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**CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT** – The Drifters, famed rock n’ roll singing group of the past, will appear on stage with original member Bobby Hendricks tomorrow (Saturday) Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire for the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s 2nd annual benefit concert. Tickets and information are available at the Chamber by calling 923-2191 today or walk-up tickets, while they last, may be purchased at the theater box office tomorrow prior to the show. Admission is \$30.

## Film series visits ‘People of Poland’

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—On Sunday afternoon Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. the Downey Theater will present the second program of its Armchair Adventure Travelogue Series, “The People of Poland” filmed and narrated by Charles Hartman.

Come along on a fascinating journey to Poland, both old and new! The cradle of the Polish nation in Gniezno, and the “cradle of Solidarity,” birthplace of the new Poland in Gdansk. Share the excitement and the enthusiasm of the Polish people in the rebirth of freedom since the end of the communist dictatorship. And share, too, in the joy of a charming and beautiful country. From unspoiled white sand beaches of the Baltic Seacoast, through the unspoiled, uncrowded Mazurian Lake district, to the lush and lovely hills of the southern Highlands and the spectacular summits of the High Tatra mountains, Poland is a land of surpassing beauty.

Tickets for “The People of Poland” may be purchased on the day of the performance only, Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Downey Theater box office (8435 Firestone Blvd.) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$7 and seniors/student tickets are \$6 cash or check, accepted only at the box office. This film and the remainder of the series, 9 films total, may still be purchased as a season subscription. For information and subscription details contact the box office at (562) 861-8211 Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Other films in the series, and the dates of screening at the Downey Theater, include:

- Nov. 6: “Canada’s Incredible Parks.”
- Nov. 20: “Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama.”
- Jan. 8: “Exploring the Colorado River.”
- Jan. 29: “Hawaii Paradise.”
- Feb. 12: “Cruising to Bermuda.”
- March 26: “Natural Wonders of the East Coast.”
- April 9: “Along the Continental Divide.”
- April 23: “Inside Ireland.”

## Buyers will find way to purchase homes

By John Adams

A recent study undertaken by Hans R. Johnson and Amanda Bailey for the Public Policy Institute of California entitled “California’s Newest Homeowners—Affording the Unaffordable,” attempts an analysis of the current housing boom here, to determine how long it will last.

They asked how are recent homebuyers able to afford the recent high prices, and is there a growing gap between those who can afford to buy and those who rent?

They noted that even with record sales volumes, homeownership rates in California are much lower than those in the rest of the nation: California

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**KERRIE TORRES-WEIGLIN**—Formerly of East Middle School and who now is the new vice principal at West Middle School, has been named Teacher of the Year by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

## Downey becomes Space Race Central

By John Adams  
(Fifth of a series)

The Downey U.S. Air Force Plant 16/North American Aviation, Inc., occupied the same land that E.M. Smith had bought in the 1920s to found an air field and aviation company and which Vultee then made great through expansion during the World War II years.

Setback...

But North American suffered a temporary setback when the government cancelled the Navaho missile project in July of 1957. After a dark gap of several months, the new project, the Hound Dog Air-to-Ground Missile Program, which allowed the mighty B-52 to hit targets while remaining at a relatively safe altitude while using much of the tracking system of the old Navaho program, was announced.

And within two months of the Hound Dog’s contract, North American won a contract to produce the Little Joe Launch Vehicle to test the Mercury capsules.

**Hound Dog and Little Joe**

The Hound Dog was the mainstay of the company through the early 1960s, turning out missiles to arm SAC’s 29 B-52 squadrons.

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## Best Buy opens today at Downey Landing

**DOWNEY** – The first store at Downey Landing officially opens for business today, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m.

Consumer electronics retailer Best Buy will open today with a morning ribbon-cutting, making it the first of a series of stores set to open throughout the year at the new 160-acre shopping complex at the former Downey NASA site. Currently under construction are a Ross, Michael’s, Marshall’s, Bally’s Total Fitness and Elephant Bar restaurant, among other stores.

**New jobs**

The new Best Buy sits on 45,000 square feet and is expected to employ 180 employees to staff the store in cashier, customer service, non-commissioned sales and management positions. The store also expects to hire as many as 25 percent more employees during the holiday season for short-term employment, according to Best Buy spokesman Jay Musolf.

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## Police probe cause of fatal accident

**DOWNEY**—Police here say the driver of a CalMet truck which fatally struck a 14-year-old girl as she attempted to cross Lakewood Boulevard at Firestone told them he never saw her.

Police have the accident under continued investigation and have not yet determined if anyone was at fault.

The accident at 2:57 p.m. Tuesday left friends, family and classmates of Seriena Monique Rodriguez, a student at Downey High School, shaken.

The girl’s father was driving on Firestone Boulevard and arrived on the scene of the fatal accident seconds after it occurred, police said.

The girl was attempting to cross Lakewood from the northeast to the northwest corner, when the truck which was westbound on Firestone attempted to make a right turn onto Lakewood and hit her, police said.

The intersection is somewhat confused due to construction there. While it had stormed earlier, it was clear at the time of the accident.

About 40 friends and family members held a memorial on the corner Wednesday. They brought messages and pictures.

## School board shocked by news of student death

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District expressed shock at the news of the death of a 14 year-old student who was killed by a truck while crossing at a crosswalk at Lakewood and Firestone Boulevards at about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

News of the death, just two hours prior to the School Board meeting, left members of the board stunned. The Board while awaiting a full report, expressed its regrets and condolences to friends and family.

In other matters, the Board, anxious to know when the new stadium at

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## Torres-Weiglin named Teacher of the Year

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The Los Angeles County Office of Education has named Kerrie Torres-Weiglin of East Middle School its Teacher of the Year.

She was honored before the Downey Unified School District Board of Education Tuesday, where she was presented by her principal at East, Bret Shubin.

Shubin noted that Torres-Weiglin began her career in DUSD in East Middle School. She was an outstanding science teacher and an exemplary professional. Those who she has worked for find her to be driven, devoted, helpful, organized, reliable, talented, and encouraging. Students selected

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## District receives CTA/NEA proposal

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has received initial bargaining proposals from the Downey Education Association (CTA/NEA) and held a public hearing on the proposal Tuesday.

There appears to be a warmer accord between the Board and the teacher’s union concerning the current negotiations, compared to past years. The common challenge to both school districts and teachers union posed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was pointed out in a brief

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**DOWNEY DENTIST** – John McAllister was the winner of a 10-race sailing series sponsored by Pacific Sailing of Long Beach. The Downey dentist and resident won the “Cuba Cup.” From left: Peter Benze, McAllister and Ralph Nelson. Back row: Penny Youngs, Kevin “K.B.” Forbes, Tracy Mitchell and Felix Cramer.

**Christ Lutheran weekend activities**

**DOWNEY**—Christ Lutheran Church, 7707 Florence Ave. in Downey, announced the following:

- \*The fall season “Rally Day” will be this Sunday, Sept. 25, with a luau luncheon following the service;
- \*On Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct 1, the middle and high school youths will attend “Applefest” at Luther Glen in the San Bernardino Mountains. The group will leave Christ Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. Friday and spend all day Saturday at the camp. Youths interested in attending “Applefest” should contact youth leader, Ryan McCutchan, at 598-8806; and
- \*Sunday school classes will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. Classes for children, youth and adults will be offered following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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**CTA/NEA**

speech to the School Board by CTA/NEW Director Bob Becker, who invited board members to join the phone banks the labor group is setting up to combat the Governor’s Propositions on the November ballot.

The board did not formally comment but appeared sympathetic. In other action the Board:  
 \*Approved the Unaudited Actual Financial Report for fiscal 2004-05.

**Textbooks**

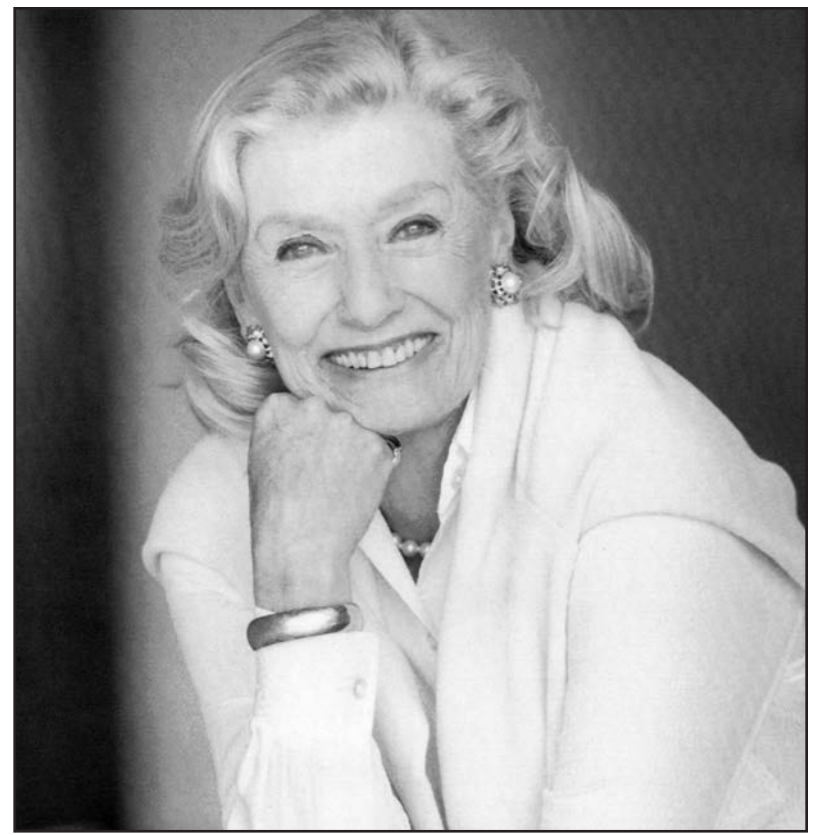
\*Held a public hearing and then adopted a resolution that pupil textbooks and instructional materials comply with all requirements for the 2005-06 fiscal year.  
 \*Adopted a resolution that District appropriations can be met for 2005-06 subject to limitations.

\*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector to the district including a motivational speech valued at \$500 presented as an attendance award to students at Gauldin Elementary from Arnie Ruiz; a cash donation of \$500 to the Art Department at Sussman Middle School from Exxon Mobil Corp.; a copier valued at \$1,100 for use at Columbus High School from Insights Investments; 51 computers, two servers and 30 monitors valued at \$30,000 for use at the Adult School from Western Asset; a cash donation of \$3,000 for improvements at the Adult School from Calvary Chapel; a security system and installation valued at \$1,500 for the TLC Center from HSS Security; 1,500 books valued at \$4,500 for elementary school libraries from the Mary Stauffer Foundation and the Downey Rotary Club.

**Convention fees**

- \*Approved payment of fees and expenses for convention and conference attendance.
- \*Ratified a general agreement with Autism Behavior Consultants for the 2005-06 fiscal year from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
- \*Ratified a general agreement with Barbara Dawson Education Center for the 2005 fiscal year starting July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
- \*Ratified a general agreement with Vista Behavior Consulting for the 2005-06 fiscal year starting July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
- \*Approved a mediation agreement for a Special Education Hearing Office case.
- \*Ratified payments for several Special Education placements.
- \*Approved proposed changes to BP 5245 and AR 5245, Early Retirement Benefit Plan.
- \*Ratified purchase orders made by the Purchasing Department.
- \*Ratified Payroll Orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work performed by the classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the period of July 2005 through August.
- \*Ratified B warrants.
- \*Ratified a Memorandum of Understanding with Point Loma Nazarene University.
- \*Ratified an agreement with Administrative Services Cooperative to provide service transportation for the 2006 school year.
- \*Ratified an agreement with the CTA to release Mr. Vaughn from his

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**“GOOD NEWS!”** – Miriam Nelson returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera to choreograph “Good News!”, showing Oct. 6-23. Nelson previously choreographed “Annie Get Your Gun” and “Fiddler on the Roof” for DCLO. She has danced in six Broadway shows, choreographed eight movies for Blake Edwards, two Super Bowl halftime shows, “The Bob Hope Show,” three shows at the Hollywood Bowl and “Ziegfeld,” a two-hour movie of the week which yielded her an Emmy nomination. For “Good News!” ticket information, call 923-1714.

duties as a certificated employee of the DUSD and hire a teaching partner in his place.

- \*Ratified an agreement between the Downey Adult School and Cox, King, Ikeda Optometry to provide office skills and internships.
- \*Ratified the Vocational Education Agreement with the Marinello School of Beauty effective July 1.
- \*Ratified the Supervised Teaching/Fieldwork Agreement with the University of La Verne.
- \*Approved the agreement between Downey Adult School and the Avalon at Cerritos for furnishing practical experience and the use of nursing facilities in educating Downey Adult School CNA students.
- \*Approved a tour contract with Great Western Tours for Downey Adult School’s Tour Program.
- \*Ratified participation in the Los Angeles County Regional Occupational Program, effective July 1, 2005.
- \*Approved certification of provision of standards-aligned instructional material.
- \*Approved the SARC District Template for the 2004-05 school year.
- \*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens for the sum of \$3,488, to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.
- \*Accepted as complete backhoe work by Tarra Pave of Whittier for the sum of \$4,440, to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Fund.
- \*Accepted as complete concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$42,555 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.
- \*Accepted as complete bid packages against the main bid for expansion and modernization at Lewis Elementary School in the final amounts as listed:  
 Bid Package 5 Structural Steel, Jones & Wert Construction of Santa Fe Springs, \$146,660.  
 Bid Package 6 Rough Carpentry, Cuyamaca Construction of Santee, \$976,381.  
 Bid Package 8, Roofing, FC & Sons of Bell Gardens, \$168,595.  
 Bid Package 10, Windows and Glazing, Moonlight Glass of San Marcos,

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**CONSTITUTION DAY** – Was celebrated at Maude Price Middle School with children wearing red, white and blue and reciting the Preamble to the Constitution at a morning assembly, which they memorized in their classrooms during the week. Students also made short presentations on some of the amendments in the Bill of Rights.

**Girls volleyball club holding tryouts**

**DOWNEY** – Downey Volleyball Club is holding open tryouts for girls ages 11-14 or in 5th grade through junior high. Workouts are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Downey High gym from 6-8 p.m.

For information, visit [www.downeyvolleyball.com](http://www.downeyvolleyball.com) or call Bob at (562) 413-5852. The club is also starting a boys volleyball club; call for details.

**Teacher**

her as the Star Teacher highlighted in the 2002—03 Yearbook.

**Vital part**

Shubin said Torres-Weiglin was a vital part of the East Middle School team, going above and beyond excellent teaching and taking on numerous other responsibilities. She served as the Science Department Chairperson, Cheer Advisor, Girl's Track Coach, and Scholarship Club Advisor. She was a BTSA Support Provider for new teachers, and Secretary of the School Site Leadership Team.

She was the founder and advisor of East Middle School's chapter of the California Junior Scholastic Federation. And in 2003, Mrs. Torres-Weiglin earned the well-deserved honor of being named Downey Masonic Teacher of the Year.

**Promotion**

Needless to say, she has been hard to replace. In June, Mrs. Torres-Weiglin was promoted to the Vice Principal position at West Middle School. She will continue to shine in her new role as administrator. The Downey Unified School District is lucky to have her on its team. She is a stellar example of what being an outstanding educator is all about. And she is very deserving of this most recent honor, the Downey Unified School District's Teacher of the Year for the Los Angeles Office of Education.

**YMCA Teen Zone to receive new equipment**

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Family YMCA's Kids and Teen Zone will soon feature new virtual reality exercise equipment thanks to a large contribution by the Downey Kiwanis Foundation.

Kiwanis recently donated \$54,500 to the Y, which has had its Teen Zone featured on KTLA Channel 5.

"We are very appreciative for the generosity of Downey Kiwanis members and Downey Kiwanis Foundation," said Downey YMCA Board Chairman Bob Winningham. "This is an outstanding vote of confidence in our YMCA's ability to make a real difference in the struggle to combat obesity among youth. We are very proud of our relationship with both Downey Kiwanis clubs and always grateful for the generosity and support of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation."

Said Dick Holmes, president of Downey Kiwanis Foundation: "We are pleased to see the progress the Downey YMCA has made toward getting kids more fit using virtual reality exercise equipment. Obesity has become a very serious problem and we are glad to partner with the YMCA through funding such a great project."

Downey Kiwanis Foundation was established in 1985 and since that time has awarded annual scholarships to Downey High School students, provided computer labs for all middle and high schools in the Downey area, and supplied air conditioning to the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles building in Downey.



**DOWNEY KIWANIS FOUNDATION** – Has contributed \$54,500 to the Downey YMCA to purchase additional virtual reality exercise equipment for their Kids Zone and Teen Zone, as featured on KTLA Channel 5. From left: Dick Holmes, Rick Lopez, George Saikali, Gary Nesbit, Bob Winningham and Steve Roberson.

**Afternoon bingo with Woman's Club**

**DOWNEY** – The Woman's Club of Downey meets for bingo every Thursday. Information: 927-3000.



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL** – Members Sherry Jaeger, Patricia Heineke and President Ellie Eck prepare for the group's "High Tea" event scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd, where visitors can learn about the club's service towards local women and children. For more information or reservations, call Carol Rowland at 904-7159.

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## Homes

ranks 48th of the 50 states in terms of homeownership rates. The vast majority of renters in California want to buy a home but only a small share are confident that they will be able to do so.

The California Association of Realtors placed the state's median single-family home price at \$522,590 in May 2005. Prices have risen dramatically in all regions of the state. Over the past five years California has led all states in housing price appreciation, with housing values doubling: California now has the most expensive housing of any state in the nation, having recently surpassed Hawaii.

In the first three months of 2005, 141,000 homes were sold in California, an increase of 3.3 percent over the first three months of 2004.

How can so many afford so much? A profile of buyers casts some light. Only 59 percent of California householders own their own homes, compared to 70 percent for the rest of the nation. The only states with a lower percentage are New York at 54 percent, and Hawaii at 57 percent.

But the homeownership levels are higher today than anytime in recent memory. At the previous peak in 1960, 58 percent were homeowners.

The largest difference between California and the rest of the U.S. involves ownership by young adults. In California only about one-quarter of 25-29 year-old householders own a home, compared to almost 40 percent of 25-29 year olds in the rest of the country. The gap narrows as age increases but is never closed completely.

However, between 2000 and 2003 in California, homeownership rates increased more for young adults than for their elders. The largest increase was for householders in their early 30s. Given the rapid escalation in housing prices during this period, the increase in homeownership among young adults—an age group not associated with high incomes—seems remarkable. A sizeable share of young adults are finding ways to purchase homes here even with the state's high prices.

Homeownership in California, as in the rest of the U.S., are lower for African Americans and Latinos than for whites and Asians. California's recent home-buyers are more ethnically diverse than long-term homeowners in the state, but less diverse than renters. In California, non-Hispanic whites and Asians are disproportionately represented among recent homeowners, making up almost three of every four recent homebuyers. African Americans are particularly unlikely to be recent homebuyers—a reflection of lower household incomes and concentration in some of the state's most expensive housing markets. Latinos, although underrepresented compared to their share of householders, make up a sizeable share of recent homeowners. Almost one of every four recent homebuyers in California is Latino. Ownership rates among Latinos increased from 43 percent in 2000 to 46 percent in 2003, representing the biggest gain among ethnic groups in the state.

One way to buy a home is to have a sizeable income. California has a high share of homebuyers with very high incomes. In 2003, almost one of every five recent homebuyers had a household income of more than \$125,000, compared to one in ten for the rest of the nation.

Californians can also buy a home by becoming "house poor"—paying an inordinate share of their income for housing. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines recommend that a household pay no more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs. In California, 40 percent of all households with mortgages exceed the recommended threshold, a higher share than in any other state. And new buyers are even more likely to exceed this threshold. About half of recent homebuyers (52 percent) pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing costs. More remarkable, 20 percent of recent homebuyers in California spend more than half of their income on housing costs. Three quarters of low and moderate income recent buyers spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing and one-third spend more than 50 percent. Recent homebuyers in the rest of the nation spend far lower at all levels of income.

There is of course, the wealth effect. Those who have purchased their homes in recent years have seen their home appreciate in value with large gains in home equity. Some convert their equity to cash through home equity loans or refinancing the mortgage.

A large share of recent homebuyers in California are able to afford the high price of a recently purchased home because they were previous homeowners. The California Association of Realtors reports that 7 in 10 homes sold in 2003 and three in four homes sold in 2004 were sold to people who had previously owned a home.

Nontraditional mortgages have become popular in California. Many in this state are relying on adjustable mortgages and interest-only mortgages instead of the 30-year fixed rate mortgage. These nontraditional mortgages allow homebuyers to borrow more money than they could with traditional mortgages. The interest rate for one year adjustable rate mortgages is substantially lower than that of a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. The same initial \$2,200 monthly payment that supports a fixed rate loan of \$367,000 at 6 percent interest could support a loan of \$461,000 with a one year adjustable rate loan at 4 percent. Adjustable rate loans now dominate the California mortgage market, and many of these are interest only loans. Interest only loans are a new and increasingly popular form of financing a home purchase, increasing from less than 2 percent of mortgages are for homes bought in the state in 2001 to almost half of mortgages for homes bought in 2004. They are much more common in California than nationally, where they constitute about one third of all mortgages nationwide. Lastly, lenders appear to be allowing higher debt-to-income ratios.

Another way in which Californians can afford to buy a home is by having two or more incomes. Many have turned to condominiums or smaller houses, and many are moving to less expensive areas (from expensive coastal areas to less expensive housing inland).

Californians continue to have one of the lowest rates of homeownership in the country. The vast majority of residents aspire to home ownership, but are not optimistic about finding a home they can afford.

What is new in the latest runup of California housing prices is the financial degree to which Californians are willing to go to buy a house and the willingness of financial institutions to accommodate that desire. Alternative mortgages, including interest only adjustable rate mortgages, have allowed many to enter the market. High loan to income ratios have led to greater financial burden in California housing than in any other state; particularly among recent homebuyers.

Some groups such as limited English speakers or isolated racial minorities may be particularly at risk since they have less access to accurate information on issues in the buying process.

## NARFE meeting at Furman Park

**DOWNEY**—The National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) will hold its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 S. Rives.

Up for discussion are National Convention resolutions, upcoming Chapter elections, and plans for the club's Christmas luncheon.

Retired federal workers and their survivors as well as current federal employees are invited. For details, contact Chapter president Bob Knerr, (562) 943-5513.



**LYELL SWEARINGEN**—A former mayor of Downey and a past president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

## Services today for Lyell Swearingen

**DOWNEY**—A former mayor of Downey and former president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Lyell Swearingen, has died. He was 88. Born in Stratton, Colorado on Feb. 1, 1917, he died Sept. 15 at Silverado Senior Living in Calabasas. He and his first wife, Bernice Stubblefield, lived in Downey most of their 40-plus years together.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Downey. A viewing will take place at the church one hour prior to the service. A viewing was held yesterday at Miller Mies Mortuary.

Upon graduating from high school in Lawrence, Kansas, he traveled to the West Coast, first arriving in Oregon, and traveled south before settling in Downey, where he met Bernice.

Early on he worked at Vernon-based Myer and Welch, which rebuilt Ford automobile engines and during WWII produced tanks. Later, he was the California mechanic for the Myer and Welch entry into the Indianapolis 500 auto race. He serviced the Novi Special.

In 1952 he purchased a tuxedo shop named Rent-A-Tux located in East Los Angeles. A few years later he opened his Downey store where Mimi's Cafe and the Embassy Suites are located today. The business expanded to La Mirada and eight other locations.

Joining the Downey Rotary Club got him interested in community service in the late 1960s. The club honored him with the Paul Harris Fellow award for his years of service.

He was on the board later of the Downey Community Hospital, was president of the Second Century Foundation and the Downey Chamber of Commerce (1973-74). He was involved in many other organizations. The late 1970s brought him into the world of politics. He was elected as City Councilman and later served as mayor.

After his first wife died in 1978, he married Francis McDonald a couple of years later. He sold his tuxedo business in 1983. After retirement, he maintained an office in Downey and continued to attend the Rotary Club.

He is survived by son Gary; grandchildren Jennifer Toms, Trevor Swearingen, Lisa Imfeld, Scott Swearingen, and Lori Robbins; great grandchildren Stephanie, JJ, and Kyle Toms; Andrew, Sarah and Nicole Imfeld; Taylor and Brett Swearingen; and Ryan and Jack Robbins.

The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer Foundation, 1339 Del Norte Road, Camarillo, CA 93012. Cards may be sent to the family c/o Gary Swearingen, 143 Camino Leon, Camarillo, CA 93012.

## CTA/NEA

\$110,518.

Bid Package 12, Painting and wallcovering, Angeles Contractor of Garden Grove, \$289,611.

Bid Package 14, Ceramic Tile, Inland Pacific Tile of San Bernardino, \$119,014.

Bid Package 15, Specialties, ISEC Inc Los Alamitos, \$226,647.

Bid Package 17, plumbing, All Area Plumbing of Los Angeles, \$693,461.

Bid Package 18, HVAC, Mek Air Tech of Los Angeles, \$434,710.

All to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$34,809 to be charged to the General and or Bond Funds.

\*Awarded a bid for weightlifting equipment for Downey High School to Prime-Time Fitness/USA, of Downey for \$107,327 to be charged to Downey High ASB funds.

\*Approved a change order for custodial supplies with Hillyard Inc. of Los Angeles in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to MOT Funds.

\*Approved change order 2 for concrete products with National Ready Mix of Encino in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to MOT Funds.

\*Approved change order 1 for concrete products with National Ready Mix of Encino in the increased sum of \$30,000 to be charged to MOT Funds.

\*Approved change order 11 for stadium construction at Downey and Warren by R & G Builders of Irvine in the increased sum of \$14,302 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 17 for electrical work on the new stadiums by Mel Smith Electric of Stanton in the increased sum of \$178,976 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 1 for roofing and modernization at Lewis School by FC & Sons of Bell Gardens in the increased sum of \$8,182 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 deferred maintenance fund to reflect increases in appropriations in listed programs.

\*Approved adjustment of the General Fund to reflect increases in appropriations for listed programs.

\*Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund restricted budget to reflect increases in appropriations of listed programs.

\*Approved the 2005-06 transfer of funds for the Building Program.

\*Approved the purchase of equipment as listed.

\*Acknowledged the receipt of a claim dated Aug. 4 submitted by the law offices of Ije N. Onejeme, attorney for Pedro Alvarez, and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

\*Ratified the abolishment and establishment of several positions.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

## The poets' corner

### The Optimist

She skips through the aisles, smiling from head to toe.  
She nods her head to the sunshine, skipping to and fro.  
She prances among the roses, petals flowing in the breeze.  
She dreams serenely at night, lighthearted and at ease.

You can hear her in the autumn wind,  
Humming blissfully to the moonlit sky.  
Strolling among the cherry blossom trees,  
Saying her hello and goodbye.

She dreams of a better tomorrow,  
A future of hope and light.  
Days untouched by the dismal sorrow,  
Generations of pure love, brilliantly bright!

So if you're in a harsh turmoil,  
Wailing like an injured hound,  
Always reminisce the Optimist's words:  
"A smile is a frown upside down!"

—Shaina Sta. Cruz,  
Downey

## Luncheon/fashion show sails into Downey Oct. 1

By Rosalie Sciortino

**DOWNEY**—Ships ahoy! Anchors aweigh! Attention all you landlubbers and sailors! Make way for the Downey Symphony Guild's "Sailing into the New Year" luncheon and fashion show Saturday, Oct. 1.

The Guild invites the community to this event at the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center at 11:30 a.m., which will benefit the Music in the Schools program and the Downey Symphony Orchestra. Fittingly, Tom Osborn will be piped aboard to speak at that time with his usual entertaining flair.

A delectable luncheon is planned, opportunity prizes will be available, and Chico's Huntington Beach will present some of their most exciting fashions of the season. Modeling these new arrivals will be our own Margery Lewis, Betsy Lightner, Janet Molinaro, Patti McMullen, and Wendy Doty.

Reservations at \$25 per person should be made by Sept. 26 and mailed to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3003. Reserved tables may be obtained with paid orders for eight.

Plan to be on board for this fun trip! For information, call (562) 869-2120 or (562) 862-3106.

## Girl's short story primed for publication

**DOWNEY**—Eleven-year-old Shaina Marie C. Sta. Cruz of Downey has earned a page in the 2005 edition of Anthology of Short Stories by Young Americans.

Her story, "The Road Not Taken," was selected as one of the "Most Creative" submissions. The book will be released next year.

## School Board

Warren High School will be completed, asked head of construction Buck Weinfurter at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Weinfurter, while guarded in his answer, noting many contingencies, suggested Oct. 14 as a date to shoot for.

Other comments included a deep thank you from the Board's William Gutierrez for the many contributions of the Dr. Mary Stauffer Foundation to the District.

## Space race

Meanwhile the Little Joe Launch Vehicle helped prove the soundness of the Mercury program.

And while the Hound Dog and Little Joe occupied 98 percent of the Downey plant, a few small groups of scientists here conducted intensive research into space-related concepts. These included designs for an instrument capsule to be rocket-shot to the moon, an electric-engined Mars probe vehicle, a base camp for lunar exploration, an electrodynamic gun to simulate the impact of micrometeorites on spacecraft, a chamber to reproduce space conditions at Mach 20, a centrifuge for studying plant biological effects in zero gravity, and a scale model of the lunar surface.

Under corporate president Lee Atwood, North American began to redirect the Downey Missile Division away from missiles and toward space exploration. In 1960 the name "Missile Division" was changed to "Space and Information Systems Division."

Atwood also transferred the development team of the greatly successful X-15 from the North American Los Angeles Division to Downey, as well as launch vehicle experts from Rocketdyne and advanced management personnel from the Columbus Division.

About 50 advanced-degree scientists were brought to Downey from various corporate laboratories. And the Downey plant was repainted.

### Sputnik

The Russian success with Sputnik I in 1958 and the failure of the American Vanguard rocket spurred Congress to pass the National Aeronautics and Space Act that established NASA.

Downey was suddenly the center of America's lunar mission.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy called for "a new American enterprise, that of placing a man on the moon and returning him before the decade is out." At that time, America's experience with a man in space amounted to little more than 15-minutes of Alan Shepard's sub-orbital ride in a Mercury Capsule. except for a few Downey scientists who had been studying these concepts, no one in America was aware of radiation along the lunar spaceway, the potential for micrometeorites, the physiological effects of weightlessness on humans, or even if a lunar vehicle would sink into the deep moon dust some experts thought existed.

### Key contracts

To accomplish the goal of placing a man on the moon, NASA in 1961 put out two separate space program contracts. The first was for the Saturn S-II, the second stage of a launch vehicle system (the Saturn V Lunar Launch Vehicle) designed to lift multi-ton payloads into space.

The second was the Project Apollo Spacecraft Development Program, encompassing the man-carrying command module and the attached service module. Atwood's foresight paid off. North American won both contracts within three months of each other. Downey was suddenly the industrial center of America's lunar mission.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### More on 'mansionization'

Dear Editor:

The letter published on 9/16 addressing the "need for larger homes" has sat heavy on my mind for a couple of reasons. The first one being that this issue of 'mansionization' goes beyond the physical enormity of these homes. These homes, in fact, seem to be a symptom of a larger cultural and social problem. A family of four needs seven rooms in order for the house to be home is a sad commentary on fulfillment. We all need to stop buying into societal pressures of materialism, consumerism, individualism and the trade-up mentality that never leaves one feeling satisfied. A home should be a home, not a fortress or a compound! The postwar homes, while small, at least allowed family members to know "everyone's business" and that was probably a good thing enabling closer tabs on children and fostering collectivity, not isolationism as one retreats to a room, a gym or a library.

Our property is just about 12,000 square feet, and we could easily exploit the land if we so desired. Instead, we've opted for maintaining the modest 1,500 square feet of living—2 bedroom, 1 bath that dates back to 1948. In fact, we have painstakingly done everything to maintain our home's integrity of the period, right down to our furnishings and fixtures. My husband, son and pets get along just fine. It's obvious I'm a blatant preservationist. Yet, I still can understand the need for modest additions and remodels that maintain the integrity of the neighborhood's composition. These dream homes are not an issue of "beauty"—it's the magnitude of their size which ruptures and assaults the neighborhood landscape, not to mention the surrounding neighbors' privacy.

The second issue I have with the letter is the blatant elitism. Does anyone really care if the Ph.D.'s, J.D.'s, M.D.'s, Ed. D's, D.D.S.'s, and D.V.M.'s, etc., are moving out of Downey? Just give me a law-abiding neighbor who values the neighborhood landscape. Our neighborhoods can do without egos, elitism, and enormous homes. The writer's claim that "financially successful people" need larger homes only reiterates and supports social/cultural problems addressed earlier. By all accounts I would be deemed a financially successful working professional. I'm in education. An elitist might refer to me as a college professor. I hope my neighbors value me for the person that I am and not by what I do to earn a living.

I would encourage people to maintain the charm and distinction of their homes and reject the constant social messages of "Bigger is better and newer is better." While this discussion of 'mansionization' is certainly not over, I think we need to come to terms with the fact that these monster-sized homes are literally a larger than life commentary on these deeper issues we face in a society that encourages us to "supersize" everything.

—Analisa Hungerford,  
Downey

Dear Editor:

The City Council's action at its last meeting on what has come to be called the "mansionization" issue was indeed encouraging. The hiring of an expert to help Council and staff to deal with the matter is an indication that the Council will do so expeditiously. Especially gratifying was David Gafin's characterization of the expert's function as that of facilitator. Because that function is what is required. The issue is not a technical matter, but a matter of public policy. The technical part is only the crafting of the language to precisely reflect the meaning and intent of Section 9110.14 of Downey's Municipal Code as it is in the books today.

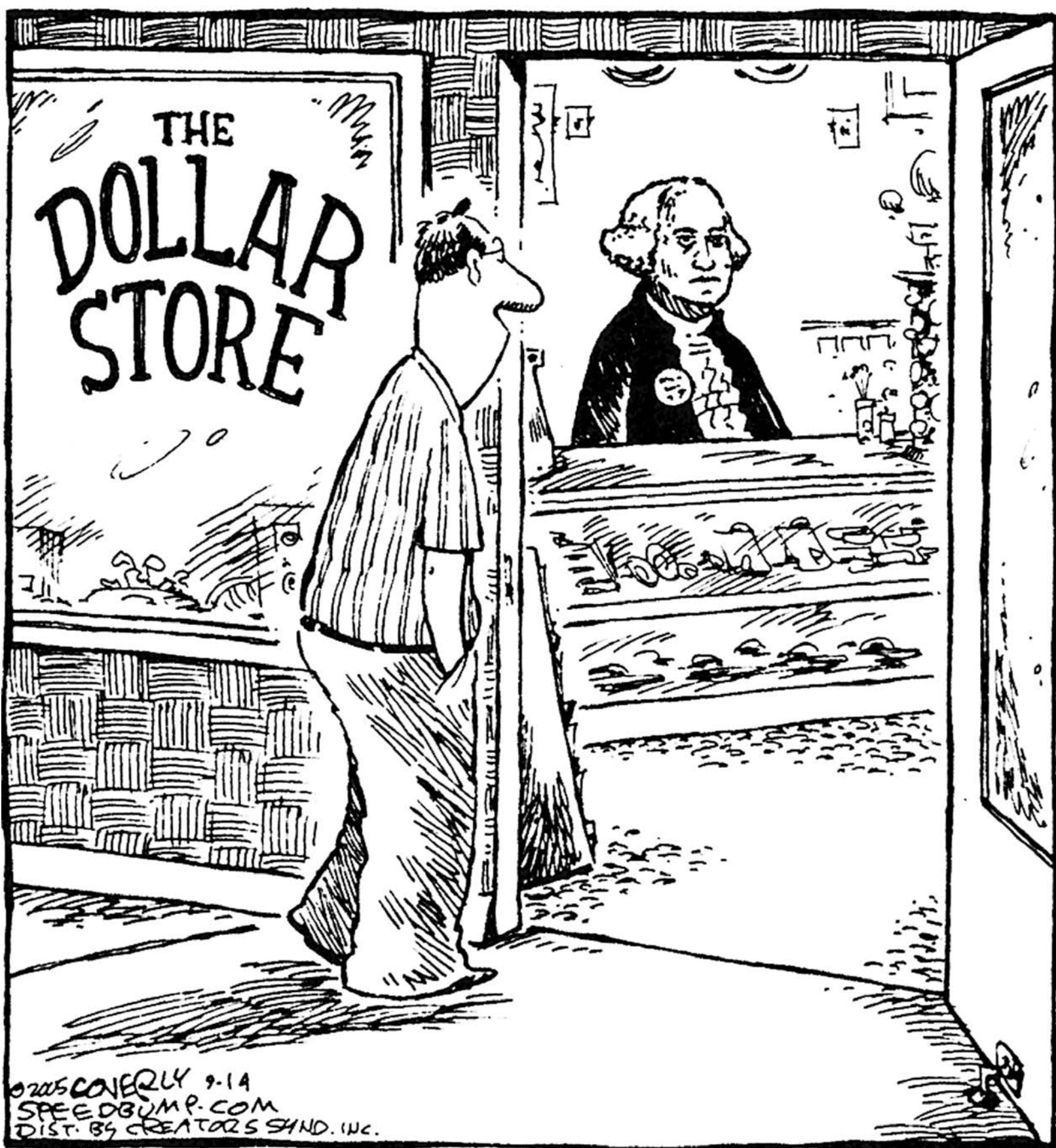
The public policy issue is whether the residential character of our neighborhoods is protected and the identities of our neighborhoods are maintained. Public policy decided using the bottom up approach is considered by public policy experts as the best way for such policy to be successful and have long term acceptance and support by those affected. This means giving the people, the citizens of the city, every opportunity to input in the policy's formulation. It is the citizens who built the community and live in it, whose needs and desires must be respected and reflected therein. It must reflect a true consensus. It is not a matter to be decided by vote. Acceptance of that consensus would of course be subject to a vote by the City Council.

Downey has diverse neighborhoods, which can also accommodate "mansions." In the right areas. In the areas with large enough building lots. The use of competent architects can develop the designs and plans to accommodate upgrading and upsizing existing homes which fit within the character of the individual neighborhoods, including the addition of second stories, while respecting the privacy and aesthetic of their neighbors. People should be able to exercise their rights regarding their properties, but that right does not include abuse and encroachment on that of others and the larger community. "Mansions" are an inappropriate way to upsize in some neighborhoods.

It is incumbent on the City Council to come up with a solution to this issue which reflects the citizens' consensus and protects their rights. The accelerated drive to home upgrading and upsizing, as well as "mansions" in the appropriate neighborhoods should provide ample opportunities for developers and builders to realize their profit objectives without insulting and degrading the character of our distinctive neighborhoods.

The city's General Plan addressed the issue of neighborhood preservation and enhancement in the final section of the Land Use chapter. The plan, adopted unanimously by the City Council, reflects the public's input at the five public hearings held for that purpose as well as lengthy committee and staff discussion. It can serve as a good starting point along with the existing City Code in moving the discussion forward and hopefully to a generally acceptable conclusion without long delays. One which reflects public consensus, and done in an orderly manner, especially now when we have expert facilitator participation.

—Harold Tsklenis,  
Downey



### Stop Stalling

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 13, City Council passed a motion authorizing hiring of a consultant to develop a draft ordinance to deal with the so-called 'mansionization' which is ruining charming neighborhoods throughout the city. It's about time Council took genuine action on this issue. Several months ago staff presented to Council a draft ordinance regulating the area and height of new and remodeled homes, which was sent back for "study." That draft ordinance never came back from being "studied."

In July, a moratorium on issuance of permits to build such oversized homes was introduced, but Council voted it down. A sub-committee chaired by Councilmembers Cartozian and Gafin was formed to do more "study." Three months of "study" after, the subcommittee determines staff doesn't have the time to develop the draft ordinance, and Council moves to hire a consultant.

Meanwhile, these monstrous homes continue to rise in our neighborhoods. Stop stalling!

—Brian Heyman,  
Downey

### Different Values

Dear Editor:

Various letters on this subject continue to show the many dimensions of our values. We all should take a few minutes to contemplate the different ways people live in this world. Perhaps then we would see the difference between what we need and what we think we want, and search for the things that are of lasting importance.

My vote goes to decent front yards, real back yards and real trees. In Southern California, of all places, our housing should present a harmony between inside and outside. I also vote for the fleeting concept of neighborhood, and houses which have at least some harmony with each other and help form a larger entity.

—Frank Kearns,  
Downey

### Re Katrina: who's at fault?

Dear Editor:

Katrina struck savagely; it was nature's doing. The levees gave way; it was man's doing.

Today's politicians are being blamed and are taking the 'heat' for the disaster. In reality, every politician in place today and every politician related to that Delta area since the levees were created is at fault.

A round-the-clock check was always needed to maintain the strength the levees needed to hold the 'punch,' knowing its destructive capability.

True, the Delta area would be a tragic mess [anyway], but emergency 'parts' were in place to deal with it on a timely basis, as they have always been with natural disasters around the world.

Many more people would be alive. Many more buildings would be usable. Many more people would not be homeless, alone, have to move or be moved. There's much that would not have happened—that did happen. I believe it's not today's politicians' fault alone. They go back years; they've always been human.

—Joe Kaufman,  
Downey

### Stress civic education

Dear Editor:

Our schools need to include more civic education. Our democracy relies on an educated citizenship, and 50 percent of L.A.'s labor force is illiterate in any language. This can only translate into reduced civic edu-

cation and voter activity. Downey schools need to make sure that civic education plays a major role in our children's education. Reserving civic education just for the high school grades is simply not enough. Ask most Downey students about how they enjoyed Social Studies and most will respond negatively. We need to make sure that our children are taught from an early age how to excel in our local and national civic responsibilities.

—Juan Gonzales,  
Downey

### Opposes renaming the Downey Theater

Dear Editor:

Based on the glowing tributes to the late John Hume that I have read over the years in the Downey Eagle and the Downey Patriot, I'm very sorry that I did not know him. Therefore, in speaking against the renaming of the theater after him, I am not speaking against Mr. Hume.

Perhaps a cultural anthropologist like Margaret Mead could explain the underlying human compulsion to name things after famous people or to name things to how people of the future, who had no knowledge of any prior association, will recognize and find these places. Surely anyone who wants to learn about the Civic Center Theater in Downey will have a much easier time of finding references in theater listings, phone books, or via Internet search engines if it remains named the Downey Civic Theater rather than in honor of anyone who has played a valuable part in its history.

Potential patrons interested in the theater at Cerritos College must look under Burnight. Those for the auditorium in Fullerton, must remember the name Plummer. And in Whittier, it's Shannon Center.

Downey's theater would be more easily found, remembered, and better served by emulating the Hollywood Bowl (not named for Bolton or Hertz), New York's Metropolitan Opera House (not named for Beverly Sills or Rudolph Bing), Boston's Symphony Hall (not named for Arthur Fiedler), Milan's La Scala (not named for Rossini), and the Vienna State Opera House (not named for Strauss).

Based on his dedication to the theater, instead of having it named after him, Mr. Hume would most likely rather prefer that people attended in greater numbers because they could find it and refer to it more easily.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,  
Downey

### Open letter to Mr. Levine ('Sprinturf')

Dear Mr. Levine:

Thank you for your letter to The Downey Patriot (9/9). You brought up some very interesting points regarding your product that were very informative.

My initial letter was only tangentially about your product: mainly, the criticism that the turf had received internally within DUSD (as reported in the Patriot) as to the damage that it would suffer due to chewing gum and sunflower seeds (by the way, you never attempted to shoot that down, did you).

However, my main gripe with DUSD about the fields has nothing to do with your product or company. I just think that in a town of this size, and the enrollments of the two high schools, the construction of two identical stadiums is a complete waste of taxpayer funds. This is especially true when considering the availability of a separate site on surplus NASA land that the city is using for, among other things, a shopping center, a movie studio, and (by the way) another school.

—Andrew R. Kelley,  
Downey

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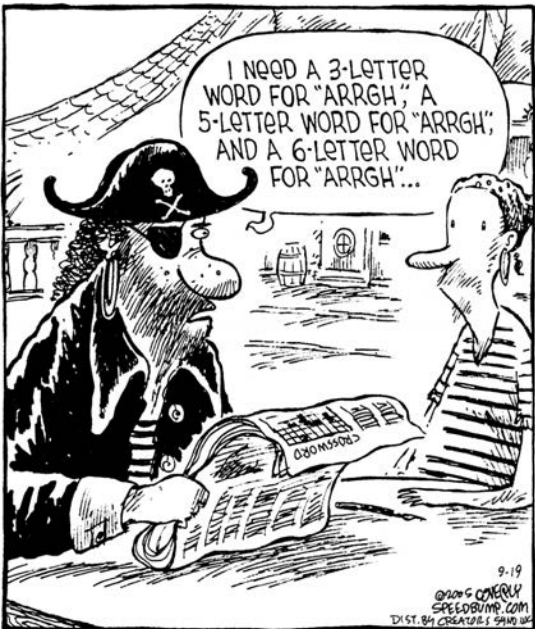
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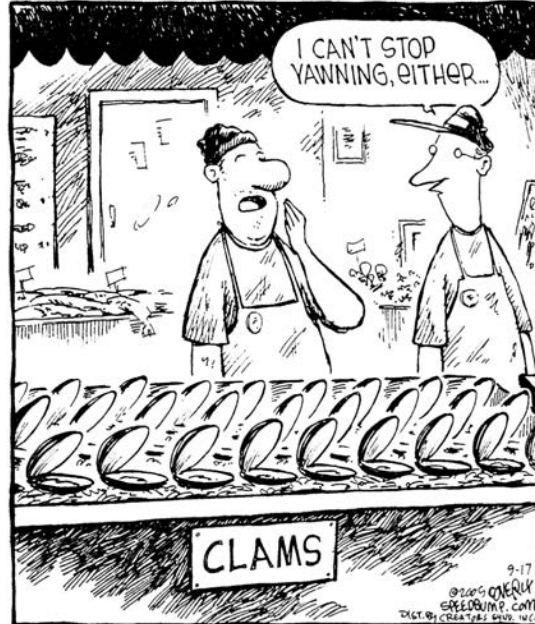




## SPEED BUMP



## DAVE COVERLY



# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For September

**Sat. Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.:** **The Drifters** live on stage perform for Downey Chamber of Commerce 2nd annual Oldies show, a benefit concert at the Downey Theatre, Firestone at Brookshire. \$30. For tickets and information call 923-2191.

**Tues. Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m.:** **Mariachi Guitars** special program with mariachi expert Michael Archuleta discussing his book on guitars at Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-7360.

### 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, 7:30 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 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

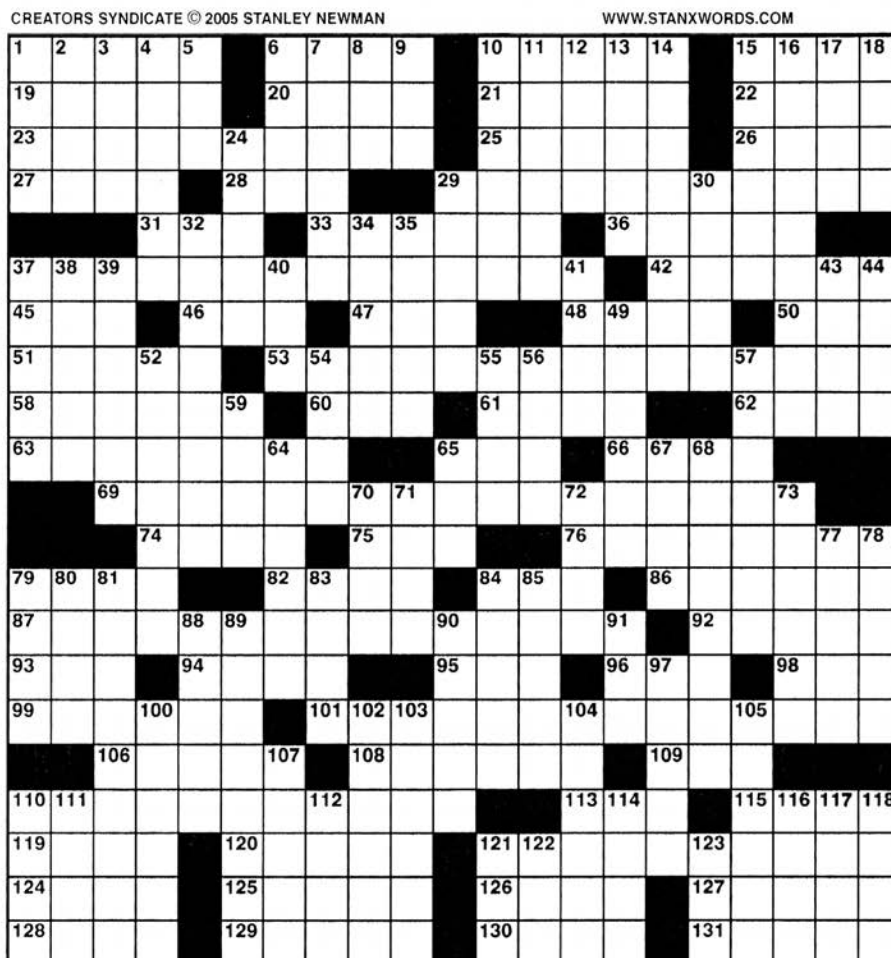
**7:30 a.m.:** Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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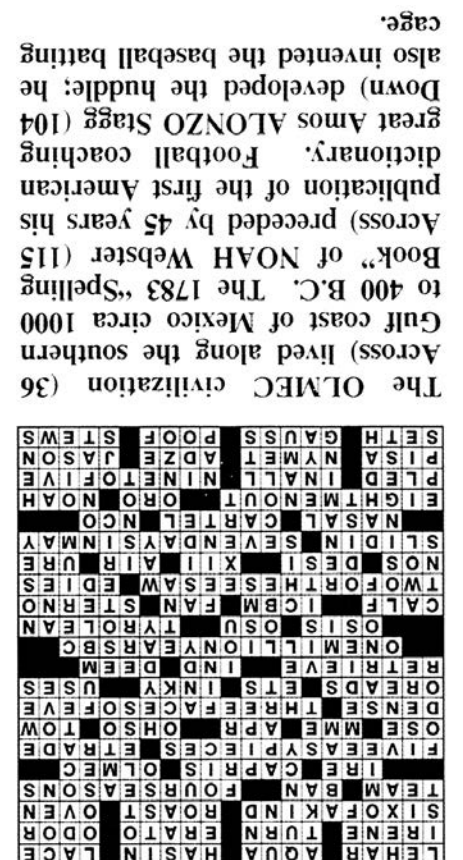
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## Top entertainers at Charter Ball Oct. 29

**DOWNEY**—Funnymen Don Rickles and legendary rockers Three Dog Night will perform at the 30th Annual Charter Ball presented by Memorial Trust Foundation (MTF) Saturday night, Oct. 29, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa. The community is invited to this private, black-tie, fundraising gala.

Rickles' zingers and off-the-cuff wit have generated laughter heard around the world for over 40 years. Behind his barbs is a deep affection for those he lambastes. "If I were to insult people and mean it, that wouldn't be funny," he once said. "There is a difference between an actual insult and just having fun." Native New Yorker Rickles, who performed at President Ronald Reagan's inaugural gala in 1984, is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York.

Three Dog Night's signature sound is expected to thrill all ages at the Charter Ball. The group has had 21 consecutive top 40 hits, crossing all musical genres. Among their most beloved songs are "Shambala," "An Old Fashioned Love Song," "Celebrate," and "Try A Little Tenderness." Their recordings were written by some of the best songwriters of today, including Harry Nilsson, Randy Newman and Elton John.

## Auditions for 'The Loud Red Patrick'

**LONG BEACH**—Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, has scheduled auditions for its upcoming production, "The Loud Red Patrick," on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 26 and 27, from 7-10 p.m. Required at the auditions are your photo and resume. You will be reading from the text of the play. No appointment necessary.

The comedy is set at the turn of the 20th Century and takes a wry look at a progressive Irish immigrant and his four young daughters as they deal with love, idealism, and family politics. The play will run Nov. 18-Dec. 17.

Casting call is for: *Patrick Flannigan*, male, 45, big, loud, robust Irish immigrant with just a hint of a brogue; *Mr. Finnegan*, male, 41, Patrick's best friend, a former song-and-dance man, stronger brogue than Patrick, a charming conman; *Ralph Penrose*, male, early 20s, good-looking young suitor to Maggie, all-American boy next door; *Richard*, male, late teens-early 20s, a walk-on role, good-looking suitor to Mary; *Maggie Flannigan*, female, early 20s to play 17, a beautiful, intelligent, headstrong young woman; *Mary Flannigan*, female, late teens-early 20s to play 16, Maggie's younger sister with very similar qualities; and *Rosalie Flannigan*, female, 10, Maggie and Mary's sister, a doctor in the making.

Rehearsals begin Sept. 29. For information, call Greg Cohen, director, at (714) 289-9728.

## 'The Diary of Anne Frank' opens Oct. 7

**NORWALK**—The Cerritos College Department of Theater and the Associated Students will present "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, October 7-16 at the Burnight Studio Theater, 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.



**DON RICKLES**—Who has been performing for over 40 years, is also known for his many charitable involvements, including this fundraising for the Barbara and Don Rickles Gymnasium at Sinai Temple in West Los Angeles.

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**DOWNEY**—Tickets are still available for 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," set for tomorrow, Sept. 24 at the Downey Civic Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

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

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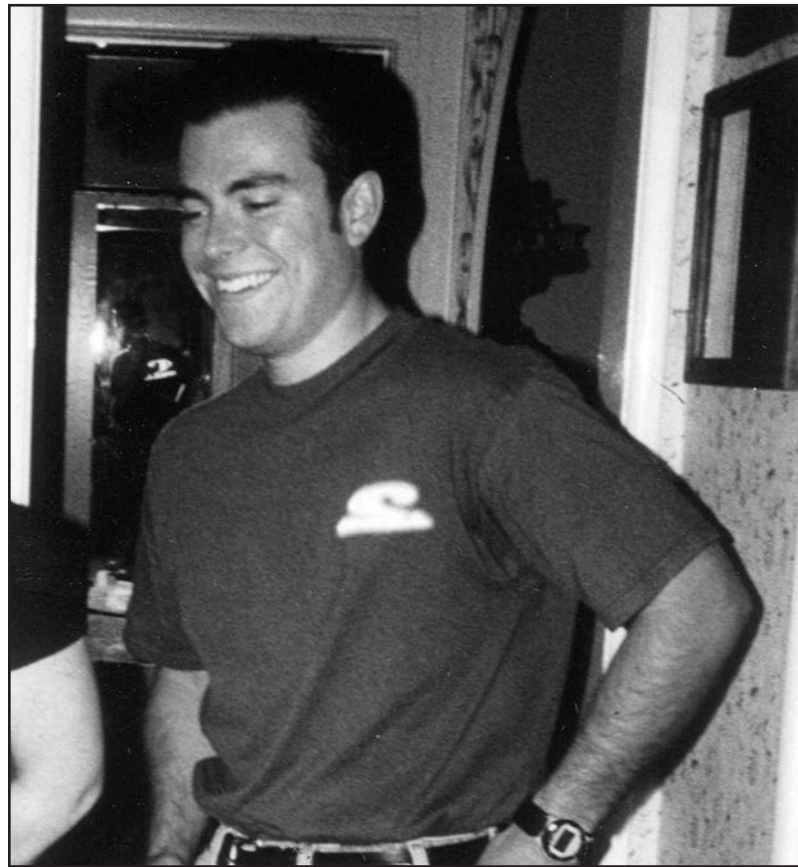
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ARON J. ADAGIO - A Downey resident, died Aug. 25. His vital organs were donated to others, saving 61 lives, his family said.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARON J. ADAGIO**

Aron Adagio, Downey Resident, was killed August 25, 2005. He was an exceptional young man with a wide range of interests, hobbies and activities. His humor, kindness, commitment and love of family and friends has been a devastating loss. He is and will be forever loved and missed. The individuals responsible for his death have been profiled in various newspapers and on television. Their senseless act of violence has robbed a family and a community of someone very special. Aron's family donated vital organs, skin, bone and other needed areas of the body so that others could live. This legacy will ultimately save sixty-one lives. In this small way, a part of Aron will always continue on.

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**Lionel (Lon) Isenberg was Temple president**

**DOWNEY** - Lionel (Lon) Isenberg, a founding member and former president of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, has died after a short illness. Born Feb. 26, 1925 in Detroit, he died on Sept. 3.

Moving to Los Angeles with his family in 1930, he attended Fairfax High School before World War II. In 1943, he volunteered for the war effort and served in Europe in Signal Intelligence. His sophisticated skills with the then state-of-the-art technology earned him a place on the advance "Beachmaster" team that set up all radio communications across the Rhine River before the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he volunteered for espionage assignment in Cold War Europe.

He returned to the states to finish his engineering and chemistry degrees at UCLA. He married Virginia (Ginny) Germain in 1949 and started a family.

In the late 1950, he joined the ranks of rocket scientists needed in the nation's space program. As a part of the early team of "rocket boys" at Aerojet and North American Aviation (Rockwell), he helped create and launch the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs and earned over 40 patents in the first few years. In the late 1970s, he was hired by Jet Propulsion Lab, where he continued to pursue his passion for space and technology as a Senior Staff Scientist and "go to" guy.

Over the years he authored numerous books and articles on space and technology.

Although he retired from JPL in 1990, he never stopped working and contributing. He helped form and implement Volunteer Professionals for Medical Advancement (VPMA), comprised mostly of JPL and Caltech retirees working with local hospitals to develop better engineering systems for oxygen delivery to premature babies, a special testing booth for allergies, and a more effective and usable stent (which he developed) for heart surgery and other procedures.

He also served on the board of directors of the Orange County Science Fair, as treasurer and entry judge. He served as well on the board of CLE, teaching continuing education for senior citizens at Cal State Fullerton.

**Alban (Al) T. Cazin served during WWII**

**DOWNEY** - Alban (Al) T. Cazin, a longtime Downey resident and World War II veteran, died Sept. 16 at the age of 86.

He was born in Lead, South Dakota on January 20, 1919 to Frank and Alla Cazin.

He served his country during World War II in the United States Marine Corps as a sharpshooter and was deployed to the Asiatic Pacific theaters "Hawaiian Islands, Volcano Islands." He was wounded in Iwo Jima.

Cazin is survived by his daughters Jeri, Colleen, and Althea; sons Thereon and Clayton; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held in his honor on Wednesday at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary. Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery.



LON ISENBERG - Was a founding member of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, serving at one time as president.

**FPCU promotes Mason to new position**

**DOWNEY**—Financial Partners Credit Union has promoted Linda Mason, a veteran of the financial service industry, to the newly created position of Learning and Development Director, where she will make sure Financial Partners training programs are strategically aligned with the organizational goals of the credit union.

"We believe Linda will help with our goal of promoting excellence in training for our employees, which will translate into excellence in service for our members," said Diane Jarecki, vice president of human resource development.

Mason holds a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix. She is also a recent honors graduate of Western CUNA Management School. Information about FPCU is available at www.fpcu.org.

**United Methodist harvest festival Oct. 1**

**DOWNEY**—Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave., will hold its Annual Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 1 from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Admission is free.

Featured are a large rummage sale, white elephant, baked goods and a variety of food booths. There will also be a children's section with a jumper, sponge toss, face painting, etc.

An additional feature will be the free fingerprinting of all children by the Downey Police Department from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

All designated donations and 10 percent of proceeds will be given to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. For information, call 861-9777.

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### New boys volleyball club starting up

DOWNEY – Downey Volleyball Club has announced the addition of a boys program for players ages 15-18.

Ongoing tryouts will be held Monday and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. in the Downey High School gym. The team will be selected on the first Monday and Wednesday in October with the season starting shortly thereafter.

There is no fee to tryout. The coaches are Micah Burpo and Bob Crowell.

For more information visit [www.downeyvolleyball.com](http://www.downeyvolleyball.com) or call Crowell at (562) 413-5852.

### Learn research skills at the library

DOWNEY—Students and others interested in learning research skills may register for a free class at the Downey City Library, which offers “Look It Up at the Library” Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Cormack room.

Participants will learn how to search the library’s online catalog, locate magazine and newspaper articles, and browse other electronic resources. “Everyone who uses our online catalog will benefit from this class,” says instructor Kris Buller. “You will learn the best search skills and discover some great new online databases.”

Reservations may be made by calling the Adult desk at 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

## Applications open for Soroptimist award

DOWNEY—Soroptimist International of Downey is now accepting applications for its Women’s Opportunity Award (WOA) from mature women who, due to circumstances beyond their control, may be facing a number of challenges, such as entering the job market for the very first time or returning to work after a long absence.

WOA offers financial aid in the form of a \$500 scholarship. The successful candidate will also be entered in Soroptimist regional competition for even larger awards.

WOA candidates should be the head of their households and in the process of completing an undergraduate program or preparing to enter a vocational or technical training program.

Forms for applying for this award may be obtained by contacting Jean Brazelton at (562) 862-4768. Leave your name, an address and telephone number and an application will be mailed to you.

Deadline for submission of applications is Nov. 22.

### DAS principal is OASIS speaker

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School principal Roger Brossmer will talk about his experience aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) when OASIS meets Monday, Sept. 26. He and former Downey High School principal Allen Layne were guests recently of Downey High Hall of Fame inductee, retired Admiral Campbell, aboard the nation’s newest carrier. Brossmer’s presentation will include photos taken during his trip, a video, and more.

The OASIS class will open for enrollment at 3 p.m. Monday, with Dr. Robert Flynn’s piano entertainment; you may purchase a dinner ticket for \$3.50 at this time. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. The program starts at 4 p.m., followed by a full course dinner at 5 p.m. For information, call 940-6200.

### Council agendas available online

DOWNEY – Complete City Council and Community Development Commission agendas and minutes can be accessed on the City of Downey website at [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org).

Council and commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall.

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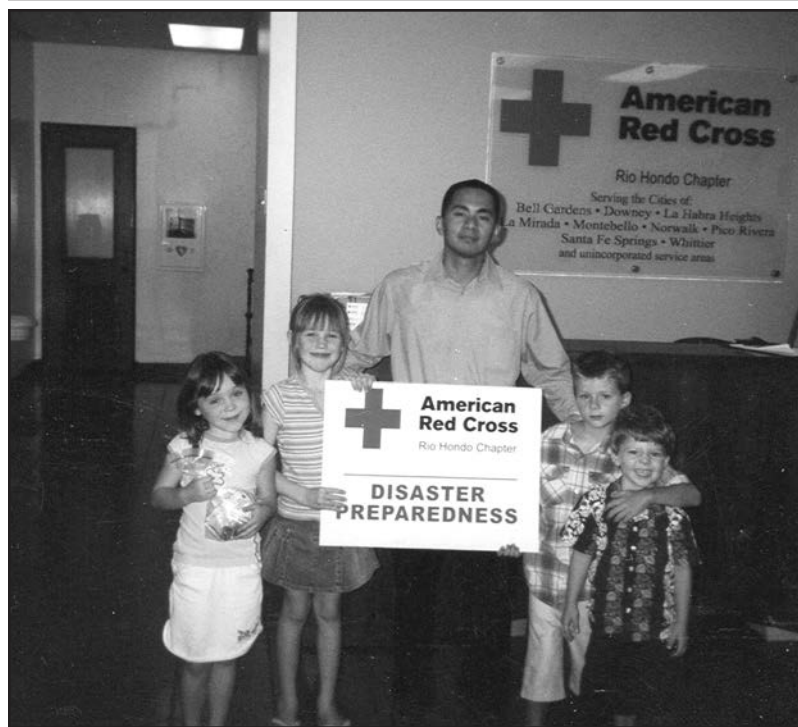
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**LEMON AID** - Four Downey children ran a lemonade stand over the Labor Day weekend to raise money for the American Red Cross and their hurricane relief efforts. Selling lemonade for 50 cents a cup, and gathering donations from neighbors, family and friends, the children raised nearly \$300. The children made their donation Sept. 8 to at the Red Cross offices in Whittier. Pictured from left are the helpful children: Sammy Buell, Izzy Buell, a Red Cross representative, Joshua Redfox and Jacob Redfox.

**Synagogue gearing up for the holidays**

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will hold worship services celebrating the Jewish High Holy Days starting Monday, Oct. 3.

Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill will lead services for Rosh Hashanah on the evening of Oct. 3 and during the day on Oct. 4 and 5, and for Yom Kippur the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 12, and during the day on Oct. 13. Both women are new clergy at the Reform synagogue.

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish year, is celebrated with the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn, in its morning service.

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**TLC Center presents annual fall craft fair**

**DOWNEY**—Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center presents its Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Downey High Gym, 11040 Brookshire Ave. The Fair will feature handcrafted items, decorations, ceramics, jewelry, scrap booking, and cosmetics. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available.

Proceeds will go toward supporting the TCL Family Resource Center, which provides free health care and vision care, after-school tutoring programs for children, crisis intervention, parent education programs, counseling services, enrollments in Medi-Cal., and numerous other free services for families in need.

Raffle items include: a DVD Player, compliments of Target, as well as a \$100 gift certificate to Target, a \$50 gift certificate to the Hornblower (dinner, dance cruises in Newport Beach) and a \$25 gift certificate to All American Home Center. Also to be raffled off are four tickets to the Gene Autry Museum, four tickets to the Downey Theater, and four passes to the Comedy Club in Redondo Beach.

The Center says vendors are still welcome. For applications, call Rose Boland at (562) 469-6890.

**Aquarium launches watershed education**

**LONG BEACH**—Aquarium of the Pacific leaders recently joined directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD), Los Angeles area education leaders, and dozens of students to launch "It All Flows to Me," a multi-faceted program which will bring watershed science education to students and their parents throughout Los Angeles County through the Aquarium's education programs, including classroom instruction and the Aquarium on Wheels outreach program.

"We are encouraging schools to sign up early for "It All Flows to Me," which will debut in the spring of 2006," said Amy Coppenger, Aquarium of the Pacific education director.

WRD's \$350,000 grant to the Aquarium funds a five-year program that aims to increase public knowledge of water pollution in and around homes and communities that impacts our groundwater and coastal areas. The components include field trips to the Aquarium of the Pacific, as well as visits to schools by the Aquarium on Wheels that will feature an interactive watershed education class/theater program. Visiting students will be given Aquarium admission coupons encouraging them to return with their families and to continue learning about watershed protection at the Aquarium. The grant also contributes to the Aquarium's development of a large-scale model relief of the Los Angeles River watershed, which will be part of the Aquarium's new watershed education exhibits and environmental education classroom debuting in 2007.

"We are pleased to incorporate the science of clean water into a curriculum program that will benefit wildlife, plants, and people, from the inland reaches of Los Angeles all the way to the coast. The science is simple: Anything we individually do to clean or pollute water in our homes and neighborhoods flows back to us through the groundwater and into coastal waters," said Willard Murray, WRD president.

"This crucial outreach program is the first component of the Aquarium's new watershed education initiative. We hope that 'It All Flows to Me' will make a difference in our communities through creating young stewards that will improve the future of our environment for ourselves and the animals that inhabit this planet with us," said Jerry Schubel, Aquarium of the Pacific president and CEO.

**'Connections' meets Thursdays**

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

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**WORKERS LABOR** - To install the new pews in preparation for a dedication service this weekend at Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey.

**Messiah Lutheran to dedicate new sanctuary**

**DOWNEY** - Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey will dedicate its newly remodeled sanctuary in special services of praise Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

The dedication will be the culmination of two years of planning and construction to the inside of the church. The refurbishing includes new pews and chancel furnishings, carpeting, lighting, sound and new skylights.

The Reverend Alvin Young, who was pastor of Messiah when it was last remodeled in 1973, will participate in the Saturday service with other leaders of the congregation. Bill Johnson, chairperson of the Sanctuary Refurbishing Committee at Messiah, invited residents to visit the church that has served the Downey community since 1943.

"We wanted these improvements to be more than cosmetic, enabling us to carry on a more effective ministry to the people of Downey," said Reverend Norman Stoppenhagen, the current pastor.

Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 10711 Paramount Blvd., at 6th Street.



**KEEP DOWNEY BEAUTIFUL** - Participated in the 21st annual Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup last week, removing trash from Vista Del Rosa and Manzanar Ave. Stonewood Center sponsored the event. The next cleanup is scheduled for Oct. 22, with volunteers meeting at the Assistance League parking lot on Rives and Florence. To help, call 904-7159.

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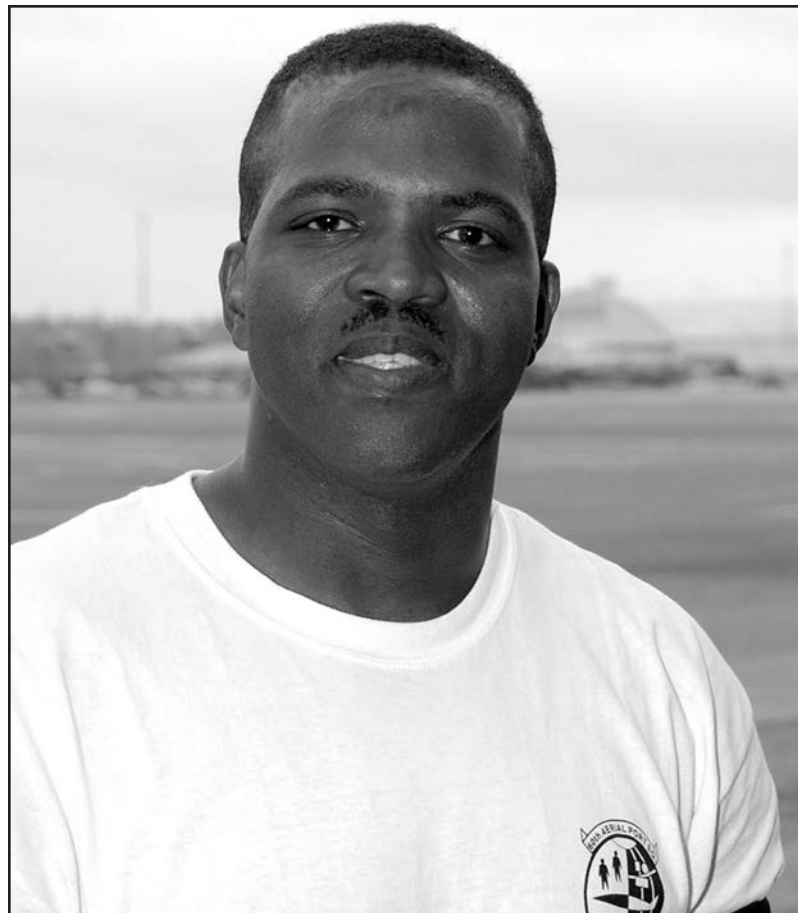
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**U.S. AIR FORCE TECH. SGT. JEFFERY COMER** – Competed in the Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo 2005, a demanding competition featuring the world's best aerial refuelers and airlifters. Comer hails from Downey.

## Local airman roughs it in 'rodeo' competition

*Submitted by United States Air Force*

**McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASH.** – When most people think of a rodeo, they usually think of bull riding, barrel racing and calf roping events. But for one Downey resident, "rodeo" means on and off leading from huge cargo aircrafts, an aeromedical evacuation triage and endurance course, combat tactics and combat course competition events.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Comer, the son of Dorothy Hawkins of Downey, was a competitor in the Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo 2005 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The "rodeo" competition brings together the world's best aerial refuelers and airlifters to demonstrate capabilities, improve procedures, compare notes, and enhance standardization for worldwide operations.

Comer, a 1985 graduate of Lynwood High School, is an air cargo craftsman with the 60th Aerial Port Squadron stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California.

During the competition, Comer and his team took the competition seriously.

"I loaded the C-5 aircraft with one 25K aircraft loader, one Humvee and one trailer during the engine-running on and offload competition," said Comer. "I also participated in the joint inspection and combat endurance course events."

Rodeo's roots began in 1962 as an annual combat skills competition designed to develop and improve techniques and procedures while enhancing air mobility operations, and promoting *esprit de corps*. Because competition is fierce between crews from units around the world, training and preparation for the "rodeo" can be just as intense as the competition itself.

"We started training 10 weeks before the competition by doing 100-200 push-ups and sit-ups a day, weightlifting and operating vehicles that would be used in the competition," recalled Comer. "We also went to other confidence courses in Northern California to prepare for this event."

When not involved with precision moves at break-neck speed, Comer works as the facility manager for his squadron at Travis Air Force Base, where he has been for three years.

For Comer and his teammates, Rodeo means a chance for strangers to come together and get to know each other, develop trust and respect for each other, and pull together as a team to be recognized as the best of the best, and to learn to share new and better techniques in responding to international crises.



**SO CAL BANDITS** – A local travel baseball team featuring players from Downey and surrounding communities, were recently crowned USSA 9U Division State Champions. The same team placed third at the World Series tournament held in Steamboat Springs, Colo. over the summer and is now aiming towards a trip to Cooperstown next year. Front row, from left: Paul Barazza, Jimmy Olguin, Leo Duran, Darren McCaughan and Edgar Morales. Back row: Coach Jason Fuentes, Izzy Fuentes, Daniel Gomez, Albert Perez, Anthony Navarro, Paul Barazza and Manager Jimmy Olguin. Not pictured are Anthony Quiroz and George McKenna.

## Diabetes workshop to be held Sept. 28

**DOWNEY** – Downey residents are invited to a diabetes workshop Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center at 10 a.m.

Haven Health Homecare Services is conducting the workshop, titled "Caring for Loved Ones with Diabetic Illnesses."

For more information, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7223.

## SHHH meetings every Thursday

**LAKWOOD** – Self Help for Hard of Hearing people (SHHH), a group offering education on coping skills and resources to help survive in a hearing world, meets the second Thursday each month at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Ave. in Lakewood. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free. Call 429-7099 for information.

## Best Buy

Employees can also look forward to advancement opportunities, including management and corporate positions, Musolf said. Best Buy also offers an employee stock purchase plan and product and service discounts.

The Downey store will be Best Buy's 78th in California, and will open simultaneously with seven others across the country.

"The new stores will offer a broad assortment of technology and entertainment products and related services that enhance the customer's experience," said Musolf. "Incorporating the latest Best Buy store design, the new stores will include single-line checkouts and wider aisles for better traffic flow."

### Community commitment

The company also said it plans to support local non-profit organizations, pledging to provide charitable gifts to organizations where its employees volunteer at least 40 hours each year.

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## Rose Float dinner cruise Sept. 25

**DOWNEY**—The annual Hawaiian Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Long Beach Harbor sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association takes place this 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.

## Local art groups meet at Progress Park

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Art League (DAL) and host Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount TAG are holding their joint meeting Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount.

Guest artist is landscape/seascape specialist Juan (Magoo) C. Valencia, who will demonstrate his prowess in various artistic media.

Meanwhile, Downey Art League presents its Open Art Show Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-16 at Downey Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. Canvas size limit is 30 x 40. Entry fee is \$8 per entry (enter three, get fourth one free).

For more information, call Chris Hogan at (562) 634-4580.



**PETER LICON** – Was recognized as a new member of the Leading Edge Society during special awards ceremonies at the recent Prudential Real Estate Sales Convention in Las Vegas. The award is given to sales associates in recognition of sales production and gross commissions. "I would like to thank all of my clients for my success during the year," said Licon, who is pictured with Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate broker/owner Mel Berdelis. Licon can be reached at (562) 618-9055.

## 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 every month.

For more information, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

## Symphony Guild fashion show Oct. 1

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Symphony Guild presents its Luncheon and Fashion Show fundraiser, "Sailing into the New Year," Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey. There will be opportunity prizes. Guest speaker is Tom Osborn.

The boxed picnic lunch consists of chicken pasta salad, fresh fruit, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Fashions are provided by Chicco's of Huntington Beach. Modeling will be Margery Lewis, Betsy Lightner, Janet Molinaro, Patti McMullen, and Wendy Doty.

Donation is \$25, with check made out to the Downey Symphony Guild. Reservations are to be returned by Sept. 24. No tickets will be issued (you will be checked in at the door). Reserved tables may be obtained with paid orders for eight.

## 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: 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.

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.

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.

## PTA Candidates' Program Oct. 3

**DOWNEY**—Downey Council PTA will host its annual Back to School & Candidates' Forum Program Monday, Oct. 3 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, where all will be welcome to submit written questions to be read to the candidates.

The event's formal title is "Meet the School Board Candidates." An optional buffet breakfast for \$20 will be available. For information, call Annie Casey, 633-5275.

## DJAA football registration at Apollo

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Junior Athletic Association will hold their final day of signups for their new flag football season tomorrow, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Apollo Park.

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](http://www.djaa-sports.org).

## Electrical engineer at AAUW program

**LONG BEACH**—The American Association of University Women/Long Beach Branch is having its first program of their 85th Anniversary Year on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Cafe Camilia at 16916 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower.

The 11 a.m. program will feature Dr. Mihri Ozkan, asst. professor of electrical engineering at UC-Riverside with a research focus in nanotechnology and its application in biology and engineering. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

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## 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.

## WRD gets financial reporting award

**CERRITOS**—The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) has been awarded the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Chicago-based Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA). The award is purportedly the highest recognition in the area of government and financial accounting given by GFOA. Said WRD board president Willard Murray: "This was the first time that WRD submitted our Annual Financial Report for the GFOA award. Our staff's high achievement comes after innovative efforts to bring our financial affairs to the highest levels of public accountability."

The certificate of achievement was awarded to WRD for its 2003-2004 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR," according to GFOA director Stephen Gauthier.

## Red Cross seeks blood drive volunteers

**DOWNEY**—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera at 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

## Mariachi guitarist talks music 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.

All ages are welcome at the free workshop but reservations are recommended. For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

## INCA program of music and dances

**ANAHEIM**—INCA presents a program of music and dances from the native Incas of Peru tomorrow, Sept. 24 at the Pearson Park Amphitheater, 401 N. Lemon St. in Anaheim.

## Delvers Gem/Mineral show Sept. 24-25

**DOWNEY**—The Delvers Gem and Mineral Society, founded more than 50 years ago by Prof. Darold Henry at Downey High School, will present their annual show at the Downey Woman's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Programs will feature member displays, dealers' booths and a boutique. Admission is free.

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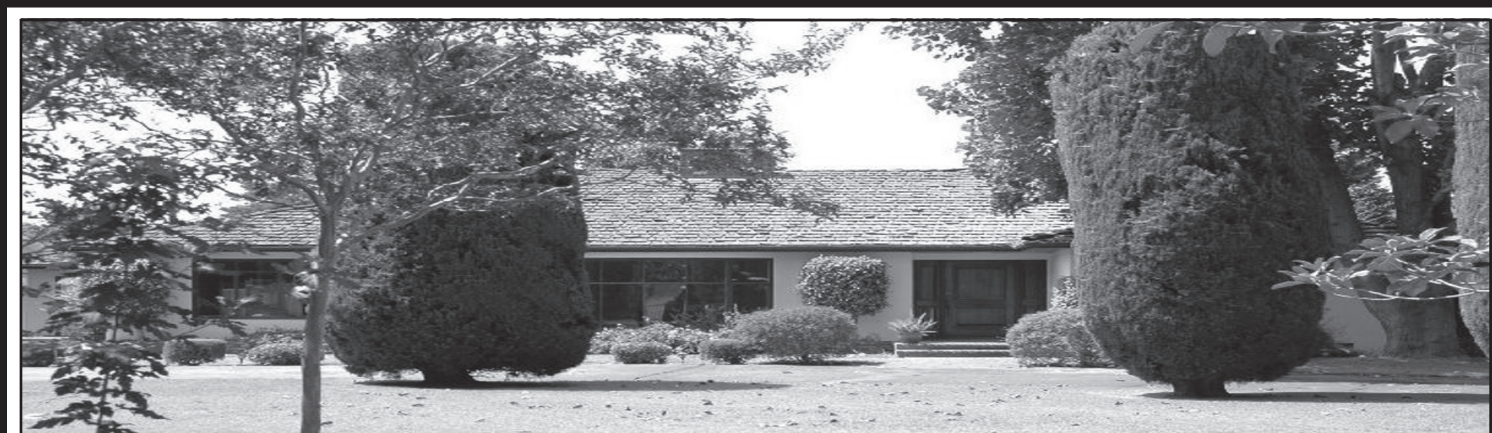


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Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home on a 8980 sq. ft. lot. The home has refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior and exterior, & inside laundry. The enormous yard includes plenty of grass, a covered patio, and a 2 car detached garage. Price: \$625,000  
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4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in NW Downey with refinished hardwood floors, new tile in kitchen and baths, new counter tops in kitchen, new windows, and central air/heat. The spacious master bedroom has a walk-in closet and full bath. The property has a 2 car detached garage and private yard. Price: \$749,000  
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This traditional-style 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has been upgraded on the inside with remodeled bathrooms and kitchen. The large upstairs master bedroom has an elegant bathroom with separate tub and shower. The home features a formal dining room, living room, and large family room with a view of the spacious backyard. Home includes 1 downstairs bedroom and 3 bedrooms upstairs.  
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