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**BUNCH OF WISEGUYS** – The Wiseguys Big Band will conclude the Summer Concert Series at Furman Park with a performance Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. The group is touted for their big band sounds of the '40s, '50s and '60s.

## Wiseguys Big Band plays final concert

**DOWNEY** – The Wiseguys Big Band closes out the Financial Partners Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue, Downey, between Firestone Blvd. and Florence Ave.

The Wiseguys Big Band is dedicated to the great sounds of the legendary big bands of the '40s, '50s and '60s; including great music from Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and songs by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and others. The Wiseguys Big Band sets toes tapping. The orchestra is comprised of youthful members, primarily from Downey's neighbor to the north, Montebello.

The 19-member group includes one member, Eric Rosales, who is a

driver for Downey's Senior and Handicapped Transit Service. Little do most of his passengers know that he is a trumpet player and has a special affection for the great music of the Big Band era. He spends a great deal of time practicing when he is not behind the wheel of his bus driving the streets of Downey.

The Wiseguys Big Band has played various local venues, including "concerts in the park" for Cerritos, Montebello and East Los Angeles. They have also played at the Disneyland Grand Hotel and will perform Aug. 27 at the Montebello Jazz Festival.

For information about the Summer Concert Series, phone City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7238.

## The Shuttle Discovery and its ties to Downey

*By Larry Latimer,  
President Aerospace Legacy Foundation*

Recently, I read an article from Gene Kranz, author of "Failure Is Not An Option: Mission Control From Mercury to Apollo 13 and Beyond." Kranz, is a former Apollo flight director. Concerning the news coverage of the Shuttle Discovery he said, "All progress involves risk. Risk is essential to fuel the economic engine of our nation. And risk is essential to renew the fundamental spirit of discovery so we remain competitive with the rest of the world."

As a Downey resident, I am proud to be from the city that was instrumental in producing the Space Shuttles. Many in Downey have not yet discovered the history of our famous NASA site. Since 1929, the Downey NASA site has been "the birthplace, homestead and laboratory for much of America's wondrous space technology—the Space Age's equivalent of Orville and Wilbur's bicycle shop." The plant and its alumni have inspired millions to the dream of space, from early aviation to landing on the moon, and, of some day traveling to the greatest reaches of our universe.

The Space Shuttle Program was a crowning moment for the Downey facility. North American Rockwell Space Division, in July 1972, won the NASA contract to develop and build the new Space Shuttle Orbiter vehicle. As with the Apollo contract, the Shuttle program proved to be a blessing for the Downey area.

Despite the Columbia and Challenger tragedies, the Shuttle Program has been a great success. "The current mission (Discovery) has demonstrated the maturity of the shuttle team that went through the tragedy of Columbia and had the guts to persevere." Are there risks involved in America's Space Program? Definitely, however, we must continue to explore space and be the leader and innovator.

Apollo was recognized as man's highest engineering and industrial accomplishment. The Shuttle was the next step for manned space flight. Despite the risks of aviation and space travel, the world has benefited greatly from the thousands of technological advancements & discoveries the Space Program has brought us.

To learn more about the Space Shuttle and Downey's new Learning Center visit:

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<http://www.aerospacelegacyfoundation.org>

## Help your child pass those tests

Kids are heading back to school... and to mandated tests. The "No Child Left Behind" Law means millions of American children will be tested during the school year. How can you help your child succeed?

Make some "school year resolutions" and stick to them, says one expert.

Former social studies teacher Amy James, author of the new Knowledge Essentials series (Kindergarten Success; First Grade Success; et al) for parents (Wiley & Sons) and a leading authority on curriculum and testing, says: "Parents can really help their children succeed in school and pass those tests. The secret is to start the school year right, and follow through with your kids every day. You can make a huge difference!"

Amy James recommends doing the following during the first 2-4 weeks of school:

- \*Read the school handbook – and be sure you do it with your child.
- \*Review math facts and spelling words. Review last year's. Get out last year's flash cards and use them!
- \*Make reading flash cards – Get your child's new reading textbook and make a set of flash cards to use this year.
- \*Make a daily calendar — Work with your child to make a calendar where together you list school and after-school activities, including homework. Homework should be a daily activity for you both.
- \*Establish an end-of-the-day routine– At the end of the day, your child's routine should include doing homework, talking about the day and preparing for the next day.

"It's really a great idea to create routines with your child starting at the beginning of the school year," said James. "It can be done in a positive, supportive way, and by the time testing comes around, your child will be much better prepared and much less anxious about taking tests."

### Local calendar

Locally, all schools in the Downey Unified School District begin this year Thursday, Sept. 8 with a minimum day. The school year continues through June 23.

There are no classes Oct. 10 for a staff development meeting and progress reports are mailed out Oct. 21 for elementary schools. Nov. 10 marks the end of the first quarter and is followed the day after by the Veteran's Day holiday.

There will be no classes Nov. 23-25 for Thanksgiving. DUSD winter vacation runs Dec. 19-Jan. 4.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Jan. 16 (no school), and high school finals will be held Jan. 31.

## Homeowners Alliance to combat 'mansions'

*By John Adams*

**DOWNEY**—A group of 40 homeowners calling themselves the Downey Homeowners Alliance have held two meetings at Downey's Furman Park with a goal of preserving the city's neighborhoods and combating the recent alarming trend of building huge, multi-story mansions on single-family R-1 lots.

The group has named George Redfox, a teacher at Warren High School as its chairman. At its most recent meeting Friday, Aug. 12, about 40 members discussed ways to discourage the so-called "mansionization" of neighborhoods.

### Petition...

Names are being collected on a petition protesting the continued construction of these large structures in Downey.

A newsletter states: "Without evidence we can't charge the city with specific non-performance of duties. DHA needs to document code violations as evidence of the City's failure to enforce codes. This includes photos with attendant addresses, written evidence of neighborhood violations, etc. Evidence can be confirmed or discovered through review of city records such as Downey City Charter, Downey Municipal Code, etc. This information can be found at the City Clerk's Office, Downey's website, and the Library. Addresses must accompany each documented code violation. Several people volunteered to take photos..."

The newsletter adds that petitions are viable and need to be circulated.

The questionable legality and wisdom of continuing to allow developers to build huge multi-story mansions on R-1 Downey lots here was pressed home by many speakers at the City Council meeting Aug. 9.

Elsa Van Leuven led a dozen speakers in flaying the City Planner and other city wings of government whom she blamed for allowing the construction to continue. The Council failed to produce the required four votes to pass an emergency ordinance for a moratorium on such construction recently.

The mansionization process has become an issue in the San Fernando Valley as well, but until codes against it are enforced, or stricter more specific ones passed, the process continues.

Members of the new Homeowners Alliance were urged in the newsletter to continue speaking out at future Council meetings, and e-mail, phone calls and letters directed to City Planner Ron Yoshiki's office.

### Density factors

It was stressed that mansionization increases density in R-1 zones, with factors such as increased traffic and parking problems, as well as privacy factors caused by second story lines of view.

Ranch style neighborhoods should be left with ranch style architecture whenever possible, and the character of the neighborhood should always be considered in terms of architecture, according to Homeowners Alliance spokesmen.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be Monday, Aug. 22 at Furman Park meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

The Knowledge Essentials Series by Amy James is a graded set of guides to help parents work with their children on the curriculum they're studying in school. The first two books in the series, First Grade Success: Everything You Need to Know to Help Your Child Learn and Second Grade Success... were published in July and have already sold more than 10,000 copies. The next two books in the series, Third Grade Success and Fourth Grade Success, will be in bookstores on Sept. 2.

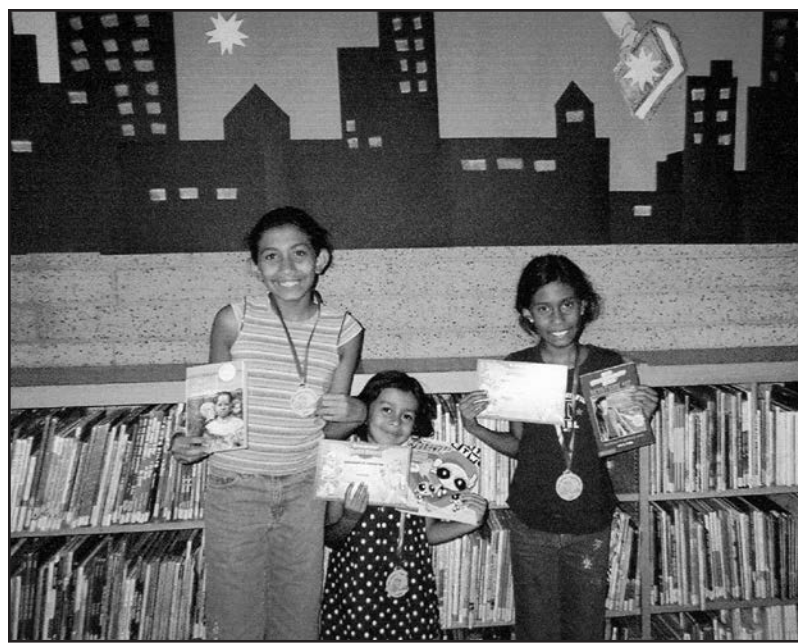
"No Child Left Behind" is an education reform announced by the President in January 2001. Among other things, the law requires the annual testing of students grades 3-8 while threatening underachieving schools with funding cuts.

"No Child Left Behind" also creates funding to assist immigrant children with the English language and aims to have all children possess the ability to read by the end of the third grade.



**U.S. MARINE PARTY**—The Mambo Grill, on Downey near Third Street in Downey, hosted a party in honor of U.S. Marines who are or once were stationed in San Diego. Downey City Councilman Rick Trejo (left) visits with owner and host David Llamas. The party was well attended Saturday, Aug. 6.





**SUPER READERS**—Sheona, Dilusha and Lianne DeSilva earned reading certificates, books and reading materials for completing at least 20 books or 1,000 pages of reading in this year's summer reading program. Children's Librarian Gina Orello: "Children in a summer reading program make more reading gains during the school year."

## Key sponsors stepping up for Holiday Parade

**DOWNEY**—Some key sponsors have been announced by Parade Chairman Maria Larkin for the Holiday Lane Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4.

When the parade kicks off on its route down Downey Avenue from Florence to Third Street, then left on Third to City Hall and Civic Center Drive, its major sponsor will be Downey Regional Medical Center, at the \$5,000 level. The Celebrity Sponsor at \$2,500 will again be Downey Acura. Downey Federal Credit Union has agreed to be the Characters Sponsor for \$1,500, while Re/Max Online will sponsor Banners for \$1,000.

Other sponsorships are still available from \$2,500 to \$50. All sponsors will have their name displayed on a banner during the parade and be mentioned in Downey Business and the Downey Patriot, as well as cable TV.

The Chamber is also seeking the lucky boy or girl to ride with Santa the length of the parade on his float. Tickets are already on sale.

## Reading program supporters thanked

**DOWNEY**—For helping more than 3,000 children and teens meet their reading goals in the Downey City Library's summer reading programs this year, the Downey City Library wishes to thank the many schools, businesses and organizations which gave prizes and reading incentives.

Community donors included: Acapulco Restaurant, Addicks Engineering, All American Home Center, CalMet Services, Inc., Coca Cola Bottling Company, Del Rio Lanes, Downey Federal Credit Union, Downey Savings & Loan, Frantone's Pizza, Friends of the Downey City Library, Golf N' Stuff, Hometown Buffet, Honda World Downey, In-N-Out Burgers, Krikorian Theater, Legoland California, Inc., Little Caesars, Mimi's Cafe, Olivito and Associates, Sambi of Tokyo Restaurant, See's Candies and Six Flags Magic Mountain.

Downey middle and elementary schools donating to the program included: East, Sussman and West Middle, Gallatin, Imperial, Lewis, Maude Price, Old River, Carpenter, Rio Hondo and Rio San Gabriel Elementaries, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and St. Raymond's School.



**RISE 'N SHINE NETWORKING** — Joe and Amanda Keays are seen at a recent breakfast meeting of the Downey Chamber of Commerce held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, Downey. He co-chairs Rise 'n Shine Networking and is general manager of Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning while his wife represents Stratus Financial.

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## Volunteers needed for library shop

**DOWNEY**—The Friends of the Downey City Library need volunteers to work in their shop located inside the library. Friends' volunteers work two-hour shifts selling used books and small gift items.

The Friends currently need additional volunteers to work these shifts: Saturday 10 a.m.-12 noon, and Wednesday 6-8 p.m.

The shop is open during library hours and all proceeds go to support library programs and services. For information and volunteer application, contact Josephine de la Dingo at 904-7360, ext. 30. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

## PowerPoint instruction offered at library

**DOWNEY**—If you wish to learn the basics of making computer presentations, you would do well to attend the workshop, "Introduction to PowerPoint," offered by the Downey City Library Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the computer lab.

This free workshop will help students organize and design professional presentations using graphics and text. Participants must be familiar with using a computer mouse and Microsoft Windows.

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**CRYSTAL NORBUT** – A Warren High School senior this fall, was crowned Miss DIA 2005 at a recent four-day dance workshop held at the Embassy Suites in Palm Desert. The event was sponsored by Dance In Action, a nonprofit organization that provides dancers an opportunity to take lessons from professional dancers. This year's staff included Susan Egan of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" fame. Norbut, who was also presented with a scholarship, will perform at the 1st Annual DIA Benefit at Orange Lutheran High School on Friday, Aug. 26 at 8 p.m.

## 'Good News' auditions set for coming weeks

**DOWNEY**—Auditions for the Downey Civic Light Opera's upcoming production of "Good News" Oct. 6-23 will be held Monday, Aug. 29 and Thursday, Sept. 1 at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. 3rd St. (2nd floor).

Roles to be filled (auditioners are requested to sing from the scene if possible; an accompanist will be provided) are for: *Tom Marlowe*, fullback/baritone / must move well ("Best Things in Life Are Free"); *Connie Lane*, strong alto-soprano mix ("Lucky in Love"); *Prof. Charlotte Kenyon*, alto / must move well ("Together") and "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries"); *Coach Bill Johnson*, baritone / must move well ("Together"); *Babe O'Day*, vivacious / strong dance and sing comedienne ("Button up Your Overcoat"); *Pooch Kearney*, strong high baritone / tenor / comedic timing a must ("Sunny Side Up"); *Patricia Bingham*, lovely, rich, self-centered ("Girl of the Pi Beta Phi"); *Ensemble Dancers*, flappers and football team (featured roles to be assigned later).

The roles of *Beef Sanders*, *Bobby Randall*, and *Ticket Taker* have already been cast.

Dance call both days for both male and female is from 7-8:30 p.m. Auditions are from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Auditions are seen in the order of arrival. Callbacks are at director's request Saturday, Sept. 3, from 1-6 p.m. Rehearsals, which begin Sept. 11, will generally follow a Saturday though Thursday evening schedule.

Executive producer/director of the show is Marsha Moode, choreographer is Miriam Nelson, and musical director is Eddy Clement. For information, call (562) 923-8061.

## Caregiver support group at Rancho

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

## DRMC volunteers to help with college issues

**DOWNEY**—To help high school students resolve such issues as choosing a college, dorm living, transitioning to college life, financial aid and other thorny matters, the Volunteer Corps at Downey Regional Medical Center has scheduled "Corps' College Night" Thursday, Aug. 25 from 6-8 p.m.

The forum-style program will begin with introductions from college students who were formerly volunteers at DRMC speaking about their college experience. These students will represent private, public, nearby, distant, large and small colleges. A representative from CSU-Long Beach who has experience in college admissions and counseling will also participate. Their presentations will be followed by break-out sessions in which individuals can ask questions of the participants.

"Over the years I have put many student volunteers in touch with former volunteers attending the schools they are contemplating attending. This is the first time we are offering a bigger, broader venue to try and provide the same service, and we hope students will find it very helpful," states Tracy Nordbak, DRMC director of volunteers.

The program is open to students and their parents at no charge. DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave., just south of Firestone Blvd. in Downey. To RSVP, call 904-5321.

## 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, 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.

## 'Shabbat Ekev' at Temple Aug. 26

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will be celebrating "Shabbat Ekev" on Friday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m., officiated by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill. A pot luck precedes the services, at 6 p.m.

An Oneg of pastries and beverages follows services, prepared by the Temple's Sisterhood. The community is welcome. Information: 861-9276.

## St. Raymond's celebrating 50 years

**DOWNEY** – St. Raymond's Catholic Community is hosting a special mass Sept. 3 to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Bishop Salazar will preside over the service. The church is planning more activities throughout the year to commemorate the anniversary, themed "We Remember and We Celebrate," including reunions, dances, breakfasts and a Dodger night.



**FANTASY BASEBALL CAMP** – Sertoma Clubs from throughout the area, including Downey chapter, sponsored a five-day fantasy baseball camp in Anaheim earlier this month for deaf and hearing-impaired children ages seven to 16. The campers were trained in the fundamentals of baseball by experienced coaches and volunteers, including trained sign-language interpreters who assisted in communication, as shown above. The campers even took part in a Major League practice where they met Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim ballplayers.

## 'Staying Motivated' at Rise 'N Shine

**DOWNEY**—Guest speaker at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's next Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's meeting Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., is author/motivational speaker Yvonne Brooks, who will expound on the topic, "Principles for Staying Motivated." RSVP: 923-2191.

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**Word of MOUTH**  
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

Periodontal (gum) diseases are serious infections that threaten the health of the teeth, as bacteria in plaque cause gum inflammation. Periodontal treatment is needed to prevent tooth loss and other problems. With this in mind, researchers point out that depressed patients have twice the odds of experiencing worse-than-expected outcomes from their treatment. This finding may be due to a depressed person's higher likelihood to continue smoking, which compromises gum health, and failure to comply with posttreatment recommendations. Just as important, researchers found that depression impairs the immune system, which may slow the body's reaction to fight off infection. Whatever the reason, patients with symptoms of depression who are undergoing periodontal treatment might want to address this issue.

You may not even be aware that you have gum disease because often there is no pain. Periodontal disease will not go away by itself. Preventing and treating the disease in the early stages is the best way to keep your smile healthy. We would like to increase dental awareness and stress the importance of regular dental care. We believe that with preventive dental care, daily brushing and flossing, and a will-balanced diet, people can maintain their teeth and gums in good health well into their later years. Call (562) 923-3714 to schedule an appointment. We're located at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307.

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## Prep football conjures heartwarming images

By Eric Pierce

Close your eyes for just a minute and picture this: A gently worn Old Glory, calmly flapping in the wind as a hearty "Star Spangled Banner" serenades in the background. The energetic shouts of All-America cheerleaders, intertwined with the innocent solicitation of 50-50 raffle tickets...

*The rising anticipation, rising anticipation, rising anticipation...BOOM!...of the opening kickoff that officially ushers in the fall sports season.*

The summer dead period for high school sports officially ends tomorrow, Aug. 20, meaning most teams will be allowed to practice beginning Monday.

*"Hut 1! Hut 2! Hike!" as the quarterback scampers backwards, glances to his left, glances to his right, and rifles a perfect spiral into the outstretched hands of his flank receiver, already in mid-stride towards the end zone like a wide-eyed deer racing across a crowded highway.*

A preliminary schedule has Warren High School opening their season Sept. 2 versus Northwood of Irvine, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. A relaxed calendar has the Bears playing at home through Oct. 21, when they finally hit the road and travel to Lakewood. Warren and Downey meet the following Friday, Oct. 28.

*The lanky runningback takes possession of the ball and takes cover behind his blocker, his eyes darting back and forth desperate for a hole big enough for him to squeeze through... There it is! He surges forward, but as fast as the hole appears, it is gone, and the result is the convergence of 200-lb linemen swallowing the back whole, not unlike a surfer disappearing underneath a wall of crashing white waves.*

Downey will be tested early, opening the season Sept. 9 at powerhouse La Habra. They return home Sept. 16 to face Shurr, but travel again the following week for a game against Long Beach Millikan. League play for both Downey and Warren begins Oct. 14.

*The final buzzer screams through the air and the players, fatigued and smelling of a mixture of watermelon Gatorade and perspiration, slumber off toward the showers, already counting the days to the next Friday night consequence.*

	Downey	Warren
Sept. 2	BYE	Northwood
9	@La Habra	Millikan
16	Schurr	Tustin
23	@Millikan	Beverly Hills
30	Cypress	Los Altos
Oct. 7	Santa Fe	BYE
14	@Dominguez	Paramount
21	Lynwood	@Lakewood
28	@Warren	Downey
Nov. 4	Wilson	@Dominguez
11	Paramount	Lynwood

## Memorial service for Helen Boggs Aug. 21

**DOWNEY**—Helen Mae Boggs, longtime resident of Downey who took active part in the community, passed away on Aug. 16. She was 87.

She was born in Duluth, Minnesota on March 29, 1918, and raised by her paternal grandparents, Minnie and Alva Howerton. She joined her father, Earl, in Oklahoma City at age 19 where she began singing with the local bands. Known as "Boots," she met and married famed steel guitarist, Noel Boggs, and together they came to California where Noel accepted a contract to play with "The Spade Cooley Band." They moved in 1951 to Downey where Helen raised her three children and Noel continued his career. He passed away in 1974.

She was active with the Toastmistress organization, which was to later become International Toastmasters. She served on the fledgling boards of the Downey Children's Theater, as well as the local Soroptimist Club, and on the PTA boards for Spencer Williams Elementary, West Junior High School and Earl Warren High School. She was the executive secretary for the Downey Parks and Recreation District for many years.

She was also a member of the American Cancer Society, and served as a director in Downey. At her ACS retirement dinner, the city of Downey proclaimed it Helen Boggs Day, the honor just one of a growing list of civic recognitions and awards. She finally did retire at age 80, after serving as church secretary for Downey Memorial Christian Church.

She is survived by her three children, Noel Paul Richard Boggs of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sandra Kathleen Robertson, a.k.a. Danielle, of Leesburg, Indiana, and Debra Sue Jalhoun of Goleta, CA; and an only granddaughter, Erryn Brooke Blake, of Warsaw, Indiana.

With Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handling arrangements, she will be laid to rest in Rose Hills at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 20. A memorial service will be held at Downey Memorial Christian Church, on Florence Ave. in Downey, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21.

## Knabe supports new Medicare drug plan

**LOS ANGELES**—Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe joined Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt in a local town hall meeting Aug. 11 promoting the new Medicare drug benefit plan for eligible seniors.

The town hall meeting is part of a 100-city nationwide effort to spread the word about the "Part D" prescription drug coverage that will be available to all 42 million Americans on Medicare starting Jan. 1. Other benefits will also apply for seniors who qualify for low income assistance.

The meeting at White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles was also attended by Sec. Kim Beishe of the California Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Christina Beato, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as well as nearly 200 community advocates and Medicare recipients.

"The new Medicare prescription drug benefit will save thousands of Los Angeles County residents money once it becomes available in January," said Knabe. "I applaud President Bush, Secretary Leavitt and the entire Administration on its efforts."

## \$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.

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



**ROBERT AXEL** – Commissioner/Judge Pro Tem at Superior Court in Norwalk, will be the featured speaker at the Downey Sertoma Club meeting on Aug. 23 at Bakers Square in Downey. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and Axel will speak an hour later. The public is invited to attend.

## Waste roundup offered 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.lacsds.org](http://www.lacsds.org).

## First-year students given scholarships

**NORWALK**—Four students, part of Cerritos College's First Year Experience (FYE) program, have been awarded scholarships totaling \$2,400 by the Cerritos College Foundation and the Norm Reeves Honda Superstore in the Cerritos Auto Square. Norm Reeves Honda underwrites four student scholarships each semester.

FYE organizes incoming students into cohorts or "houses" that are comprised of a coordinated set of classes selected to promote student success at Cerritos College. Students sign into a full program of courses taught by faculty who are trained to work collaboratively for their benefit. The program introduces students to the challenges of academic life and includes courses in English, math, career counseling, problem solving, health classes and study skills. FYE classes are arranged to give students the opportunity to form study groups and lasting friendships—a campus "family." The program also offers special programs and events, including field trips to museums, art exhibits, and plays, as well as orientation sessions, Family Night, and End-of-Semester award ceremonies and celebrations.

Said one participant: "I took classes with the same people everyday, and that helped the transition to college. It seems a bit smaller and less intimidating." Said another: "All of us who entered at the same time still attend many of the same classes. We talk about different things related to class, and I have more confidence and am not timid anymore about discussing my class questions with professors."

## GriefShare seminar series starts Sept. 11

**DOWNEY**—A bereavement seminar series entitled GriefShare, intended for people grieving the loss of someone close to them, will be presented by Downey First Christian Church beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 from 6-8 p.m. and continue for the next 13 Sunday evenings.

Each two-hour seminar consists of a 35-minute video presentation and group discussion. The series features biblical teaching and video talks by leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. You will also hear the real-life stories of individuals who have experienced a loss and how they are coping with that loss.

A \$15 donation for the workbook materials is requested. Additional information may be found at [www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare](http://www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare). You may also send an email to [griefshare@newstreetchurch.com](mailto:griefshare@newstreetchurch.com), or call the church office at (562) 862-2438.

## Downey High 30-year reunion planned

**DOWNEY**—The Downey High School class of 1975 is looking for past classmates for its 30-year reunion, to be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Westin South Coast Plaza.

A class golf tournament will be held Oct. 7 at Rio Hondo Country Club and '75 graduates also plan to attend the Downey football game that same evening.

For more information, call Great Reunions at (714) 901-1035; Julie Taslitt Gross at 927-8061 or visit [www.downeyhigh1975.com](http://www.downeyhigh1975.com).

## City Affairs committee meets

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

## The poets' corner

### Friends

My name is Coral Lee  
and I'm almost totally blind

My friend's name is Al  
and he's almost totally deaf

We make quite a pair  
and we sure do really care.

We live in a retirement home  
and our lives are like a poem

We are here deserving a look  
as our lives are like an open book

God has given us a loving touch  
and we love him oh so much!

—Coral Lee and Al,

Downey

(Dictated to and mailed by a friend.)

## Fall Craft Fair set Oct. 8 at Downey High

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

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

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

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

## Temple to celebrate 'Shabbat Nachamu'

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., welcomes the community as it celebrates "Shabbat Nachamu" tonight, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. It is the debut of the Temple's new Student Rabbi, Bryna Milkow, who will be officiating at the service with Ellen Jaffe-Gill, Cantorial Intern.

There will be an Oneg afterwards, when delicious pastries and beverages are served, sponsored by the Temple's Sisterhood.

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

## 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 and backpacks 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.

## Cheerleading clinic at DHS Sept. 24

**DOWNEY**—The Downey High School Cheerleaders offer their annual Cheerleading Clinic Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Downey High School Cafeteria, 11940 Brookshire Ave.

Girls ages 5-13 will learn game action cheers and perform at the Downey High School Varsity football game during half-time Friday, Sept. 30. Cost of the clinic is \$20, which includes a T-shirt and two admission tickets for the football game.

For information and registration, call Mariela at (562) 923-8505.

## Bellflower art group meets Sept. 13

**BELLFLOWER**—The meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13 by the Bellflower Art Association at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower, will feature a demonstration by Betsy Woodford. It is free to the public. Information: Lou Scott, (562) 925-1314.



**SYPHAX AT THE FOX**—Rob Syphax brings his easy to listen to guitar and vocal artistry to the Nordic Fox Restaurant in Downey Sundays from 6 to 9 p.m. That's singing waitress Laurie Hedrend supplying harmony. The Fox is located at Paramount Boulevard and Third Street. There is no cover but seating is limited. Call 869-1414 for information.



## Redistricting

By John Adams

The State Supreme Court put the redistricting initiative back on the November ballot. And by doing so restored the relevance of this special election. There is still a chance to restore some integrity to the election process.

A week ago Friday the court majority ruled that Proposition 77, which would change the way political districts are drawn, should be allowed on the ballot.

State Attorney General Bill Lockyer had petitioned the courts to reject Prop. 77 on the grounds that the ballot language submitted to the state was slightly different from what was signed by the proper number of registered voters. The language difference was ruled a mistake. It did not change the substance of the measure.

Voters ought to have a chance at reforming the gerrymandered mess we have now.

Political parties (which have sadly bungled the job now) have always tended to shift districts to create friendly neighborhoods where there is as little competition as possible. But the redistricting in the year 2000 was by far the worst in terms of Downey.

Proposition 77, which is being pressed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, would place the remapping of the districts in the hands of a panel of nonpartisan judges—a group with no personal stake.

The redistricting in the year 2000 was significant to Downey residents when the gerrymandered district that was left when they were finished with the old 38th, left moderate Republican and effective Congressman Steve Horn literally with nowhere to run. Horn decided to retire rather than fight for votes in an impossible democratic district in which he was not known.

Downey, which benefited from much Horn legislative effort including the acquisition of the NASA property from the federal government, commemorated Horn by naming a street after him.

But his job (and skill and experience) were lost due to political redistricting.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Confusion and inconsistencies

Dear Editor:

I can't tell you how outraged I was at the City Council meeting on Aug. 8.

A man had poured a double driveway so he would have a place to park at his home. He did this without a permit to do so. If I heard his explanation correctly, he then tried to get a permit, creating a lot of confusion at Planning Department. Apparently there is no code on single car garages and he couldn't get a variance. After much discussion, my understanding is that he must tear out his double driveway. Then this problem will be addressed. The only voice of reason I heard was that of Councilman Gaffin, who thought this should be addressed after the new codes were decided.

Now, to my point. These are some of the remarks by Councilman Cartozian: "It is our duty to see rules, codes and ordinances of the city be enforced"; "We can revisit codes, but to unilaterally say at an open hearing, to allow for violations of our code is wrong"; and "We need to remain consistent to it, because what we do is to allow for other violations to contest the city's own codes, allowing violations of codes which might apply to many other properties throughout the city, which opens up a floodgate to basically say you can do the very same thing," as well as other statements along the same line, made by Mr. Cartozian

My outrage at Mr. Cartozian is that he, Mr. Perkins, the City Manager Mr. Caton, the head of Planning Mr. Yoshiki, and others have not only allowed, but encouraged City Code 9110.14 to be broken over and over and over again, in allowing these big McMansions to be built. Mr. Perkins said that he couldn't understand why Mr. Nelson poured a driveway without a permit. What the citizens of Downey can't understand, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Cartozian, is why you continue to allow these big homes to be built in violation of Code 9110.14. This, in my opinion, is "Straining at a Gnat and Swallowing a Camel." It appears to me that only the citizens of Downey are required to obey the codes (law), but apparently those in positions of authority feel free to do just what pleases them. Yes, and what pleases them? Big bucks brought in by building fees. MONEY! MONEY!

The structure of city government seems to be set up in a way that no one is accountable — the "buck" doesn't seem to stop anywhere! It reminds me of a hamster on this little wheel. Guess it's convenient for those in power, but not for the citizens of Downey.

I ask again that the codes, laws and ordinances of Downey be enforced equally on all. No special privileges given to those who are contractors, those building for speculation, etc.

—Elsa Van Leuven,  
Downey



BAD NEWS, WORSE TIMING

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### 'Mansionization' epidemic

Dear Editor,

There's a disease in Downey and in certain other Southern California communities, and it's reaching epidemic proportions. It has been called "mansionization," and the City Council needs to put a stop to it.

When our family began to increase in number, we bought a lot, found a contractor, and built a house that I had designed to meet our needs. That's the traditional way. But that's not what is happening these days. We were able to raise our five children comfortably in a four-bedroom home. Families are getting smaller, so who needs six, eight, or 10 bedrooms these days? I'll tell you who. Several families get together to make the down payment on a mansion. Expensive as they are, it's cheaper to buy one large home than for each family to buy a home.

As families grow up and the children move away, a couple's needs change and they want a condo or apartment or to move to a retirement community. So they put their home on the market. Who buys it? Not a family looking for more space, but a person interested in making some money. The buyer demolishes the house and builds a mansion, because he can sell it for a big price.

This man is an owner-builder, not a real estate developer or a building contractor. He is not a contractor himself, nor are the people he hires to build his house licensed contractors. He secures a no-interest builder's loan and finds the cheapest workers he can. I'm sure he isn't above cutting any corner he can get away with. He doesn't care. He will occupy the house as soon as it has the final inspection and finish the inside later. Then, as soon as possible, he will place the house on the market, expecting a group of people to buy the house and occupy it with several families, although it is theoretically a single-family dwelling.

Apparently, this is all legal, but it shouldn't be. I'm not in favor of multi-story homes in a community that used to have nothing but one-story, single-family homes, but I recognize that there will be people who have a legitimate need for more space than they can find on an available lot. But that's not what is happening. And our planning department is not challenging anything these unscrupulous builders do. Why not? If the code needs fixing, let's fix it. If not, let's enforce the existing regulations. I'm tired of hearing they're too busy to do their job. It's not for the citizens to call to their attention after the fact when a code has been violated. The planning people should be pro-active, not reactive.

Because of my concerns about code enforcement with these mansions, I attended a City Council meeting last night. This should be mandatory for all homeowners. Maybe then we'd get the right sort of people on the Council, people who are interested in representing us, not just pursuing their own agenda. Numerous people made pleas for control of our home building program, but I think we just wasted our breath.

An hour and a half was spent haggling about a request for a variance because a man had enlarged his driveway so he could locate two cars off the street. The Council seemed to agree that what he did was a good thing, but denied his request for a variance since he failed to request a permit. Now he must tear out his concrete work until the code is changed to legalize what he did and then apply for a permit and do it again. How dumb is that? The Council insisted that he must follow the regulations exactly, but they allow gross violations by these owner-builders.

Who do our councilmen represent? Not me.  
—Don Niemond,  
Downey

#### An open letter to the City Council

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

At my age I hate to become involved in Downey's municipal affairs again, but I was shocked when I discovered that guidelines to protect your constituents from unjustified and unreasonable expenditure of Downey public funds were not approved.

It is understandable that the staff has been reluctant to deny some of the Council bills that have been submitted because the rules aren't on the books to protect them from abuse that might occur from a denied payment, so the taxpayer is the loser!

Reflecting back, the record will evidence the fact that too many times issues are not being decided on evidence but whether or not it is presented in a manner that pleases you.

Is it possible that some may have forgotten your sworn oath to uphold the Constitutional fiduciary duty to your constituents? It did not say as long as they please you.

You should be overjoyed to provide reasonable regulations for the staff and so they can protect themselves and your constituents from freewheeling spending and taking of public funds that has cost your constituents thousands of dollars in the past.

Sincerely,  
Ken Miller  
Past Councilman, 1976-80  
Mayor, 1979-80

#### Perplexed

Dear Editor:

I have listened to DRMC and the hospital's woes and financial issues for years. I would like someone to explain why on the Board of Directors sits a CareMore Medical owner and has for years. A corporation with 72,000 patients, a HMO with over 15,000 members adding 450 new patients a month, and none of them, I understand, are allowed to use DRMC.

Is this a conflict of issues? I don't get it.  
—F. Hamilton,  
Downey

#### Concert coverage

Dear Editor,

I truly appreciate the outstanding coverage that the Downey Patriot has provided for the Furman Park Summer Concert season. Thank you for your extraordinary consideration.

—Kevin C. O'Connor,  
Manager, Downey Civic Theatre

#### '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 an opportunity to meet and hear from legislators and ask questions.

For information, call the Chamber, 923-2191.

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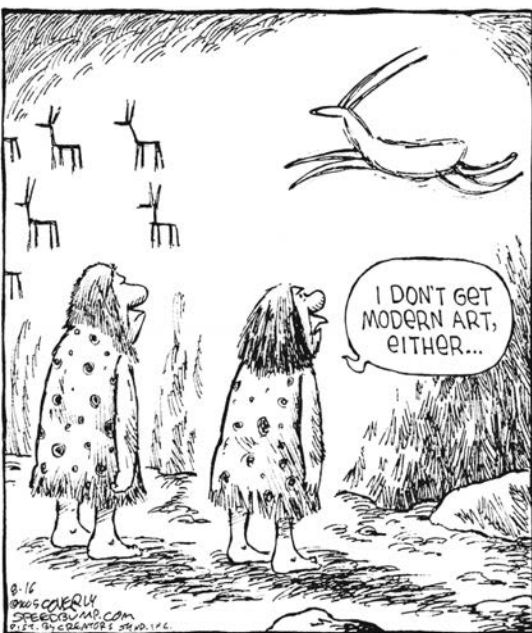




## SPEED BUMP



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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For August

Sat. Aug. 20, 9:00 a.m.: **Household Hazardous Waste Roundup** at Columbus High School, 12320 Woodruff Ave. Also electronic equipment no longer useable. For information call (800) 238-0172.  
Wed. Aug. 24, 7:00 p.m.: **The WiseGuys Big Band** entertains at the final Summer Concert Series at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. (between Florence and Firestone Blvd.) For information call 904-7238.

### 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 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

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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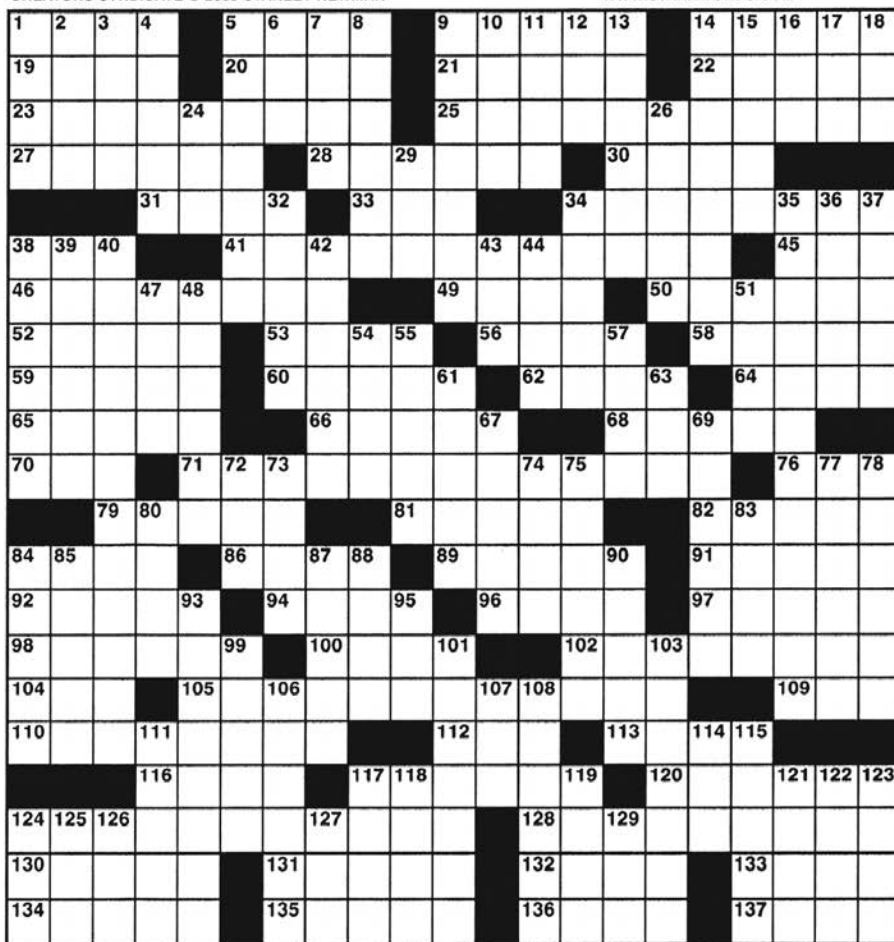
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  - 12 Oahu or Maui: Abbr.
  - 13 More stately
  - 14 Frontier settlements
  - 15 Fall flower
  - 16 Even if, briefly
  - 17 Garment border
  - 18 SAT takers
  - 24 Fan setting
  - 26 Removes from power
  - 29 Animation frame
  - 32 "The Raven" and "Annabel Lee"
  - 34 Passenger
  - 35 '90s stuffed collectibles
  - 36 Kick out
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  - 40 '50s headgear
  - 42 One who's "out"
  - 43 boom bah
  - 44 Save
  - 47 Chess win
  - 48 Antler features
  - 51 Tears apart
  - 54 Leo, e.g.
  - 55 Antiknock compound
  - 57 Soft-soled footwear, for short
  - 61 Comic strip Viking
  - 63 "Didn't I tell you?"
  - 67 More cunning
  - 69 Muttered comments
  - 72 Blushing
  - 73 Molecule part
  - 74 Subtle quality
  - 75 Athens rival
  - 77 Victoria's consort
  - 78 Stylish
  - 80 At hand
  - 83 Country-club rental
  - 84 Coffee order
  - 85 From Korea
  - 87 DEA agents
  - 88 Small combo
  - 90 Small salamanders
  - 93 Analogy
  - 95 General on
  - 99 Snorkel, to Bailey
  - 101 Signs up
  - 103 Weather-map lines
  - 106 Necklace fasteners
  - 107 Male swan
  - 108 Pitched a great game
  - 111 Low point
  - 114 "Yay, team!"
  - 115 Cavalry unit
  - 117 Work hard
  - 118 Former Attorney General
  - 119 "No \_\_\_ luck!"
  - 121 Pocket problem
  - 122 Switchboard worker: Abbr.
  - 123 "Want to hear a secret?"
  - 124 Maple product
  - 125 Presidential nickname
  - 126 Corporate-alias abbr.
  - 127 "Ball \_\_\_"
  - 129 Floral necklace



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The flowing "lava" in LAVA LAMPS (23 Across) is usually mineral oil, with paraffin sometimes added. Actress LUPE VELEZ (30 Across), once married to Tarzan portrayer Johnny Weissmuller, is best remembered for her starring roles in the "Mexican Spitfire" film series. BAC (76 Across) stands for "blood-alcohol concentration."





## 'Something for everyone' at the Carpenter Center

**LONG BEACH**—The Carpenter Performing Arts Center (CPAC), on the campus of CSU-Long Beach, opens its 2005-06 season Saturday, Sept. 29 with the world premiere of Diavolo Dance Theater's newest work, *Tombe du Ciel* (Falling from the Sky), which, paired alongside their acclaimed *Trajectoire*, "pushes the envelope of contemporary dance with their dangerously acrobatic movement vocabulary."

Also onstage opening weekend (Sunday, Sept. 30) is the *Rockin' Blues Revue* starring blues guitar icon John Mayall ("The Godfather of British Blues") and Grammy nominees Robben Ford and Eric Bibb.

On tap in October are performances by musical legends Rita Coolidge and Air Supply, as well as by the world-music sextet, Angaza, and Pink Floyd whose music will be laced with Paramount's LaserSpectacular choreography. Moscow Circus star and world champion juggler Gregory Popovich, who has been featured on both the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "the Late Show with David Letterman," provides family entertainment Nov. 27 with his "Pet Theater," starring his trained dogs and cats. This Family Series presentation will be followed in January by The Peking Acrobats, the world-famous group of gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists and tumblers.

The all-male comedic ballet company, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo (a.k.a. "The Trocks") make a rare Southern California appearance in February, while comic genius John Cleese weighs in with his new show called *Ten Ways to Skin an Ocelet* in March.

The Club Carpenter Cabaret series will present performances by Oscar, Grammy, and Golden Globe award-winner Paul Williams in October, as well as KT Sullivan & Mark Nadler in *Sweet & Lowdown: An Evening of Pure Gershwin* in January.

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers perform in May. Winding up the season July 8-23 is "Anything Goes," a salute to Cole Porter, following similar musical tributes to Rodgers and Hammerstein, Jerome Kern, and Irving Berlin.

This is just a brief rundown of the major highlights of CPAC's 12th season. For tickets/more information, call (562) 985-7000.



**NOW PLAYING** — Amanda Karr and James Rice are seen in a scene from "Educating Rita," a comedy by Willy Russell currently on stage at Long Beach Playhouse's Studio Theatre, 5021 Anaheim St., Long Beach. It plays Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. through Sept. 3. For tickets and information, call the box office at 494-1014.

## Bellflower Chorus sings Sept. 16-18

**BELLFLOWER**—The Bellflower Civic Chorus will present their annual Encore Concert 2005, "Sentimental Journey," at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, in three concerts Sept. 16-18.

Admission for seating at each of the three concerts is \$5, with times Friday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

An exciting variety of music is planned, drawing from favorites of both the chorus members and input from past audiences. The chorus will pay tribute to beloved and prolific composers including Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Lerner and Loewes, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Solos and duets will add to the show, plus a lively quartet singing "Lida Rose" from "The Music Man," and a sextet of lovely ladies belting out "Big Spender" by Cy Coleman.

Also featured will be the dance ensemble, "The Headliners," doing "New York, New York," and "Elmer's Tune." The concerts close with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," and "I saw the Light" by Hank Williams.

Chorus Director is Bill Jones, assisted on keyboards by Chris Squires. For tickets or information, call Alice at (562) 866-4664, or Shirley at (323) 569-5930.

## 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.

## Sidi performs at Granata's Aug. 27

**DOWNEY** — Sebastian Sidi will perform Saturday, Aug. 27 at Granata's, 11032 Downey Ave., starting at 8 p.m.

Joining Sidi will be guitarist Javier Lima and Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye, singing Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye."

The concert is free but reservations are required by calling 544-7774. Seating is limited to 150 people.

## DAS planning Jet Propulsion Lab tour

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School's Creative Learning Tours will visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The tour is limited to 40 persons, who must each have a photo ID (driver's license or passport). Be advised: the tour involves a considerable amount of walking and climbing stairs.

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# Betty Dahlin, 79, taught in Downey

**DOWNEY**—Author of four novels and contributor of articles for history texts, periodicals and newspapers, including the Long Beach Press-Telegram, 79-year old Betty Dahlin died Aug. 4 after a struggle with bone cancer. She was a public school history teacher in Downey for many years.

She was born Oct. 25, 1925 in Minneapolis, Minn., and attended the University of Minnesota. She was married to Cliff Dahlin, who survives her, as do their three children, Bill, Karen Sharp and Julie Gardner.

She earned her teaching credential at CSU-Long Beach, which she attended in the early 1960s. She taught history at various grades at Downey Unified School District, where she stayed until she retired in the late 1980s.

She then devoted her time to writing and travel, turning out "Roman Butterfly," "Lesson in Love," "One Sandal for Alis," and "Listen to the Roses." She taught English and history at CSU-Long Beach's Senior University in recent years.

Memorial services were held Aug. 11 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress. She is also survived by her sisters, Roberta Ewald and Anne Phillips.

Donations were redirected in Betty's name to the American Cancer Society, 1940 E. Deere Ave., Ste. 100, Santa Ana 92705.



**JOHN EARL COLEMAN**—Was 84 when he passed away peacefully during an afternoon nap at his home in Downey on Aug. 8.

# Services for John Earl Coleman Aug. 22

**DOWNEY**—Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22 at First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. 3rd St. in Downey, for John "Johnnie" Earl Coleman, who was born July 21, 1921 in Los Angeles County, and died at his home in Downey on Aug. 8. He was 84. There will be refreshments following the service. The procession will leave the church at 1:15 p.m. for interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, expected to conclude by 3 p.m.

Viewing has been scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Biby Belyea Mortuary, 8665 California St. in South Gate.

He was the oldest of three brothers, and after graduating from South Gate High in 1939, immediately joined the Merchant Marines. Since he had become an avid ham radio operator in high school, he became a wireless (radio) operator in the service, specializing in telegraph operations. As a captain, he was Chief Radio Officer during WWII, when his duty included missions to Guam and the Philippines.

He owned "Johnnie's Marine Radio Service" in Long Beach, until he retired in 1985. He and his wife, Katie Curtin, whom he married in 1945, bought their first home in Downey in 1951. The couple's only child, Kathleen Elisabeth, was born in 1953.

He was a member of Local 770 United Food & Commercial Workers International Union, Veteran Wireless Operator's Association, Inc., Epiphany Society of America, U.S. Merchant Marines Veterans of WWII, Amateur Radio Club, and Peace Lutheran Church of Pico Rivera.

He is survived by daughter Kathleen Coleman (Dave) Chappell of La Habra; a brother, David, of Joshua Tree; sister-in-law Dorothy of Ventura; grandchildren Patrick (Gretchen) Webb of Downey and Wendy (John) Lakatos of Oceanside; and 9 great grandchildren, Faith, Patrick, Jr. ("PJ"), Ashley, Melony, Brittany, Michael, Katie, Tiffany and Robert.

He was preceded in death by parents Earl Coleman and Mable Buck; Martina Coleman (his father's second wife); brother William Coleman; daughter Frances Coleman (stillborn); ex-wife Katie Coleman and Army Specialist Jason K. Chappell, HUMVEE gunner who was killed in Iraq in 2004.

Flowers can be sent to the mortuary or, preferably, donations can be made in his memory, to TMH Ministries (The Master's Hand, a ministry/mission for the local, less fortunate), P.O. Box 1194, Downey, CA 90241.

If unable to attend, you may contact his daughter, Kathleen Chappell at (562) 697-0401, (562) 225-8589 (cell), or JCdied4unme@gmail.com.

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He is survived by his wife Pat; son Tyler; daughters Kristina and Sydney; sister Diana; brother-in-law Gordon; and many other family relations in and out of the state of California. He also leaves behind many friends.

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**SULMA BRAVO**—Recipient of a Henderson-Goergen scholarship, has her sights on a bachelor's, then a master's degree in nursing. She is a nurse on the Medical/Surgical floor at Downey Regional Medical Center.

**Free backpacks given away tomorrow**

**LOS ANGELES**—The Dream Center, 2301 Bellevue Ave. in Los Angeles (at the former Queen of Angels Hospital), is hosting its annual backpack giveaway tomorrow, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this free "Back-to-School Bash" event.

Children from the surrounding neighborhoods of the Rampart District and Echo Park areas have been invited. The Dream Center is also busing in children from the impoverished areas that they serve as an organization, areas such as Skid Row, Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights and Pacoima.

Sheriff Lee Baca, Jasmine Guy and Dave Clark will be among the celebrities, professional athletes, and local law enforcement officials who will help distribute 1,600 backpacks at the event. There will be two mobile medical clinics on-site to provide free immunizations and dental screenings.

The Dream Center's urban dance team will be opening for Radical Reality, a team of weight lifters who will be performing their feats of strength while they deliver a message of hope and testimonies about how they have overcome obstacles such as abandonment, addictions, gang pressures as well as peer pressures, to encourage all in attendance to stay in school, off drugs and out of gangs.

The Dream Center is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that works to help low-income, homeless and underserved individuals and families in the inner city of Los Angeles.

**Eaters Anonymous meetings**

**DOWNEY** – Compulsive Eaters Anonymous is a group of men and women that have found relief from eating disorders of compulsive eating, Bulimia and anorexia, who hold three weekly meetings in Downey.

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**Nurses receiving help in pursuing career**

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**DOWNEY**—When Sulma Bravo, RN, chose to become a nurse, she found lots of help to move her forward on her career path. First, she received a generous scholarship through a Downey Regional Medical Center-TELACU program to fund her nursing education at East Los Angeles College. The 2001 ELAC graduate began working at DRMC as an RN three years ago, and has now set her sights on a bachelor's degree in nursing. As she begins her first semester at CSU-Dominguez Hills, she is receiving financial support to continue her nursing education through a DRMC program as one of the recipients of the Henderson-Goergen Scholarship fund.

It is well recognized that financial security along with flexibility in the work setting, location and hours make nursing a highly desirable career choice for men and women. It is also highly regarded. A recent Gallup Poll revealed that the public has voted nurses number one for "honesty and ethical standards of various professions."

While Bravo enjoys these perks she has found even more rewards in her day-to-day routine. "I love being a patient advocate. Seeing a patient come in ill and leave well is very rewarding," she says, adding, "My coworkers and I want to stay here because we are like a family and very supportive of each other."

A nurse on the Medical/Surgical floor, Bravo plans to take two classes a semester towards her B.S. degree. She is working towards her long-term goal of getting her master's degree in nursing and becoming either a nursing instructor or nursing supervisor. Bravo also plans to be married within a few years. Her fiancé is currently serving with U.S. forces, guarding the border between Syria and Iraq.

According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, registered nurses constitute the largest healthcare occupation, with 2.3 million jobs. The nursing workforce is struggling to keep pace with an aging population. The nursing shortage in the U.S. is 125,000 currently, and expected to be 434,000 by 2020. The shortage is particularly acute in California, where many nurses are nearing retirement age and the state is the nation's first to have a nurse-to-patient ratio law. More new jobs are expected to be created for registered nurses than for any other occupation.

"DRMC has committed significant resources to training new nurses through partnerships with East Los Angeles College and Cerritos College," confirms Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell, RN, MSN. "On July 5, five brand new nurses, who were employees of DRMC before going to nursing school, began our latest RN internship program."

Conwell adds, "Retaining our existing staff and helping them to hone their clinical skills is also a top priority. The Henderson-Goergen scholarships help turn this initiative into reality. We feel it is vitally important to ensure that in the future our community will have skilled medical professionals to care for them."

To learn more about the Henderson-Goergen Scholarship fund, call the DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation at (562) 904-5055. For details on DRMC nurse training programs, call (562) 904-5033.

**Softball team wins national title**

**LOS ANGELES** – A girls' softball team from the Fourth District in Los Angeles, which includes Downey, captured the national championship last week in Hawaii.

The Heartwell Bobby Sox Softball 11-Under All-Star team defeated Mililani, 6-4, to win the title.

"This team has done a fantastic job on their way to capturing the championship," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.



**WORLD CHAMPIONS** – The Downey AYSO Girls Under 10 traveling team shut out three of their four opponents in winning the Aloha International Cup held July 25-Aug. 1 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The girls defeated Sakura Premier, 2-1; Leahi 96, 6-0; Sakura Select, 3-0; and Taiwan, 9-0. Top row, left to right: Coach Jaime "Bruno" Leal, Team Manager Ana Moreno and Assistant Coach Jonathan Renteria. Middle row: Betsy Alvarez, Raelene Martinez, Samantha Vasquez, Alyssa Moreno, Makayla Taylor and Kathryn French. Bottom row: Nicole Griffith, Kristine Leal, Denisse Quan and Shannon Madru.

**Remembrance services held for Tillie M. Valenti**

**DOWNEY**—Remembrance services were held Tuesday night, Aug. 16, at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary for Tillie M. Valenti, a long-time Downey resident who was born in New York City Sept. 18, 1902 and passed away on Aug. 14 in Norwalk at the age of 102.

Interment was at the Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles on Wednesday. She is survived by her son Mario; sisters Ida, Ann, Fannie and Helen; and grandchildren Eric, Lauren and John.

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**FAREWELL LISA!** – Lisa Lavadores has been a display advertising sales representative for the Downey Patriot for over a year and is relocating to the Valencia area. Today (Friday), August 19, will be her final day. She is being replaced by Brooke Karli.

## Financial Partners hires new director of lending

**DOWNEY** – Financial Partners Credit Union has announced the hiring of Maryam Gavary as director of consumer lending, where she will be responsible for overseeing the centralized funding and lending unit for the credit union, which historically had been handled by individual branches.

“The bottom line is to provide the quickest and best possible service solutions to our members that meet their financial needs and help build lifetime partnerships,” said Gavary, who has already implemented new risk-managed lending guidelines.

A 25-year veteran of the financial industry, Gavary previously worked at Kinecta Federal Credit Union and was instrumental in starting indirect lending activity for two major banks in the Los Angeles area.

“We believe that Gavary, with her extensive lending background, has the know-how to centralize consumer lending at Financial Partners so that we are even more responsive to the financial needs of our members,” said James McMahon, senior vice president of lending at the company.

## Women with dyspepsia sought for study

**WESTWOOD**—UCLA researchers seek women with dyspepsia for a study comparing an experimental drug called Tegaserod with placebo or inactive substance in controlling symptoms of the condition.

The experimental drug Tegaserod is currently FDA-approved as Zelnorm for women with constipation-predominant irritable bowel syndrome.

Dyspepsia affects approximately 25 to 30 percent of people in the United States, women more commonly than men. The condition causes regular discomfort or pain around the midline of the upper abdomen. Symptoms often include early fullness related to meals and frequently, at other times, abdominal bloating. Some individuals experience nausea or queasiness and sometimes vomiting.

“We hope this experimental drug may help alleviate symptoms of dyspepsia by increasing stomach and intestinal movement and decreasing pain sensation” said Dr. Thomas Kovacs, study investigator and UCLA professor of medicine, Division of Digestive Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

“This large international dyspepsia study will explore a novel approach that could help millions of women suffering with dyspepsia, a condition that often impairs the enjoyment of leisure activities and the ability to work productively. Previous Tegaserod dyspepsia research studies have shown promising results. This study aims to enroll a large number of participants to better evaluate the effectiveness and safety of this medication in women with dyspepsia,” Kovacs said.

During the 12-week study, volunteers will be required to attend five clinic visits. Participants will undergo physical exams, blood and urine tests; complete questionnaires about their gastrointestinal symptoms and impact on life or work; have an electrocardiogram to trace activity of the heart; and have an endoscopy – a test to look at the esophagus, stomach and first part of the small intestine — in order to confirm no other medical problems exist.



**MARYAM GAVARY** – Is the new director of consumer lending at Financial Partners Credit Union. She has over 25 years experience in the financial industry.

## Early voting option for special election

**LOS ANGELES**—Fourth District voters looking to cast an early ballot for the upcoming statewide special election will have the latest technology available at their fingertips, according to County Supervisor Don Knabe’s office. Two sites for early touchscreen voting have been established within the district.

Early voting will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 26 and continue through Friday, Nov. 4. Since the county’s first touchscreen voting experience in November 2000, over 162,500 voters have taken advantage of the technology to vote early in conjunction with countywide elections.

Besides giving voters the flexibility to cast an early ballot prior to the Nov. 8 special election, the touchscreen technology allows disabled voters and those who are visually impaired to cast a ballot unassisted. Touchscreen ballot machines are also available in six languages besides English.

The two touchscreen voting sites within the Fourth District, with hours of operation, are listed below:

- Norwalk Register/Recorder Office**  
12400 Imperial Highway – Rm. 3002  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Redondo Beach Public Library**  
303 N. Pacific Coast Highway  
2nd Level Conference Room  
Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

## 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.

It is free of cost and is sponsored by Stonewood Center and Downey Adult School.

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## Business Breakfast Meeting at Rio Hondo

**DOWNEY** – More than 100 people are expected to attend Action Faith Ministries' next Business Breakfast Meeting, scheduled for Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at Rio Hondo Golf Club.

David Sariñana, pastor of Action Faith and owner of five local businesses, will be the keynote speaker.

For tickets or more information, call 862-7720.

## Literacy program 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.

Register at the Adult desk or call 904-7360, ext. 23 for information.

## Red Cross seeks blood drive volunteers

**DOWNEY**—The American Red Cross announced it is in immediate need of volunteers to assist with the blood drive it conducts in Downey every Monday from 12:30-7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Volunteers assist the collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instruct donors to read necessary paperwork, provide refreshments, monitor for donor reactions and promote public relations.

Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply. For information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

## Genealogical Society to meet Aug. 20

**WHITTIER**—Lisa Schumacher, a staff supervisor and instructor at the Los Angeles History Center for many years, will speak on "Land Records and Mapping Software" when the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) holds its monthly meeting Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier.

Shumacher will show how information in land records can help identify ancestors and define families. Members/visitors will learn how to find land records, understand them and use the information to connect families.

The meeting is at 1 p.m. For information, call (562) 695-5431.

## Volunteers needed to mentor students

**LOS ANGELES**—For Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) the arrival of August means students who have been staying with local families for a year will be replaced by new students coming in from abroad.

The group is now looking not only for host families but volunteers to serve as mentors to the students throughout the school year. Once the students arrive, they meet with the families, students, and the schools once a month, either in person or by telephone, to help them adjust.

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**CONTEST WINNERS** – After weeks of entries from local artists, Century 21 My Real Estate announced the winners of their summer coloring contest. Winners, with age bracket in parentheses, were: **Jason Ramirez (3-4); Julie Pierce (5-6); Rebecca Aguilar (7-8); and Lesley Mejia (10-11).** Accepting their awards in person were **McKenna Henao (5-6); Pricilla Oacheco (11-12); Katie Elisaldez (adult) and Most Creative winner was Courtney Henao (adult).**

## 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."

Said Mac Isaac: "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. We are always proud to support Easter Seals' important, life-changing work for people with disabilities in any way we can."

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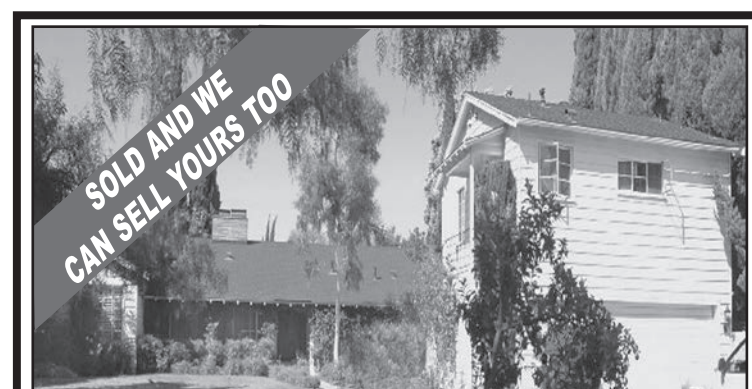
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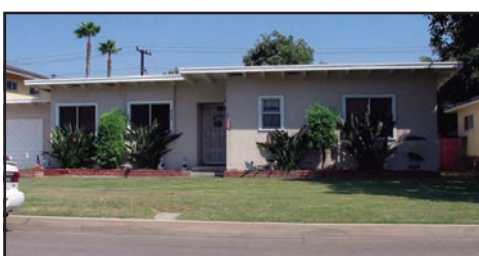
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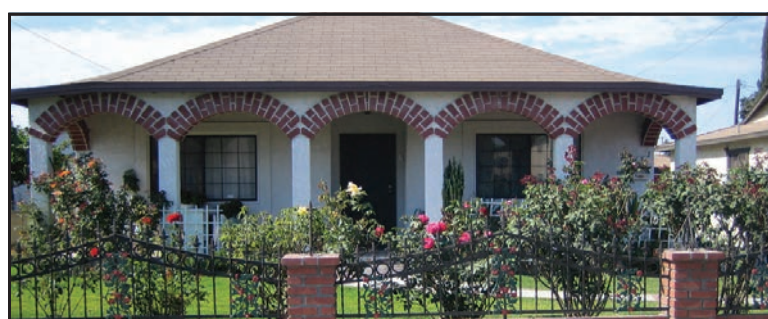
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3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car detached garage, storage room, & detached bonus room. Home also features new windows, freshly painted interior, copper plumbing, and fireplace in living room. The large backyard has room for a pool. Price: \$649,000.  
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**Must See For Yourself!**  
4 bedroom, 2 bath home in NW Downey with fireplace in large family room. Features a 2 car attached garage, copper plumbing, newer roof, and a private backyard with shed & garden. The kitchen has built-in appliances and a breakfast nook. This 1993 sq. ft. home is priced at \$669,900.  
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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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