclusion, and to break down the barriers of exclusion to people with disabilities.

There is no question that the ADA has ushered in significant change during the last 15 years. One need only look around to see the signs of progress: curb cuts, wheelchair lifts, Braille signs, closed-captioning for the hearing impaired on television, handicapped parking spaces and assistive listening devices at movie theaters. The ADA has made transit systems and communications systems more accessible. And, perhaps most importantly, the ADA has begun to change society's attitudes toward people with disabilities.

However, despite this important and widespread progress, the fact remains that the promise of the ADA remains unfulfilled for far too many.

A major focus of the ADA, for example, was to improve employment opportunities. However, the evidence shows that there has been little change in the employment rate of people with disabilities. Only 32 percent of people of working age who have disabilities are employed. And today, people with disabilities are still three times more likely to live in



poverty.

Furthermore, despite the clear intent of Congress, federal courts in recent years have narrowed the scope of the ADA and limited the enforcement of key provisions, especially those related to the workplace and the application of the ADA to state law.

Adding to the problem is the fact that President Bush has chosen judges for the federal bench who have a track record of explicit hostility to the ADA. His Administration has also proposed funding cuts to Medicaid, Section 8 housing, vocational rehabilitation and assistive technology - all of which are essential to fostering independence.

The President also has failed to honor former President Clinton's pledge to hire 100,000 individuals with disabilities in the federal government by 2005. In fact, under the current Administration, the number of federal employees with disabilities has declined.

It's clear that our work is far from finished in meeting the goals of the ADA. We must continue to strive to reach a point in this nation where you can get a job if you are qualified and can do the job.

This is as much a priority today as it was 15 years ago when the ADA was enacted. With thousands of severely injured soldiers returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq, we have a special responsibility to assure them that they will receive the fair treatment they deserve as they attempt to return to work and re-integrate themselves in their communities.

We must bring our nation closer to the ideals of equality and opportunity that are both our heritage and our hope. I am proud to be among the Members of Congress leading the way in our national effort to make those ideals a reality for all Americans.

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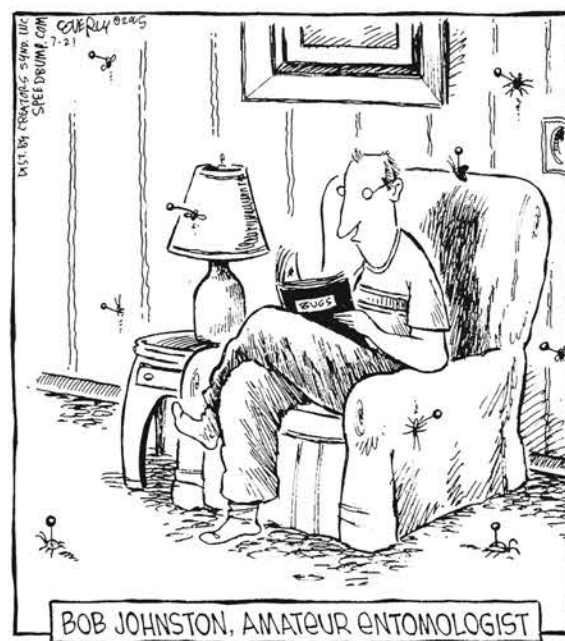
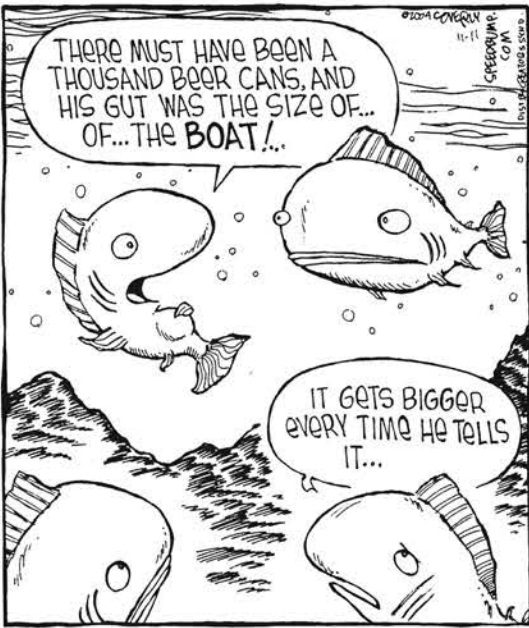
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Fri. July 27, 6:30 p.m.: Shawn Morgan entertaining at Granata's Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. The pianist/vocalist also plays Saturday evening. For information call 861-2997
Sun. July 31, 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 Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. 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 Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
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.
12:00 p.m.: Exchange Club, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
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

7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, for information call 869-8782.
6 p.m.: Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: Diabetes Support Group, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
9 a.m.: Senior Californians of Downey, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Samb's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

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

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Pasadena Auditorium announces season

PASADENA—The Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E. Green Street in Pasadena, has announced its 2005-06 season program of musical theater, distinguished speakers, and more.

Highlights of the **Pasadena Symphony**, all of whose performances are scheduled Saturdays at 8 p.m.:

- * *To Those who Came Before* (Schuman, Rodrigo & Brahms), Oct. 8
- * *Mozart and Haydn* (Mozart, Schnittke & Haydn), Nov. 12
- * *The Pines of Rome* (Liszt, Bruch, Vaughan, Williams & Respighi), Dec. 10
- * *Serenade for Strings* (Schubert, Schickele & Tchaikovsky), Jan. 21
- * *Tchaikovsky's Sixth* (Dochmani, Hindemith & Tchaikovsky), Feb. 4
- * *French Flavor and Fortune* (Ravel, Milhaud & Beethoven), March 11
- * *The Mysteries of Love and Death* (Wagner, Liszt & Rachmaninoff), April 1
- * *Symphonie Fantastique* (Glinka, Prokofiev & Berlioz), May 6

As a bonus, ticket holders can attend Insights. These free, informative pre-concert talks provide a deepened historical knowledge and understanding of the pieces that will be performed. To become a subscriber, call (626) 793-7172, ext. 22 or visit www.pasadenasympphony.org.

The **Distinguished Speaker Series** returns for a 10th season, featuring the following seven distinguished people who will share thought-provoking insights and compelling stories in an intimate setting, all at 8 p.m.:

- * *Colin Powell*, former Secretary of State, Monday, Oct. 13
- * *Robert Ballard*, renowned undersea explorer and Titanic discoverer, Tuesday, Nov. 15
- * *Stuart Varney*, television's premier economic and financial journalist, Jan. 18
- * *Christiane Amanpour*, CNN chief international correspondent, Wednesday, Feb. 15
- * *Nicolas de Torrente*, executive director of Doctors Without Borders, Monday, March 6
- * *Mikhail Gorbachev*, former President of the Soviet Union and Nobel laureate, Wednesday, April 5
- * *Tom Wolfe*, best-selling novelist and social commentator, Wednesday, May 24

Tickets are sold in series packages only. To purchase the complete series of seven or create your own mini-series of four, call (800) 508-9301 or log on to www.speakersla.com.

The **Theater League's Broadway Series** salutes past winners and nominees of the prestigious Tony Award.

The season gets off to a raucous start with *The Full Monty*, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Recommended for mature audiences, this hilarious Tony-nominated musical follows a group of regular guys who regain their self-respect by losing their fears, their nerves and their clothes.

42nd Street, winner of the 2001 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival, taps its way into Pasadena Nov. 25-27. Based on the original Broadway production, this razzle-dazzle musical tells the timeless, inspiring story of the young ingenue who rises from the chorus to become a Broadway star.

The fun continues into 2006 with the hit, *Mamma Mia*. Running Feb. 8-12, 2006, the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale as a mother confronts her past when three men return to the Greek island they've not visited for 21 years just as her 20-year-old daughter is about to be married. Nominated for five Tony Awards, this rocking musical features 22 of ABBA's hits, including "Dancing Queen" and "Take a Chance on Me."

The season thunders to a close March 17-19, 2006 with "Blast." Winner of the 2001 Tony Award for Best Theatrical Event, "Blast" features 35 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together in a unique explosion of music and theater.

Season tickets are available by calling (626) 449-9695 or visiting theaterleague.com. Individual tickets may be purchased beginning Aug. 8, by calling Ticketmaster at (213) 365-3500 or at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium box office.



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Rehearsals are held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the La Habra United Methodist Church, 631 N. Euclid St., in La Habra. Meetings are held on Thursdays during the summer and on Wednesdays throughout the rest of the year.

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For information, call Mark Stokes at (714) 522-4741, or visit the website at www.choralaires.org.

Walking class extended to 5 days

DOWNEY - The Stonewood Strollers, a walking class led by Kathy Gorman, former principal of Downey Adult School, now meets every Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Stonewood Center in Downey.

'The Odd Couple' at the Mainstage

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach (across from Recreation Park), presents Neil Simon's comedy, "The Odd Couple," July 15-Aug. 20.

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When we apply for reimbursement for an uninsured patient, we usually receive no reimbursement to cover the actual cost of caring for the patient. We, DMRC, must absorb the balance.

Patients admitted through the Emergency Room caused the Hospital to sustain losses of over \$16 million over past two years. We cannot continue to sustain these losses.

Because we know how valuable DRMC's Emergency Room is to this community, we are pursuing every opportunity to solve this crisis. Solutions we are investigating include:

- Receive reimbursement in line with what other LA County hospitals receive
- Limit boundaries for ambulance runs



King/Drew Medical Center receives more money per patient than any other LA County hospital despite well-publicized, serious lapses in patient care and safety.

By contrast, the amount of reimbursement DRMC receives from the County and State is among the lowest of any area hospital. Yet our performance and safety record are exemplary.



We are working with the County and State to provide more funding for the uninsured and underinsured. As a non-profit hospital we are doing our fair share, but we cannot solve this crisis alone.

We are proud of our performance improvement and safety record, and the high quality of our healthcare practices. Downey Regional continues to invest in our staff and facilities to ensure we meet community health needs and exceed expected outcomes. Diligence, commitment and professionalism should be fairly compensated.

We will continue to seek solutions. And we will continue to deliver the highest quality health care.



As leaders of this valuable community resource, the DRMC Board of Directors believes you should be kept informed about the ER crisis occurring in Los Angeles, how it affects you and what is being done by your community's hospital to meet these challenges. As with all health issues, knowledge is essential for patient empowerment and community wellness.

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PATTY ALMEIDA - Services were held July 15.

Patty Almeida inspired local 'Relay for Life'

DOWNEY - A memorial service was held July 15 for Patricia "Patty" Elizabeth Almeida, who passed away July 6 after a struggle with cancer.

Born October 19, 1960 in Guayaquil, Ecuador, she was an oncology nurse in private practice and a real estate agent at Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate. She was also the inspiration between Downey's American Cancer Society "24 Hour Relay for Life."

Almeida is survived by her mother, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Paul A. Schmidt services July 23

DOWNEY - Services were held on July 23 at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary for Paul A. Schmidt, who was born Nov. 9, 1914 in Lafayette, Indiana to Charles and Martha Schmidt and died on July 16. He was 90.

He was a Downey resident for the past 39 years.

He was a draftsman for the structural steel industry for 55 years, and belonged to the Linwood Rod and Gun Club as well as the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by daughters Judith (James) of Cape Fair, Paula (Skip) Of Palm Desert and Geneva (Dale) of Lake Havasu City; longtime companion and friend Angeline Cox of Bellflower; six grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for area

DOWNEY - The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

Volunteers assist the Collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, looking for donor reactions and promoting public relations. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

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THESE 2ND GRADERS—From Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Downey and St. Columbkille in Los Angeles began as Pen Pals—and ended up as friends.



CLASS PHOTO—Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School's 8th Grade graduating class of 2005, many of whom had attended OLPH for 9 years, celebrated with family, friends, faculty and staff on their graduation day in June. They will continue their education at the following high schools: St. John Bosco, Don Bosco Tech, Ramona Convent, St. Joseph's, St. Mathias, and Mayfield.

DAS tour to Jet Propulsion Laboratory

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School Creative Learning Tours will be visiting the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology, on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Director Charles Elachi invites all for this 2-1/2 hour JPL Public Services Visitor Day Tour which includes a multi-media presentation and an overview of the Laboratory's activities and accomplishments. Guests will also visit the Von Karman Visitor Center, the Space Flight Operations Facility, and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility. After the guided tour at JPL, participants will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Twin Palms Restaurant in Old Town Pasadena.

This tour is limited to 40 persons, all of whom must have a photo ID (driver's license or passport). You are advised that the tour involves a considerable amount of walking and climbing stairs.

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Friendships form when Pen Pals meet

Contributed by OLPH

DOWNEY—Learning to write a friendly letter is part of the 2nd Grade curriculum at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Downey. To make the lesson fun, however, OLPH 2nd Grade teacher Miss Kraivanger and her counterpart at St. Columbkille School in Los Angeles, Miss Croley, paired their students up as Pen Pals.

The weekly exchange of letters began in January. Before the teachers knew it, the 2nd Graders at both schools asked if they could meet their Pen Pals. In April, St. Columbkille School was able to fund a bus ride to Downey. OLPH students began preparing for the visit of their pen pals by making banners and coming up with games and crafts to share. On the big day, the 61 2nd Graders finally met. They played a game, giving only simple clues about themselves to figure out who their Pen Pal was.

As it turned out, because the students had written such good letters to one another, identifying the right Pen Pal was not that hard.

The students ended the day by making two quilts—one for each school—with the children placing their brightly-painted handprint on the quilt side by side with their Pen Pals'.

The quilts will serve as a simple reminder of how easily friends can be made, whether they live far or near.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 327—Consisting of students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Raymond's Schools in Downey, this month earned the Bronze Award, the highest achievement award that can be earned by Junior Girl Scouts. 6th graders Elisabeth Davis, Amanda Brown, Gillian Miguel and Amanda Suarez, along with 5th graders Yvette Lopez, Jenna Wilson, Danielle Triay, Claribel Castanos, Lisa Cervantes, Andrea Gamboz, Ashley Gutierrez, Audrey Lanskie, Jessica Wiese and Natasha Tapanes spent a day with the retired Sister s of Social Service who live at the Stella Maris convent in Los Angeles.

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STEVE SAMPLEY—Is shown here, at left, receiving his award of merit for his fifteen (15) years of service as a Personnel Commissioner of the Downey Unified School District from Martin Chavez, president of the Personnel Commissioners Association of Southern California.

2nd quarter existing home sales up

DOWNEY—The Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) reports Single Family Home and Condo Sales in the city of Downey for the second quarter of 2005 is up 7 percent from the first quarter of 2005, with average sales price registering at \$550,569.

Out of the 228 homes listed and sold in the city of Downey in the same period, 69 percent were listed and/or sold by a DAOR member. For a list of Downey Realtor Members, call 861-0915 or visit DAOR.com.

Healthy Heart nutrition class at DRMC

DOWNEY—A Healthy Heart Nutrition Class will be taught Wed., Aug. 10 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

This class is taught by a registered dietitian and focuses on diet changes that help reduce the risk of heart disease. 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.

Fall Craft Fair to support TLC Center

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.



THESE YOUNGSTERS—Enjoy the "Misty Limbo" game, one of five activity stations Friday, July 15 at Furman Park during "Picnic in the Park" hosted by the Recreation and Social Services Division of the City of Downey Community Services Department. Forty pizzas were served as a picnic lunch at the afternoon event, which drew 140 youth from seven parks.

Taiwan National Team visits Blair Field

LONG BEACH — A one-of-a-kind exhibition game between the Taiwan National Team and a mixed squad of Long Beach Armada and Japan Samurai Bears players will be played Saturday, July 30 at Blair Field in Long Beach beginning at 3:05 p.m.

The game precedes a regular season match-up between the Armada and Samurai Bears which begins at 7:05 p.m.

"We're proud the Armada can present this historic international event to the fans of Long Beach," said Armada General Manager Barry Stockhamer.

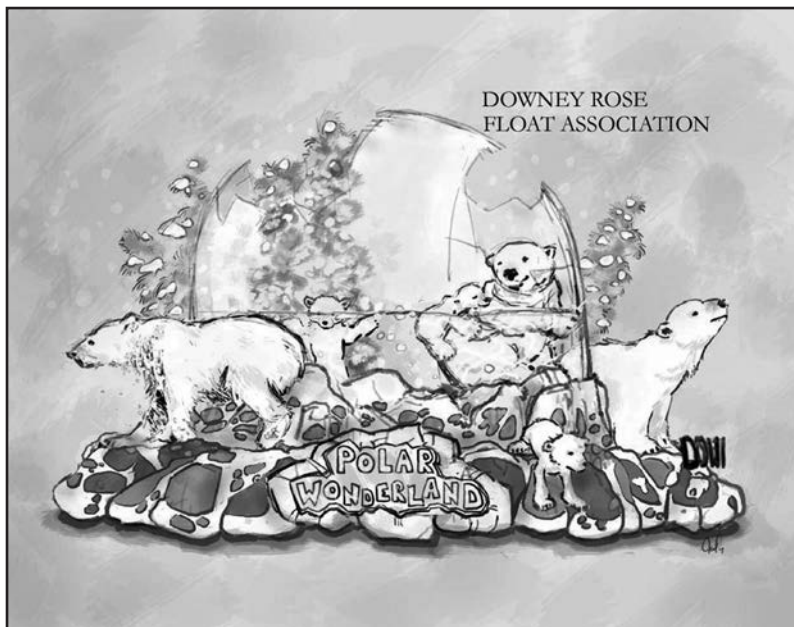
Legendary USC baseball coach Rod Dedeaux — winner of more NCAA titles (11) than any other coach, including five straight championships — will be honored between games.

Tickets for the event start at \$6 and include both games. They are available by calling (562) 597-9787.

Newcomers bingo luncheon Aug. 8

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers' monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at Sambi's of Tokyo will be a special "Free to Members Only" buffet luncheon, with Bingo being played after a short business meeting: ten games will be played with one blackout game. Call Paula Lou Roberts, 861-2545, for reservations.

On Monday, Aug. 22, the Newcomers Club will meet at 10 a.m. at the home of Olivia Barrios for their monthly Coffee. Those wishing to join the club are also welcome. For information, call the membership chairman at 928-5602.



"POLAR WONDERLAND"—The Downey Rose Float Association has released this artist's rendering of the local entry in the 2006 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Early literacy for preschool children

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers a free class for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy. Its "Every Child Ready to Read" program is scheduled on a Monday, either Aug. 22 or Sept. 19, from 7-8 p.m. in the Children's Room. Instructor Claudia Dailey will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop early language skills through picture books.

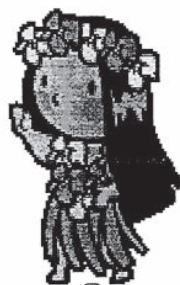
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A Letter From Patty Almeida



My Dear Family and Friends:

I am sitting in front of this computer attempting to compose into this letter a message that will encompass the turmoil that I feel inside and the love and gratitude that I hold for all of you.

As many of you know, this darn illness does not want to leave me be, although, my will to fight is still very much high; I must confess that there are times when this soldier gets extremely tired, hurt, angry, scared, sad and tearful. I am so, so grateful and feel extremely blessed to have you all pulling for me and giving me the strength, the support, the love and all that you do for me. I know that without any of you, I would not get very far.

I pray to God that He will take care of me and that He will help me throughout this tough road ahead. I pray that He will grant me the inner strength that I need to continue to battle this illness, I pray to Him for His miracle, I pray to him that He will teach me to accept His will, even though, His plan may not be the same as mine, but most of all I pray that He will bless all of you and that He will give you the strength that you need to help me get through this ordeal.

To my friends, employers and personal physicians, my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for your support, your concerns, your love, your care and your tears. God bless you PK and Anne.

To my other dear Doctor, the one that also continues to fight, Dr. W. Hernandez, thank you for your time and work, and may God continue to use you hands to save many lives.

To my dearest friends and colleagues at work, Evelyn, Gaby and Alms. Thanks so much for your encouragement, your prayers and your love. Thanks for the good food and the good times.

To Nita, Joann, Rita and their respective families, thank you for being there for me no matter what time of the day it has been. Thanks for making me feel that I am not alone in this fight.

And to the rest of those special friends that have been with me in all my battles and that have taught me that no matter how hard the road ahead of us is, is worth the fight. To you, Anna, Dawny, Arenda, Esmeralda, Carrie, Vicki, Marie P., Mary Jane, Helen and the rest of my Real Estate Family, thanks for that good energy that you have passed on.

The list of the people that have prayed for me is extremely long: to Peter, Carmen and Simone, to the Smith family, to Jimmy and Nancy, to Maria Thomas, to Dorothy Peterson, to Ivy and family, to Reilly Harris and family, to Rose, to Claudia, and to the rest of the people, my biggest heartfelt thanks for all your support during these harsh times.

Please don't worry, this is not a good bye letter; I am still planning to continue with my fight. Yes, it is getting difficult, it is getting scarier, but my will to live is with me at all time.

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Casino Night fundraiser at Queen Mary Aug. 27

LONG BEACH – Easter Seals and Century 21 invite the community to purchase tickets for its “Ocean’s 21...the 6th Annual Casino Night” taking place Saturday, August 27 aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

Attendees will receive \$100 scrip to play casino games, including blackjack, craps and roulette. “Vacation-an-hour” giveaways, buffet dinner, live music, silent auction and a high-stakes poker game will also be offered.

“Century 21 has been a generous supporter of Easter Seals for 26 years now, and we’re excited to be teaming up with them again for what promises to be another great Casino Night,” said Mark Whitley, Easter Seals’ chief executive officer. “We especially thank our event co-chairs, Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 My Real Estate Co. and Pat Owen of Century 21 Allstars, and the many Century 21 offices in Southern California that are supporting this effort.”

“Century 21’s involvement with the annual Casino Night fundraiser is another testament to our company’s belief in Easter Seals’ mission – a belief we’ve held strong to for 29 years,” said Mac Isaac. “We are always proud to support Easter Seals’ important, life-changing work for people with disabilities in any way we can.”

Tickets for the Casino Night are \$45 per person. For more information or tickets, call Mac Isaac at (800) 641-2111.

Arts for children at First Baptist Church

DOWNEY—The First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street (behind Embassy Suites), offers KidzArts, a weeklong program for children in the arts (music, dance, writing, film and composition), from 9 a.m.-12 noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19. It’s suitable for children entering grades one through five.

With the theme, *Created to be creative*, KidzArts will provide participants the opportunity to explore various elements of the arts. The event will culminate in a showcase of the various skills learned, in a dinner theater held Friday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the church.

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Young Scientists’ Camp at CSULB

LONG BEACH—Parents looking for a fun, educational summer experience for their children can sign them up for Young Scientists’ Camp 2005, a 2-week morning program offered from Aug. 8-19 by the Department of Science Education at CSU-Long Beach.

Designed for students entering 4th through 8th grades, the program brings together students, teachers, future teachers and science specialists to provide a hands-on experience of exploration, discovery and fun. Moreover, the science investigations done in camp complement what the children learn in school.

Young Scientists’ Camp 2005 will meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Theme for this year’s program is “Life Science.”

Each grade level will cover a different topic through activities and experiments. Fourth graders (class already filled) will look at “Creepy Crawlers,” learning about spiders, bugs and worms and their importance; 5th graders will become “Backyard Biologists,” looking in Long Beach’s backyard and the diversity of living things that exist there; 6th graders will experience “Life at the Edge of the Sea,” exploring the environment and life at the sea’s edge and learning about sea life; 7th graders will become “Crime Solvers,” using clues and science to solve a mystery; and 8th graders will study “Amazing Humans (and Other Cool Creatures),” looking at the human body and how humans interact with other creatures.

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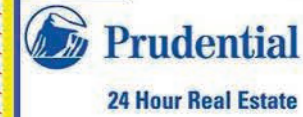


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JUST LISTED!

DECORATOR PERFECT!
A gorgeous home features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathroom, with central heat & air, new windows, hardwood floors, 2 car garage and a beautiful park-like yard. 1,071 sq. ft. of living space on a 7,230 sq. ft. lot. Priced to sell at \$500,000 to \$525,000
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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! Now taking Listings!
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THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

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More for your Money!

This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home featuring a unique floor plan that affords privacy with 2 sets of 2 bedrooms on opposite sides of home. The 2237 sq. ft. home has ceramic tile throughout, large living room, & dining area off newer kitchen. The 2 car detached garage is in the back of this 8176 sq. ft. lot. Price \$675,000
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Cape Code Home in Cherokee Estates!

Elegant 4 bedroom, 3 bath cut-to-measure home with a circular driveway that leads to a stunning formal entry with finished hardwood floors, newer central air & heat, large kitchen with new built in appliances, Nutone intercom system, and a newly constructed bedroom and bathroom. You won't want to miss this "entertainer's delight" that has a wonderful pool & spa with brick deck. Price: \$995,000.
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Move-In Condition!
2 bedroom, 2 bath home with new kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior with crown/base moldings, and new windows. The kitchen boasts granite counter tops, new cabinets, new tile floors, & new built-in microwave & dishwasher. The bonus room off the 2 car detached garage makes a perfect office, game room, or storage. Price: \$549,000
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OPEN HOUSE!

Back on the market!
New Construction (2005) In Orange Estates! 5 bedrooms + bonus room, 4 bath with a very modern floor plan. Features beautiful kitchen with granite countertops, large master suite with Jacuzzi, sep shower, & walk-in closet, formal dining room & living room, family room with fireplaces, new plumbing/electrical, new roof & stucco, new central air & heat, & much much more! Price: \$1,095,000
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A-1 neighborhood!

This home near Gallatin elementary in North Downey has a living room, formal dining room, & large family room with fireplace. The home also features a sunny kitchen, eating area in the kitchen, & laundry room. The backyard has a gated pool, 2-car garage, & covered patio. price: \$749,000.
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4 bedroom home in Northwest Downey!

This home near Griffiths Middle & Price Elementary has a living room & family room with fireplaces, large master bedroom, hardwood floors & new tile floors, and copper plumbing. Property features a private yard & a 2-car detached garage. Price: \$659,950.
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JUST LISTED!

BAM!!! Emeril's Choice!
You won't want to miss this newly remodeled home near Rio San Gabriel Park. The brand new kitchen has granite counter tops, new cabinets, new built in appliances, & plenty of storage space. Both bathrooms, including the master bathroom, have been recently remodeled. The home features a living room, dining area, and large family room. Price: \$699,000.
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OPEN HOUSE!

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. Price: \$1,250,000.
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