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Art Morris to lead Holiday Lane Parade

A community ambassador

DOWNEY—J. Arthur "Art" Morris, who has been a pillar of the Downey community's civic, artistic and medical community for many decades, has been selected to lead the Holiday Lane Parade when it proceeds down Downey Avenue Dec. 4.

He settled in Downey following a four-year hitch in the U.S. Navy (two-and-a-half years of which were in the South Pacific with an amphibious air unit). After the war he settled here to raise a family. All four of his children graduated from Downey High School.

Volunteers time

Morris is quite likely to be found reading to children at the library, or flipping pancakes at a fundraising breakfast, while he is welcome in the board rooms of financial institutions, many of which he founded.

His most enduring association has been with Downey Regional Medical Center (formerly Downey Community Hospital), of which he has served as a member of the board of directors for more than 30 years. He is also a member of the board of the Memorial Trust Foundation, the fundraising arm of the hospital. He was named to the Trust Foundation's Million Dollar Club. He is also a founder and current chairman of the Henderson-Goergen Foundation which provides scholarships for nurses and employees involved in patient care. In addition, he is chairman of the scholarship committee, which provides scholarships to the hospital's deserving interns and others who wish to further their education.

Downey Savings

Morris has also been instrumental in the growth of Downey Savings & Loan from a neighborhood thrift and loan to one of California's leading financial institutions. He has served on the board of directors for more than 25 years and was named director emeritus in 1994. Today he serves as an ambassador for Downey Savings.

He has served with the Downey Chamber of Commerce for many years, twice as vice president, and was named an honorary life member in 2004.

He is an active member of the Downey Rotary, flipping many pancakes at fundraisers such as that for the YMCA recently, and he is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow.

He is a longtime member of the Downey Symphonic Society, and a major supporter of the Civic Light Opera and Historical Society.



RICHARD TODD—Brings his world-famed skill on the French horn to the Downey Symphony Saturday, Oct. 29th. The concert will feature the works of great Russian composers.



NEW LEADER – Susan Nordin has been selected as executive director by the Board of Directors of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Nordin named Chamber Executive Director

DOWNEY – Susan (Sue) Nordin, administrative assistant at the Downey Chamber of Commerce for the past 12 years, has been selected as the new executive director of the organization replacing Joan Warner-Plettinck, who is retiring in December.

Nordin is a lifelong resident of Downey and attended local schools including Cerritos College.

"Sue is a reliable and responsible individual who has demonstrated a good relationship with our members over the years and she has the skills and understanding of the job necessary to do outstanding work as executive director and make the transition as smooth as possible," stated Steve Hoffman, president of the Chamber.

Nordin will begin her new duties in January.

'Russian Delights' on Saturday, Oct. 29

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—The Downey Symphony's concert set for Saturday evening, Oct. 29th is titled "Russian Delights" and you can think of it as an elaborate multi-layered chocolate cake, drenched with Russian angst and poignancy, refreshed with the creamiest of fillings, topped with an icing at once decadent and disarmingly silly. Ah, those Russians. They know how to pull out all the stops and sweep us right along with them.

Under Conductor Thomas Osborn, the orchestra opens with Tchaikovsky's 4th symphony (that's the cake layers) and concludes with the Troika from Ptochokiev's music for the film Lieutenant Kiji, a frosting work celebrating official bungling at high levels, which apparently has been going on for awhile.

But it is that creamy filling in the center that we focus on today. In skilled hands it is a miracle of satiny texture and variety, and it looks so easy. Translate its complexity and demands to a musical instrument and you arrive at the French horn, one of the great beauties of the modern symphony orchestra, seductive, thrilling, noble, who will turn on you in a second, cheerfully betraying the most sensitive handler, usually in public.

The centerpiece of Saturday's concert is Reinhold Gliere's Horn Concerto, with soloist Richard Todd, renowned for performances that "are simply startling in their dexterity." He is currently principal horn with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and appears regularly as guest soloist with orchestras in the United States and abroad, and as a jazz artist. Committed to music education and making the arts accessible to all listeners, he is a teacher, lecturer, and clinician. He has performed in hospitals, shelters, retirement homes and prisons, including San Quentin, where there had been no performances of any kind for two years. Mr. Todd also works in the film industry as a recording artist, appearing on more than 1,000 motion picture sound tracks.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert on Saturday, Oct 29, are priced from \$10 to \$25 and may be reserved by phoning (562) 403-2944 or by visiting the Downey Theater box office next Wednesday, Oct. 26, between noon and 4 p.m., or before performance time. The theater is at 8435 Firestone Blvd., at the corner of Brookshire. Tom Osborn's pre-concert talk on all these Russian delights begins at 7:15 p.m.

Mitchener, Bowen honored by schools

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District heard separate presentations honoring Lisa Mitchener, a Title I administrator at Gaudin Elementary, and Chris Bowen, a Title I administrator at Lewis Elementary for their efforts toward student achievement.

Gaudin Principal Yolanda Cornair introduced Mitchener, and Lewis Principal Lisa Rawlings introduced Bowen to the Board in separate presentations at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Cornair said in her introduction of Mitchener to the Board at Tuesday's regular meeting, that Mitchener showed skill as a teacher and leader on her arrival at the District in 1994 as a fourth grade teacher. She soon became a lead teacher, guiding her team while mapping curricula and standards-based lesson development.

Technology skills

She became skilled with computers and technology, and in 1999, participated in the Vons/Pavilions Teach the Teachers Collaborative in which she created an online computer project entitled "Main Event. Cause and Effect." This was one of only nine projects selected to be part of the Smithsonian's permanent collection on the Information Age.

In 2003 Lisa became the Title I Teacher at Gaudin, after she was finally persuaded to leave her classroom, only on the condition that she continue to work with children. She has. She says she loves her job because she can work with students who really need help. Through the Title I program she now helps hundreds of students get the help they need. As the Title I teacher she is responsible for the identification and monitoring of all Title I students, and oversees the intervention programs and parent education workshops.

She has a masters degree in multicultural education, a masters in reading and language arts, and a K-12 Reading Specialist Credential. She has presented staff development on reading comprehension strategies, and in July 2004 presented a workshop on Instructional Strategies for Interactive Learning at the International Reading Association's 10th World Congress on Reading in Manila, the Philippines.

Improved skills

She has also improved in her skill as an instructor of English Learner students. She has learned Sheltered Instructor Observation Protocol (SIOP), and will soon be certified as a presenter. She has conducted staff development on SIOP and will soon be training other teachers and working with English learners as a BTSA Induction Program Professional Development Provider.

Through it all she maintains a strong focus on quality, standards-based instruction. Gaudin is extremely lucky to have her on its staff.

Bowen

Chris Bowen was honored for his outstanding work towards student achievement as head of the Title I program at Lewis Elementary.

Bowen "Leads by Example," and consistently provides outstanding standards-based instruction to Title I and "At Risk" students at Lewis. He coordinates the schedule of intervention programs beyond the regular instructional day, and willingly shares his skills and knowledge through both formal and informal lessons in Guided Reading, Shared Reading, Writing Instruction, and Mathematics. He has served as the Elementary Literacy Coach during the summers and provided ongoing self-development opportunities to his colleagues throughout the District.

Parents have directly benefited from the many programs, resources and learning opportunities he brings to Lewis and to their homes.

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Board and labor versus governor, Sacramento

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District shares at least one thing with the leadership of the teachers' union—a thorough disgust with the leadership in Sacramento including the governor and his so-called reform package.

Bob Becker, the head of the Downey Chapter of the CTA, spoke to the Board at Tuesday's regular meeting, congratulating them on settling terms of a labor reopener in just two bargaining sessions.

Common foe

And Becker cited a common foe, Arnold Schwarzenegger's measures on the November ballot, as targets for political action. He said labor's phone banks are hard at work and invited the District and Board to join them. The Board's Donald La Plante agreed at least in part.

On other fronts, Board President Barbara Samperi thanked the private sector for more than \$6,000 in donations to the District.

Energy savings

The Board also noted the District's success in saving energy which has resulted in the savings of more than \$2 million in just 42 months. This translates into money that can be spent on teachers' salaries in line with longtime District policy of remaining competitive for the very best teachers.

Several board members expressed pleasure at the recent dedication of the new stadium at Downey High School.

And Mark Morris noted the District has begun monthly meetings with the Downey Police to ensure order is kept on campuses. He hailed outgoing Chief John Finch and incoming Chief Roy Campos for the monthly meeting policy.



NEW ROTARY MEMBERS – Rotary Club of Downey welcomed three new members recently: Ray Andazola (Andazola Financial Services), third from left; Paul Colley (Hagen Plumbing), third from right; and Roger Brossmer (Downey Adult School), second from right.

Criminal lawyer Mesereau guest speaker

DOWNEY—Criminal defense attorney Thomas A. Mesereau, Jr., who has defended the likes of Michael Jackson, Robert Blake, Mike Tyson, and many more, will be the guest speaker at a gathering of the Southeast District Bar Association (SDBA) Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey.

Many local judges, members of the Long Beach Bar Association and the Whittier Bar Association, in addition to SDBA members, are expected to attend. Current SDBA president is Joseph A. Lumsdaine of Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, 10841 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

‘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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Philoctochos Society lists future events

DOWNEY—The Downey St. George Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoctochos Society, whose stated primary mission is to engage in philanthropic works throughout the community in accordance with their Metropolitan, Ecrasimos’, call “to reach out to the needs of our local communities with concrete acts of love and service,” recently announced its schedule of upcoming events:

- *Welcome Back Tea – Tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 22;
- *Thanksgiving Luncheon – Sunday, Nov. 22 (after church services);
- *Christmas Boutique – Saturday, Dec. 3;
- *Luncheon for Local Homeless – (Date to be announced) In December.

Some of the projects that the Philoctochos (Friends of the Poor) have participated in are: Kids & Cancer, Cardiac Fund, furnishing bread to H.E.L.P.S., Tsunami Victims Fund, Hurricane Katrina Fund, providing funds to help the needy within the community, and raising money for the creation of the icon behind the church altar.

The Society has also elected a new set of officers for 2005-2007.

Halloween florist class for children

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., is offering a “Mommy & Me Halloween Florist Class,” where a child and parent can learn to make a flower arrangement for “that special someone,” Saturday, Oct. 29 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Arrangements are designed in keepsake containers.

The class is taught by Terrie Mercurio. A \$14 fee will include the class, flowers and container per arrangement.

For information, call the Downey Adult School, (562) 940-6200.

Rise ‘N’ Shine Networkers meet Oct. 25

DOWNEY—Guest speaker Tuesday, Oct. 25 when the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s Rise ‘N’ Shine Networking Group next meets at Nordic Fox restaurant is Cristela Estrada of the Hair Housing Foundation. Her topic is “Fair Housing Foundation Services & Fair Housing Law.”

To RSVP/for information, call 923-2191.

Group plans annual ‘holiday brunch’

DOWNEY—Assistance League of Downey members are making preparations for their annual Holiday Brunch at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Long Beach Hilton. Proceeds from the event will benefit the league’s philanthropic projects.

For reservations, call the Assistance League’s Second Tyme Around Shop, (562) 869-0232.



NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS—Of the Downey St. George Greek Orthodox Philoctochos Society for 2005-2007 are, from left: Chrisoula Hasir; Elpida Giannikopoulos, secretary; Sofia Sariginides; Soula Politis; Georgia Efstathiou, president; Lula Tassop; Vasso Papantonopoulos, treasurer. Not in photo: Eleni Frousakis; Ellie Karakirou; and Elisabeth Karpontinis.

Adult School to tour resort, take in show

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School’s Creative Learning Tours is still accepting registrations for the upcoming Lawrence Welk Resort “Musical Christmas Show” extended tour.

The tour departs Tuesday, Nov. 29 for holiday shopping at Bate’s Nut Farm and Belle Marie Winery before checking into the hotel in Escondido. An early dinner at San Marcos Quail’s Inn will be followed by a slow trip around Del Mar Racetrack, the better to enjoy their “spectacular” Holiday Parade of Lights. The next morning after a continental breakfast, the group heads to the Welk Resort for some shopping in their special shops and a visit to the museum. Then the resort welcomes the group with a buffet luncheon before the performance of the “Christmas Musical” in the theater.

For more information/registration, call Bernice Madariaga, 940-6213.

Federal employees group meets Oct. 26

DOWNEY—Retired federal workers and their survivors as well as current federal employees are invited to the monthly meeting of the National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 S. Rives in Downey. The meeting starts at noon.

The agenda includes a review of the recent Reno Symposium as well as the recent Health Fair when the group had an opportunity to talk to Congresswoman Linda Sanchez.

For details, contact Chapter president Bob Knerr, (562) 943-5513.

Drug coverage seminar for seniors

DOWNEY—A speaker from Golden Outlook will make a presentation at 10 a.m. on the “New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage—What Does It Mean to You?” when EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

This program is very important to seniors, and will provide a clearer understanding of what will be available, and at what cost, starting Jan. 1, 2006. The community is welcome to attend.

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

Mayer Bayer to speak to women’s guild

DOWNEY—Downey Mayor Anne Bayer will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. luncheon meeting Thursday, Oct. 27 of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Women’s Guild. The meeting will be held at the Parish Center.

Members and the public are invited to hear about developments at the new Downey Landing. Luncheon will be served following the meeting for the nominal fee of \$5.

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HOORAH FOR OUR TEAM – The musical comedy, “Good News!,” will play Fri. and Sat. evenings at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater, Brookshire at Firestone, as a presentation of Downey Civic Light Opera. For tickets, call 923-1714.



CONTEMPLATING – A trio of performers are seen in a musical number as Downey Civic Light Opera’s “Good News!” plays its final weekend at the Downey Theater. Members of the cast (from left) are Jennifer Marshall, Susan Hoffman and Stephanie Wall.

Messiah Lutheran ribbon cutting Oct. 26

DOWNEY—Messiah Lutheran Church, which has just completed a remodeling of the church sanctuary with new furnishings, new lighting, new carpet and floor tile, new sound equipment, and a bright, new color scheme, will have a Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. Messiah Lutheran Church became a part of the Downey community in 1942 and dedicated its first facility in 1943. The congregation remodeled the church and added an administrative wing in 1973. Only six pastors have served the congregation over its 63-year history. The Reverend Norman Stoppenhagen has served as pastor since 1985. The church is located at 10711 Paramount Blvd.

DeKay-Givens wedding at Messiah Lutheran

DOWNEY – Jennifer Lynn DeKay, daughter of James and Linda DeKay, wed Scott E. Givens, son of Gary and Patricia Givens, on Oct. 1 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Downey followed by a reception at Rio Hondo Country Club. Jennifer is a graduate of CSU-Fullerton and is manager of Independent Retail Marketing for DIRECTV and business manager for The Downey Patriot. Scott is controller for Fischer Health Public Relations and a graduate of CSU-Long Beach. After a honeymoon in Maui, the couple will reside in Signal Hill.



JENNIFER DEKAY & SCOTT GIVENS – Married Oct. 1.

Volunteers needed for community disaster drill

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center is looking for 150 people to volunteer for a disaster drill occurring on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants of all ages are needed, primarily to act as patients and concerned family members. Some volunteers will be moulaged (given simulated injuries) and some will serve as concerned family members. Participants must remain in their roles for the entire time they are involved in the exercise. In this, California’s 7th annual statewide Medical and Health Disaster Exercise, many hospitals, clinics, ambulance providers, public health and local governments will voluntarily participate. The goal of the drill is to prepare communities to respond in the event of a mass-casualty disaster. The scenario for the exercise will involve a terrorist event, with an improvised explosive causing mass casualties at a major public gathering. All volunteers must be pre-registered to participate and attend a brief information session prior to the drill. Each will receive a complimentary lunch and Certificate of Participation. To volunteer, call 904-5580.

Realty company hosting food drive

DOWNEY—Red Carpet Heritage Realty, in conjunction with Downey PTA HELPS, is holding their annual November Harvest Food Drive Nov. 10 and 11 at their offices on Florence Avenue. Call 923-5401 for donation pick-up.

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In other action, the School Board:

*Accepted with gratitude donations from the private sector including a cash donation of \$1,017 for use at Rio Hondo Elementary (\$202), Rio San Gabriel (\$415), Ward (\$185), and Sussman Middle School (\$153) from Target; a Yamaha electric piano valued at \$3,000 for the Downey High School Band from Tom Houts, Sr.; a \$1,000 cash donation for support of the TLC Center from the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Foundation; and office supplies and teacher appreciation bags valued at \$1,500 for use at the TLC Center from Staples, plus many lesser but no less valued gifts.

*Ratified payment of expenses and fees for convention and conference attendance.

General agreements

*Ratified a general agreement with Behavior Education for Children with Autism retroactive to July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Ratified a general agreement with Elko Multi-Purpose Center retroactive to July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Ratified a general agreement with Hillside Education Center retroactive to July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Ratified payments for several special education placements.

*Ratified purchase orders by the Purchasing Department.

*Ratified the issuance of Payroll Orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of August.

*Ratified B Warrants.

*Ratified an agreement with AON Consulting for employee benefit consulting services, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 with two one-year renewal options.

*Ratified an agreement with Southern California Alcohol and Drug Programs, Inc, effective through June 30, 2006.

Intern agreement

*Ratified a teacher education internship agreement with Cal Poly University Pomona starting Sept. 1, 2005.

*Ratified an agreement with Vavrinek Trine, Day & Co. to provide general obligation bond arbitrage calculation services through June 30, 2006.

*Ratified an agreement with Alliant International University to offer a counseling program to children and families referred through the TLC Program effective Sept. 2, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

*Ratified the School Safety Police Program Agreement with the City of Downey effective Sept. 6, 2005 through June 23, 2006.

*Ratified an agreement between Downey Adult School and Clinica Humanitaria for medical assistant internships.

Easement

*Approved the grant of easement to Southern California Edison, allowing the undergrounding of overhead utilities to land legally described in the easement, on the site of Sussman Middle School.

*Accepted as complete purchase and installation of a new freezer at Lewis Elementary, with Sally Parisi Equipment Sales of Sunland, in the sum of \$29,200 to be charged to the Food Services Fund.

*Accepted as complete roof repair and replacement and asbestos abatement by FC & Sons Roofing of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$93,338 to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.

*Accepted as complete demolition and site clearing of portable buildings at Downey High School (SELACO) with U.S. Construction of Tustin in the sum of \$48,000 to be charged to the M.O.T. Funds.

Snack foods

*Approved Change Order 1 to a purchase order for Snack Food products with A & R Wholesale of Anaheim in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to Food Services Fund.

*Approved Change Order 1 for expansion and modernization at Lewis Elementary with Master K Electric of Northridge in the increased sum of \$37,005 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 2 of bid package 1, demolition and expansion and modernization of Lewis Elementary with Good Life Inc., dba U.S. Construction of Santa Ana in the increased sum of \$10,139 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 1 to bid package 7, Finish Carpentry, expansion and modernization of Lewis school, by Westminster Products of Tacoma, Washington in the increased sum of \$3,455 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved purchase of listed equipment, in accord with purchasing policies.

*Acknowledged receipt of a claim dated Oct. 3 submitted by the law office of Fred Daniels Crawford, IV, on behalf of Juan, Christine and Moriah Rodriguez, and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

*Ratified routine personnel items until subsequent action by the Board.

*Authorized service of several teachers, as submitted, assigned to subject areas not listed on their credentials for the 2005-06 school year, per the Education Code.

*Approved the abolishment and establishment of several positions.

*Adopted a resolution in support of Red Ribbon Week in the DUSD for Oct. 24-28.

John Lacey

*Held a public hearing and then appointed John Lacey as Personnel Commissioner for a three-year term ending Dec. 1, 2008.

*Approved the use of the single budget option, which requires the District's final budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year be adopted at an advertised public hearing by July 1, 2006.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

Rescue Waggin' 'bon(e) voyage party'

DOWNEY—PetSmart Charities unveils its statewide Rescue Waggin' program Thursday, Oct. 27 at Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEACA), 9777 SEACA St. in Downey, with a Bon(e) Voyage Party from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon to celebrate the first load of dogs picked up in Southern California for transport to shelters around the state.

Rescue Waggin' is the nation's first and only national pet transport program which moves dogs from areas of high pet overpopulation (where they face almost certain euthanasia) to areas with shelters where adoptable dogs are in demand and can readily find a loving family. The program is estimated to save more than 7,000 pets' lives in California annually.

The California Waggin' recently returned from participating in the Hurricane Katrina animal rescue efforts.



UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP—Christine Pohlen, left, hands her gavel to Agnes Donahue, incoming president of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Women's Guild.



LISA MITCHENER—A Title I administrator at Gauldin Elementary, and **Chris Bowen**, a Title I administrator at Lewis Elementary, were honored this week for their efforts toward student achievement. Above photo shows, from left, Gauldin Principal Yolanda Cornair, Mitchener, Board President Bobbie Samperi, and Superintendent Wendy L. Doty.

New vision-restoring procedure available

Contributed by Downey Regional Medical Center

DOWNEY—Surgical reversal of presbyopia (farsightedness) has been described as the last frontier in the attempt to correct refractive and optical disorders. Board-certified ophthalmologist and DRMC medical staff vice president Dr. Brian Brown has introduced a new procedure that corrects presbyopia while removing cataracts. It involves making a small incision to remove the eye's defective lens with an artificial Intraocular Lens (IOL). To date, he has performed about 40 of these cases, called ReSTORE IOL, with 100 percent success.

A cataract is a "clouding" of the eye's lens. According to the National Institutes of Health, cataracts commonly result in fuzzy vision, difficulty seeing at night, halos around lights, sensitivity to glare from lights or the sun and a loss of color intensity. Vision problems associated with cataracts generally progress to decreased visual acuity, even in daylight. Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness worldwide and the number one cause of poor vision in the U.S. More than half of Americans age 65 and older have a cataract, and nearly everyone will develop one if they live long enough. In more than 90 percent of cases, cataracts are caused by the aging process, and women have a higher prevalence of cataracts than men. Cataract surgery is one of the safest and most effective types of surgery. Each year, roughly 2.7 million cataract surgeries are performed. According to FDA studies, 92 percent of patients who have had cataract surgery still wear glasses. Now, 80 percent of these patients having the multifocal lens implants won't wear glasses.

The FDA approved the procedure in June, 2005. In August, 2005, hospital board member Karol Morrison became the first patient to have ReSTORE IOL in DRMC's Outpatient Surgery Center (OPSC). "I'm very happy with the results," she confirms. "I healed quickly, and it's so nice to only need sunglasses."

The procedure involves minimal discomfort and requires only a local/topical anesthetic. The patient is in the OPSC for three to four hours, goes home with an eye patch and is seen the following day in Dr. Brown's office. He or she usually resumes normal daily activities within a day. While the basic cataract surgery is covered by insurance, Medicare considers the new lens a deluxe upgrade, and patients pay for the difference. Typically, only one eye is done at a time, and results are best when both eyes are done. Persons who have significant astigmatism may not be candidates.

To perform ReSTORE IOL, Dr. Brown purchased a \$25,000 device for the highly precise eye measurements needed with this technique. He also attended a training course and demonstrated capability in doing the IOL measurement to become certified in the procedure.

"Patients' perceptions are that they need to go to a university center for this procedure," he said. "I think it's irresponsible not to let them know it is available here in Downey."

Dr. Brown relocated in September to an expanded facility, his newly constructed offices are at 10933 Lakewood Blvd. He can be reached at (562) 904-1989.

The poets' corner

Halloween

A time for ghouls and monsters
As parents take around their sons and daughters

Some children are a little devilish
And are downright mischievous

But most are just content doing their do
And going about saying boo

It's a time for trick or treat
And most are satisfied with the beat

Some parents are concerned about what their children eat
And end up sharing the treat

The costumes range from elaborate to almost nothing
But that doesn't stop the little ones from doing something

So on this night with its moon
Most keep up with the tune.

—Don Davis,
Downey

A glimpse at Assistance League's activities

DOWNEY—The Assistance League of Downey honored its past presidents as well as its sustaining members and associates at a September luncheon. At the same time it welcomed new members Charlene McCluskey, Raquel Gluck, Adele Burger, Diane Jowett, Ceci Allen and Dee Barick-Oliver.

The League's various philanthropic committees also reported on their summer and current activities: Operation School Bell began its fall service last month, benefiting 55 Downey students; Kids on the Block puppeteers stand ready to perform in school classrooms covering such subjects as abuse, disability, divorce, gangs, etc.; H.O.M.E. (Housing of Medical Emergency) continues to provide housing for families of Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center patients; ASSISTEENS members helped purchase and wrap numerous gifts for distribution to local convalescent homes and hospitals; Books-On-Wheels members, in cooperation with the Downey City Library, deliver reading materials to home residents in Downey who are otherwise unable to visit the library; the Dental Program works with a dentist's office in scheduling, checking in patients, updating charts and providing hygiene kits for the students referred by the schools; and Hug-A-Bears are supplied to local police and fire departments to be given to individuals for comfort during stressful times.

Assistance League of Downey is a nonprofit organization of volunteers who, in addition to its fundraising efforts, seek to provide for and administer vital, quality services for people in need in the Downey area. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer and working on its many philanthropic projects is urged to contact the membership chairman, 861-3685.

Sephardic Jew speaks at EZRA Center

DOWNEY—Art Benveniste, s Sephardic Jew whose family has lived for 400 years on the island of Rhodes and who has, for many years, traced and studied Sephardic culture in many parts of the world as it evolved after the expulsion of all Jews from the Iberian Peninsula, will be the 10 a.m.-noon program speaker when the EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. Benveniste will share some of the history as well as many fascinating stories of how Crypto-Jews are rediscovering their heritage of practices that have been handed down from generation to generation through the centuries, without their knowing the roots of these customs.

The meeting starts with registration, coffee/tea and refreshments at 9:45 a.m., and a catered Kosher luncheon is served after the program. For information, call the Temple office, (562) 861-9276.

Friends' 'holiday marketplace' Nov. 5

DOWNEY—The Friends of the Downey City Library will hold their Holiday Open House and Marketplace from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the library Cormack Room Saturday, Nov. 5, offering unique handcrafted items, Fall and Christmas decorations, baked goods, first edition books, Walt Disney videos and quality recycled gift items.

A one-day only raffle for filled gift baskets will be held. All proceeds will support library programs and services. Guests will enjoy free hot wassail punch.

For information, contact 904-7360, ext. 30. The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Moravian holidays bazaar and luncheon

DOWNEY—The women of the Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Road in Downey, are holding their Annual Holidays Bazaar Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The bazaar will feature a boutique, baked goods, handmade crafts, Moravian items, Christmas decorations, pumpkin pies, and a soup and salad luncheon. There will also be a Grandma's Attic.

Cost of the luncheon of soup, chili, salad and dessert is \$6 per person. To place an order for pumpkin pies/for more information, call the Church office at 927-0718.

Seascape demo at Art League meeting

DOWNEY—Guest demonstrator at the Downey Art League's general meeting in Furman Park, Bldg. #1 Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. is Dory Grade, who has been a professional artist for more than 30 years.

Grade is said to be extremely versatile, equally comfortable with drawing, watercolor, oil, acrylic, silkscreen, etching or lithographic printmaking. She works out of Eagle Rock and will be demonstrating a seascape in acrylic.

Final 'Worshipfest' slated for Oct. 23

DOWNEY—Abundant Hope Christian Center—formerly Living Hope Church of Downey—is hosting the 11th annual and final "Worshipfest" at its campus at 10335 Paramount Blvd., Sunday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.

Safe Haven Program continues to save lives

By Don Knabe

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Fourth District

LOS ANGELES—The tragic news in recent days of a 21-year old student at the University of Southern California being charged with murder after standing accused of abandoning her newborn baby in an alley serves as a sad, but important, reminder that there is a far better and safer option for giving up unwanted newborns.

In 2001, the Legislature approved a law that gives a safe and legal haven for these newborns. In Los Angeles County this law became the Safe Surrender Program, which has since become a national model for similar programs. Under Safe Surrender, any person, from teenagers, to college students, to grandparents, can confidentially turn over an unwanted newborn to any fire station or hospital emergency room within the first 72 hours of delivery. The law guarantees anonymity and freedom from prosecution, no questions asked.

Sadly, that was not done in this most recent case, which is why our community is now challenged by the death of a newborn and a 21-year-old accused of murder.

This deceased newborn is only the second such case this year in Los Angeles County. That number is down from eight cases each in 2003 and 2004. On the other hand, seven newborns have already been safely surrendered in 2005, bringing the total to nearly 50 safe cases since the program went into effect.

We must all do whatever we can to get the word out that there is a safe and legal alternative to abandoning a newborn. There is another way out. The Safe Surrender Program is it and we know it is a program that works.

More information about the Safe Surrender Program is available by calling (877) BABY-SAFE or by going to www.babysafela.org.

Voter registration deadline nears

NORWALK—Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack reminded Los Angeles County voters that the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election is midnight on Monday, Oct. 24.

The RR/CC main office at 12400 Imperial Highway in Norwalk will be open until midnight Monday for last-minute LA County residents wishing to register to vote. A table and drop box will be located inside the front lobby to drop off voter registration forms.

Persons wishing to register must be citizens of the United States, residents of Los Angeles County, not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who will be 18 years of age by Election Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Incident at Nordic Fox

Dear Editor:

The Nordic Fox Restaurant recently hosted two bands from Warren High. The parent of one of the band members had requested that we have the bands play here to allow them a place to be seen by their friends. We agreed and set it up for 9:30 p.m. on Friday. That is after our normal hours and would not impact our regular operations.

Not long after the music started, someone stole one of the statues from our restaurant. A customer alerted us and when we tried to get it back a fight resulted between the thieves and our staff.

The thieves broke the statue, got away, and we called the police. When we came back into the restaurant we ended the music and asked that everyone leave. With the fights and anger at being robbed, I don't think we explained to our customers in the proper manner what made us ask them to leave.

I want to use this opportunity to apologize to all those young people and their parents that were present for the music for our not explaining properly [what had transpired]. Most of those in attendance behaved in a manner that was very respectable. As always the small minority ruined a party for all the others. We all lost that night: the restaurant lost a statue, a server lost a wallet with all his cash sales from the day, and all those who came to hear the bands lost that opportunity. We all lost!

I hope anyone who knows the ones who stole the statue will let them know how they let their friends down and ruined a chance to hear their music.

—Joseph Becker,
Manager

Grateful for publicity

Dear Editor:

I've a few thank you's to make. First, thank you for the article [on Downey's theater history] in last Friday's paper. Nearly everyone I phoned to remind them to attend had seen it in the paper.

Next, at Sunday's program, "Once upon a Stage: A History of Theater and Film in Downey," I did not acknowledge City Councilman Meredith Perkins' attendance. I apologize for the faux pas. He came out on a Sunday and stayed for the whole program. That was worthy of a public introduction and I goofed. Sorry, Mr. Perkins.

We were blessed with a roomful of Downey notables and I want to express my appreciation for their presence and to give special honors to our researchers, historians and presenters all tied up into the personages of Larry Dusich, Bill Turner and Linden Waddell.

—Pauline Hume,
President, John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Let's preserve local TV stations'

Dear Editor:

Local broadcast stations are still very important to local communities as viewers continue to seek programming that is relevant to their lives. Although some may believe that broadcast television is outdated, there are still many families in the Los Angeles and Orange County area that rely heavily on their local stations for valuable information such as local news, weather and sports, as well as religious and family programming. KTBN has always been committed to providing communities with locally produced faith-based and public affairs programming that meets an important need with the viewers.

The advent of digital technology has given broadcast television stations the ability to compress their channel so that they can use the same space to air six channels of programming. This process is called "multicasting" and the ability to "multicast" will be critical to the survival of broadcast stations following the transition to digital.

KTBN has already begun to use this new digital multicast technology to broadcast four networks at once over one channel. Currently KTBN Channel 40 is airing TBN, The Church Channel, JCTV and TBN Enlace. These four networks are available right now to anyone who has a digital television with an over-the-air antenna.

Congress is currently working on a new bill for digital television that will mandate that all television stations cease broadcasting in the old analog technology and broadcast in the new digital format. Broadcasters have asked Congress to add language in the bill that would require cable companies to carry all of a station's multiple digital channels that are being multicast. The cable companies are against the idea of adding all of the station's multicast signals. Even though it will not take any more space than the old analog channel the cable companies refuse to carry the others and plan to only carry one channel.

It is believed that the cable companies hope to use the space allocated for the broadcaster's multicast channels for their own cable networks. The problem here is that the cable viewers will be deprived of all of the channels a broadcaster sends out. The cable companies plan to block the airing of these multicast feeds and replace them with their own cable channels. These other channels might not be appropriate for families or children and may include adult channels or other inappropriate networks.

It is critical that the new Digital TV bill add a multicast must carry requirement in order to insure that all multicast channels be carried on cable. It will also help to level the playing field so that small independent and religious stations, such as KTBN, can survive in digital television. This is of critical importance because major broadcast networks such as NBC, CBS, and ABC are already securing carriage of their additional channels and KTBN simply lacks the leverage. Thus, while others are securing carriage for up to six channels of programming, KTBN has not been able to get guaranteed carriage of its four networks.

KTBN is not alone. There are several other independent, ethnic and religious broadcasters in this area that cannot obtain carriage for new digital channels. "Multicast Must-carry" is the only means for ensuring the ability of the independent, ethnic and religious broadcasters to get their new multicast channels carried on cable.

As Congress works to introduce digital television legislation in the upcoming weeks, it is my hope that the federal government will codify multicast must-carry to ensure the survival of small, independent and religious broadcast stations. Without it, stations like KTBN will be severely disadvantaged. There are a number of legislators and others in government such as the FCC Chairman that have publicly supported "multicast must-

carry." This is why it is important for other legislators to be contacted to ensure that local stations, particularly those that are independent and not affiliated with a major medical conglomerate, will survive the federally mandated transition to digital television. Will you please call or write your senators and congressmen today, encouraging their support? You can call the Capital switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

—Paul Crouch Jr.,
Vice-president, Administration,
KTBN Channel 40

Code enforcement inconsistency?

Dear Editor

On every garage sale permit issued by the city of Downey, there is a notice that it is illegal to post any garage sale sign on any public utility (telegraph poles, street signs, etc.).

The sellers seem to think they don't have to adhere to this ordinance.

The Downey Police and code enforcement officers just drive by these signs as if they are not there, and the signs remain for weeks at a time. I imagine that the police attitude is, "Why waste my time on a measly \$25 ticket, when I can bust someone for a \$250 ticket for someone running a red light? Woe to the poor restaurant owner (Arthur's, Lakewood and Telegraph) who was arrested, taken into custody, placed in handcuffs, and transported off to jail, and his sign forcibly removed by the Downey P.D.

Our beautiful city is slowly but surely looking like the cities to the west of Downey. It won't be long now...

—Sergio Miguel,
Downey

Renaming the Downey Theater

Dear Editor:

In your most recent edition, you printed an article about John Hume's contributions to the Downey Children's Theater by Diane Harman Sheridan, who resides in Rancho Cucamonga. I respect her memory of Mr. Hume from the 1950s. We all have had poignant memories of someone who influenced our lives but unfortunately we can't go around naming every facility after an individual whose contributions to a city may be many. Residents leave a city to never return, new residents arrive to start a journey and communities change but what always stays constant in a city is the city's name, not an individual's name.

I must confess, I've lived in Downey 18+ years and I really don't know who John Hume was or what he did. If Mr. Hume was involved in a children's theater, I commend him for his time spent in developing a child's interest in the arts but I don't feel the Downey Theater, that develops and produces a variety of entertainment, should carry the name of any one individual. I've seen productions at the Downey Theater and I'm proud that a city of this size can produce and attract quality productions.

Let's not limit our city by renaming this theater in an individual's name but if the city feels a new name is justified - let's think big and rename it The Downey Performing Arts Center, a name that will always have a meaning to future, current and past citizens of Downey.

—Gloria Barnes,
Downey

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Elsa Mae Bechyne passes away at 73

DOWNEY - Elsa Mae Bechyne, a retired bookkeeper who lived in South Gate for 70 years, died Oct. 12 at Downey Regional Medical Center. She was 73.

Pastor John Rose led a private service for Bechyne, who was born in Yakima, Washington.

Her survivors include her husband of 54 years, Albert; children Dana Lynn Hoerner, Spokane, Wash.; Albert F. Bechyne, Las Vegas; William Michael Aldridge, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and Margee Lee Bechyne, Downey; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond H. Rodriguez was Air Force veteran

DOWNEY - Raymond H. Rodriguez, a World War II U.S. Army Air Force veteran who routinely flew the American flag outside his home, died Oct. 16.

A 40-year Downey resident, he was retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jessie; son Richard; and daughters Evelyn Tailin, Diane Strickland, Rebecca Shores and Lisa Rodriguez.

Luncheon to salute country's veterans

DOWNEY - The Woman's Club of Downey and American Legion Post 723 are joining to present the "A Salute to Veterans" program and luncheon to be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

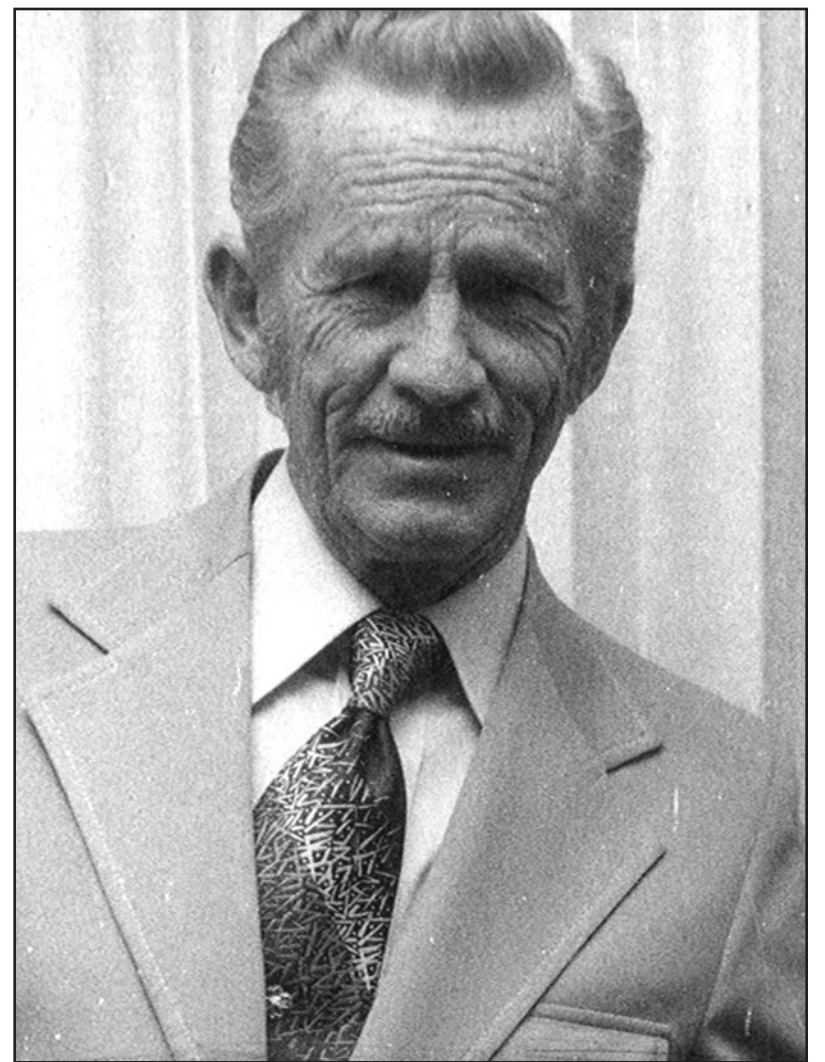
American Legion Post 723's Wade T. Murdoch, Capt., will lead an Honor Guard at 11 a.m. in front of the Veterans Memorial, followed by the luncheon and the program, a trip down memory lane with The Sentimental Sisters, and Jay C. Munns at the piano. These talented ladies and Jay recreate the Big Band sounds, especially the songs of the Andrews Sisters.

"The event promises to be a memorable day," says Doris Patterson. "We have lots of prizes and fun in store. A great way to salute our veterans. John Vincent of the Downey Historical Society will provide displays of our rich heritage."

Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets/information, contact Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

Diabetes support group at DRMC

DOWNEY - Downey Regional Medical center hosts a diabetes support group the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. For information, call 622-2088.



HECTOR TURNBELL LONIE - Moved to California in 1950. He passed away Oct. 7.

Hector Turnbull Lonie remembered by many

DOWNEY - Hector Turnbull Lonie, who was born Dec. 18, 1912, died Oct. 7.

He was born in Montreal, Canada and settled in California in 1950.

He was a longtime member of the Diamond Tread chapter of Downey Car Club.

Lonie is survived by his wife of 66 years, Selina; brother Dick Lonie, Palm Springs; sons Richard, Bell; and David, Redding; daughter Heather, Moreno Valley; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Stroke awareness event at hospital

DOWNEY - On Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 9-10:30 a.m., community members are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., to learn strategies for preventing stroke.

Stroke screenings, along with blood pressure and heart checks, will be offered. The event is free but registration is required by calling 904-5162.

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Musical comedy plays final performances

DOWNEY – “Good News,” the 1920’s zany salute to collegiate life featuring many classic hit songs, will play its last three performances this weekend at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire, as the opening show of the season for Downey Civic Light Opera.

Performance dates are tonight (Friday) Oct. 21, tomorrow (Saturday) Oct. 22 at 8 p.m., and a matinee show on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Phone 923-1714 for Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card phone orders or for more information.

This is the 50th anniversary season for Downey Civic Light Opera.

East West Players presents ‘EQUUS’

LOS ANGELES—East West Players, routinely referred to as the nation’s premier Asian American theater organization, continues its 40th anniversary season with its production of EQUUS by Peter Shaffer, directed by EWP artistic director Tim Dang.

EQUUS is an “electrifying” journey into the mind of a 17-year old boy who senselessly and systematically blinds six horses with a steel spike. As a psychiatrist explores the young boy’s tortured psyche, the play becomes a shattering confrontation between the passionate spirit of the life force itself and the distortions forced on the spirit by “civilized” society.

Playwright Peter Shaffer is a native of Liverpool, England. His plays include “Five Finger Exercise,” “White Lies,” and “Amadeus.”

All performances are in the David Henry Hwang Theater at the Union Center for the Arts, located in Little Tokyo at 120 Judge John Aiso St. in Los Angeles. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

General ticket prices are \$40 in the orchestra and \$35 in the balcony. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.eastwestplayers.org or by calling (213) 625-7000. Senior, student and group discounts are available.

L.B. Playhouse celebrates 76 years

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, where stars like Robert Mitchum, Laraine Day and Dwight Yoakam once performed, is hosting their second annual fundraiser, “Taste of the Playhouse,” Sunday, Oct. 16, to commemorate 76 years of entertainment.

Held at the Playhouse’s Mainstage Theater, the benefit will begin with dinner from the finest local restaurants and end with entertainment from celebrities including Beverly Garland, star of 41 feature films and nearly 700 TV programs, and Lee Meriwether, who co-starred with Buddy Ebsen in “Barnaby Jones” for eight years and played Catwoman in the original “Batman” movie.

Established in 1929, the Long Beach Playhouse is one of the oldest continually operating theaters west of the Mississippi. It operates year-round, with two theaters, the 200-seat Mainstage and the 99-seat Equity Waiver Studio Theater, and mounts 16 full productions annually.

For tickets/information, call the Box Office at (562) 494-1014, or visit www.lbph.com.

Symphony to perform for 3rd graders

DOWNEY—All 3rd graders in the Downey Unified School District will be treated to a performance by the Downey Symphony Orchestra at the Downey Theater Wednesday, Oct. 26, as part of the Downey Symphonic Society’s “Music in the Schools” program. Sponsoring the event is Downey Savings Bank.

During the concert, Thomas Osborn, the artistic director and conductor for the Downey Symphony Orchestra, will explain musical terms and concerts before students listen to the pieces of music. Each piece includes an exciting story. Teachers will prepare students for the performance using study materials provided by the Downey Symphonic Society.



CONTINUING AT NORDIC FOX – Rob Syphax plays hits of the ‘60’s and ‘70’s with guitar and vocals every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

Syphax plays Sundays at the Nordic Fox

DOWNEY – Robert Syphax, singer, guitarist, and composer will play easy listening music of the 60s and 70s Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Nordic Fox Restaurant in Downey.

His favorites include James Taylor, Jime Croce, America, Eagles and Don McClean.

Syphax has opened for such well-known acts as Oingo Boingo, the Go Go’s, and Josie Cotton.

There is no cover but reservations are suggested as seating is limited.

The Nordic Fox is at Third Street and Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Call 869-1414 for reservations and information.

Broadway comedy hits Studio Theater

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City reminds residents of memory class

DOWNEY—A one-hour community seminar, "Warning Signs of Memory Loss," will be conducted Monday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center in Downey.

The seminar, a conjunction between the City of Downey Community Services Department and the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss steps to maintain memory and the warning signs of memory loss. The seminar is geared towards family members caring for loved ones or anyone interested in learning more about memory loss.

For more information, call 904-7223.

Senior bingo at Apollo Park

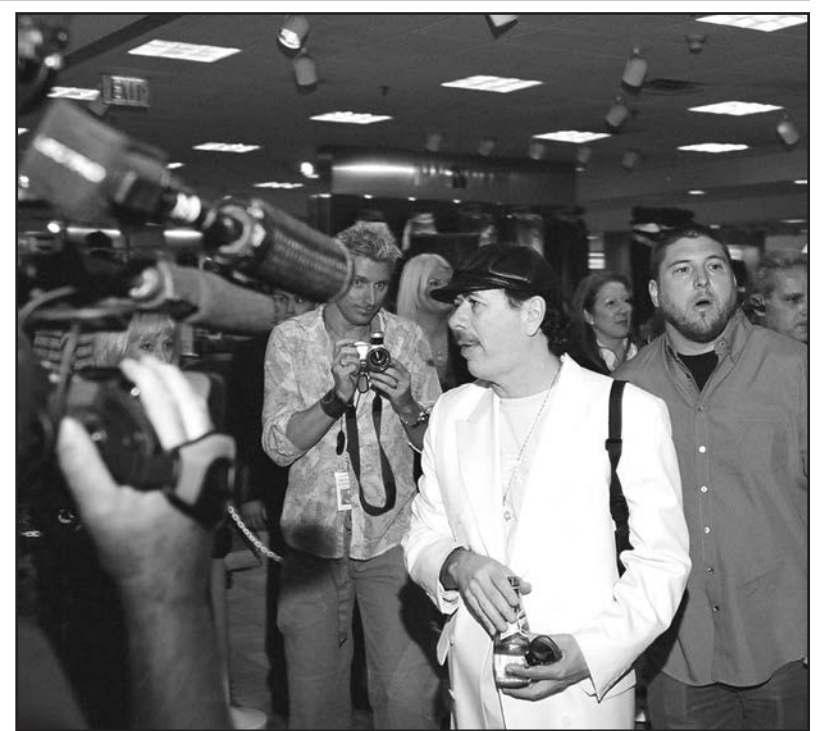
DOWNEY – Seniors gather every Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. at Apollo Park for bingo. Call 904-7223 for information.

Meet State Sen. Alan Lowenthal tomorrow

DOWNEY—State Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach and Downey) is hosting a 'community meet and greet' at Third Street Coffee, 8221 East 3rd St. in Downey, tomorrow, Oct. 22 from 9:30-11a.m.

Lowenthal and his staff will be on hand to assist with problems or questions regarding state agencies and to discuss issues of concern to residents of Downey.

For information, call the Senator's Paramount District Office, (562) 529-6659.



CARLOS SANTANA – Faced an onslaught of fans and media when he visited the Robinsons-May at Stonewood Center last week. Photo by Art Valencia of Art's Camera.

Thousands flock to mall for Santana appearance

DOWNEY – Thousands of people made their way through Robinsons-May at Stonewood Center last week to meet Hall of Fame musician Carlos Santana, who was on hand to launch his new line of signature fragrances.

Santana was joined by his wife, Deborah, who signed copies of her new memoir, "Space Between the Stars: My Journey to an Open Heart." Flanked by security, the couple arrived at Stonewood Center at 11:30 a.m., made a brief statement to the crowd, and settled in for two hours of autographs.

A limited edition autographed Santana poster was raffled off during the event, and a portion of the proceeds from launch week sales of the perfumes went to the Milagro Foundation, a nonprofit philanthropic organization, event organizers said.

Pancake breakfast at Christian church

DOWNEY – Downey Memorial Christian Church will be hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 29, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Tickets are \$3.75 for adults and \$2.25 for children under 12 and will be available at the door. The church is located at 8441 East Florence Ave.

'Fun Bus' leaves for Laughlin Oct. 22

DOWNEY – The Southeast Entertainment Fun Bus leaves for the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Laughlin on Oct. 22 for an eight-hour turnaround at 6 a.m. Cost is \$20 and includes a buffet.

Call Alen at 923-1755 for more information or to sign up.

Halloween Pumpkin Patch at Furman

DOWNEY – Furman Park will play host to the City of Downey's annual Halloween Pumpkin Patch Program on Monday, Oct. 31 from 4:30-9p.m.

Over 5,000 people are expected to enjoy the hot dogs, sodas, cotton candy, popcorn, balloons, 25 game booths, entertainment, costume contests and prizes made possible through the combined effort of the Downey Optimist and Soroptimist Clubs and the City of Downey Community Services Department Recreation & Social Services Division.

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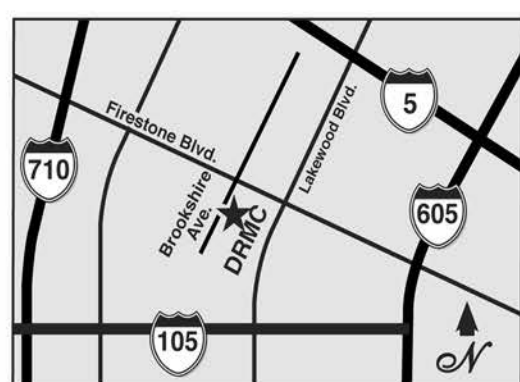
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Cerritos auto tech program expanding

NORWALK—Officials in Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Division announced recently that the college will partner with Northwood University to provide the first west coast presence for Northwood, a private university specializing in management and entrepreneurial education. With Northwood serving as a "campus within a campus" at Cerritos College, it will provide a means for students who have earned their associate's degree in Cerritos' Automotive Technician Training program to enroll in Northwood's program to earn a bachelor of business administration (BBA) degree.

"There is a tremendous need among auto dealers for skilled, educated employees," said Dr. Randy Peebles, dean of Cerritos College's Technology and Business Divisions. "This need extends from technicians and salespersons to marketers and managers. Together, Northwood and Cerritos College will answer this industry need by providing a step-by-step academic program that prepares future employees for success and will eventually include management-level degrees to better support this region."

Northwood University began as a small operation in 1959 and now has campuses in Michigan, Texas and Florida. Over the years, it has received support for its program from the automotive industry.

Cerritos College has offered automotive training technology since the college began in 1955. As Cerritos College highlights its 50th anniversary this year, this new partnership with Northwood comes at a particularly apt time. Cerritos College's automotive technology training program consists of certificates, degrees and special programs in the disciplines of automotive repair, advanced transportation technology, auto collision repair, intelligent transportation systems and alternative fuel and hybrids, making it one of the most comprehensive programs in the U.S.

Party to celebrate college's 50 years

CERRITOS—The Cerritos College Foundation will host a gala dinner and silent auction today, Oct. 21, at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel in Norwalk to celebrate the college's 50th anniversary.

The cost to attend is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. All event proceeds will be donated to the new 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund.

For tickets, call 860-2451, ext. 2526.

Norwalk church holds Fall Faire Oct. 29

NORWALK—Trinity Lutheran Church, 11507 Studebaker Road in Norwalk, is having its Fall Faire Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., where you can "do some holiday shopping." It features craft booths, food, kids' crafts, plants, a silent auction, and more.

'Super Sunday' sale in Long Beach

LONG BEACH—An "Antique Sale Super Sunday" will be held at the Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Lakewood Blvd. and Conant St. in Long Beach, Oct. 30 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring "acres of antiques, collectibles, home furnishings, decorative items and other unique bargains."

Admission is \$5; children under 12 free. There is free parking. For information, call (323) 655-5703.



\$4,500 HAS BEEN RAISED—By the students of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, spearheaded by its student council, for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Many OLPH students held their own fundraisers by going door to door in their neighborhood, selling lemonade and donating birthday money. All monies raised are being donated to the National Hurricane Relief Fund through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Bellflower Art Association meets Nov. 7

BELLFLOWER—David Musser will be the demonstrator Monday, Nov. 7 at the regular meeting of the Bellflower Art Association. The meeting, which is free to the public, takes place at 7 p.m. at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower. Information: (562) 925-1414.



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New doctor joins chiropractic staff

DOWNEY—Dr. Donald Bach, a local Downey chiropractor for 40 years, has announced that Dr. May Dayyah will join his offices as of Nov. 1.

Dayyah is originally from Bethlehem, Israel. He graduated from Bethlehem University as valedictorian and also graduated as valedictorian from Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic in September of 2004, said Bach. Dayyah interned at both Sherman College (Radiology) and Auger Chiropractic in Greenville, South Carolina.

Bach, who is not retiring, described Dayyah as not only highly knowledgeable and intelligent, but as humble and a "great people person."

Bach and Dayyah can be reached at 923-6330 or by visiting their offices at 12900 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

College to host workshop for teachers

CERRITOS—Cerritos College's Child Development Department is offering the second in a series of workshops intended to show teachers how to use recycled materials in their classrooms. Local teachers are invited to attend.

The workshops are presented by Susan Gradin, Child Development Department chair, and were inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach from schools in Northern Italy, whereby children are exposed to their communities and the communities are involved with the schools by providing recycled materials.

A certificate will be presented upon completion of the workshop.

There is a \$30 fee and the first 40 who register will receive the book, "Designs for Living & Learning." To register or more information, call Lynda Roberts at 860-2451, ext. 2560.

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Knabe stresses violence awareness

LOS ANGELES—L.A. County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe announced that the Board of Supervisors has declared October 2005 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout L.A. County. Knabe made the declaration during a presentation to a large contingent from the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council.

Knabe stressed the need for L. A. County residents to learn more about domestic violence issues and come to a better understanding of the impact that it has on families and children especially. Studies indicate there continues to be a seven percent rise in reported incidents of domestic violence every year across the nation.

"With cases of domestic violence on the rise, awareness of the problem becomes increasingly important," said Knabe. "I am very grateful of the leadership that the Domestic Violence Council provides in bringing awareness to this problem and improving services for the victims of domestic violence."

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, call the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline, at 1-800-978-3600.

'Concrete Underground' hits Cerritos

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Music Business class, taught by Music Department chair Gary Pritchard, presents "Concrete Underground," a series of three rock showcases scheduled throughout the semester featuring local music acts. The class is readying its second concert, featuring hip hop music, for Thursday, Nov. 3 at the campus amphitheater. The concert begins at 11 a.m.

The remaining showcase featuring mainstream rock will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, also at 11 a.m. The showcases, which are free, were selected from several groups who submitted demos to the Music Business class. Students in the class planned and promoted "Concrete Underground." Some are also performing.

The Cerritos College Amphitheater is at 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk. Information: Gary Pritchard, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2630.



LET'S BE FRIENDS! - Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting has made up her mind and Ralph Santarpia of Atlantic Lock and Key hasn't made up his as they meet with Rise 'n Shine Networkers at a recent breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. The networking group of the Downey Chamber of Commerce convenes the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. For information, call 923-2191.

Middle school trip to Knott's tonight

DOWNEY—Downey Community Services will conduct a middle school trip to Knott's Scary Farm today, Oct. 21. The event will be from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Participants will meet at City Hall by the flagpoles at 5:45 p.m. and will return to City Hall by 1 a.m. Parents must pick up their child by 1:15 a.m.

Tickets are now on sale at Downey City Hall for \$42 per person, which includes the bus transportation. Fliers and permission slips are available at all Downey Middle School offices and at City Hall. Students must show proof of enrollment in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and have a signed parent permission slip at time of purchase.

For information, call 904-7238.

Downey Theater to sit in on 'Jeopardy!'

DOWNEY—A limited number of tickets are still available for the Downey Theater's excursion to the Sony Studios Tour and "Jeopardy!" taping on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The tour affords a behind-the-scenes two-hour walking tour of Sony Studios (formerly the famous home of MGM Studios) at 9 a.m., lunch (on your own) in the famous Studio Commissary at 11 a.m., and a taping of "Jeopardy!" at 12 noon.

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53 Downey students earn AP Scholar status

DOWNEY—Fifty-three (53) students at Downey High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1 million high school students in more than 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took the AP Exams in May 2005 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). At Downey High School:

One (1) student, Jonathan Song, qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight (8) or more of these exams;

Fourteen (14) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five (5) or more of these exams. These students are: Lindell Abril, John Choi, Panayiota Christidis, Adrian Devicente, Ebad Farooqui, Karina Gonzalez, Matthew Graham, Christopher Gutierrez, Linda Han, Jenny Lopez, Jacob McCarthy, Atzimba Reyes, Nancy Rojas-Hill and Jamie Wing-Rezex;

Twelve (12) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four (4) or more of these exams. These students are: Priscilla Alvarez, Leena Bunnel, Kristen Davis, Marisa Durham, John Kim, Jorge Medina, Steven Partnoff, Amandeep Sandhu, Vanessa Soto, Sandy Tadrous, Saul Verbera and Samuel Yang; and

Twenty-six (26) students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three (3) or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: Yamid Aramoni, Youn-Seo (Catherine) Bang, Carla Becerra, Stephanie Droge, Gabriel Flores, Gavril Gabriel, Johaina Gabriel, Edward Hamrock, Miray Iskander, Alexander Kim, Jane Kim, Kimberly Kim, Daniel Lamphear, Jennifer Lara, Darline Llamas, John Mansell, Regelio Medina, Nereida Melgarejo, Evan Messiha, Rohan Mishal, Laura Ortiz, Angela Pak, Isabel Provencio, Jenny Salazar, Sonia Salazar and Benjamin Toribio.

Of this year's award recipients, fifteen (15) were juniors: Priscilla Alvarez, Yamid Aramoni, Youn-Seo Bang, Carla Becerra, Leena Bunnel, Edward Hamrock, Miray Iskander, Jane Kim, Kimberly Kim, Daniel Lamphear, Darline Llamas, John Mansell, Atzimba Reyes, Benjamin Toribio and Saul Ververa. These students have one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar Award.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both, based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full-year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. Thirty-four (34) AP Exams are offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).

The College Board is a national nonprofit membership association. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 4,700 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations.

Walk-a-Thon to raise money for group

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Older Wiser Learner (OWL) Program will host its third annual Founders' House of Hope Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, Nov. 19. Participants in the walk gather sponsors to sponsors with donations supporting residents of the Founders' House of Hope in Artesia who deal with chronic mental illness.

Donations will assist with ongoing psychosocial rehabilitation services and provide necessary supplies for the residents. donations from the first year's walk amounted to more than \$5,000.

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MARIO PERSICO - A lifelong Downey resident and agent at Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, has sponsored his alma mater, Spencer Williams Elementary School, for Red Ribbon Week. "I am really ecstatic to participate in Red Ribbon Week with the William Jaguars," said Persico, whose two daughters, Christina and Gianna, attended Williams. "It is really a great experience to work with the faculty there who are supportive of such an amazing community program, as well as reach out to our children, the future members of our community and show them our support and emphasize to them the importance of remaining drug free..24 hours a day!"

Arc celebrates golden anniversary today

DOWNEY—Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens), 12049 Woodruff Ave., invites the public to its open house today, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring tours of its 24 programs and services throughout the day, an open air boutique and refreshments. Arc associates will be ready to show the public how Arc's services benefit people with developmental disabilities.

A grand kick-off of Arc's Golden Jubilee Anniversary will start at 11 a.m., with entertainment provided by the colorful Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc.

The variety of services Arc provides to over 400 people with developmental disabilities at any given time includes: Adult Special Classes with Downey Adult School, Southeast Industries Packaging and Assembly Plant, Southeast Employment Center, Food Service Training program, and many more.

Top entertainers take to stage at Charter Ball

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.

Funds raised at Charter Ball 2005 will go towards new cardiac monitors at Downey Regional Medical Center.

For ticket information, call 904-5055.

After school program available for kids

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.

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Agents also pay for red wristbands, banners, awards and other items that promote drug awareness in Downey schools.

For more information about Red Ribbon Week, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, call Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate at 861-7257.

Sebastian Sidi show at country club

DOWNEY—A cabaret dinner show starring Sebastian Sidi will be presented by Colin Clarke of Century 21 Jervis & Associates at Rio Hondo Country Club Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m. The concert is free but fees apply for dinner and drinks. Make reservations by calling 904-6652.

The country club is at 10627 Old River School Road.

Renowned speakers convene in Pasadena

PASADENA—"Leading to Greatness: Building True Success Wherever You Live and Work" is the title of the November Luminary Series Conference scheduled at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 7:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., featuring top business leaders from around the globe who will be joining former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, renowned business author Dr. Stephen Covey, and former GE leader Jack Welch

The intensive one-day program will be presented to closed-circuit audiences around the world in 30 countries and throughout the U.S. in 30 American college and university host locations, including the Pasadena Conference Center.

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Discrimination victim to tell her story

LONG BEACH—Dr. Janet Conney, who sued and won her case versus the Regents of UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital for gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and retaliation for lodging complaints of discrimination, will be the guest speaker when the Long Beach Branch of the American Association University Women meets Nov. 5 at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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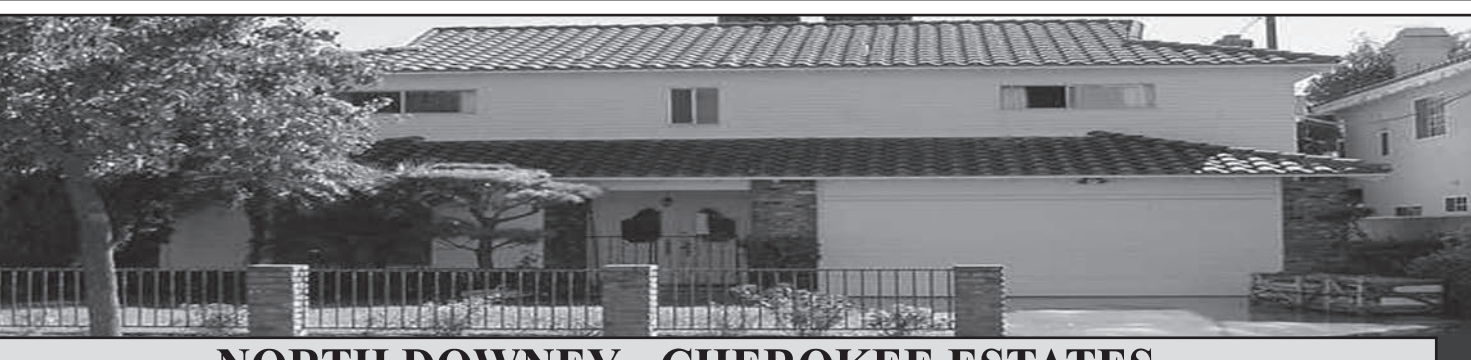
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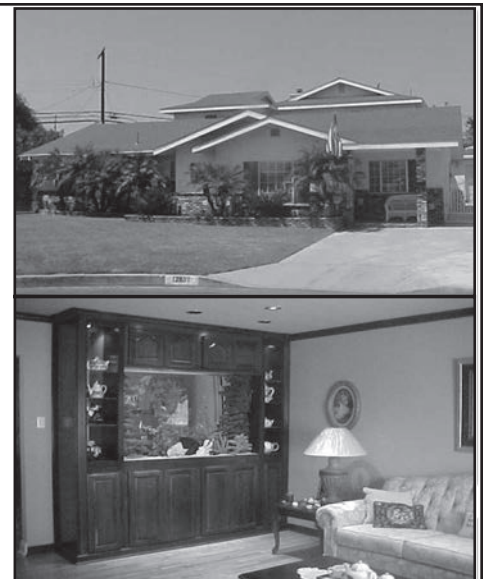
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Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home on a 8,980 sq. ft. lot. The home has refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior & exterior and inside laundry. The enormous yard includes plenty of grass, a covered patio, and a 2 car detached garage.
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PERFECT FOR ENTERTAINING!
This North Downey home has wonderful living room with fireplace, plus a large formal dining room with built in cabinets for your china and crystal! Park like yard has large covered patio off kitchen! 3 bedrooms, new tile in bathroom, central air and heat, in great location! Value range pricing at \$598,000-\$620,000!
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For more information or for price, please call Marie Picarelli @ (562) 618-0033 or visit her website at www.MariePicarelli.com**



GOOD SIZE! GREAT PRICE!!
Remodeled and ready for you to move in, 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom North Downey home on a large park-like lot. Have immediate equity in this property!
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For more information, please call Brandon and Shannon Fackler @ 562-895-1700**



LOCATION! LOCATION!!
Great location near Orange Estates, Rio Hondo Country Club, Rio Hondo Elementary School and Furman Park. Great 3 bedroom home with fireplace and large enclosed patio. Wonderful backyard with avocado, plum and orange trees. Eating area in kitchen and dining area off living room. Great home to add on to or remodel.
For more information or for price, please call Vicki Spearman @ 562-367-9520



WOOF WOOF! MAJOR FIXER!!
2 bedroom 1 bath in Buena Park, 769 sq. ft. home on a 6,750 sq. ft. lot. Major fixer in great area of Buena Park just east of Beach Blvd and north of the 5 fwy. Tear down and build your dream home!
For more information or for price, please call Jimmy Spathos @ 562-400-2148 or visit



COMING SOON!
Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in North Downey with 1210 square feet of living space on a 5262 square foot lot. New roof, hardwood floors, large living room are just a few features of this great home.
Call Carrie for more info 562-382-1252 or visit www.CarrieUva.com



HONEY! STOP THE CAR!
Excellent Whittier Neighborhood. Close to schools and shopping. Located on a cul-de-sac. Nice curb appeal, interior and backyard with patio. \$499,900
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THE PRICE IS RIGHT!
2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath single level condo in Bellflower with recent updated kitchen, private patio, 2 car garage, close to schools and the 605 freeway. Sold for \$345,000
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Oh! What a Feeling!
Completely remodeled in 805. 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 more!
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New Listing

Downey Landing Area
Beautiful remodeled home, granite countertops in kitchen, pengo floors, bath w/ Jacuzzi. This one has it all! 2 bedrooms and 1 bath with an extra large family room, 1,227 sq. ft. of living space on a 8,100 sq. ft. lot.
**\$549,900
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Townhouse
This 1,250 sqft. two story townhouse is located in a beautiful area of Baldwin Park. It features 3 large bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms.
Call Jose FOR PRICE!



Orange Estates
This lovely home is located in desirable Orange Estates and features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, formal living-room and large family-room. 1,528 sqft. of living space on a 7,600 sqft. Lot. LOTS of space for a pool.
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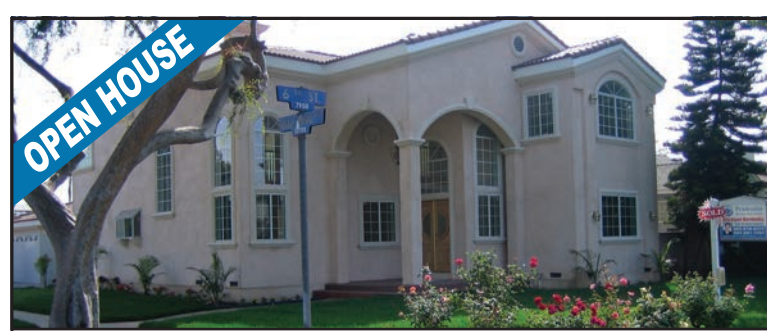
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SPLISH SPLASH!
"Dive" into this 3 bedroom, 2 bath NW Downey pool home. The home has a spacious living room with brick fireplace, kitchen with granite counter tops, 1 year new roof, and central air and heat. The property has a 2 car detached garage with an attached bonus room and a gated pool. Price: \$609,950
Call Michael @ 562-818-6111



BACK ON THE MARKET!
New Construction (2005) In Orange Estates! 5 bedrooms + bonus room, 4 bath with a very modern floor plan. Features beautiful kitchen with granite countertops, large master suite with Jacuzzi, sep shower, & walk-in closet, formal dining room & living room, family room with fireplaces, new plumbing/electrical, new roof & stucco, new central air & heat, & much much more! Price: \$1,095,000
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HOME OF DISTINCTION!
This magnificent, colonial-style home includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, large guest house, 3-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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THIS YOU'VE GOT TO SEE!
3 bedroom, 2 bath Northeast Downey home that's been recently remodeled with new kitchen and bathrooms. The kitchen has maple cabinets, granite counter tops, new stainless steel appliances, and tile floors. The large master bedroom includes a beautifully-redone bathroom with new sink, tile shower, and tile floors. The hall bathroom has been similarly upgraded and can be utilized by the other two bedrooms. The open floor plan with living room, formal dining area, and family room feels very spacious and the hardwood floors & fireplaces make the house a "home." Price: \$639,900
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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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CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY!
This quality-constructed 5 bedroom, 4 bath home in the northeast section of Downey is a must see! The approximately 4000 sq ft of living space includes a formal dining room, living room, and large family room with crown molding throughout. The new kitchen has new cabinets and granite counter tops. Other nice amenities include hardwood floors, central air and heat, and all new bathrooms. The large master suite with the large master bathroom is breathtaking with a jetted tub, separate shower, granite counter tops, and much more. Price: \$1,349,000.
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