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STAPLE IN THE COMMUNITY – The new Staples store at Downey Landing is hosting Teacher Appreciation Day tomorrow, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., where an exclusive preview of the store will be provided, in addition to breakfast, raffles and entertainment. A motion by the City Council this week halted future openings at Downey Landing until construction along Stewart and Gray Road is complete.

Campos selected as Police Chief

Position effective Oct. 29

DOWNEY—After a closed session Tuesday the City Council announced that Capt. Roy Campos will be Downey's next police chief.

The selection was by City Manager Gerald Caton and was confirmed by the Council.

Campos, a 26-year employee of the Downey Police Department, will succeed retiring Police Chief John Finch. Campos will assume his new duties effective Oct. 29.

Began with the Sheriff

Campos started his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1978 graduating first in his academy class to earn distinction as Honor Cadet. He worked for the Sheriff's Department six months before coming to Downey as a patrol officer in 1979.

In 1985 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, serving details in patrol, special operations, and administration before being promoted to Lieutenant in 1990. In 2002 he was promoted to Captain, serving as Patrol Division Commander.

He said he feels his role as the next chief will be to continue to recruit high quality individuals to staff the Downey Police Department, and make sure they have the best training and equipment possible. This will result in the department's ability to continue superior service to the residents and businesses of Downey.

Education

He holds a B.S. (1985) in Criminal Justice and a Masters of Public Administration (1989) from CSU-Long Beach.

He grew up in Norwalk, and was raised by parents Nacho and Lupe Campos. He is the second youngest of nine children (six boys/three girls), all of whom attended Norwalk public schools and graduated from Norwalk High School. He credits his parents and siblings for helping him grow both personally and professionally.

He has been married for 22 years to his wife, Jeanie, and they have two children, Marisa, a student at Cal State Fullerton and Michael, a student at Mt. San Antonio College.

City refuses to grant Landing slack

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council has denied a request from Downey Landing (Eclipse Development Group) to allow for any more shopping center store openings prior to the completion of road improvements on Stewart and Gray Road.

The vote was 3-2 at Tuesday's regular Council meeting with Rick Trejo and David Gafin opposed. Meredith Perkins and Kirk Cartozian chided Doug Gray of Downey Landing for failure to meet the terms of the contract. Trejo spoke out in favor of letting stores open whenever they can. Perkins then relented somewhat, with a second motion that passed 4-1, that will allow Marshall's which had already advertised its opening Thursday to go ahead. Perkins' second motion also had the City Attorney and Economic Development Director, Charles Vose, continuing to work with Downey Landing to see if the work on Stewart and Gray can be speeded up by the cooperative efforts of the contractors and the City Public Works Department.

Current agreement

The terms of the current agreement between Downey Landing and the City state that the developer is required to "complete the work to be performed (Stewart and Gray street improvements) prior to applying for a certificate of occupancy for retail buildings on the retail site." Although work is proceeding on the Stewart and Gray improvements, these will not be completed for at least another 60 days.

The developer's request is in the form of a letter dated Sept. 21, 2005.

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DUSD candidate forum and breakfast Oct. 12

DOWNEY—All candidates for the Downey Unified School District board have been invited by Citizens for Downey to a candidate forum Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Rio Hondo County Club. The forum starts at 7 a.m. The candidates will have the opportunity to state their vision for the students and the school system.

The candidate forum is open to all. Breakfast is available.

Area 1 candidates are educators Joseph A. Serrano and Martha Sotetani, a mother of six, three of whom have graduated and three are presently attending Downey schools.

Area 5 has three candidates: Luis H. Marquez, a deputy to State Senator Alan Lowenthal (D), Long Beach; Ricardo A. Salazar, a railroad employee; and Nancy A. Swenson, a management systems analyst and a Warren High School graduate, as are her two children.

Educator and incumbent Barbara Samperi is running unopposed in Area 7.

DRMC makes deal over Medi-Cal

DOWNEY—Nearly two months after Downey Regional Medical Center announced that it might close its emergency room because of the rising costs of caring for uninsured patients, hospital officials said last week that they might keep the doors open after all.

The private nonprofit facility has been losing money—especially since its agreement with Medi-Cal, the government health program for the poor, ended more than a year ago.

But two weeks ago, hospital officials reached an oral agreement with Medi-Cal to ease the financial burden on its emergency room by being reimbursed at a rate greater than their prior contract provided.

Effective Nov. 3

The deal, which would become effective Nov. 3, could save up to \$1 million annual, said Rob Fuller, DRMC's chief operating officer. The hospital predicted continued financial losses though but not as much.

Last year the emergency room lost from \$7 million to \$11 million treating 46,307 patients. Over the last five years, the hospital has exhausted a surplus of \$60 million, half of which went to treat the uninsured.

In addition to Medi-Cal dollars, officials hope to receive funding for "distressed hospitals" from the state and federal governments. Fuller said it was unclear how it would be or when that funding would become available.

The right direction

"I think we're headed in the right direction," Fuller said.

The news was welcomed by health officials in a county that has lost nine county emergency rooms—serving about 150,000 patients annually—since 2003.

"The impact of the closing would be the biggest," said Carol Meyer,

Los Angeles County's head of emergency services, referring to Downey's ER.

However, she added, "this is probably a Band-Aid. I don't think the system is fixed. It's still very vulnerable."

The county faces a major crisis in its healthcare system because of uninsured patients. The Department of Health Services faces a deficit of nearly \$1 billion three years from now.

A recent study commissioned by the Hospital Assn. of Southern California found that the number of uninsured patients seeking services at

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Bill would assist distressed hospitals

DOWNEY—A bill to help distressed southland hospitals including Downey Regional Medical Center is expected to be pressed in the Legislature next year.

State Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, and Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, D-South Gate, told a Downey Chamber luncheon last week they hope to offer financial relief to the financially strapped area hospitals. Their proposed bill would establish a \$23 million fund to help "distressed hospitals," a category in which they included DRMC.

Hospital spokesmen have said earlier that DRMC might have to close its emergency room unless it could get some state and federal help in dealing with the financial drain in treating uninsured patients.



SOLEMN MEMORIAL – Friends of 14-year-old Seriena Rodriguez assembled a makeshift memorial for the Downey High School student, who was killed by a trash truck as she tried to cross the intersection at Firestone and Lakewood Sept. 20. The intersection has been under continued construction.

Subrecipient pacts for CDBG funding

DOWNEY—The City Council has approved a Subrecipient Agreement with 10 public service agencies which will receive a combined allocation of \$158,500 in Community Development Block Grant funding.

The action at Tuesday's regular council meeting, allocates as follows: ARC of Southeast L.A. County \$12,000; Children's Dental Health Clinic, \$5,500; Downey Unified School District, \$31,000; Rio Hondo Temporary Home, \$18,000; Southern California Rehab. Services, Inc., \$75,000; Salvation Army Southeast Communities Corp., \$4,000; Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center, \$3,000; Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board, \$6,000; True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center, \$4,000.

The City's approved 2005-06 budget includes funding from the Community Development Block Grant fund for grants to public service agencies that provide service consistent with needs identified in the City's Five Year Plan. These allocations are reserved as part of the CDBG application to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Each agency is required to comply with federal conditions and provisions.

Blood drive Oct. 9 at First Christian

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross will have their Bloodmobile at the Downey First Christian Church, 10909 S. New St., Sunday, Oct. 9, to accept blood donations from the community due to a severe blood shortage caused by the recent natural disasters.

Reservations are recommended by calling the church office at (562) 862-2438 for the time that is most convenient for you between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Walk-ins will be welcomed but those with reservations will be given priority.

The Red Cross also accepts volunteers to help with the process. Call (800) 498-9910, ext. 7 for information.



JEFF ASCH'S—Appearance as "Pooh" in "Good News!" opening Oct. 6-23 at the Downey Theater will be his fourth at the Downey Civic Light Opera. For ticket information, call (562) 923-1714.

Symphony Guild takes to the catwalk tomorrow

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—Captain Katy Hare will be at the helm tomorrow, Oct. 1, when the Downey Symphony Guild holds its "Sailing into the New Year" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey. Donation: \$25 per person.

Katy's crew members, under her direction, are preparing her signature chicken pasta salad, fresh fruit, hot biscuits, iced tea, coffee and dessert. One of two major fundraisers of the year, the Guild welcomes the community to sail along on this worthwhile voyage for an afternoon of camaraderie and entertainment.

Thomas Osborn will be on deck to tell briefly what the orchestra has in store for us, both at the theater and in the schools. Opportunity prizes will be available. Chico's of Huntington Beach will present colorful, stylish fashions modeled by our very own Janet Molinaro, Margery Lewis, Betsy Lightner, Patti McMullen, and Wendy Doty.

For additional information, please call 869-2120 or 862-3106. The Guild promises calm waters and perfect weather for this voyage and hopes you will come aboard.

Donations taken for Seriena Rodriguez

DOWNEY—Donations to help with the funeral expenses for Seriena Monique Rodriguez, the 14-year old Downey High School student who was fatally struck by a CalMet truck Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the intersection of Lakewood and Firestone Blvds., may be sent to:

DUSD - Seriena Rodriguez
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Downey, CA 90241
DFCU's telephone number is 862-8141.

Ribbon cutting for new realty office

DOWNEY—The Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremony celebration for Keller Williams Realty, 8280 Florence Ave. #150, takes place Thursday, Oct. 6 at 4:30 p.m. Assisting with arrangements is the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

The Keller Williams real estate group claims they are the "newest, most innovative and fastest-growing real estate company in North America, with over 52,000 topnotch agents, making them No. 5 in the country."

Punt, Pass and Kick contest tomorrow

DOWNEY—DJAA's annual NFL Punt, Pass and Kick contest takes place at 10 a.m. at Apollo Park tomorrow, Oct. 1. This is a free event for boys and girls ages 8-15, who must bring a copy of their birth certificate. All participants must wear tennis shoes. No cleats are allowed.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Participants must be registered by 9. Players will compete in their own age group. The top 3 boys and top 3 girls in each age group will advance to the next round. The final round is to compete at the NFL Super Bowl during halftime.

After school program offered at parks

DOWNEY—An after school program for the youth is being offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department this fall at the local parks.

"A Safe Place to Play" is a free program held Monday to Friday from 3-6 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks.

There are activities offered each day. Monday through Thursday is Homework Help; Thursdays is a craft activity.

The Fall Community Services Guide is available, with a list of youth and adult activities, at the Community Services Department, library, and the local parks. For more information, call 904-7238.

Fashion show and Pechanga trip planned

DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is holding a "Fashion Show" Saturday, Oct. 8 at Elks Lodge #2020, 11233 Woodruff Ave., featuring fashions (dresses, casual, after 5, accessories) by Dress Barn of Cerritos Towne Center.

Tickets are \$20 (includes luncheon at 12 noon and the fashion show at 1 p.m.). There is a no host bar at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, the club's fall fundraiser - the Pechanga Bus Trip - takes place Wednesday, Oct. 19. The trip starts at 8:30 a.m. from the Downey Elks Lodge, with the bus returning at approximately 5:30-6 p.m.

Cost is \$6 for members, \$11 for nonmembers. For more information on either event, contact Mary Guzman, (562) 622-1003.

OASIS October schedule released

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's OASIS Program, which is celebrating its 30th year of offering a class intended for Older Adults Seeking Information & Skills, released its October schedule:

Oct. 3 - "The Truth About Reverse Mortgagees" with Jimmy Weldon, actor/lecturer, and Lester Wood, attorney; Oct. 10 - "Celebrating Our Columbus Day" with Barbara Leigh, songstress and historian; Oct. 17 - "Be ready and Get Ready...It's Easy and Important" with Harriett Paine, co-author of "Home and Family Preparedness" and consultant, City of Downey, and Susan Paine, SRES, member of CERT; Oct. 24 - TBA; and Oct. 31 - "Halloween Happy Hour" with Bob Flynn and Friends.

The class is open enrollment; start any Monday at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment (you may purchase a dinner ticket for \$3.50). There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. The program proper starts at 4 p.m., and a full course dinner is served at 5 p.m.

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It's strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/ arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few.

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Amazing Offer-When you bring in this article, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$27. That's with orthopedic, neurologic, chiropractic, and computerized testing...the whole ball of wax. But, please call right away because this offer expires on October 13, 2005, and I don't want you to miss out. By the way, "further care" is very affordable and you'll be happy to know that I have family care plans. "Further care" is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. High costs can add up very quickly. By law, this offer excludes a Medicare/Medical patients.

Great care at a great fee...Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about quality of care just because I have a lower fee. You'll get great care at a great fee. My qualifications...I'm a graduate of Cleveland College who is a Fellow of the International Chiropractic Pediatric Assoc., and Industrial Injury Evaluator. I've been entrusted to take care of tiny babies to pregnant moms to be.

My assistant is Ines, and she is really a super person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee. Our office is called **MARISCAL FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC** and it is at 8531 Florence Ave. #102 in Downey (Corner of Brookshire & Florence).

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JONA CAPINO – A 4th grader from St. Raymond Catholic School in Downey, was recently declared a National Winner, Elementary Class in the National Piano Auditions. She received a gold pin and certificate from the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of American College of Musicians and was named a national member of the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, Student Division of American College of Musicians and Piano Hobbyist of the World. This is Jona's second year in National Auditions and her first on the National Roll.

Treasure Island garage sale tomorrow

DOWNEY—Residents of the "Treasure Island" community, located in northwest Downey, held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, in which they heard activity reports from Harvey Fiala, editor of their monthly newsletter, "The Treasured Island Breeze," and Margarita Rodgers, on the Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up day. UIC (Unity in the Community) board member Devi Kokaram encouraged residents to participate in tomorrow's (Oct. 1) 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Island Garage Sale.

Representing the city of Downey was Mark Galvan, who briefed residents on the situation with the lights in the park; the block captains of all 20 streets were commended for their "dedication and hard work." The meeting was chaired by interim president Jerry Rodgers.

Afternoon bingo with Woman's Club

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TLC Center to present fall craft fair Oct. 8

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 TLC 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 Theatre, 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.

'Tashlich' walk and picnic Oct. 4

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey's annual Tashlich Walk and Picnic takes place at Downey's Wilderness Park approximately 45 minutes following the first day Rosh Hashanah service on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Participants are to bring their picnic basket as well as bread.

Wilderness Park is located on Florence Ave., just before the entrance to the 605 Freeway. Parking fee is \$2 per car.



\$1,000 CHECKS—Were presented recently by Downey United Masonic Lodge #220 Worshipful Master Scott Morrissy, left, to Marissa Espinoza, director of Children's Services at the Children's Masonic Home in Ontario, and by Worthy Matron of Downey OES 160 Kitty Coutts, second from right, to Bart Bodnar, chairman of the Boosters Club at the OES Home in Yorba Linda. The money was obtained from a combined breakfast of the Masonic Lodge and OES 160.

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Hospital

private ERs had risen by a third in the last five years.
2.25 million uninsured

The county has about 2.25 million uninsured residents, many of them working for employers that do not offer health plans.

About 20 percent of the uninsured are illegal immigrants, according to one estimate.

DRMC had solicited financial support from the County Board of Supervisors last month, but was rejected.

Studio has met investment goal

DOWNEY—The investment group behind Downey Studios has met the investment guarantee of \$13 million set forth in the purchase and sale agreement with the City of Downey.

Industrial Realty Group (IRG) has filed a capital expenditure report detailing the expenditures. The City Council approved the certificate of required development investment at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

The funds have gone to develop buildings 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 23 and 290 on the old NASA site.

Doubters had demanded a guarantee of investment, saying they were unsure of the success of a motion picture studio. The IRG also must meet a required studio use period for the next 30 months, which guarantees the effort to use the land for a successful movie studio. After 30 months the IRG can turn to alternative means of development.

Cultural heritage exhibit unveiled

DOWNEY—In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate) recently unveiled a Mexican cultural heritage exhibit at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. One of eight public library exhibits throughout the 50th Assembly district, the display highlights ceramics, costume, books and art from the Mexican state of Michoacan. The library lobby exhibit runs through Oct. 28.



CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (Center)—Is flanked by Childrens Hospital Los Angeles officials (from left) Bill Noce, president and CEO; board of trustees members Elizabeth Lowe and Margy Eberhardt; and Gail Margolis, vp for government and public policy. The officials thanked the Congresswoman for her ongoing support of federal health care programs that benefit children. Also discussed was the need to reauthorize the Graduate Medical Education program, their concerns about possible Medicaid cuts, and the construction of the hospital's new patient tower.



FE HALILI, R.N.—Displays one of the leased patient monitors currently in use in DRMC's Short Stay Unit. The hospital plans to purchase a total of 18 such patient monitors from funds raised at the upcoming Memorial Trust Foundation's Charter Ball Oct. 29.

Charter Ball funds to buy upgraded equipment

DOWNEY—Funds raised at the 30th annual Pearl Anniversary Charter Ball presented by the Downey Regional Medical Center's Memorial Trust Foundation Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa are earmarked for the purchase of new patient monitors in DRMC's Outpatient Surgery Center (OPSC), the hospital said this week.

The monitors are essential for assessing the 50-60 pre- and post-operative patients treated daily at DRMC. The patients may be at the hospital for a procedure in Radiology, Cardiology, the Cath Lab, Endoscopy Lab, Main Operating Room, or the OPSC. The vital signs the monitor records alert staff to the patient's status, and provide the earliest indication of any complications, reactions to medications, or pain, if the patient is unable to communicate.

DRMC has already "test-driven" the patient monitors which are manufactured by Nihon Kohden, Japans's leading developer and distributor of medical electronic equipment. DRMC has been leasing the monitors for the Short Stay Unit. Staff report strong satisfaction with the lightweight, easy-to-use devices.

The OPSC currently uses two cardiac monitors for each patient: one that measures heart rate and rhythm (EKG), and another measuring blood pressure and pulse. The new monitor provides all of these functions. They will replace the 18-year old devices for which replacement parts are no longer available. A total of 18 monitors estimated to cost a total of \$230,000 will be purchased by the hospital. They are expected to last at least 10 years.

Reservations for the Charter Ball may be made by calling (562) 904-5055.

DHS class of '75 reunion next week

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

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

The poets' corner

Recreation + Education = Re-Creation

Grandma & Grandpa are going to OASIS at Adult School now,
 It seems they developed a yen
 To cuss and discuss, what's the matter with us,
 An urge to begin again.

They are not studying history,
 Or reading or 'rithmetic.
 Their subject is almost a mystery
 But it certainly makes them tick.

They are different people now,
 Their thinking is on the move;
 They even look young, and I don't see how,
 But that once-furrowed brow is smooth.

Yes, Grandma & Grandpa are going to Downey Adult School,
 And it's really a wonderful thing!
 Since I can remember, they seemed like December.
 Now suddenly Gramps and Gramma are Spring!!!

—Harriett Paine,
 Downey Adult School Instructor

(On the occasion of OASIS' 30th anniversary this month)

Council mum after return of 'friends'

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council had few comments Tuesday evening after a return by a number of speakers, many of whom have appeared before as "Friends of Gonzalo Martinez."

Martinez was shot by Downey Police after a pursuit four years ago, and has been the object of ongoing demonstrations and investigations since.

The police were cleared of wrongdoing by a special investigations team of the County D.A.s Office, but civil action in his death is still pending.

The appearance Tuesday was spurred by the promotion of a police officer who had participated in the shooting four years ago.

Maria Larkin countering the "Friends", spoke from the audience, saying the Council and Police Department have her full confidence and support.

In other matters, Councilman Rick Trejo, during the council comment portion of Tuesday's meeting, noted that sign-ups are completed for Downey Junior Athletic League and games begin in October.

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 a joyous occasion, celebrated with the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn, in its morning service.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is a more solemn holiday, a day in which Jews refrain from eating and ask forgiveness for their mistakes and wrongdoing of the past year. Both holidays include prayers, reading of the Bible, and special music, including melodies beloved by Jews around the world.

Temple Ner Tamid ("Eternal Lamp") also holds Sabbath services every Friday evening at 7:30. For more information about the synagogue and its services, call (562) 861-9276, or e-mail the temple office at templener-tamid@juno.com.

Community invited to DNC Mini-Faire

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club, which is always looking for new members, is getting ready for their annual fundraiser Monday, Oct. 10 at Los Amigos Country Club on Quill Drive. The Mini-Faire will have a bake sale table, hand-made goods, jewelry, books, and a surprise raffle. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m., so you can browse. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

After lunch, selection of officers for the Newcomers Club board will be attended to.

50th anniversary display in La Mirada

NORWALK—Cerritos College's 50th Anniversary Traveling Display, "Building Futures," a free exhibit of college memorabilia, historical photos and collector's items, is now at the La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada. The exhibit will run through Oct. 7; activity center hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and, on Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

La Mirada is one of eight local cities that are located within the community college's district boundaries. It is also a city with which retired CC faculty members and administrators have had prominent ties: for instance, retired CC philosophy professor Sherill L. Moses served on the La Mirada City Council in the 1970s, and CC pharmacy technology instructor Hal Malkin is currently serving on the council.

Art and craft show at Adventist Church

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

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

The art show schedule is as follows:

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

Oct. 14 - Hanging and judging

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

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

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

September 30, 2005

October 7, 2005

Rosa Castro

Public Works Dept.

(562) 622-5438

LAKWOOD BOULEVARD and STEWART & GRAY INTERSECTION ROAD CLOSURES

Construction to enhance the intersection of Lakewood Boulevard and Stewart & Gray Road is anticipated to have major impact on traffic during **four consecutive weekends beginning Friday**

October 7. In order to minimize inconveniences to residents and commuters, travel lanes

approaching the intersection will only be closed as necessary and only during the time frames

specified below:

1. Friday Night October 7 through Monday Morning October 10, 2005,
2. Friday Night October 14 through Monday Morning October 17, 2005,
3. Friday Night October 21 through Monday Morning October 24, 2005 and
4. Friday Night October 28 through Monday Morning October 31, 2005.



Residents are urged to plan their trips around the lane closure area and take alternate routes

during the dates of the construction. For more information, please contact the City of Downey Public

Works Department at (562) 904-7102.

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Landing

City staff has granted permission already for the opening of two large stores in the development, but has expressed serious concern in opening the site to more businesses before the completion of the Stewart and Gray improvements.

The letter from Downey Landing LLC President Douglas B. Gray to City Economic Development Director Charles S. Vose, stresses it is not an attempt to reduce obligations to complete the improvements, but rather to accommodate certain tenants who have hired employees and ordered seasonal stock in anticipation of opening in 2005. The letter cites record breaking rainfall which has had a dramatic impact on the schedule, as well as delays in City work on Lakewood Boulevard.

All-out push

Meetings were held with City staff, and based on discussions it was decided to continue an all-out push to meet opening dates for this year's holiday sales season.

At this time the following tenants have scheduled opening dates as listed:

Ross Dress for Less Sept. 21; Best Buy, Sept 22; Marshall's Sept. 29; Staples Oct. 1; Old Navy, Oct. 19; PetsMart Oct. 24; Elephant Bar Restaurant, Nov. 15; Bed Bath and Beyond Nov. 10-20; and various shops and food court tenants November/December.

The following tenants have indicated they will not be opening until January: DSW; Party America; Pier 1 Imports; Johnny Carino's; Bally's; Chili's and Michaels.

Current estimates are that weather permitting, the improvements on Stewart and Gray will take 45 days to complete once begun.

The letter notes the importance of not delaying openings until the spring of 2006, and cites benefits for both the businesses and the City from expediting the openings.

Perkins cautioned Vose not to return with any contingency in future plans that included the opening of any more stores before the roadwork is completed as required in the contract.

In other action, the City Council Tuesday:

*Presented a Mayor's Award for Service to the City to Dan Hurlock, Firefighter/Paramedic.

*Recognized Kenneth Becker, retiring member of the Water Board and Water Facilities Corporation.

*Presented a Certificate of Appointment to Henry Leyva, Water Board and Water Facilities Corporation for Council District Two.

*Presented a Certificate of Appointment to Mario Guerra, Emergency Preparedness Committee for Council District Two.

*Proclaimed October Fire Prevention Month.

*Proclaimed October National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Oct. 21 National Mammography Day.

New CERT graduates

*Recognized the graduates of the Community Emergency Response Team Class of September.

*Approved an agreement with Oliver Inc. for computer network maintenance and support services for the Fire Department's Joint Powers Communication Center in the sum of \$21,000.

*Approved \$20,500 for upgrades to the Fire Station's light systems for energy saving improvement.

*Received and filed the Used Oil Block Grant Annual Report for fiscal 2004-05.

*Approved an agreement with Huit-Zollars for on-call land surveying services.

*Set a public hearing for Oct. 11 on a proposed zone change from C-2/P-B to C-P for property at 11610 Lakewood Boulevard.

*Set a Public Hearing for Oct. 11 for a proposed zone change from R-1 to R-2 for property at 8121-23 Conrad Street and 8118-32 Orange Street.

*Set a Public Hearing for Oct. 11 for an appeal of a denial of zone change from C-1 and P-B to R-3 and C-2 for property at 9553-57 Firestone Blvd.

*Approved a contract with the Fair Housing Foundation for fair housing services in the sum of \$14,774.

*Approved Community Development Subrecipient Block Grant Agreements in the total sum of \$158,500.

*Adopted a Resolution establishing an Underground Utility District along the length of Bellflower Boulevard south of Washburn Road to South of Steve Horn Way and along Steve Horn Way west to Bellflower Boulevard, for the purpose of undergrounding.

*Approved a Cable TV Franchise assignment to C-Native Exchange 1 LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Time Warner Cable.

*Adopted resolution approving a transaction involving Comcast of Los Angeles and Time Warner Cable.

*Introduced an Ordinance amending the City's Comprehensive Zoning Plan and changing the zoning at 13238-13242 Cabell Avenue from R-1-5000 to R-2 and adopted a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact.

*Adopted an Ordinance amending the City's Comprehensive Zoning Map and changing the zoning of property at 10723, 10729, 10725, 1741 and 10751 Lakewood Blvd. from R-3 to CP.

*Adopted an Ordinance amending a section of the Municipal Code involving speed Limits on Wiley-Burke Ave. There will be no change.

*Heard a Report on the Investment of the Development Group of Downey Studios.

*Heard a discussion of the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Columbia Memorial Space Science Center Joint-Project.

*Studied and then denied a request by Downey Landing to allow additional stores to open prior to completion of work on Stewart and Gray.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Nordic Fox a piece of history

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your article on the Nordic Fox. Aside from being one of the only Scandinavian restaurants south of Solvang, the building itself is a treasure and is unique to the city of Downey.

The Nordic Fox is one of the few commercial A-frames in California still used as a restaurant. It is the only one with nearly the entire original interior intact. The rope detail on the ceiling, hand-sewn wood on the walls and fantastic space-age fireplace are just some of the unique features that no longer exist in any other structure.

The A-frame is a recognized American architectural phenomenon that lasted from the 1950s through the 1970s. Although the familiar triangular shape has appeared in many different cultures since ancient times (appropriately for the Nordic Fox, one traces to rural Sweden), it did not become widespread until the mid-20th century. It took off with California architect John Campbell, who created a buzz when he introduced the A-frame "Leisure House" at the 1951 San Francisco Arts Festival. For the newly prosperous post-war middle class, the style quickly became a popular choice for vacation homes. Many were built in the mountain regions of the West Coast, from Lake Arrowhead to Washington State.

During the 1960s the A-frame moved from the mountains to the suburbs, and its simple geometric design was adapted to commercial and religious buildings. In fact there are some excellent examples of this to be found along Florence Avenue in Downey, such as the strip mall just west of Paramount, a real estate office to the east and the unique "multi-gabled" Methodist Church.

Inside and out, the best commercial A-frame in the city, and arguably the whole state, is home to the Nordic Fox. Hopefully Joe Becker and his family are able to keep it open and operating for a long time.

—Jason Swalve,
Downey

Invest in our community

Dear Editor:

Since when is economic growth considered an "epidemic?" Recent articles in our local newspaper seem to reflect an irrational fear of people who are willing to invest their money in this community and upgrade the housing stock at the same time.

Recently, a petition gatherer wanting to stop "mansionization" approached me to sign a letter of protest to our City Council. Not meaning to scare him away, during the process of explaining the benefits of investment in our community, he just walked away. This is a telling example of a growing hysteria rather than a reasoned discourse of costs vs. benefits.

In an attempt to address concerns about this issue, it seems to me that the Council is working to find a good solution. There has to be some middle ground that will put this flap to rest. Extremes of opinion at both ends of the discussion will not be satisfied. Oh, well!

A very small, vocal and shrill cadre of Luddites must not be allowed to dictate residential policies in our town. If we chase investment capital out of Downey, rather than reflecting an image of pride in our homes with a sense of a prosperous future, I fear we will begin a long, slow slide into an opposite direction. Right now, we are an oasis in a mega city. Downey is dynamic with much to offer all of us. We cannot be static...either we improve, within reason, or we will decline—with certainty.

—Gary L. Castagnola,
Downey

'Tragedy could have been averted'

Dear Editor:

Seriena Rodriguez was tragically killed on Sept. 20. My heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends.

But I can't help but feel that this tragedy could have been averted. The ongoing construction at Firestone Blvd. and Lakewood Blvd. where the youth was killed is dangerous, and has been an accident waiting to happen since its inception.

There is a large influx of pedestrian traffic at that intersection when school is let out. I've seen students crossing there, and they cannot all get across and up onto the sidewalk in time, and the sidewalk can not adequately accommodate this amount of foot traffic, due to the lack of an adequate setback of the building on the corner (the setback lost when the street was widened). This is the city's responsibility to insure that their construction design is safe, and the construction proceeds in a safe manner. The city failed.

Also, where are the crossing guards? I work in environmental services, and I travel to many communities during the workweek. Downey is consistently lacking in crossing guards at major intersections both before and after school. I've been a critic of the Downey Unified School District for several months, and in protecting the student body, I would give them an F.

—Thomas D. Smith,
Downey

Public hearing fiasco

Dear Editor:

I attended the City Council public hearing on Sept. 13. The issue at hand was the hiring of an independent consultant to study the modification of the current building code (setbacks, size, appearance, window size, etc.). Of course for a \$38,000 fee, some changes must be made! The question is, "Is something wrong with the current one?" Has anyone asked the property owners in Downey if they want a change? If that's the case I must have been on vacation.

The Council voted to hire the consultant, regardless of public opinion. The majority of attendees expressed their opinions against spending \$38,000 to solve four or five concerns regarding the large homes.

Yes! I am for the larger homes. In most cases they replace the ugly duckling on the block. These homes are not occupied by multi-families. In many cases they are not offered for sale. They are someone's dream home. It has become discrimination against wealth.

—Armando Sivilla,
Downey

Prayer played a role

Dear Editor:

It does not make headlines, but it should be a headline in every newspaper and announced on all the television stations something that Texas had going for them that Louisiana did not. The hurricane Rita was headed for the Gulf Coast of Texas.

The governor of Texas asked Americans to pray for Texas. Shortly thereafter the velocity category went from a 5 to a 3. The storm ended with fewer deaths than feared and less damage than was expected.

Would this be a good time to consider having the Ten Commandments displayed across from City Hall next to the Arch and the Bell?

—Norm Sipple,
Downey

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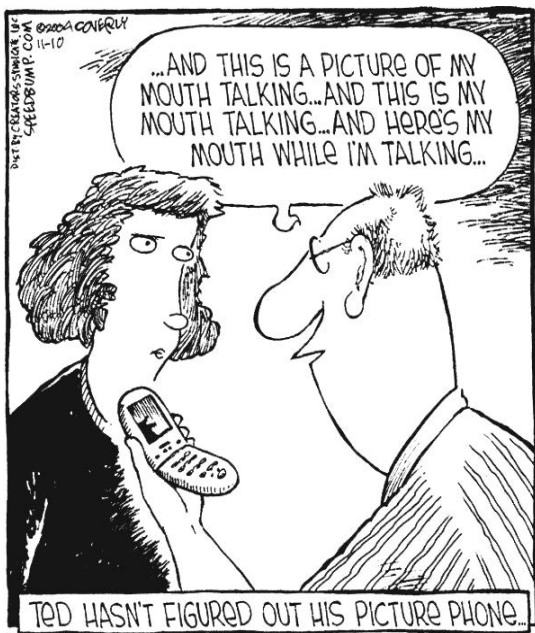
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For October

Sat. Oct. 1, 7:30 a.m.: **Annual Harvest Festival** at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave. Rummage sale, baked goods, food booths, children's games. Free admission. For information call 861-9777.
Sun. Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.: **Rob Syphax** Guitar and vocals played with hits of the 60's and 70's at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
1st Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 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.

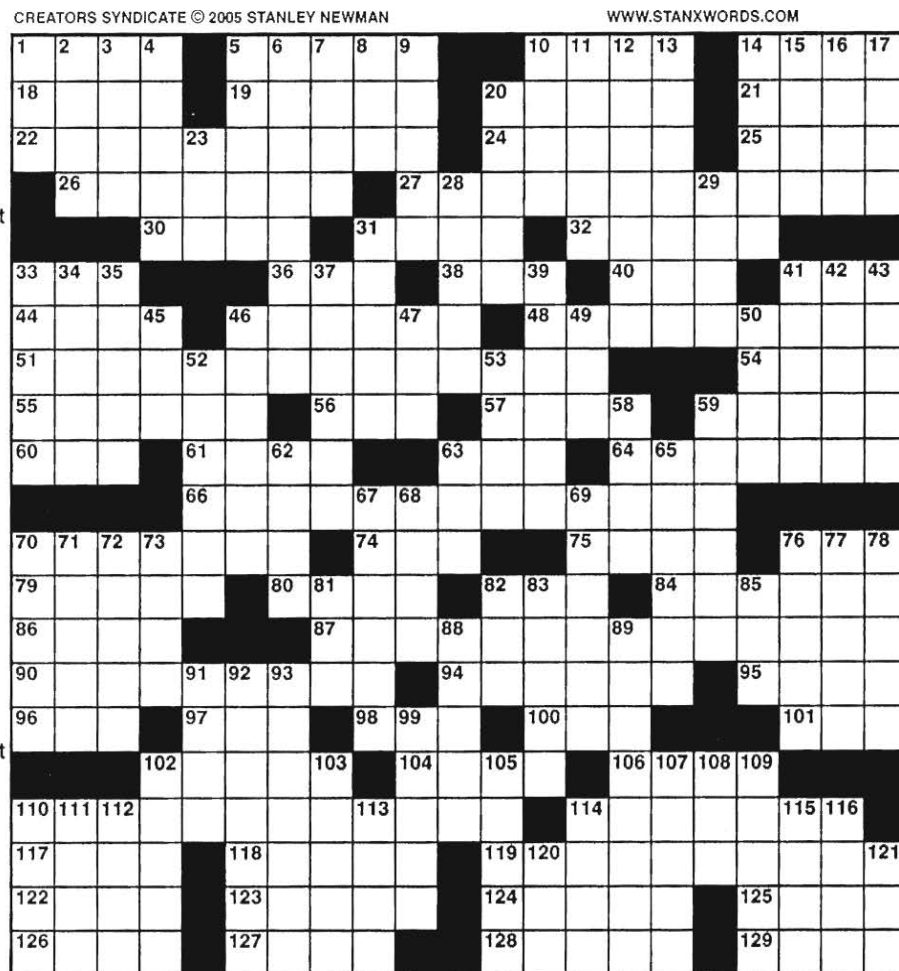
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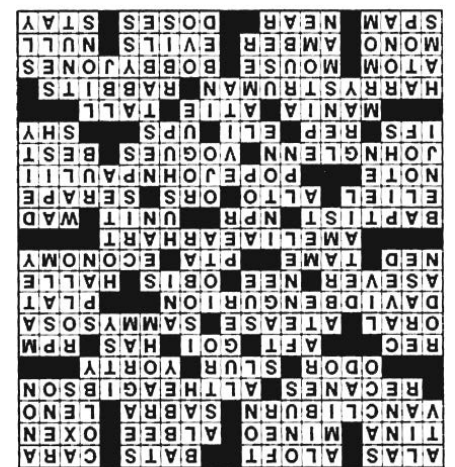
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Pianist VAN CLIBURN (22 Across) received a 1958 ticker-tape parade after winning the Moscow International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition. Finnish-born architect EILIEL Saarinen (79 Across), father of Eric, was noted for his art-nouveau buildings. A TERAHOHM (12 Down) is a unit of resistance equivalent to one trillion ohms.



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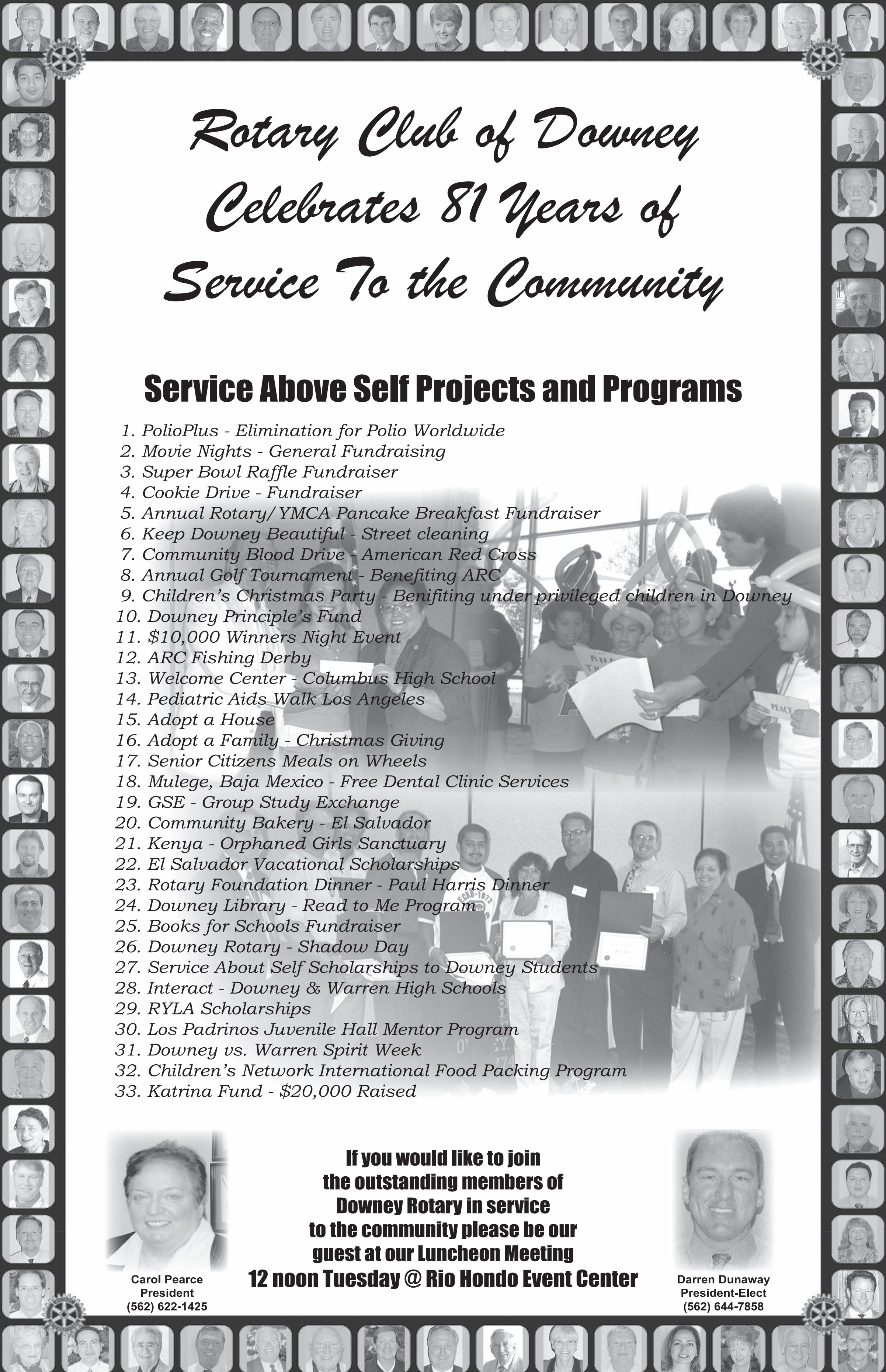
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Red Cross seeks help for blood drives

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Area sex offender registry available

DOWNEY – Information related to the sex offender registry, commonly referred to as “Megan’s Law,” for the Downey area may be found online at <http://gismap.co.la.ca.us/sols/default.htm>.

Information is also available by calling 863-8711.

Top entertainers at Charter Ball Oct. 29

DOWNEY—Funnyman 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. Three Dog Night had 21 consecutive number one hits.

Funds raised at Charter Ball 2005 will enhance patient care at Downey Regional Medical Center, the hospital said.

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ED AND AMY SANTISTEVEN – Will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow, Oct. 1. The couple have been Downey residents for 49 years and are original parishioners of St. Raymond’s Parish. They have four children, Bob, Phil, Mark and Andrea, in addition to eight grandchildren ranging from 6-27 years old.

Downey Dolphins make splash at swim meet


DOWNEY—Two standout swimmers, Alejandro Alonso in the 50 freestyle and Roger Luna in the 100 breaststroke, made their Spring Junior Olympic qualifying times, as 23 Downey Dolphins participated in the Fall Classic ABC Swim Meet on Sept. 24-25 in Santa Fe Springs.

Swimmers placing first through third place in their respective divisions included: Olivia Aguirre, 2nd place – 100 individual medley; Veronica Aguirre, 2nd place – 100 breaststroke; Alejandra Alonso, 1st place – 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, 3rd place – 200 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 100 butterfly, and 100 freestyle; Adrian Anguiano, 3rd place – 100 freestyle and 50 butterfly; Ruth Anguiano, 2nd place – 100 butterfly, 3rd place – 100 freestyle; Yolanda Anguiano, 3rd place – 50 breaststroke, 100 freestyle, 50 butterfly, and 100 breaststroke; Burgandyee Febles, 3rd place – 100 freestyle; Ben Freund, 3rd place – 100 butterfly; Roger Luna, 1st place – 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 2nd place – 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 3rd place – 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle; Brenda Oporto, 3rd place – 50 breaststroke; Allison Quintanilla, 3rd place – 100 breaststroke; Pedro Rodriguez, 1st place – 200 freestyle and 2nd place – 100 butterfly; Joseph Salazar, 1st place – 100 butterfly; Giancarlo Vento, 2nd place – 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle, 3rd place – 100 individual medley; and Brandon Willis, 2nd place – 200 backstroke.

The relay team of Adrian Anguiano, Giancarlo Vento, Martin Perez, and Victor Barrera took first pace in the 9-10 boys 200 freestyle relay.

The Downey Dolphins welcomes all young people ages 5-18 to join the team; no swim team experience necessary. You may stop by the Downey High School pool any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 5 p.m. to meet the coaches and swim with the team. You may swim with the team for 3 sessions at no charge. For more information, call (562) 862-1948.

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Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee

Annual Meeting & General Election - October 4, 2005

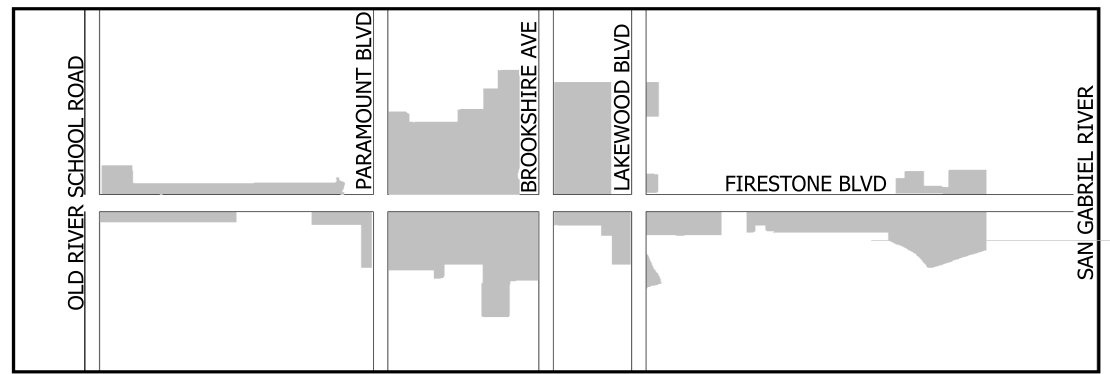
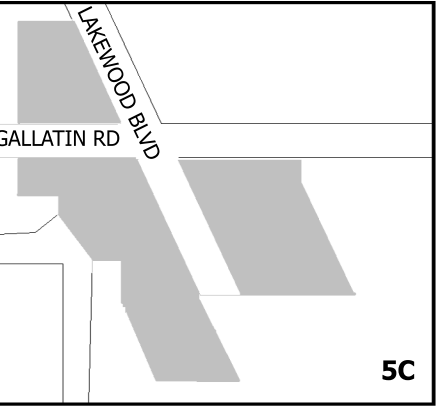
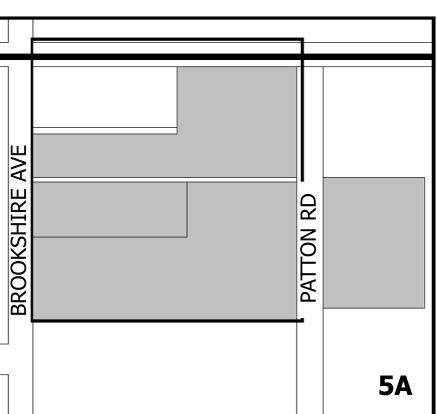
The Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, at the Downey City Library, Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA at 6:30 p.m.

A representative of a business owner or a community organization must be designated as a representative of the business owner or community organization through a letter from the organization and be filed with the PAC at his meeting.

The PAC serves as the means through which the Community can participate with the Community Development Commission (CDC) in the planning and implementation of neighborhood revitalization programs

Members must be present and actively participate in PAC meetings, special meetings, and deliberations. Members must comply with the disclosure and disqualification provisions of the

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS 5A & 5C



for the Downey Redevelopment Project. The Original project was adopted in 1978, with major amendments in 1987 and 1991. Maps of the project areas are shown on this page.

Political Reform Act. PACT members will be required to complete a Form 700 on an annual basis.


You are eligible for membership and to vote if you reside in or are a business owner including the owners of rental properties in the Downey Redevelopment Project Area and are present at this meeting. Existing community organizations within the Downey Redevelopment Project Area will be verified by the Committee.

Vacancies are available for the following positions:
Business
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Organization

To obtain more information and to determine eligibility for voting or candidacy, please contact Dr. Michael Sullivan

5A - Approximately 14 acres of land north of Downey Community Hospital, south of the railroad tracks and between Brookshire Avenue and Patton Road.

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'Something for everyone' at the Carpenter Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'The Diary of Anne Frank' opens Oct. 7

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

General admission tickets are \$12; students and senior citizens pay \$10. For more information, call 467-5058.



"RUSSIAN DELIGHTS" — A program of works by Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Gliere will be conducted by artistic director and conductor Thomas Osborn for the upcoming Downey Symphony Orchestra concert on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Downey Theatre, Firestone and Brookshire. For information, call 403-2944.

Live performances at Nordic Fox

DOWNEY — Guitarist Rob Syphax performs hits of the 60s and 70s every Sunday at Nordic Fox restaurant. For reservations, call 869-1414.

Sebastian Sidi dinner show Nov. 18

DOWNEY—A Cabaret Dinner Show starting at 8 p.m. featuring Sebastian Sidi will be presented by Colin Clarke of Century 21/Jervis & Associates Friday, Nov. 18 at Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey. Also performing are special guests Javier Luna on guitar, and Georgia Waggenor along with Tonya Hoodye singing "Time to Say Goodbye" by Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli, as arranged, orchestrated and performed by Sidi.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is free; fees apply for dinner and drinks and are by reservation only. To RSVP, call Colin Clarke at (562) 904-6652.

'The Foreigner' opens theater season

LA MIRADA—"The Foreigner," winner of two Obie Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards as Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway Production, opens the 2005-2006 theater season at La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts Sept. 30 and runs through Oct. 15.

The comedy, written by the late Larry Shue, is about a group of devious characters in a small, rural fishing lodge and must deal with a stranger who they believe knows no English.

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All profits will benefit the parish school. The event will be held at the OLPH School Hall.

For information, call Hector Perez, (562) 923-3246.

2nd annual TLC luncheon Oct. 28

DOWNEY—The second annual TLC (True Lasting Connections) Luncheon benefiting DUSD's TLC Family Resource Center at Lewis and Ward Elementary Schools is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 28 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey. The luncheon will spotlight city and school interagency cooperation to serve local children by connecting them and families within the community.

Tribute will be paid to the Assistance League of Downey and its Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary for their invaluable support of TLC's work.

Guest host is County Supervisor Don Knabe. Guests include special invitees Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Assemblyman Hector De La Torre and State Senator Alan Lowenthal.

Coordinating the event is Rose Boland, Special Programs/DUSD: (562) 469-6890.

Robinson enters military medical school

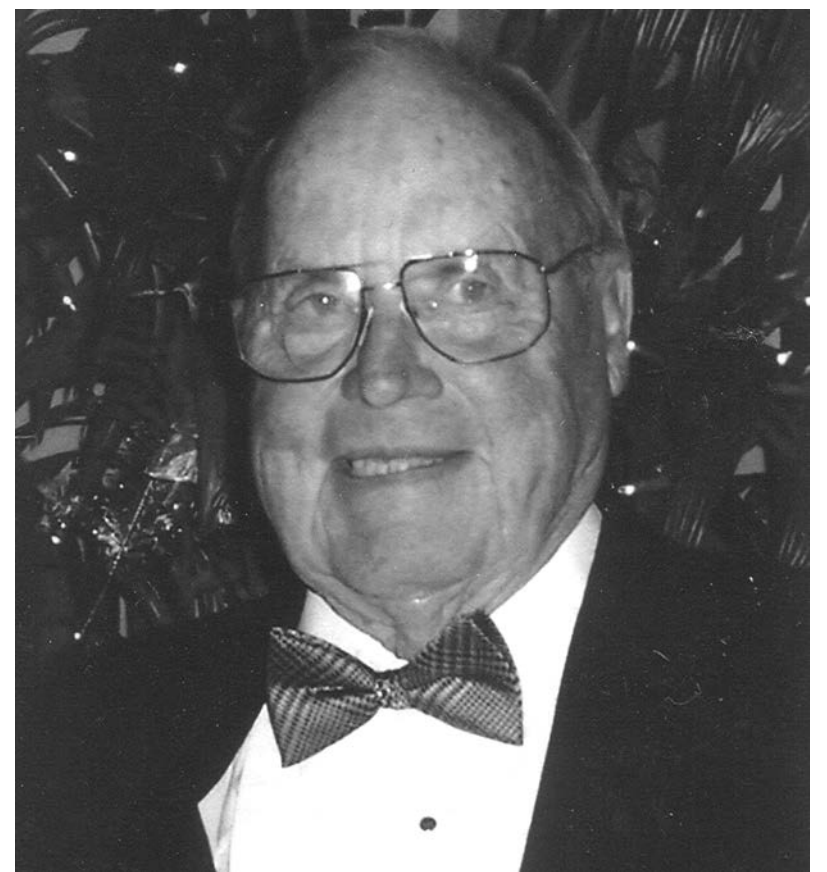
SAN ANTONIO, TX—Air Force 2nd Lt. Andrew Y. Robinson, son of Lorraine Robinson of Downey and Charles J. Robinson of Bellflower, has entered the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md. The medical student will be matriculated, trained, and prepared to serve as a physician in the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Public Health Service to meet the combat and peacetime medical needs of the Armed Forces.

The tuition-free university, established by Congress under the Defense Department, is recognized as a worldwide reputable center of excellence for military medical education and research. In addition to free tuition, students receive free books, equipment and instruments, and upon graduation they incur a seven-year active duty military service commitment.

The medical school curriculum includes a concentration of preventive medicine, primary care, and emergency medicine, which are directly related to military medicine, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military readiness and adaptation to extreme environments.

Robinson is scheduled to graduate in 2009. His wife, Araceli, is the daughter of Carlos and Estela Santana of Downey.

The lieutenant graduated in 1997 from St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, and received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from CSU-Long Beach. He earned a master's degree this year from Loyola University in Chicago.



BILL MURRAY—Played football for the Detroit Lions and the L. A. Rams.

Bill Murray was an auto dealer in Downey

DOWNEY—William (Bill) Murray of Yucca Valley, who was an auto dealer in Downey from 1960-1990, passed away in Palm Springs on Sept. 21. He was 85.

He was born Dec. 14, 1919 in Los Angeles, graduated from South Gate High School, and attended Washington University where he played football. He was a member of the U.S. Navy football team stationed in San Diego during WWII. He also played pro ball with the Detroit Lions, Los Angeles Bulldogs and L.A. Rams. He belonged to the Yucca Valley Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Doralee; his son Mike of Downey; stepchildren Debra Erickson of Downey, Caren Shibata of Victorville, Nancy Foltz of Whittier and Joey Hayek of San Diego; 9 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Marjorie, in 1977, and daughter Sandra Bills in 1996.

Services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

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

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Whittier home economists meet Oct. 3

WHITTIER—The Whittier Home Economists in Home and Community will hold their October meeting at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3 at Indy Mac Bank, Whittier Branch, 14870 E. Whittier Blvd. in Whittier. Topic presentation will include information about federally insured funds, bank services and trends of today. Graduates in family and consumer science, home economics and related fields are welcome to attend. Information: (562) 699-2804.

Hoglin completes basic military training

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Air Force Airman Amy L. Hoglin, daughter of Glen Hoglin of Downey and a 2003 graduate of Downey High School, has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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Solutions to housing problems discussed

ONTARIO—At the recent SCAG-sponsored 2005 Housing Summit held at the Ontario Convention Center, U. S. Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Roy Bernardi, along with state and local officials, addressed community leaders and developers about the lack of housing affordability and availability in Southern California.

The Southland, they said, faces a housing affordability crisis that is pushing home ownership further out of reach for families across the region; that California is home to the top ten least affordable housing regions in the nation. To offset these trends, they emphasized streamlining the regulatory process as a means to remove barriers to affordable housing and, projecting the region's population increase to at least 6 million in the next 20 years, explored appropriate growth strategies.

"Working with local government, industry and community leaders, we can remove unnecessary or excessive regulations and lower the cost of homes by 10, 20, even 30 percent," stated Bernardi.

Also addressing the twin problem of housing affordability and availability, Mark Pisano, SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) executive director, stressed innovative land use strategies as leading to lowered housing costs.

"Southern California's emerging role as a global gateway presents challenges and opportunities to the region's housing and overall economy," he said. "With innovative strategies and renewed partnership with federal and state housing leaders, our region can foster a robust logistics industry that stimulates our economy and establishes new financial structures which encourage greater housing availability and affordability."

Allen Layne Stadium to be dedicated Oct. 7

DOWNEY—The public is invited to the dedication of the Allen Layne Stadium at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Tribute will be paid to former Downey High School principal Allen Layne for his 40 years of "dedicated service" to the Downey Unified School District.

Downey High's football contest against Santa Fe follows at 7 p.m. Layne, principal at Downey High School since 1994, announced his retirement in February after 25 years at the school. His career here originally began in 1964 when he was hired as the football coach at Warren. He transferred to Downey High in 1970, leaving in 1993 to become principal at Columbus High School for one year.

Layne graduated from Utah State University, majoring in history and political science.

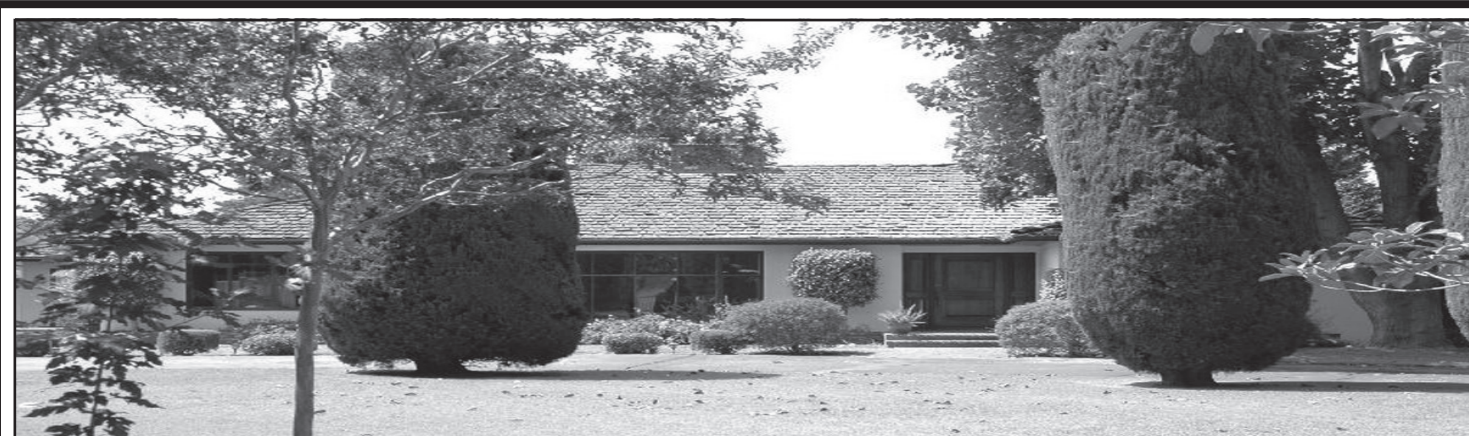
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YOU'LL SAY 'I LOVE IT!'
Completely remodeled in 8/05. This gorgeous home features 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, master suite includes walk-in closet and spa-like bathroom with a beautiful step-up jacuzzi. Large state-of-the-art kitchen features granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, a large island and much much more!! Priced to sell \$999,900
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A GREAT BUY!
Great priced one level condo on first floor. This Long Beach condo features 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom. Move in condition! Near downtown, 405 freeway and public transportation. Enjoy all the amenities this place has to offer with a pool, spa, laundry room and barbeque area. Located in a gated community. Value range priced \$189,000-\$205,000
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QUITE A CHARMER!
3 bedroom - currently being used as oversized 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bathroom home features a dining room and 2 car detached garage. Great North Downey-Orange Estates Custom home!
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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!
6 Units in South Gate, each unit 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Recently remodeled. 3,296 sq. ft. on a 9,665 sq. ft. lot. Very clean and at a prime location.
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GREAT INVESTMENT! PRIME LOCATION!
Strip center on the corner of F Street and Baseline. 11 Units total with 6 of the units store front on Baseline. 13,227 Sq. Ft. of leasing area on a 15,000 sq. ft. lot. Just east of the 215 freeway. Priced to sell at \$839,900
For more information, please call Jimmy Spathos @ 562-400-2148 or visit www.JimmySpathos.com



THE PRICE IS RIGHT!
2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath single level condo in Bellflower with recent updated kitchen. Private patio, 2 car garage, close to schools and the 605 freeway. Probate Sale. 1st overbid is \$362,750. Court date is Oct. 4, 2005.
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Home of Distinction!
This magnificent, colonial-style home includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, large guest house, 2-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa on an impressive 11,625 sq. ft. lot. The home features an elegant formal living room with crown molding & fireplace, spacious formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, spacious bedrooms, a playroom, and a solarium. You'll love the private master suite with its cedar-lined walk-in closet, large bathroom, retreat area, and fireplace. The pool & spa, with its automatic cover, can be used year round. During those weekend parties or when you have visitors staying over, the guest house with a bathroom & kitchen is perfect. Call for a viewing of this unique home priced to sell at \$1,275,000.
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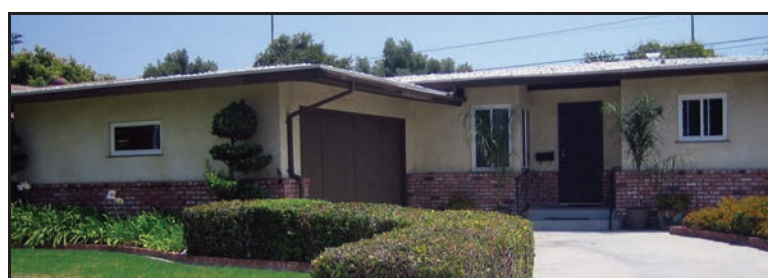
Bonus Points With This One!
3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car detached garage, storage room, & detached bonus room. Home also features new windows, freshly painted interior, copper plumbing, and fireplace in living room. The large backyard has room for a pool. Price: \$649,000.
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Back on the market!
New Construction (2005) In Orange Estates! 5 bedrooms + bonus room, 4 bath with a very modern floor plan. Features beautiful kitchen with granite countertops, large master suite with Jacuzzi, sep. shower, & walk-in closet, formal dining room & living room, family room with fireplace, new plumbing/electrical, new roof & stucco, new central air/heat, & much much more! Price: \$1,095,000
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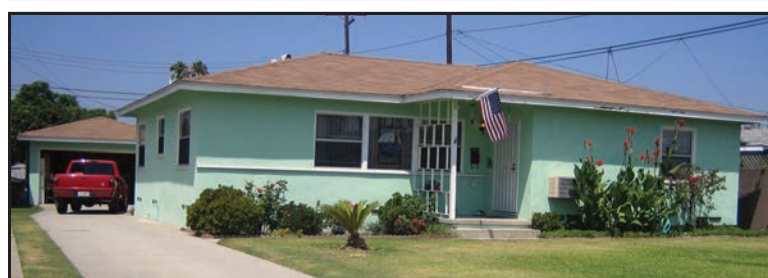
Wow! What A Value!
3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home in North Downey with remodeled kitchen, large family room with fireplace and bar, Pergo floors in living room, and master bedroom with private bath and sauna room. Also features central air and heat and a 2 car attached garage with automatic garage door opener. Price: \$660,000
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BAM!!! Emeril's Choice!
You won't want to miss this newly remodeled home near Rio San Gabriel Park. The brand new kitchen has granite counter tops, new cabinets, new built in appliances, and plenty of storage space. Both bathrooms, including the master bathroom, have been recently remodeled. The home features a living room, dining area, and a 2 car detached garage. Price: \$679,900.
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Recently Remodeled!
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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Room to Grow!
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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Charming Home in Orange Estates!
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. Price: \$925,000
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