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DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER ROBIN WILLIAMS—Shown filming in Ephesus, Turkey, will have his fine motion picture which documents the travels of St. Paul kick off the series of travel films this Sunday at the Downey Theater. More photos can be found on page 8.

Travel, adventure films to show here

DOWNEY—The first film of the Downey Theater's 2005-06 Armchair Film Series, "Biblical Treasures of Turkey—Part II," is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. The film is produced and narrated by Robin D. Williams, one of America's top filmmakers, who last appeared at the Downey Theater with the well received film "Biblical Treasures of Turkey-Part I" in September 2002.

Filmed in digital video, "Biblical Treasures of Turkey—Part II" is a visual feast from beginning to end. The film explores the Roman Empire in Asia and tracks the journeys of St. Paul.

Apostle Paul

Although the Apostle Paul made three journeys through Asiatic Turkey, (Anatolia), the first journey has always been regarded as the "toughest". This documentary captures fascinating details of Paul's first journey along the riverside trails, breathtaking city sites and Roman Highways.

St. John and the Virgin Mary lived in Anatolia until the end of their lives. An abundance of historical and biblical accounts are told throughout "Biblical Treasures of Turkey—Part II." This film takes the audience on an exciting journey through exhilarating scenery and historical events that everyone may be familiar with, but may have no idea where these sites were located or what they looked like. Thirty years in planning and study has brought about this beautiful travelogue that explores historical and biblical sites in Turkey. This film was made with everyone from archeologists and historians to the sophisticated traveler in mind.

Storehouse

A film of the early years of Christianity offers exposure to hundreds of hits of information that results in a huge storehouse of knowledge. At the same time, it makes for a marvelous travel itinerary.

"Biblical Treasures of Turkey—Part II" is the first "Armchair Adventure" of a 10 film series. The complete series follows below. The series features 10 full-color, feature length travelogues with live, in person narration by the travelogue adventure producer. All films are on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater located at 8435 Firestone Blvd., Downey.

Armchair Adventure Series subscriptions are \$55 for adults or \$50 for seniors over age 55 and students. They may be ordered Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. at the theater box office (562) 861-8211. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

Tickets for individual films may be purchased on the day of performance only starting at 1:30 p.m. at the box office. Adult tickets are \$7 and senior/student tickets are \$6 (cash or check only).

Sept. 11, 2005: Biblical Treasures of Turkey II—Filmed and narrated by Robin Williams.

Sept. 25, People of Poland—Filmed and narrated by Charles Hartman.

Nov. 6: Canada's Incredible Parks—Filmed and narrated by Dale Johnson.

Nov. 20: 10 Questions for the Dalai Lama—Filmed and narrated by Rick Ray.

Jan. 6, 2006: Exploring the Colorado River— Filmed and narrated by Dale Johnson.

Jan. 29: Hawaii Paradise—Filmed and narrated by Dennis Burkhart.

Feb. 12, 2006: Cruising to Bermuda—Filmed and narrated by Doug Jones.

March 26, 2006: Natural Wonders of the East Coast—Filmed and narrated by John Holod.

April 9, 2006: Along the Continental Divide—Filmed and narrated by Gale Worth.

April 23, 2006: Inside Ireland—Filmed and narrated by Clint Denn.



NIKE GODDESS OF VICTORY—A fine example of rare art found near historic biblical city of Ephesus.

The great Vultee war years in Downey

*By John Adams
(Third in a series)*

In the first two parts of this series we reviewed the fact that aerospace research and development in Downey dates to the EMSCO company of E.M. Smith, who decided to expand operations from asbestos products manufacturing to aircraft and bought a 73-acre tract of land for a plant and airstrip.

The depression hit in 1929, and the property went through several numbers of manufacturers until Jerry Vultee leased it in 1936 and moved his Aviation Manufacturing Corporation here from Glendale.

But Vultee and his wife died in a tragic air crash in Arizona while en-route to Washington D.C. in 1938.

He was succeeded as president and general manager of the Vultee Plant here by Richard Palmer, who in 1940 also became chief engineer, when the plant was formally named Vultee Aircraft.

V-12-C

A new plane known as the V-12-C drew 26 orders from the Chinese in 1939, and the U.S. Government ordered training planes worth \$2,986,000 from Vultee the same year.

The plant had to be redesigned to meet the new production demands, and as World War II neared it was clear more growth would soon be needed.

Employee recreational needs were met by many outlets including a baseball team. Notable players included Ewell Blackwell and Spider Jorgensen both of whom went on to major league stardom.

Modernization and expansion continued at the plant. At this time, 1940, three notable aircraft were produced, the Valiant 51, a basic combat aircraft, the Valiant 54, a basic trainer; and the Vanguard, a pursuit-interceptor. These in addition to the attack bomber added up to orders in excess of \$20 million.

Vultee became famous for its retooling and ability to produce planes in large numbers.

Air marshals, brass hats from the Army Air Corps and even Lady Halifax came to Downey to see how this was done.

When war was declared and many men went off to fight, hundreds of women took their place on the assembly lines. They were known as

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Downey firefighters dispatched to Biloxi

Fire department schedules fundraiser tomorrow

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Fire Department has sent six firefighters to Mississippi to deliver disaster relief services. The teams will be deployed for 30 days.

Upon arrival in the hurricane disaster area, they were expected to take care of themselves (shelter/food/water) until the federal logistical resources catch up to them. Each team was advised to bring only the equipment they could carry 'on their backs' with them. They were advised they would be required to spend most of their duty time walking and evaluating the heavily-damaged areas.

The request from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for 1,000 firefighter teams (two FFs per team) from the municipal fire departments was received on Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 31). A very brief application period was held on Thursday morning. Late Thursday night, the first notifications of acceptance from FEMA were received. By mid-morning on Friday, Fire Captains Boyd, Croom and Haupt, Fire Engineers Davis and Matsumoto and Firefighter/Paramedic Hapke were all accepted. By early Friday afternoon, the six members of the Fire Department were on a plane bound for Atlanta. Once in Atlanta, the teams received a day of additional disaster relief training from FEMA.

On Sunday, the teams traveled to Jackson, Mississippi.

On Monday the teams began their deployment to the Biloxi, Mississippi area as representatives of FEMA. The early reports from the teams have been as expected. There is little standing in the areas they have worked. As a result of the horrific storm, the cell phone coverage is poor. Hence the reports from the teams back to the fire department have been brief and sketchy.

Several other local fire departments have sent firefighters in response to the FEMA request. Santa Fe Springs, Long Beach, Monterey Park and Montebello are all participants in the effort to deliver relief to those impacted by Hurricane Katrina. FEMA has a reimbursement program in place for the participating fire departments.

Fundraiser

Meanwhile, the Downey firefighters will be hosting a fill-the-boot fundraiser at the main entrance to Stonewood Shopping Mall tomorrow, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. as part of a City of Downey effort to assist the victims of the hurricane. All proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross relief fund.

Marshalls to open at Downey Landing

DOWNEY—Marshalls, one of the nation's leading off-price retailers, has announced the grand opening of a new store Thursday, Sept. 29 at Downey Landing in Downey.

Marshalls' new store, which will be located at 12106 Lakewood Blvd., will offer Downey area shoppers brand name fashions, home accents and an expanded footwear department for the entire family at prices up to 60 percent below department and specialty stores, every day.

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NEW ADDITION — Brooke Karli has joined the staff of the Downey Patriot as a display advertising sales representative. A local product, she was a 2002 graduate of Warren High School and is currently a senior at CSU-Long Beach with a journalism major and a communications minor. She also writes for the Daily 49er at the university. She replaces Lisa Lavadores, who has relocated to another area.



SARA HOWE—Appears as “Millie” in “Good News!” This marks her 7th Downey Civic Light Opera production. She was “Brigitta” in “Sound of Music” and “Gracie Shin” in “The Music Man.” “Good News!” opens Oct. 6 for ten performances. Call (562) 923-1714 for ticket information.

Stroke and diabetes seminar at hospital

DOWNEY—Community members are invited to a “Stroke & Diabetes” seminar Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. (near Firestone Blvd.). The seminar will feature board-certified endocrinologist Dr. David Berger who will speak on “Signs & Symptoms,” and Diabetes Educator Elsa Saucedo, R.N., who will present “Are You at Risk with Diabetes?” Questions are encouraged.

The event is free and includes a continental breakfast. However, seating is limited and registration is required.

The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation is partnering with DRMC’s Memorial Trust Foundation to empower the community with knowledge of stroke. For more information about future Stroke Awareness Days, call (562) 904-5162.



SUSPECTS’ IMAGES CAPTURED—Authorities have released these grainy surveillance photos of two suspects sought in the killing of Downey resident Aron Adagio, 30, who was fatally shot at about 12:50 a.m. on Aug. 25 as he sat in his car outside a 7-Eleven at 9349 Slauson Ave. in Pico Rivera. The suspects—two men and a woman—fled in a white, 2-door, 1980s model Chevrolet S-10 Blazer with no spare tire on the back. Surveillance photos of the SUV were also released, but no license plate number was captured.

KDB part of Coastal Cleanup Day

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) is participating in tomorrow’s 21st annual Coastal Cleanup Day coordinated by Heal the Bay as one of their inland sites. KDB invites everyone to join them at 9 a.m. at the corner of Lakewood Blvd. and Vista Del Rosa (park and ride parking lot by the 5 Freeway).

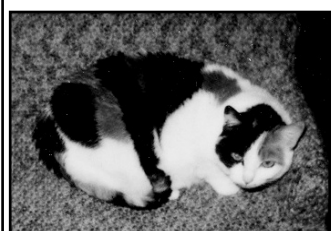
KDB will provide safety vests, trash bags and gloves. Stonewood Center is also sponsoring the cleanup. Participants should wear close toe shoes and old clothes. An adult must accompany anyone under the age of 14. Information: 904-7159.

New adult school schedules available

DOWNEY—Up-to-date adult school class information is available by calling 940-6200 or visiting www.downeyadultschool.com.



ASSISTEENS—Before these senior Assisteens moved on to their colleges in the fall, they celebrated being presented at the Assisteens Ball by Gypsy Johnson and Assistance League of Downey, of which they are an auxiliary. Front row: Lauren Duran, Katie O’Connell, Brittany Keele and Kendall Calvert. Back row: Lindsay McCaughan, Ashley Greaney, Jessica Shelter and Alohi Wilkins.



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WARREN'S NICK MONTEMAYOR (1) – Rushes through a hole in the Northwood defense last week. The Bears lost the game, 31-7, but host Long Beach Millikan tonight in their new stadium at 7 p.m.

Warren opens stadium, Downey new season

DOWNEY – Warren High School has big plans for their 50th anniversary this year. And, if they have it their way, the celebration will begin tonight with a victory over Long Beach Millikan at the Bears' recently renovated on-campus football stadium.

Game time is 7 p.m. Fans are invited to arrive early as seating will only be available on the visitor's side due to ongoing construction.

Warren opened their season last week, losing to Northwood High School, 31-7, in a game played at Irvine High. They figure to have an easier time versus Millikan, bottom dwellers in a league that includes powerhouse Long Beach Poly and Lakewood.

Though the Bears struggled in putting points on the board – their lone touchdown came on a one-yard rush by Josh Lee in the fourth quarter – they had more total yards than Northwood (283) and fewer penalties.

Warren's defense struggled and the Bears trailed 21-0 at halftime. A Northwood field goal in the third quarter made it 24-0 and the Timberwolves later forced and recovered a Warren fumble in the end zone to make it 31-0.

Downey

It may be a long night for the Vikings. Downey opens their season tonight at La Habra, Freeway League champions last year and winners of five titles the past six years.

The defense will have to work to contain senior quarterback R.J. Benedict, who, at 5-feet-11, 215 pounds, threw for 1,161 yards and 11 touchdowns last year, while rushing 43 times for six more scores.

Downey, playing in the San Gabriel Valley League, qualified for the playoffs last year but lost in the first round, 58-0, to Notre Dame.

The Vikings are ranked ninth in the latest CIF Southern Section Preseason Poll.

Monthly 'Shabbat' dinners start Sept. 16

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be having the first of their monthly Shabbat dinners at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

This month an Italian dinner will be served—meatless spaghetti, salad, garlic bread—and beverages. Donation is \$5 per person. Reservations are required.

Shabbat Services will follow at 7:30 p.m. The services will be conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ. The community is welcome.

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

Changes this year in Downey Unified

DOWNEY—Due to decreasing enrollment, Pace Elementary School at 9625 Van Ruten St., Bellflower, has been closed.

Students are being directed to Lewis Elementary at 13220 Bellflower Blvd.

Parents throughout the District will see a new report card this year, one that grades in specific skills aligned to the state academic standards.

All schools will offer character education programs this year, and a new pre-school is opening at Alameda Elementary, which will include Special Education.

OASIS celebrates 30 years this month

DOWNEY—The OASIS program at Downey Adult School - Career and Education Center, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, is celebrating this month of September its 30th year of providing a class for Older Adults Seeking Information & Skills.

Residents are invited to join in the celebration by attending 3 September classes: Sept. 12—"Swing to the Golden Oldies – 30's to 60's" with Gerri Iris, professional singer and "exciting" performer; Sept. 19—"Jazz from A to Z" with Dr. Thom Mason, professor of jazz studies at USC Thornton School of Music; and Sept. 26—"Experience the USS Ronald Reagan CVN, the Newest Nuclear Aircraft Carrier in the Fleet" with Roger Brossmer, DAS principal.

The class Monday, Sept. 12 will open for enrollment at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment; dinner tickets may be purchased for \$3.50. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. The program starts at 4 p.m., and a full-course dinner is served at 5 p.m. Downey Dial-A-Ride will provide transportation to attend this class.

For more information, call Downey Adult School, 940-6200.

DRMC Auxiliary hosts fundraiser

DOWNEY—The Downey Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is holding a leather sale at the hospital from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Tues., Sept. 12-13. Monies raised will fund college scholarships for local students pursuing medical careers.

For more information about the Auxiliary, call 904-5465.

Paine is Women's Club special feature

DOWNEY – Harriet Payne of Downey Adult School's OASIS program will be the special feature when Downey Christian Women's Club meets Sept. 14 at Los Amigos Country Club for their buffet luncheon.

Nancy Sherman will speak on "overcoming stress with success" while Diane Pierce provides the musical entertainment.

The community is invited to attend, which costs \$12 and begins at 11:45 a.m. For reservations, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269.

Library to present program on bats

DOWNEY—Teens (13-19) are invited to discover the fascinating world of bats at a Downey City Library workshop Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

Teens will learn about these fascinating creatures through a slide presentation and an appearance by a live bat. Conducting the educational program will be bat biologist Diana Simons.

Expected to be entertaining and instructional, the program will discuss the role that bats play in different ecosystems, the diversity of bat species and include close-up photos of bats from around the world.

Reservations are suggested by calling the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



MEETING WITH SMOKEY ROBINSON – Members of the Downey Chamber of Commerce recently enjoyed the music of Smokey Robinson in a recent concert at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center. Karrie Benoit, a 1997 graduate of Downey High School has been touring with Robinson's band for over a year. Pictured (from left) are: Norma Coffey, Patti Polo, Kathy Bee, Robinson, Benoit, and Lee Ann Sears.

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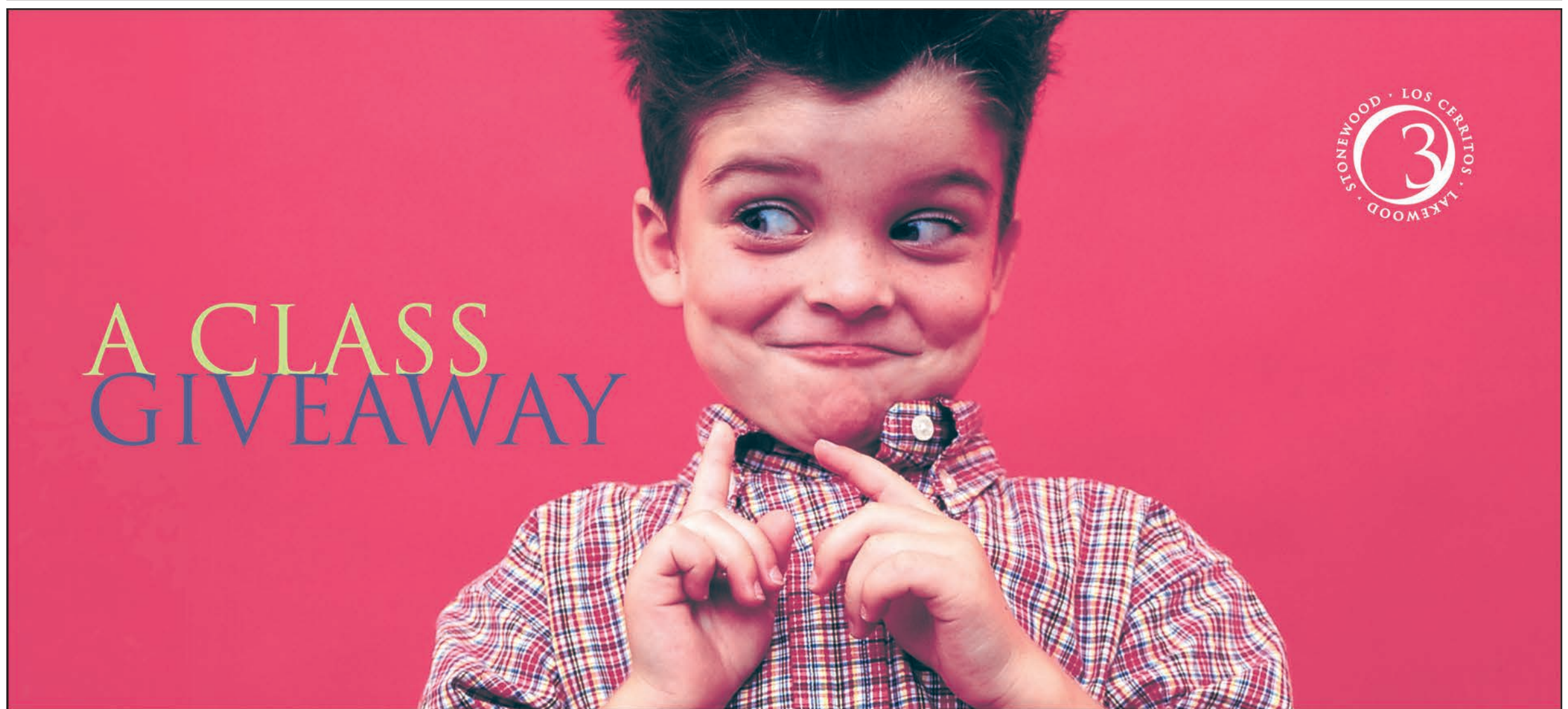
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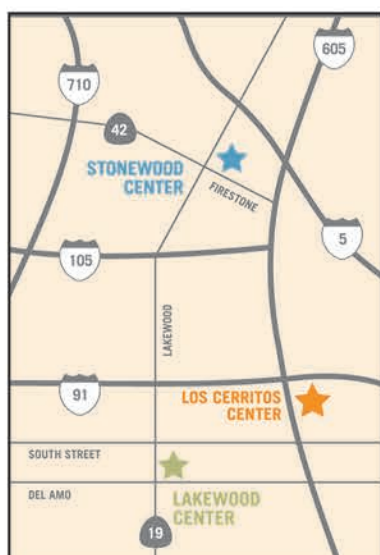
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Mansionization' not

Dear Editor:

Every week we read about the subject called "mansionization" and if any of you believers or non-believers of this subject have not been paying attention, Downey is not the only city having this problem, and this whining is getting old.

I understand the situation of both sides and believe there is and can be a medium that should satisfy most people. Let's face the facts - you can never please everyone.

Checking into the "mansionization" or "McMansionization" of home dwellings via investigative research, you will find that this is a hot issue from California to Connecticut and Illinois to Pennsylvania.

There is a proposal that has been written by Dr. Charlotte Laws of The Valley Glen Council here in Southern California. She has also addressed the subject of "mansionization" in a series of articles such as the one I read called Much Ado about McMansions in the L.A. Daily News on Sunday, Aug. 13.

Following are her recommendations regarding the mansionization in Los Angeles. The proposal - which many call a "compromise" - is based solely on objective (rather than subjective) factors.

"Dear L. A. City Councilmember,

1. Three-story homes should not be allowed due to daylight and privacy deprivation for adjacent homes except in areas that already have a preponderance of three-story dwellings (to be determined by the L.A. Planning Commission with input from the City Councilmember and the Neighborhood Council of the area).

2. There should be no size restrictions for one-story homes. There is no negative impact for nearby homeowners when a one-story home encompasses a large portion of a lot.

3. When a two-story house is constructed, its total square footage, including garage, should not be more than 60 percent of the lot size unless the second-story home owner complies with at least a 10-foot setback from the side (adjoining) property lines for all second-story additions which exceed the 60 percent limit. Permission from the adjoining homes (at the side yards) is grounds for a variance. This is to assist the neighboring home with access to daylight and privacy.

What do these numbers mean? A two-story home on a 50 x 120 lot (6000 square foot lot) including garage could be no more than 3600 square feet unless the owner/builder provides all second story additions in excess of this 60 percent with at least a 10 foot setback from the side (adjoining) property lines.

If a homeowner or developer honors the ten foot side setbacks (as advocated in this proposal) and still wishes to eliminate most of his backyard (as long as he is in accordance with building requirements), then he should have this right. Neighbors will not be severely impacted because much of their privacy and daylight will be retained.

4. The owner/builder should also be mandated to add privacy plants on the side of the fence in which new second-story additions are being built.

5. Developers and homeowners who wish to build or add a second story to their single family residences should be encouraged to present their pre-construction ideas to local councils. This opens the dialogue and lets stakeholders know they have input on the direction of their community.

This proposal is meant to be easy for plan checkers, contractors and homeowners to understand and apply citywide. It focuses on objective factors such as privacy issues and sunlight deprivation, while making no recommendations regarding style.

These ideas may seem lax to those who fight so hard to retain neighborhood "character," yet stringent to libertarians and builders who feel they should not be restricted in any way.

We hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The Greater Valley Glen Council
(* Proposal written by Charlotte Laws)

I have lived in this city all my life and have seen a lot of changes, - some good and some not so good - but let's do it within reason. There are more important issues here than how and why they got this far, and I agree with most of them. But let's end this here and like adults without placing blame.

-K.B.,
Downey

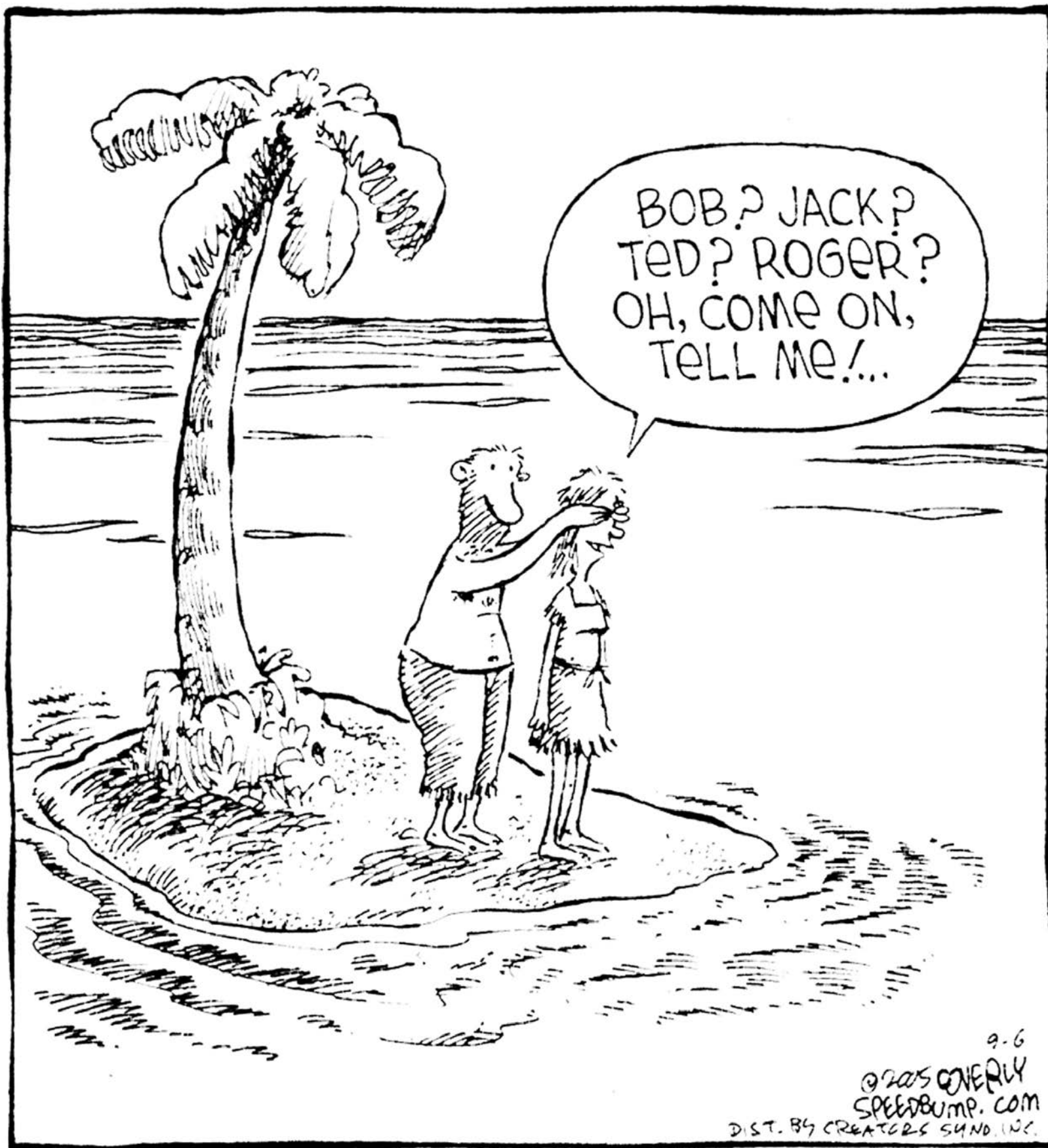
Westly's run for Governor wins backing

PALO ALTO—State Controller Steve Westly, who declared his candidacy for Governor two months ago, announced he has received endorsements from more than 50 current and former elected officials, including Congresswoman Diane Watson and Assemblymember Ron Calderon.

"Steve Westly has just the background California needs: a classroom teacher, an entrepreneur, and a local government leader," said Stephen Padilla, mayor of Chula Vista. "He understands all the forces shaping California and is the right choice to take back the Governor's office in 2006."

Ken Yeager, San Jose City Councilmember and a college professor, said, "Steve Westly has been a steadfast champion for full funding of public education. By standing up to the governor's broken promises, Steve Westly is standing up for California's schoolchildren."

Assemblymember Nicole Parra added: "Steve is the most innovative fiscal officer we have had in decades. His leadership on VCI and tax amnesty brought in an amazing \$3 billion to the state, money that is now going to schools, roads, and hospitals."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Sprinturf' vs. 'Astroturf' fields

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Andrew Kelly's letter of 8/12/05 regarding the "Astroturf" field.

For the record, the two fields in question at DUSD are Sprinturf fields and not Astroturf fields—and the difference is more than in just the name. Mr. Kelly is correct that the old Astroturf fields were essentially carpet-laid over a pad and pavement. The newer generation designs such as Sprinturf's are profoundly different. They are "infill" systems—not padded systems. In the case of the DUSD fields, 100 percent granulated rubber from old tires are recycled, ground, triple-washed and then combed into the 2-1/4 inch fiber. About 40,000 tires in all were recycled to support the fields. Athletes are essentially playing on a safe bed of rubber. The performance difference is also significant. These fields won't be harsh or abrasive to skin and a ball will bounce and react just like on natural grass.

Mr. Kelly correctly points out that Southern California does not experience much rain and therefore muddy or "puddled" fields are not an issue. However, of equal or greater danger to athletes are hardened and pitted fields. Natural surfaces that are not watered can harden to a G-Max (hardness measurement) of around 200. Serious head or bone injuries can occur if an athlete falls on a surface like this. A Sprinturf all-rubber infill system guarantees a G-Max of under 135 for its eight-year warranty period. Some school systems refuse to let athletic events occur once a field reaches a G-max of 170 or 180.

One of the unfortunate myths of synthetic surfaces is that they cause more injuries than a natural surface. Today's all-rubber synthetic surfaces tend to be safer than natural surfaces because of the "G-max and also due to the consistent planarity of the surface. Synthetic fields do not get "pits," "pot holes" or humps" which can cause an athlete to trip, misstep or stumble causing very serious ankle or knee injuries.

Prices for synthetic surfaces vary as do costs for the care and upkeep of a natural surface. Cost comparisons between natural and synthetic show a synthetic surface is actually less expensive over time than a natural surface kept in good, playable condition.

One of the overwhelming reasons for a synthetic surface has nothing to do with cost or safety—it is the demand and amount of use a field can withstand. Years ago, a high school's sports program was "boys' varsity football." Today, most schools have vastly more usage requirements (football, lacrosse, soccer, and field hockey) for both boys and girls—Varsity and Jr. Varsity teams. On average, we believe the playing demands on a field are 5 to 10 times what they were a generation ago. Natural fields experiencing that type of use simply break down.

As a bonus benefit, synthetic fields are very environmentally friendly. Not only do they recycle old tires, but they eliminate the need for harmful chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Mr. Kelly is right to ask some important questions about the synthetic surfaces his school district has purchased, I hope this answers those questions and makes him feel good about the decision the district made.

—Elliot Levine,
President and COO, Sprinturf

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.

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

'Stop this (mansionization) madness!'

Dear Editor:

A recent set of letters appearing to support "mansionization" of homes in Downey prompted me to write, yes, another letter about "Monster-Mansions."

One reader claimed that it's "...simply people redeveloping their property as they want..." in converting tract homes into million-dollar plus mansions and states that a homeowner has the right to remodel their home as they see fit. Well, maybe (no deed restrictions here in Downey)."

However, we're not talking about adding a room on here, or pushing a wall out there, or a modest second story to accommodate another immediate family member, we're talking about "knock-down remodeling," where only one wall is left standing to make it a "remodel for tax purposes, until the inspector has signed off on the footings and that one wall mysteriously" falls down." This results in a home that is 99 percent new.

And who are these "people" that do this remodeling? Lately it seems they are really contractors out to make a quick profit. There are a lot of recently-remodeled homes that sprout For Sale signs as soon as the landscaping is done. Like the "twins" on the corner of Cherokee and Brookshire (site of a once former single family home). Or the "hotel" on the north side of Newville and Florence (once a medium-sized single story home on a corner lot). Or the former tract home on Gallatin and Brock. Or the home on Gallatin and Haledon where the contractor/owner only lived there during the time it took to be sold. The list could go on and on.

No, these aren't your average home owners making their home into a "dream house," they are speculators, plain and simple. Ironically in this same issue of The Patriot (page 14) appears an ad for a "new" home, huge of course with five bedrooms and five and a half bathrooms with a master bedroom with a wet bar, fireplace and sitting area, for over \$1,687,000! A nearly two million dollar home in Downey?

Sorry, but these homes just don't fit here, aesthetically, financially, or literally, and you can't tell me they have no effect on the overall inflated prices of homes. The only real winners here are the real estate agents (think commission), the contractors (think profits) and the city (think tax revenue). Let's stop this madness.

—John Powell,
Downey

MARSHALLS

Opening day hours Sept. 29 are from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Thereafter, regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

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The store will open with a 5,000 sq.-ft. expanded family footwear department that will display hundreds of the season's up-to-the minute looks in shoes and athletic footwear for men, women and children. "Marshalls' historical success in family footwear led to the natural progression of the department," said Goonan. "The opportunistic way we approach buying merchandise from all over the world allows us to obtain large varieties of fashion-forward merchandise, including footwear, for exceptional value."

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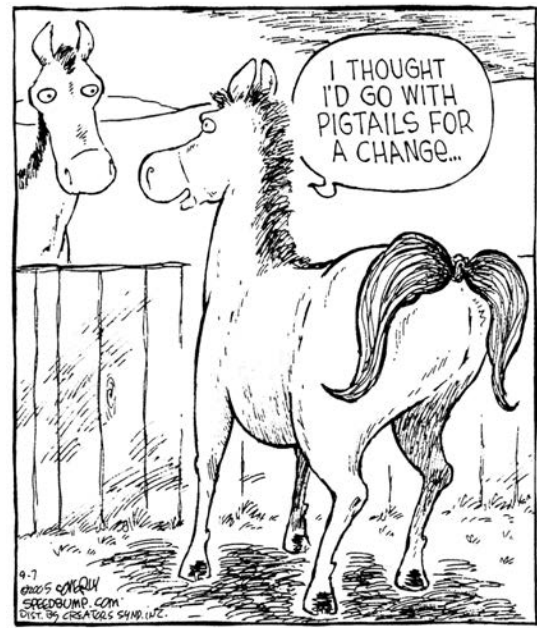
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Sat. Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m.: **Internet Class** for learning to surf and gain computer skills at Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For reservations and information call 904-7360, extension 32.
 Thurs. Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.: **Constitution Observance Night** featuring Gene Collins as Ben Franklin and a catered dinner. At Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St. For reservations and information call 862-4176.

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 Carol Pearce at (562) 622-1425.
 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 Bakers Square. 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 776-3388.
 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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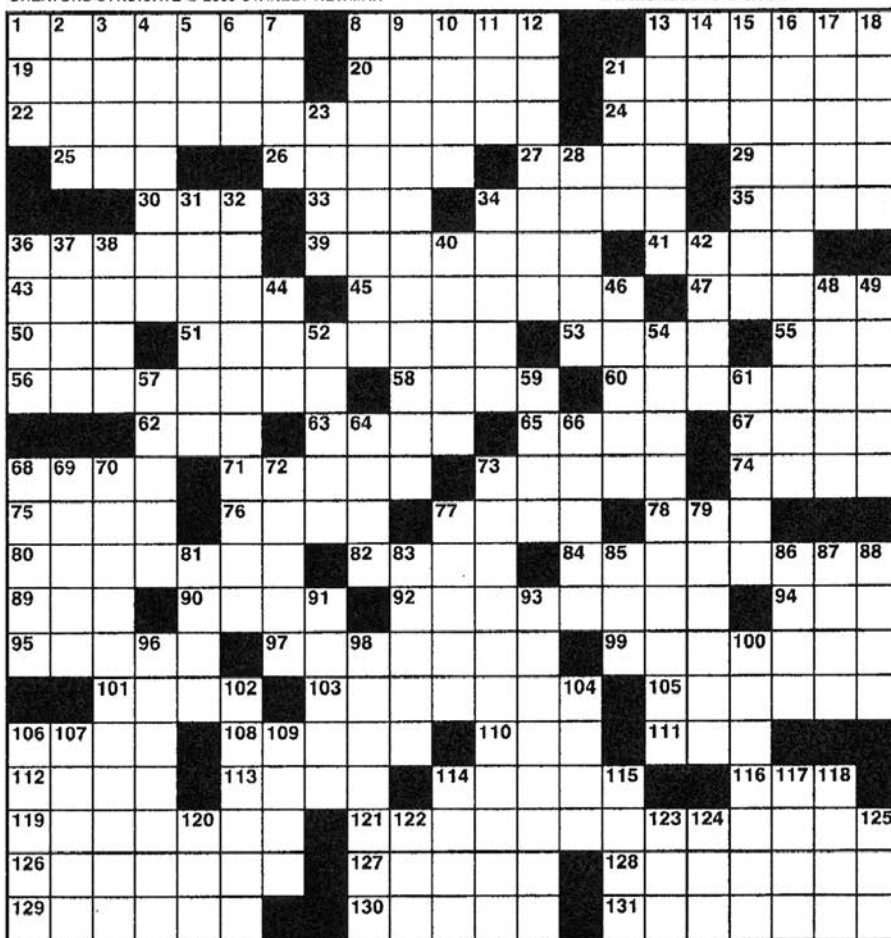
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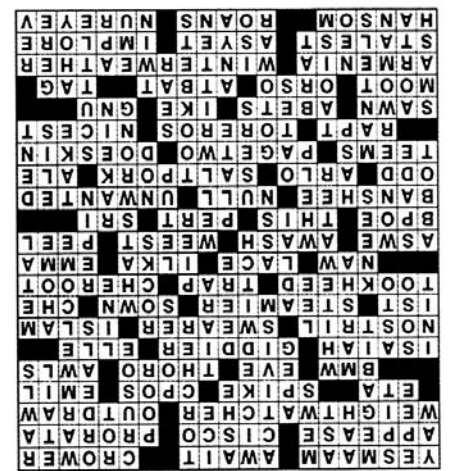
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The CISCO Kid (20 Across), portrayed in over 20 films by such actors as Duncan Renaldo and Cesar Romero, was created by short-story writer O. Henry in 1907. The quote at 68 Across is from the Lord's Prayer. Canadian provinces observing Atlantic Standard Time, or AST (6 Down), include Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.



O.C. Fair & Exposition September schedule

COSTA MESA—The wheels will roll 9 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m.-noon on Monday at the OC Fair & Exposition, now underway at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa. Adult admission is \$10, military and seniors (60 and over) are \$8, and children under 12 are free.

Car devotees who support the fight against prostate cancer have their day on Sept. 24, from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., with Cruisin' for a Cure Car Show. Exhibits will be featured in Bldgs. 10, 12, 14 and Parade of Products as well as throughout the grounds. General admission is \$10, military and seniors (62 and over) are \$5, and children under 12 are free.

Parking for the majority of the events at the OC Fair are free, with certain exceptions. Preferred parking is available for \$5.

The complete September schedule follows below. Follow directional signs to general parking gates. For additional information, contact the promoter at the telephone number listed with the event.

Scheduled events are subject to change without notice.

Visit www.ocfair.com for event updates.

September 2005

10-11 FLYING NORTH TOGETHER QUILT SHOW – Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Building #12 & The Courtyard. Admission: \$7. Flying Geese Quilt Guild/North Cities Quilt Guild, (949) 855-8647

16-18 SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW – Friday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All grounds. Admission: adults \$8, children 12 and under free. Sand Sports Super Show, (714) 990-5107, www.sandsportssupershow.com

24 CRUISIN' FOR A CURE CAR SHOW – Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14, Parade of Products, and Grounds. Admission: general \$10, military and seniors (62+) \$8, children under 12 free. Crusin' for a Cure, (949) 588-8777, www.cruisinforacure.com

9/29-10/1 SUGAR PLUM ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL – Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: free. Sugar Plum Festivals, (562) 598-0857, www.sugarplumcrafts.com.

Weekly Events

INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RACING – Saturdays, Sept. 10 and 24. Gates open 6 p.m., first race 7:30 p.m. Grandstand Arena. Admission: adults \$12, juniors (13-17) and seniors (60+) \$8, children (6-12) \$4, children under 5 free. Parking & Programs free. Preferred Parking \$5. International Speedway, Inc. (949) 492-9933, www.cmspeedway.com

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

FARMERS MARKET – Thursdays, 9 A.M.-1 P.M. Main Lot. Orange County Farm Bureau, (714) 573-0374, orange.cfbf.com

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

The Fair is closed Sept. 17, 18 and 24.



OPENING ACT – The Cruisin' Oldies Showband will be the opening act for the famed singing group, the Drifters, when the Downey Chamber of Commerce holds their second annual benefit concert on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Downey Theatre. The showband is led by Mark W. Curran. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by calling the Chamber at 923-2191.

Singers invited to join barbershop group

LA HABRA – The Choralaires Barbershop Chorus, members of the Barbershop Harmony Society, an international organization of 30,000 male singers in more than 800 chapters in the U.S. and Canada, invites men of all ages, particularly those from Downey and surrounding communities, to participate in their weekly rehearsals.

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.

Musical Director Stan Sharpe has over 50 years experience as a vocal singing teacher, quartet singer and chorus director. He provides individual and group instruction in improving musical performance.

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

Pirates "arr" coming to Bellflower

BELLFLOWER—"Pirates of Penzance," one of Gilbert & Sullivan's most famous operettas, comes to Bellflower for a Oct. 14-22 run at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

It stars Broadway leading man, Rex Smith, whose Broadway credits include starring in the major Broadway revival that ran for 772 performances featuring Kevin Kline and Linda Ronstadt; being also in the film version; making his Broadway debut as Danny Zuko in the original production of *Grease*; and feature parts in *The Human Comedy*, *Grand Hotel*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Smith is set to play Pirate King. Dennis Illingworth of Front Row Center and Gary and Kathy Dietz of the Bellflower Community Theater are producers.

Tickets are \$25; seniors and children under 16 are \$20; active military with ID free; group rates available. Tickets: (562) 867-3524.

Bingo Luncheon at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is holding a Bingo Luncheon Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd., Downey.

Donation of \$10 includes one free bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will be a raffle of a \$25 money tree as well as other "very nice" door prizes.

For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto at 869-8981 or Charlene Drobeck at 928-1937.

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CC Foundation golf tourney raises \$43K

NORWALK—Cerritos College Foundation played host to 140 golfers at its 20th annual Golf Classic Aug. 1 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier and raised more than \$43,000 in scholarship funds. Funds raised at the tournament are provided to Cerritos College students through scholarship awards given throughout the year. This year's golf tournament served to kick off the college's celebration of its 50th anniversary.

"Our fundraising through the Cerritos College Foundation golf tournament has always surpassed our expectations," said Stephen Monteros, golf tournament chairman, along with Bob Arthur, who is also a Cerritos College trustee. "Thanks to our sponsors' involvement, we've not only brought in contributions toward students' scholarships, but we've succeeded in raising awareness of the significance of the Cerritos College campus in the community."

The tournament was underwritten by nearly 100 sponsors—18 of which were corporate sponsors, including Financial Partners Credit Union and L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe. It also featured support from more than 60 local businesses and individuals.

Foundation Board members presented Cerritos College student Nicole Deel the 2005 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship in absentia, and last year's Nancy Kelly scholarship winner, Manisha Vadgama, accepted the award on her behalf. The Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding athlete who displays high academic achievement.

The 21st annual Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for Aug. 7, 2006. The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. You may visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

Cerritos College is celebrating the 2005-2006 school year as its 50th anniversary in serving as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County, including Downey. A celebratory site honoring the college's 50 years may be viewed at www.cerritos.edu/50.

Fall Boutique and bake sale Sept. 17

DOWNEY—The Downey United Methodist Women are holding their annual Fall Boutique Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave.

The ladies have worked hard this year making new creations (all handmade) for the boutique. They also have "Granny's Attic" and a wide array of baked goods in the "Bake Shop."

They invite everyone, once they're done with their shopping, to join them in the Cafe for lunch and dessert. Information: Marilyn Boss, (562) 869-6976.

Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

DOWNEY – Downey Fly Fishers, a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, invites prospective members to their monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Apollo Park. For information, call 943-3904.

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As the war wound down, the Vultee Field Division of Convair won a Navy contract for LARK surface-to-air missiles in 1945.

Turning to the missile industry, the Vultee Field Division was awarded a \$1.2 million contract to study long-range missile weapons systems, and focused on the ballistic missile concept. While the government cancelled this contract in 1946, much of the research was reborn in 1950 as part of the Atlas Project.

With wartime contracts a thing of the past, Vultee turned to the peaceful manufacture including prefabricated homes using plastics and aluminum.

North American

In 1947 North American Aviation, which had a number of contracts to fill, leased a portion of the Vultee assembly plant. North American used Downey to produce the AJ-1 Navy bomber and the T-28 postwar trainer. In 1950 North American purchased the Convair portion of the Downey plant.



RUINS OF ANCIENT LAODICEA—Are just one of many historic sites that are visited by Robin Williams' film Sunday at Downey Theater.



CLEOPATRA'S GATE, AT TARSUS—History can be found in many parts of modern Turkey by the filmmaker.

Mariachi guitar expert at city library

DOWNEY—A special program at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 7-8 in the Cormack Room will be presented for music lovers, featuring Mariachi expert Michael Archuleta, who will discuss his book, *Mariachi Method for Guitar*, and give tips for the beginning guitar student. He feels that guitar students must learn to feel the music, a skill that musicians cannot replicate from a musical manuscript.

Archuleta's book is especially designed to teach the beginning player the fundamentals of Mariachi guitar. It contains lessons that introduce the primary chords, followed by easy exercises, new rhythm patterns and songs to put your new Mariachi knowledge to use. The accompanying CD provides a teaching soundtrack to guide you through the exercises, rhythms and songs. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Reservations are recommended by calling (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

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morale has got to start somewhere
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now in the space remaining I forced into place
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two big cardboard-backed notebooks
filled with white pages and a pen and a pencil too
maybe someone would want to write down what is happening
if I were stranded and maybe going to die
I would reporting the moment
sole survivor call me Ishmael after great pain
a formal feeling comes
scraps of poems kept in a cigarette box Dachau Teresine
who could look upon these horrors and not feel pity

my tough much traveled suitcase
it will deliver whatever I put in it
intact
what can you say if you have just one chance
so I took on an impulse a sheet of long yellow foolscap
and wrote GOOD LUCK in big letters
and laid it loose on top of some silky scarves
it ought to remain in the suitcase
surviving multiple openings and closings
until some one finds it who needs it
and reads what I cradled between bedsheets and blouses
words ephemera
good intentions it is all we have got
—Lorine Parks,
Downey

Mixer/Business Expo moved up 1 week

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's upcoming Mixer/Business Expo with its "Fall Celebration" theme has been moved up to Thursday, Oct. 20 instead of Oct. 13 as originally announced.

The Mixer/Expo is sponsored by Downey Regional Medical Center and will be held from 5-8 p.m. at DRMC's new building at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

The public is invited to attend. Cost is \$3 and includes refreshments.

Tables are available for those wishing to avail of a good networking opportunity. Cost of table space is \$60 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their tables in accord with the expo's "Fall Celebration" theme. The booth adjudged the best will be awarded \$100, provided by the Membership Events Committee, which is coordinating the expo. There will be several opportunities to win door prizes, in addition to the wealth of free samples from the vendors.

Those who have already signed up for the Mixer/Expo include: CalMet Services, Inc., CareMore Medical Group, Downey Dental Center, Gallatin Dental Group, Jafra International, Laurie's Personal Pet and Hose Sitting, Southeast Los Angeles County Work Investment Board (SELACO WIB), and StormForce Marketing Co.

For information/to sign up, call the Chamber office, 923-2191.

City library offers Internet class Sept. 10

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., is offering a Beginning Internet class on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Computer Lab. The relaxed setting will allow adults to learn to surf the Internet and gain valuable computer skills. The class is free.

Students must be comfortable using a computer mouse. The class will teach students the basics of using the Internet Explorer browser and how to use search engines to find information.

For reservations, call 904-7360, ext. 32, or visit the library's website at www.downeylibrary.org.

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.

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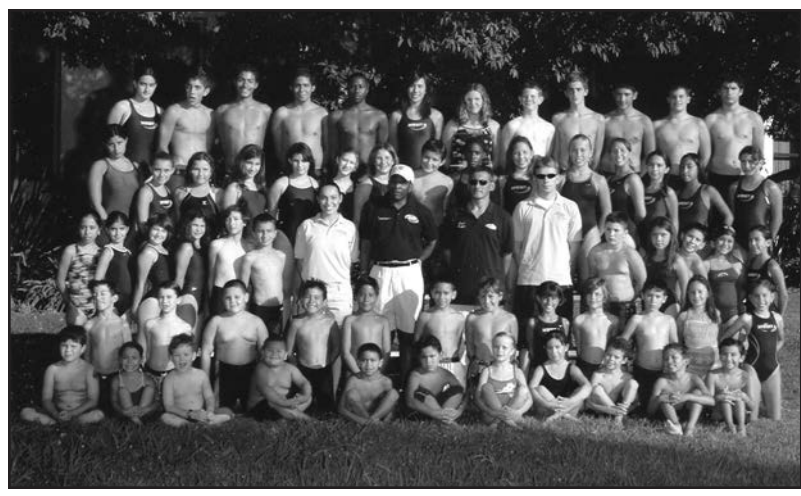
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DOWNEY DOLPHINS – New season begins Sept. 13 and runs through Nov. 13 for the Downey Dolphins season. The group, which meets in the Downey High School swimming pool, is led by Head Coach Federico Ricketts and assistant Rafael Rosero and Lucy Serrano, USA Swimming experienced. Swimmers must be water safe, at least five years old and able to make it across the pool, 25 yards, without stopping and without assistance. The program costs \$210, which includes coaching, membership in USA Swimming, swim cap and T-shirt and Certificate of Achievement, among other things. For more information, call Pedro Rodriguez at 862-6202 before Sept. 13.

Rio Hondo participating in golf event

DOWNEY – Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey is one of several local courses participating in the Jack Nicklaus Heart and Stroke Challenge, a program hoping to raise cardiovascular awareness in seniors.

Entry is free with the option of buying a mulligan for \$10 with proceeds going towards cardiovascular research.

Each member of the winning teams at the local club level will be awarded a lithograph commemorating Jack Nicklaus' final appearance at the British Open and sectional winners will be invited to join Nicklaus for golf at PGA National in West Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

For more information, call Stephen LaBarge of Rio Hondo Golf Club at 927-2329.

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.

When it comes to tattoos, much thought is required

By Eric Pierce

I've always figured there must be a screw loose in the heads of people who get tattoos. After all, why else would a person voluntarily brand himself, just like a cow?

The whole process is utterly inane; having someone poke and prod you with a needle, a design stamped to your body for the rest of your life. It is so risky: What if you sneeze? What if he sneezes? What if, at the exact moment he brings the needle down upon your body, there is an earthquake? Your body could end up with squiggly lines all over, like a three-year-old who starts off coloring within the lines but eventually says the heck with it and starts scribbling like a three-year-old.

So with that in mind I decided to get a tattoo last week. I said the heck with it.

Choosing the design was easy, I already knew what I wanted: the letter "B" with a halo over the top, in commemoration of a friend who passed away. It would be relatively small and simple, on my left bicep for easy concealment.

Finding a tattoo parlor proved to be trickier; it's not exactly like calling 1-800-DENTIST. They don't actively advertise, seeing as how most of their customers are drunkards who stumble in at one in the morning. O.K., that's a gross generalization, but it's not entirely untrue.

After settling on a shop on the outskirts of Chino Hills, and before taking my seat before the executioner, I was made to sign a waiver declaring that I was not intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. (Picture that: some buffoon waking up the next morning, tequila on his breath, gaping at his "Spring Break '99 Rules!" insignia.)

Twenty minutes after beginning, my artist, Goethe, one word like Madonna, was finished. He did a fine job, not a single typo.

The pain wasn't so bad either, not nearly as offensive as stubbing a toe. The trauma is more psychological, as you stand in front of the mirror admiring your new look, wondering what it was exactly that you were thinking when you said you wanted a tattoo.

Yes, the experience was quite memorable and now I'm thinking of maybe getting another. What the heck, a story on laser removal surgery is long overdue anyways.

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.

CERT works closely with the Downey Fire Department.



DOWNEY FAMILY YMCA—Director George Saikali and Downey Rotary president Carol Pearce are teaming up in planning the upcoming Rotary/YMCA Annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8 from 7 a.m.-noon at Downey High School. All proceeds from this community event go to support community youth in YMCA activities.

211 system expanded in light of disaster

LOS ANGELES—According to County Supervisor Don Knabe's office, in an ongoing effort to support the relief efforts of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Los Angeles County has greatly expanded the services of its 211 telephone system to include a vast amount of information about how local individuals and groups can get answers to questions and offer help to the victims of this catastrophe.

For individuals, calling the 211 number by telephone can provide information about where financial and material donations can be made, where health and mental health services can be received and how residents of Los Angeles County can offer assistance to the victims of the Hurricane.

For groups, 211 can provide answers about how to offer help on a large scale. Chambers of Commerce, nonprofit groups and businesses are all encouraged to contact 211 to find out how to offer help and organize fundraisers at the local level.

At this time, Los Angeles County has committed to providing long-term care to at least 2,000 refugees in a variety of shelters and other care sites, but apartment and property managers are particularly encouraged to contact 211 about availability to host refugees on a long-term basis.

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'Connections' meets Thursdays

DOWNEY – Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

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DRMC Home Health successfully surveyed

DOWNEY—DRMC Home Health Services underwent their annual survey visit by Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) surveyors, who came unannounced on Aug. 24, through Aug. 31.

Surveyors reviewed documents such as patient medical records, policies, and department education and performance improvement. They made patient visits and discussed quality of care with patients and their families.

"Everyone in Home Health – nurses, support staff and leadership – went the extra mile to 'tell our story.' Overall, we did very well. As always, there are areas for improvement, and we are continuously working on issues pertaining to patient care and safety," reported Ramie Hamilton, administrator of DRMC Home Health Services.

Last year, DRMC Home Health Services made 9,000 patient visits. Its boundaries are south of the 210 Freeway, west of the 57 Freeway, east of the 110 Freeway and north of the 405 Freeway extending to the 605 Freeway. It is fully licensed by the California DHS in this, its 20th year of service.

A program of Downey Regional Medical Center, DRMC Home Health offers a broad range of nursing, medical and rehabilitative care all under the supervision of the patients' personal physicians. "We are the eyes and ears of physicians who in years past made house calls. We serve a diverse population and care for each patient by the golden rule, treating them as we would want our family members and ourselves to be treated," Hamilton said.

For more information about DRMC Home Health Services, call (562) 806-2790.

Constitution Observance Night observed

DOWNEY—Downey United Masonic Lodge #220 is celebrating the 12th annual Constitution Observance Night Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St.

Dinner catered by a local restaurant is at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room and will feature Past Master Gene Collins who will portray Ben Franklin in costume.

Reservations are required. Call 862-4176 no later than Sept. 12 and leave your name and the number of people in your party.

For information, contact Bob Udoff at 862-2419 or Bob Vleerick at 869-4877.

Women's golf club seeks new members

DOWNEY – The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, is accepting applications for membership for the '04-05 season.

General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS – St. Raymond's Catholic Church kicked off their 50th Anniversary Celebration last Saturday. Participating were (left to right) Father Higgins, Bishop Salazar, Father Paul and Deacon Ralph.

Celebrating 50 years at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Catholic Church began their 50th Anniversary Celebration last Saturday with a kick-off mass presided by Bishop Alexander Salazar. A special blessing was bestowed upon 15 founding members.

The celebration will continue with the "Winner's Harvest" Dinner and Reverse Raffle on Saturday, October 29 at 7 p.m. The dinner will be honoring all the ministries serving at St. Raymond's. Tickets are \$50 and for information call (562) 923-4509.

'The Diary of Anne Frank' opens Oct. 7

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Department of Theatre and the Associated Students will present "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, October 7-16 at the Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Cerritos.

The play, which celebrates its 50th anniversary on Broadway this year, is a reenactment of events from the diary of a Jewish girl who hid with her family from the Nazis in Amsterdam.

In celebration of Cerritos College's 50th anniversary, all shows during the 2005-06 theater season will feature returning alumni in prominent roles. In "The Diary of Anne Frank," Renee Duron, who has recently completed training at the prestigious South Coast Repertory and is working on a master's degree in theater at CSU-Fullerton, and alum Joseph Wise will return to the Burnight stage to star as Anne and Mr. Frank, respectively. Duron and Wise were handpicked and pre-cast by director Kevin Hoggard.

General admission tickets are \$12; students and senior citizens pay \$10.

For more information, call 467-5058.

Newcomers Club meeting Sept. 12

DOWNEY—There is no special event planned at the Downey Newcomers Club's regular luncheon meeting Monday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at Frantone's on Telegraph Road, but there will be a discussion of the "end of summer" backyard party at Joan Hoffman's in October. Also, a nominating committee will be chosen to select a new board for the year 2006.

Members wishing to join Vicki Augimeri's tour Sept. 28 to see the exhibit on Evita Person should call 862-5602. The entry fee is \$12.

Delvers Gem/Mineral show Sept. 25-26

DOWNEY—The Delvers Gem and Mineral Society, founded more than 50 years ago by Prof. Darrold Henry at Downey High School, will present their annual show at the Downey Woman's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Programs will feature member displays, dealers' booths and a boutique. Drawing for many choice rock-related prizes will occur on Sunday afternoon. Admission is free.

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Josephine Uribe was a city library volunteer

DOWNEY – Josephine Uribe, a volunteer at Downey City Library and longtime Downey resident, died Sept. 5.

She is survived by three sons, one daughter, five granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

A mass will be held in her honor today, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church, 7218 Pickering Ave., Whittier. A viewing is scheduled for Sept. 15 at Emerson White Mortuary, 13304 E. Philadelphia, Whittier, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed immediately by a Rosary.

Woman's Club making regular Pechanga trips

DOWNEY—Buoyed by the success of its monthly bus trips to the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula to benefit their Scholarship Fund, the Woman's Club of Downey recently released its 2005 all-Monday schedule: Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

"The trips are quite popular and help raise money for our Woman's Club Foundation Scholarship Fund, with the exception of a \$1 tip for our bus driver," says event chair Doris Patterson. "It's a fun way to spend the day."

The club's first-class bus, provided by Pechanga, leaves at 8 a.m. and returns to Downey between 5:30-6 p.m. Each guest receives a \$5 voucher for casino play.

Visitors are encouraged to register for a 'Rewards Card' at the casino for additional benefits. Bingo is played on the bus going and returning, featuring a grab bag of prizes.

Cost is \$11 per person, \$6 if you are a Woman's Club member. Tour guests must be at least 21 years of age. With ample parking, the Woman's Club opens at 7 a.m., offering donuts and coffee for sale.

All reservations must be paid at least one week prior to departure date. No refunds will be made for last minute cancellations.

For reservations/additional information, contact Jeanine Keys, 923-6620, or Doris Patterson, 869-0377.

Pre-enrollment for parent education

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, will be pre-enrolling for the Parent Education Through Child Participation classes for the Fall Semester on Friday, Sept 9, from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

This program is year-round beginning in September and concluding in June each year. You are to bring child's immunization record, child and parent's proof of TB test taken within the past 4 years.

For more information visit downeyadultschool.com or call 940-6200.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

DOWNEY – Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.



JOSEPHINE URIBE – A mass will be held in her honor today, Sept. 9, at St. Mary's Church in Whittier.

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.

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Entries being taken for 'Mr. Downey'

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association is now accepting applications for the 2006 Mr. Downey/Little Mr. Downey competition. The event, scheduled for Nov. 19, 2006, will be the fourth for the city. Contestants will compete in Interviews, Sportswear, and Formal Wear.

Applications are available at the following locations: online at www.downeyrose.org, Downey Rent-A-Tux, Downey and Warren High Schools, Downey Chamber of Commerce and the Downey City Library.

Contestants for Mr. Downey must be between the ages of 16-23 and either live, work or attend school in Downey. The winner is guaranteed a minimum prize of \$1,000 and \$500 for the first runner-up. More prizes will be determined by donations received by the organization.

After paying out all prize awards and covering the costs of the event, proceeds will help to build the 2006 Tournament of Roses Parade entry.

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Childrens Hospital researcher gets grant

LOS ANGELES—Vishal Saxena, Ph. D., a researcher in the Department of Radiology at The Saban Research Institute of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and assistant professor of research radiology at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, has received a \$517,765 grant from the new Pacific-Southwest Regional Center of Excellence for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Disease Research based at UC-Irvine.

Dr. Saxena's project will support a state-of-the-art small animal imaging research program for infectious disease (SAIRPID) at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles as a shared resource for the community of scientists. He received both his graduate (1995) and doctorate (1999) degrees from the University of Cambridge in England.

Dr. Saxena's research is an integral part of a \$40 million grant to fund the new Pacific-Southwest Regional Center of Excellence (RCE), one of only 10 centers in the nation funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The Pacific-Southwest RCE will bolster basic biomedical research into bioterrorism agents, such as those that cause anthrax and botulism, and naturally occurring infectious diseases, including West Nile virus, Hantavirus and dengue. The Center will also provide scientific support, expertise and facilities in response to a national emergency.

Art and craft show at Adventist Church

DOWNEY – Downey Adventist Church will host the 2nd Annual Art and Craft Fair Sunday, Oct. 16 on its campus beginning at 9 a.m.

The church is working in conjunction with Downey Art League, which is producing an Open Art Show in the fellowship hall.

The art show schedule is as follows:

Oct. 13 - Take-in, 3-8 p.m.

Oct. 14 - Hanging and judging

Oct. 15 - Open to the public, 12-4 p.m.

Oct. 16 - Open to the public, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., awards ceremony, 4 p.m.

The fair and art show are free and some art will be available for purchase. Call the church for booth rentals and Open Art Show rules.

'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.

'Fun Bus' heading to Flamingo Hotel

DOWNEY – The Southeast Entertainment Fun Bus departs for the Flamingo Hotel and Casino tomorrow, Sept. 10 on an eight-hour turnaround. Call Alen at 923-1755 for more information.



LA CASITA MORTGAGE CORP – And Supreme Team Escrow Division celebrated their grand opening with a celebration Aug. 25 at its offices at 7300 Firestone Blvd. ERA Supreme Team Real Estate also celebrated their grand reopening. From left: Vicky Villavicencio, David Sariñana, Gloria Encinas and Pete Lora.

Business guide on city's Web site

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Web site, 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.

Rose Float dinner cruise in Long Beach

DOWNEY—The annual Hawaiian Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Long Beach Harbor sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association takes place Sunday, Sept. 25 from 4-8 p.m.

Tickets pre-sold for \$35 per person include dinner, music, dancing and raffles. They can be bought from any Rose Float member or by calling (562) 824-7172. With limbo and hula hoop contests featured, the stress is on a lively and fun evening. Hawaiian dress is optional.

High Holy Days celebrated at Temple

DOWNEY—Rabbi Stephen Einstein, longtime spiritual leader of Congregation B'Nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, is expected to put everyone in the right frame of mind to observe the coming High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur when he presents "Getting Ready for the High Holy Days" to EZRA Center for Mature Adults at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. The program is at 10-12 noon, preceded by registration, coffee/tea and refreshments at 9:45 a.m.

A catered kosher luncheon will be served after the program. Cost of lunch is \$6 for EZRA members, and \$7 for non-members. The community is welcome.

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

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Bellflower Chorus sings Sept. 16-18

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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 Loews, and Rogers 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. Greg Nighswonger is narrator.

For tickets or information, call Alice at (562) 866-4664, or Shirley at (323) 569-5930.

The Auditorium is located at 16660 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower (adjacent to City Hall.)

Survey says Los Angeles is logged on

LOS ANGELES—A recent survey of technology use conducted by the University of Phoenix found that the area's self-proclaimed Internet addicts are spending substantial time online. The survey reveals information about area residents' reliance on the Internet and demonstrates the need to include technology in education.

Other information the survey found:

*Nearly half of survey respondents (48.5 percent) go online three or more times per day.

*31 percent of respondents log on more than five times per day.

L.A. spends hours online

*Nearly 66 percent of residents are online for more than two hours per day.

*14 percent of respondents spend at least five hours per day on the Internet.

L.A. can't go without the Internet

*75 percent of residents could not last more than a week without the Internet.

*23 percent of respondents couldn't go more than a day without the Internet.

*51 percent of respondents feel they are addicted to the Internet.

Technology and education

*55 percent of respondents think that the Internet is "very important" to a person's education; 30 percent says it is "important."

*85 percent of respondents believe that people going back to college will want more interactive technology in their coursework.

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Long Beach named top university

LONG BEACH—For the second time in a row, CSU-Long Beach has been ranked one of the top three public master's universities in the west by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2006 edition of America's Best Colleges Guide.

In addition to ranking third among the 64 western public master's universities ranked by the magazine, CSULB once again was included among the publication's first tier of rankings, placing the campus in the top 25 percent of a total of 123 public and private universities in its category in the region.

"The value of students' degrees is always based on the reputation of their academic institution," said Robert C. Maxson, university president. "I am so proud that *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized this campus for the quality education that students receive at Cal State Long Beach. It is especially satisfying because so much of the ranking is based on how we are perceived by our peers."

In *U.S. News & World Report's* survey methodology, colleges provide data for up to 15 indicators of academic excellence. Each factor is assigned a weight that reflects publication officials' judgment regarding how much a measure matters. Finally the colleges in each category are ranked against their peers, based on their composite weighted score.

Among the indicators used to measure the academic quality of the colleges and universities were: peer assessment (weighted by 25 percent), retention (25 percent in master's colleges), faculty resources (20 percent), student selectivity (15 percent), financial resources (10 percent), and alumni giving rate (five percent).

U.S. News & World Report also ranked CSULB's College of Engineering among the top 50 undergraduate programs nationally for all categories of colleges and universities, and also noted Long Beach's programs for first-year students among "stellar examples" of "academic programs that are believed to lead to student success."

As defined by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, institutions in the universities-master's category provide a full range of undergraduate programs and some master's level programs. They also offer few, if any, doctoral programs.

With an anticipated fall enrollment exceeding 35,000 students, CSULB offers 85 bachelor's degrees, 67 master's degrees and two doctorates.

DJAA football registration at Apollo

DOWNEY – The Downey Junior Athletic Association begins signups for their new flag football season tomorrow, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Apollo Park.

Registration will also be taken Sept. 17 and 24.

To be eligible, players must live in Downey or go to a Downey school and be in the 2nd-8th grade. A birth certificate and last year's report card is required at sign-up.

Cost to sign up is \$60, which includes \$20 worth of raffle tickets. Last day to register is Sept. 26.

For more information, visit www.djaa-sports.org.



DIANNA CATTANI – A realtor with Century 21 My Real Estate Company, received Special Recognition of Excellence for her contributions to the Neighborhood Leadership Program of 2005. "I know that I am sensitive to the individual needs of different cultures," remarked Cattani.

City to offer adult jazz dance class

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services is offering an ongoing Jazz Dance Class for adults (18 years of age and older), the first class beginning yesterday at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Lessons include jazz warm-up and jazz dance combinations. The dance combinations will be short, with a new routine introduced each week choreographed to great music.

Fee for the class is \$60 for 12 weeks. To register/for more information, call (562) 904-7223.

'Spotlight Awards' applications open

LOS ANGELES—The Music Center of Los Angeles County, located in downtown Los Angeles, is calling on Southern California high school performers, artists and photographers to apply for the 18th annual Music Center Spotlight Awards. The Spotlight Awards program is one of the nation's most acclaimed performing and visual arts educational programs for teens. The program has launched the careers of many an aspiring artist.

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The visual arts categories are photography (black/white, color and digital and two-dimensional design (works of art with height and width but no depth, using drawing, painting, computer-generated or mixed media). All visual arts participants will be invited to attend master classes and museum tours. Winners receive \$6,000; runners-up \$3,000.

Applications and information are available at www.musiccenter.org or by calling (213) 972-3300.

Senior bingo at Apollo Park

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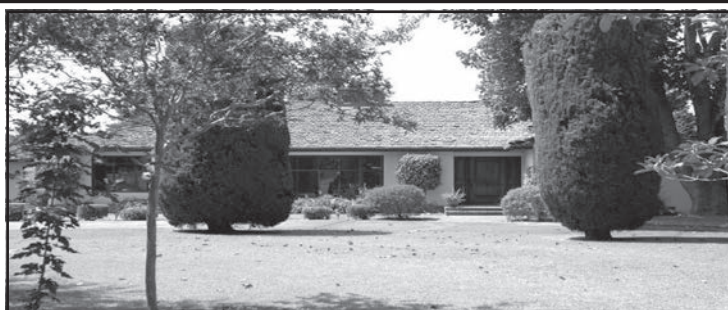
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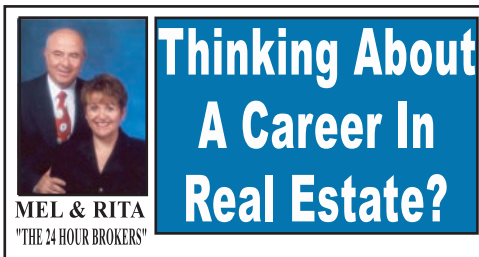
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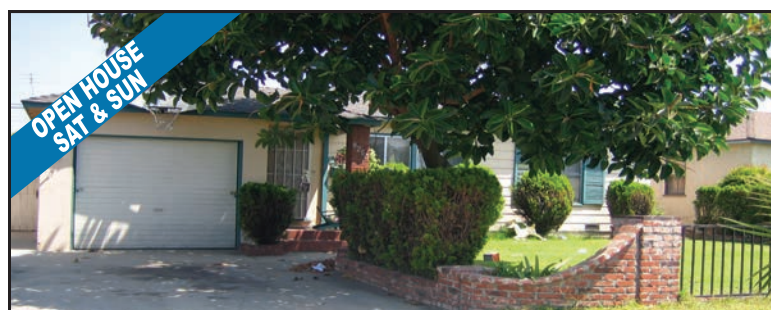
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