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Downey Theater cruises to Bermuda

DOWNEY – Nestled in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, 650 miles due east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, lies Bermuda, one of the most idyllic sports on Earth. Visit this island paradise by ship as Doug Jones, one of America's premier travelogue producers, presents and narrates his new film, "Cruising to Bermuda," at the Downey Theater this Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

The film is the seventh program of the 2005-06 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series.

"Big Apple"

The Bermuda Cruise is one of the most popular summer cruises of the world. Departure is from the 55th Street pier in New York City and cruising to Bermuda always features some time in the "Big Apple" prior to sailing. Then out to sea for seven days of fun. The ship docks in the center of Bermuda on Front Street, Hamilton.

Bermuda remains a part of the British Empire. The population is 60 percent black and 40 percent white. The Bermudians are proud of the racial harmony the 21-mile long island enjoys. Viewers will see the famed pink sand beaches, pastel colored houses with their white rain-catching roofs, businessmen in Bermuda shorts, and motor scooters by the hundreds. Clean, charming, friendly and very British, Bermuda beckons travelers from around the world.

Highlights of the film will include visits to the bridge, engine room and galleys of the *MV Horizon*, a tour of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research, the annual Labor Day Parade, a journey on the submarine *Enterprise*, the Gibb's Hill Lighthouse, St. Peter's Church in St. George and much more.

Experience

Doug Jones has produced 18 feature-length travel films since 1968 and has appeared on virtually every important auditorium lecture series in the United States and Canada including the National Geographic Society series at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Society of American Travel Writers and is a past president of the International Travel Film Guild and the International Motion Picture and Lecturers Association. His films have been released on VHS and DVD and include "The Great Canadian Train Ride" with over one million copies sold worldwide. He last appeared at the Downey Theater with the film "Sailing to Rio on the Queen Mary 2" in January 2005.

Tickets for "Cruising to Bermuda" may be purchased on the day of the performance only at the Downey Theater Box Office (8435 Firestone Blvd.) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Cash or check will be the only payment methods accepted.



KAREN VOLPE – The veteran actress makes her Downey Civic Light Opera debut as Sister Robert Anne in "Nunsense," which runs Feb. 23-March 12 at the Downey Theater. Call 923-1714 for tickets and information. Group rates are available.

Gordon Sodetani passes away unexpectedly at 59

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Feb. 10 at the Downey United Methodist Church at 10801 Downey Ave. for Gordon Shuichi Sodetani, Army veteran and husband of Downey Unified School District Board Member Martha Sodetani, who died unexpectedly at his Downey home on Feb. 3. He was 59.

Born May 13, 1946 to Kaiji and Claire Sodetani in rural Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, Gordon moved with his family to Los Angeles at the age of 10. After college, he worked in telecommunications as a Technical Support/Maintenance Engineer until his death.

In addition to family, his great passions were gardening, golf, cooking

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China train of future offers hope here today

A Chinese train with a Maglev (magnetic levitation) propulsion system that accelerates it to 310 mph in four minutes, and then can stop in less than two, has caught the attention of the Orangeline Development Authority, who think it may just be the answer to the question of how to relieve the traffic glut which is bad now and will get worse unless steps are taken in the Southland.

Member cities of the Orangeline Development Authority (including Downey) face a challenge in terms of rights-of-way in several sections including one controlled by the MTA and OCTA, but billions of funding remain for use of these member cities for use by them to find a solution. Leaders in Artesia, Bell, Cudahy, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Huntington Park, Los Alamitos, Maywood, Palmdale, Paramount, Santa Clarita, South Gate and Vernon are heartened by the progress made by the Chinese Maglev, which transports thousands of Chinese daily from Pudong Shanghai International Airport to the Shanghai Financial District. Scott Larsen, Chairman of the Orangeline Development and a City

Councilman in Bellflower, called the Maglev system smooth and quiet. He described the sound it makes as something between a whistle and a hum.

The goal is to build a Maglev system here through private funding that will run 110 miles from Irvine to Palmdale at speeds in excess of 200 mph, with a first leg operational by 2012.

Orangeline Development has its eyes on the Redline right-of-way, 18 miles of right-of-way that runs diagonally through Paramount, Bellflower, Cerritos, Artesia, LaPalma, Cypress, Stanton, Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

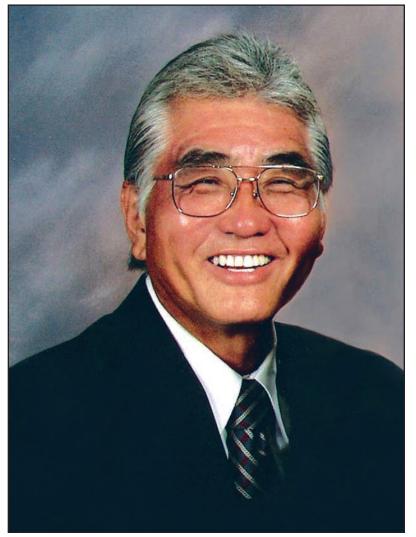
The project is expected to cost \$12 to \$13 billion, or about \$100 million per mile.

Funding would come through revenue bonds to be repaid in 30 to 40 years by ridership fees.

Compared to widening the 710 freeway at an estimated \$250 million a mile the Meglev is cost effective.

Another use for Maglev is the movement of freight from the ports.

"We're not just talking about building a Maglev, we're talking about planning the urban community of the future," said Gary Milliman, City Manager of South Gate.



Arc sets its sights on 'Arc Walk' March 25

DOWNEY—The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, takes place Saturday, March 25 at Downey's Stonewood Center near the Acapulco Restaurant.

The Arc (formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens) has seen its annual event grow from 220 walkers in 1997 to more than 2,000 in 2005. In 9 years it has raised more than \$450,000 to help those with developmental disabilities in Arc's 24 programs and services.

The Arc is still soliciting Corporate Sponsors who last year numbered 37. The event provides them with an opportunity for business promotion while helping a worthwhile cause. For more than 50 years the Arc has provided employment, educational and advocacy services to men and women and children with mental retardation—at no charge.

Registration forms are available and some great teams from businesses, churches, schools and families are expected to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the largest registered team, the most sponsorship money raised and other honors.

The event features a marching band, clowns, balloons and more. It includes two walking courses—a one-mile and a three-mile course.

Registration is \$10 and children under 10 are free.

For information/registration, call (562) 803-4606, or email arckmac@aol.com.

for the family, and USC football. He was active on many fronts: volunteer with the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. Food Pantry, foster parent to medically fragile newborns, a member of PTA at Price Elementary, Griffiths Middle School, and Warren High School for over 30 years. At Warren, he was on the executive board of the Academic Booster Council. He also coached Pop Warner football.

In the past at Downey United Methodist Church, he was a member of the Chancel Choir, and of the English Hand Bell Choir. He served as Pastor Parish Chair, Chairperson and Finance Chair of the Harvest Festival, as well as a trustee over various years. He was also a Lay Representative at the United Methodist Church's annual conference in Redlands. He was a past member of the Ecumenical Hand Bell choir, marching in various parades in the western states. He was also a member of Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Martha (whom he married Aug. 21, 1977 aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach); parents Kaiji and Claire Sodetani of Los Angeles; siblings Doreen Sodetani, Greg (Celeste) Sodetani, Cary Sodetani, Patrice (Rick) Lochner, and Dean Sodetani; daughters Kimberly Ann (Everett, Jr. "Ron") Rapp, Melissa Ann Sodetani, Nachelle Christina Sodetani and Skylar Elise Sodetani; sons Robert Christopher Brewer and Gordon Michael Sodetani; grandchildren Valerie Elise Rapp and Justine Louise Rapp, and Jordan Christopher Brewer and Joanna Chnstine Brewer; sister-in-law Linda Ruth (Patrick) Marfone; and many aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. Food Pantry, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7830 Quill Drive, Suite S., Downey, CA 90242.

Immediately following the service, food will be provided by The Assistance League of Downey in the adjacent Fellowship Hall of the Downey United Methodist Church.

Letters to the Editor: Warren cheerleaders make big impression

Dear Editor:

This was the first year my daughter participated in the Warren High School Mini Cheer Clinic. She is only 6 years old and was a little scared when I dropped her and my 5-year-old niece off at the football field on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 a.m.

When I signed up with Cheer Captain Alicia (sorry, I don't know her last name) at Belinda's Dance Studio, I didn't' know what to expect.

I just want you to know that Warren's cheerleaders were so excited and friendly to all the children and went to great pains to make sure all the girls felt comfortable.

As a parent, I noticed how very organized this clinic was and how there was no confusion on where and when to take my girls.

But what really made this fun was that all the girls were invited back to cheer with the cheerleaders the following Friday at a home varsity bas-ketball game!

My daughter and niece had so much fun and we had a great family outing at the same time. I forgot how much fun it is going to high school games.

I was amazed at how patient the cheerleaders were with all the girls, from taking them to the bathrooms to making sure they didn't wander off, to getting them involved with the routine.

At sign-ups I overheard one of the cheer moms complaining that Warren should do what Downey High School does; apparently they give T-shirts but the girls are not invited back to cheer at a real game. She said it was like Warren was doing twice the work for the same money. GORDON SHUICHI SODETANI—Will be given a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave. He died Feb. 3 at the age of 59.

Joyce Whitehurst remembered

With the passing recently of Joyce Whitehurst the Downey Symphony Guild lost one of their most cherished members and friend.

To their regret, the board, especially, was not aware of Joyce's death until reading of it in the Downey Patriot newspaper. Though board members had spoken and visited with her through this last illness, reading of her death came as a sad shock. Had they known of it they would have been at her memorial service to honor her as she most certainly deserved to be honored.

One of the Guild's most valuable members, Joyce could always be counted on to contribute her expertise, her unique talent and energy to whatever was needed for the betterment of the organization.

Aside from her invaluable contribution to the success of the Guild's endeavors, she was loved as a dear friend of the group.

We extend our deep sympathy to her family.

We miss her elegance, her support and her inspiring spirit. Joyce's passing has left a void in our membership which can never be replaced. —**Rosalie Sciortino,**

Downey Symphony Guild



COMMUNITY COOKBOOK – The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is compiling recipes for the future publication of a community cookbook. Shown in the church kitchen, left to right, are Agnes Donahue, Mary Miller, Victoria Walter and Paula Mayfield.



Recipes sought for community cookbook

DOWNEY – Downey residents are invited to submit their favorite recipes to the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for possible inclusion in a community cookbook.

Up to two recipes per person are allowed and the submitter's name will be included beneath each recipe. Recipes may also be submitted on behalf of a deceased family member or friend.

Everyone who submits a recipe will receive a free "Capitol Cookies" cookbook containing cookie recipes from all 50 United States.

The Guild has already received recipes from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California First Lady Maria Shriver, Cardinal Roger Mahony and the late Chef Gregory Andro, who had previously submitted his favorite pasta sauce recipe.

Deadline for submissions is April 1 in anticipation of the cookbook's publication before Christmas 2006. Recipes should be mailed to Paula Mayfield, 9107 Lemoran Ave., Downey, CA 90240. Include full name, address and phone number – as well as age if contributor is a child – in all submissions.

Call 923-3518 for more information.

West Middle launches new Parent Academy

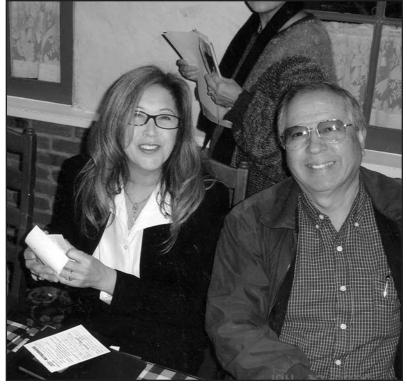
DOWNEY—West Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd. in Downey, will host its first annual Parent Academy Saturday, Feb. 18, in honor, according to school principal Craig Bertsch, of the "outstanding parents who support us in our efforts to provide an exemplary education for our students" and thus further strengthen "the strong relationships we have developed and maintained with parents in educating students."

The Parent Academy will be open to the greater community, and to accommodate as many families as possible, two conferences will be offered: morning sessions will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. and end at 9:45 a.m., and the evening workshops will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Parents can attend two workshops and receive a wealth of information. A sampling of topics that should prove useful to parents includes: *Technology
- *Homework assistance/academic reading
- *Parenting tips
- *Helping your English learner at home
- *College readiness/awareness

*Teen troubles (alcohol and drug use, sex, gang activity, peer pressure etc.)

West Middle School was named a Distinguished School last year. For information, call (562) 469-6500, ext. 4680 or e-mail cbertsch@dusd.net.



BREAKFAST WITH PRO NETWORKERS – Pictured at a recent meeting of Pro Networkers of Downey are Barbara Briley Beard of Farmers Insurance and Emilio Rocha of Sentry Publications. The group meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe, Downey. For information call Joe Becker, membership chairman at 869-1414.

Women invited to heart disease seminar

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., hosts a seminar for women on "Heart Disease and Stroke" Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9-11 a.m. Dr. Laura Sullivan, a board-certified internal medicine physician, will speak on "Warning Signs for a Heart Attack," while Deborah Massaglia, president of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, will share facts on stroke-warning signs and risk awareness.

Surveys conducted by the American Heart Association show that while awareness has increased, less than half of the women surveyed knew that cardiovascular disease, including stroke, is the leading cause of death in women. One out of two women over age 40 will develop cardiovascular disease. When considered separately from cardiovascular disease, stroke ranks as the third leading cause of death in the U.S. Each year, 46,000 more women than men have a stroke.

Registration is required for this free community event. For information about Stroke Awareness Days, call 904-5162.

Promotion for Downey resident

DOWNEY—Leslie Rojas of Downey has been promoted to Unit Organizer for Princess House, the fine cooking, entertaining and dining house wares direct-selling company based in Taunton, MA. She was formerly a Lifestyle Consultant for the company.

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Board-certified Internal Medicine physician Dr. Laura Sullivan will talk to women about: the warning signs for a heart attack.



Deborah Massaglia, president of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, will cover risks & warning signs for stroke.

stroke screenings, blood pressure & heart rate checks will follow the presentation.

A prize drawing will be held for this "Love Your Heart" necklace featuring a facetted red Swarovski crystal.

Everyone attending will receive a free "Go Red for Women" American Heart Association red dress pin.

Registration is required by calling the Stroke Hotline.

562-904-5162

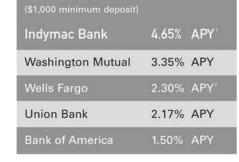
If you cannot attend, please call us to receive information about future seminars and screenings.

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NEW AT THE CHAMBER – Diana Facio is the new administrative assistant at the Downey Chamber of Commerce replacing Sue Nordin, who replaced Joan Warner-Plettinck as executive director. Facio is a lifelong resident of Downey and has a 2-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

School open house schedule for 2006

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District has released the following School Open House schedule for 2006:

Imperial ES, Thursday, Feb. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Carpenter ES, Thursday, March 2, 6:30-7:30; Downey HS, Thursday, March 23, 6-8; West MS, Thursday, March 23, 6:30-8; East MS, Thursday, March 30, 6:30-8; Old River ES, Thursday, March 30, 6:30-8; Price ES, Thursday, March 30, 6-7; Warren HS, Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-7:30; Griffiths MS, Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8; Sussman MS, Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8; Williams ES, Thursday, April 6, 6:30-7:30; Rio Hondo ES, Thursday, April 13, 6:30-7:30; Alameda ES, Thursday, May 18, 6-7; Ward ES, Thursday, May 18, 6:30-7:30; Gallatin ES, Thursday, May 25, 6:30-8; Gauldin ES, Thursday, May 25, 5:30-7; Lewis ES, Thursday, May 25, 6-7:45; Rio San Gabriel ES, Thursday, May 25, 6-8; Unsworth ES, Thursday, 6-7:30



Preparations for Street Fair now in full swing

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 13th annual Street Fair scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 6 is shaping up to be an exciting event, according to Street Fair chairman Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank. "Once again Brookshire Avenue from Firestone to the Civic Center Drive will be jammed with crafters, businesses displaying their wares, tempting foods, entertainment for all ages, demonstrations, a classic car show, and a kid's zone," said Scott.

Colin Clarke, Century 21-Jervis & Associates, is the Platinum Sponsor this year. "This is a wonderful community event and I am pleased to be a sponsor this year," he said.

Other sponsors include: Diamond Sponsor Downey Regional Medical Center, Gold Sponsor CalMet Services, Inc, Silver Sponsor Talbert Medical Center and Bronze Sponsors Pacific Western Bank and World of Décor.

There is only one Platinum Sponsor but openings are still available for Gold Sponsors, Silver Sponsors and Bronze Sponsors. "The monetary support of our sponsors," stated Scott, "will guarantee that this Street Faire is the biggest and best we have had."

"We are also happy with the in-kind services we receive from Supervisor Don Knabe, the Downey City Council, Dr. Wendy Doty, Downey Unified School District, and the various city departments, Community and Recreation Services, Police, Fire and Public Works, that all help to make the Faire happen," Scott continued.

"The committee has been working since the last Fair to continue to make this a fun event for the whole family, and we will have something for everyone to enjoy," she added.

Applications for vendors have been mailed and signups have begun. Cost for a 10 x 10 space is \$95, and food vendor spaces are \$105. For further information about applications, call the Chamber office at 923-2191.

Those interested in joining the list of sponsors for this popular annual community event can call Jan Scott, Pacific Western Bank, at 806-3701, or the Downey Chamber of Commerce at 923-2191.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet Feb. 14

DOWNEY—Chamber members Charlotte Ashford of Mary Kay, Dan Fox, D.C., of Fox Chiropractic and Matt Knox of StormForce are the scheduled speakers at the Tuesday, Feb. 14 meeting of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group. The meeting is at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: 923-2191.

Travel group plans one 'sweet' day

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's Great Western Tours will depart for its "Sweet Shops Tour," an exploration of famous chocolates and gourmet sweets, Tuesday, Feb. 21 with Curt Tucker as guide.

Cost for the one-day trip is \$72. For reservations, call 940-6213.





AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS—(From left), Sofia Renolagan, Tiffiny Carrasco, Yunjung Park and Eugenia Barbeau each received a \$1,000 scholarship when they graduated from Cerritos College and now are attending a four-year university. The scholarships were given by the Downey Branch of the American Association of University Women and AAUW member Dr. Mary Stauffer.



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Argentinian is Art League's guest

DOWNEY—Argentina native Carmen Armiento, who has a Teaching Credential in Fine Arts from CSU-Long Beach and whose favorite medium is oils, will be the demonstrator at the joint meeting of the Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., Bldg. #1.

SAT pre-test workshop at library

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers a free SAT Pre-test workshop Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Cormack Room, aimed to help students ages 13-19 gain skills and experience in taking the SAT exam for college entrance.

Workshop participants will have the opportunity to take a practice test supervised by a proctor. Students should arrive 15 minutes early and bring a calculator and two #2 pencils. No other materials will be permitted.

Space is limited for this workshop. To register, contact the Adult Information desk, 904-7360, ext. 32.

Stroke support group meets at DRMC

DOWNEY—Downey Community Stroke Support Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. There is no charge to attend.

Stroke survivors and caregivers are invited to attend the third Tuesdays of each month to find support and resources. To register/for more details, call 904-5162.

Temple observes 'Tu B'Shevat' Feb. 13

DOWNEY—The Jewish Arbor Day, "Tu B'Shevat," will be celebrated Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Tu B'Shevat, considered the New Year of the Trees, is a nature holiday. Services will be conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill.

The traditional Seder will consist of fruits and nuts; a donation of \$6 is requested to subsidize the cost.

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

Bus embarking to Festival of Books

DOWNEY—Good news for those who enjoy great books, best-selling authors, good food and entertainment—the Friends of the Downey City Library are sponsoring a free bus trip to the UCLA Festival of Books Saturday, April 29.

The festival offers lectures, book reviews, storytelling and writing workshops by over 400 authors. Also featured will be book signings by some of today's leading authors. In addition, there will be poetry readings, as well as cooking demonstrations.

The trip would be ideal for book lovers who want to avoid the hassle of driving and parking on the Westwood campus. The bus will leave the city of Downey parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. and arrive back in Downey at 5 p.m. Bus transportation and festival admission are free, but some events require advance tickets.

For reservations, contact the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Red symbol of fight against heart disease

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center staff wore red on Feb. 3 to raise awareness in helping prevent heart disease in women, as part of a nationwide observance of the American Heart Association's "Love Your Heart – Wear Red Day," during which women and men across the country wore red.

According to the American Heart Association, studies show that from 1997 to 2003, awareness of heart disease as the leading cause of death in women rose from 30 to 46 percent: awareness in white women (55 percent) was nearly twice as high as among African-American (30 percent) and Hispanic (27 percent) women.



CAMPAIGN 2006—Will be shown on Comcast (Channel 26) Mondays in February at 7:30 p.m. It is hosted by Marsha Moode with Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Press-Telegram Editor Larry Ellison (second from left), and Journalist Lawrence Christon (extreme right).

Kidsday Hall of Fame nominations now taken

DOWNEY—Community leaders, employers, teachers, coaches and parents are urged to nominate outstanding young people (grades 1-12) who are achieving academically, athletically or improving themselves and their community for election into the Kidsday Hall of Fame, by which the city honors the extraordinary achievements of Downey's youth.

Nomination forms, complete with instructions and criteria, are available at the Community Services Department at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., at the Downey City Library, and at all Downey city parks. Nomination forms are due back at City Hall on Monday, March 20 by 5:30 p.m.

All nominees are invited to the Kidsday Hall of Fame ceremony on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Downey Theater. During the ceremony, the top nominees (as determined by a neutral panel of community leaders) will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

All nominees and inductees will receive "goody bags" and special certificates of achievement. At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone in attendance is invited to a short reception in the Theater courtyard.

Financial Partners signs on as archives sponsor

DOWNEY – To honor its rich history in the Downey aerospace industry, Financial Partners Credit Union has signed on as corporate sponsor of the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center's new Aviation History Archive.

The new archive spotlights stories and photos of projects that the primary aeronautics contractors at the Downey NASA site had worked on over the years. North American Aviation, Rockwell, and Boeing, all primary aeronautics contractors in Downey, all have ties to the credit union.

"Financial Partners has not forgotten its roots," said Nader Moghaddam, Financial Partners CEO. "Preserving our heritage and paying tribute to how Financial Partners began in 1937 as North American Aviation Employees Federal Credit Union, later Rockwell Federal Credit Union, and now Boeing, is still an important aspect of our organization."

The credit union and the city of Downey are encouraging people affil-

The poets' corner

Love and Rejection

Love and rejection is like a game, Harsh, wild and hardly tame. It's a seesaw on a playground, Or a song without a melody.

Rejection may have the upper hand, Lifting relationships into the frying pan. Flipping them up and down. In some days, a smile can turn into a frown.

A game of tag, running endlessly until Disagreements come in for a kill. The romantic play ends in a hushed glare As if, love had never been there.

On a never-stopping scoreboard, One foot back and the other forward; Romance and hatred can be the same, In this life, it's a heartbreaking game. —Shaina St. Cruz, Downey



DOWNEY ROTARY PRESIDENT—Carol Pearce presents a check to District Governor Ingo Werk for the Rotary Eye Rescue project. Downey Rotary's \$5,000 contribution will help cornea transplants in Columbia. For information on joining Downey Rotary, call Pearce at (562) 622-1425.

The UPS Store set for grand opening

DOWNEY—The UPS Store, located at 8504 Firestone Blvd., across the street from Downey High School, will have its grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, Feb. 22 at a 10 a.m., with assistance from the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

UPS Store locations are independently owned and operated by licensed franchisees of Mail Boxes Etc., a UPS company. Downey UPS Store owner Don Anderson says The UPS Store is a one-stop shop for shipping, postal and business services and he looks forward to serving the Downey community. It offers black, white and color duplications, document finishing (binding, laminating, etc), full-service packaging, freight crating and shipping, mailbox and postal services, office and packaging supplies, and otherwise geared to "providing personalized and convenient business solutions with world-class customer service." The UPS Store's hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 923-2191.

A variety of heart-health education classes were scheduled by DRMC during American Heart Month in February, including the upcoming Women and Heart Disease/Stroke Awareness event Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9-11 a.m. Call the DRMC Education Department at 904-5580 or Stroke Hotline at 904-5162 for registration information.



iated with North American Aviation, Rockwell, Boeing, and Vultee to contribute to the Aviation Archive.

"Downey is proud of our rich heritage as an important site of aeronautics development and we are very pleased to launch this program aimed at helping preserve this heritage for generations to come, special thanks to Financial Partners Credit Union for their support," said Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins, who is also a board member of the Science Learning Center Foundation.

Photos and stories of the history of the Downey NASA site are available online at www.columbiaspacescience.org/historyarchive.



Writing workshop to help cope with loss

DOWNEY—The Motherless Daughters of Orange County, which includes many Downey members in its ranks, is sponsoring a one-day (10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) writing workshop called "Remembering with Words" Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Embassy Suites, 1325 East Dyer Rd. in Santa Ana. The workshop is designed to "help women create shape and meaning from their stories of mother loss, and to bring their mothers back to life as characters on the page."

Hope Edelman, author of the New York Times bestseller "Motherless Daughters: Legacy of Loss" and a MDOC board member, is conducting the workshop. Women 18 years and older who experience the loss of their mothers before they were 22 years of age are invited to participate. Memoirist Edelman will guide participants through a series of short writing exercises, and lead discussion, following each one. No previous writing experience is necessary. Bring only a notebook, a pen, or a laptop.

Cost is \$30. For information, call Mary Felix, (562) 862-6653.

Country line dancing class starting up

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a new class, Country Line Dancing, for all levels of experience, beginners through partner dancing.

The classes begin Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Golden Park. Beginners class runs from 6:30-7:15 p.m., intermediate from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and country partner dancing from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Fee is \$18 for six weeks of classes. To register, call 904-7238.



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This tax season, take advantage of credits

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Each year, thousands of hardworking families in the 34th Congressional District and throughout the Los Angeles area lose money they're entitled to because they fail to take advantage of two important tax credits - the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). Could you be one of them? As the April 17 deadline approaches for filing our taxes, I encourage you to find out whether you qualify for one or both of these credits. The answer could mean more money in you pocket, even if you don't owe taxes.

If your family earned less than \$37,263 in 2005, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Eligibility for the credit depends on factors such as your total income and family size. For some families, the Earned Income Tax Credit is worth up to \$4,400. The funds are first used to pay any federal taxes owned by an eligible worker. After any tax liability is paid off, tax filers receive all of the remaining Earned Income Credit dollars in the form of a check from IRS.

The Child Tax Credit allows families to claim a credit worth up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under 17. Similar to the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit is first used to reduce or pay off any taxes owned by the family. After that, depending upon a family's income, some filers might also qualify to receive a refund of all or part of any leftover Child Tax Credit funds.

In 2004, I was pleased to support measures passed by Congress to permit more military families earning combat pay to qualify for both the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. These credits provide a welcomed financial boost to our deserving men and women in uniform.

Survivors of the Katrina, Rita and Wilma hurricanes in 2005 also need to be aware of tax changes passed by Congress last fall to help them receive the maximum refund possible for the 2005 tax year. Under new legislation, which I supported, individuals living in a county designated a federal disaster area or who were evacuated before the hurricane struck, may qualify for greater tax relief. For hurricane victims who need help with tax maters, call 1-866-562-5227.

Free tax preparation services from trained community volunteers are also available through the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)" program. To find out if you qualify or for the Los Angeles locations nearest you, please visit www.eitc-la.com or call the 211 hotline or 1-877-348-2422. Seniors can also locate free AARP tax-aide counseling sites in their area by calling 1-888-227-7669.

By taking advantage of the Child Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit and the free tax preparation services, eligible families can keep more of their hard-earned dollars. Additionally eligibility information about both programs appears below.

Here are the highlights of the 2005 EITC eligibility requirements:

*A taxpayer must provide valid Social Security numbers for everyone listed on the tax return. Social Security numbers issued to non-citizens who have permission to work legally in the United States are also accepted.

*Workers who were raising one child in their home and who earned less than \$31,030 in 2005 (or less than \$33,030 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$2,662.

*Workers who were raising two or more children in their home and who earned less than \$35,263 in 2005 (or less than \$37,263 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$4,400.

*Workers who were not raising children in their home, were between 25 and 64 on "Dec. 31, 2005, and who earned less than \$11,750 in 2005 (or less than \$13,750 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up \$399.

*Eligible EITC taxpayers who failed to file previously can file amended tax returns for the past three years to collect overdue refunds.

The 2005 Child Tax Credit eligibility requirements are as follows:

*The taxpaver must have either a Social Security number or an



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Remembering Columbia disaster

'Jackpot baby' epithet unfair

Dear Editor:

It is with great sadness that I once again read the hatred-filled letters to the editor in your newspaper. Some of your readers have a very skewed view of reality. To claim that an unwed teenage single mother has a "jackpot baby" is not an accurate reflection of the hard life that awaits these women and their children. All social services were designed to assist those members of society who need assistance. Clearly there are problems with our social programs, but discussion and solutions can only occur in an environment free from hate. As soon as the tone of the discourse changes to one of anger, stereotyping, and blatant bigotry there is no discussion left. The only thing that remains is people going to their respective corners and glaring at one another with contempt. Latinos will soon make up the majority of the population in California. The vast majority of which make incredible contributions to our communities. We are doctors, police officers, firefighters, lawyers, teachers and entrepreneurs. We are here to stay and no amount of scapegoating is going the change that fact.

Individual Taxpayer Identification number issued by the IRS.

*The taxpayer must have a qualifying child under the age of 17 who lived with the tax filer for more than half the year in the U.S. The child (whether a citizen or non-citizen must have either a valid Social Security number or an individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITN).

*The taxpaver must have earned more than \$11,000 in 2005 to receive a CTC "refund."

*The CTC is available to married couples filing jointly with incomes up to \$110,000, \$75,000 for those filing as single, head of household or as a qualifying widow(er) and \$55,000 for married couples filing separately. At incomes above these amounts, the benefit of the CTC is reduced.

*Eligible CTC taxpayers who failed to file previously can file amended returns for the past three years to collect overdue refunds.

I hope you find this information beneficial.

Cheer

Wrong idea!

It was the game that made it so much fun for everyone and we parents had to get off our big fannies and take our kids out for a fun local high school game. And I took some great pictures for her scrapbook to boot.

My 16-year-old attends Downey and I received plenty of flack for taking my 6-year-old to Warren's clinic. It was worth it! My daughter is already asking when the next one will be.

I commend Cheer Coordinator Kelley Acosta, the cheer moms and organizers and the entire Warren High School cheerleading squad for being so kind and a job well done. Thank you so much.

— Misty Hausmann,

Downey

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Dear Editor:

Feb. 1, 2006 marked the 3rd anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. It was the second space shuttle disaster and the first shuttle lost on landing for NASA.

As many of our Downey friends of the 34th District know, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's House Joint Resolution 57 to name the planned learning center "The Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center" at the former Rockwell/Boeing International plant (now referred to as Downey Landing) passed the House on Oct. 5, 2004.

When completed, the learning center will memorialize the Columbia astronauts who lost their lives on Feb. 1, 2003, the rich space history of Downey, and all who helped realize our nation's dream of space exploration.

—Eddie D. Tafoya,

Field Deputy, Office of U.S. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

Mansionization meeting critical

To the Editor:

In recent weeks The Downey Patriot stated that the City Council set a public hearing for Feb. 28, on a code amendment to the Municipal Code on standards limiting the building of mansions on single-family lots. The public hearing is Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. This is an extremely important meeting regarding our community and the negative impact these super-sized structures with no architectural review board.

We can't afford to have contractors, builders, speculators Downey realtors who make their profits at the expense of the residents of this community.

I hope the residents who take care of their Ranch, English, Tudor, and Spanish style homes won't have to say, "I told you so!"

-Dee De Young,

Downey

Bereavement seminar

We at the First Christian Church of Downey would like to thank you for including the announcement of our upcoming bereavement seminar in your newspaper.

We have received interest and responses from the community in the past and expect the same will occur for this new series coming on March 5. We really do appreciate your willingness to sponsor this message to our community.

-Craig Charlton, Griefshare Leader, **Downey First Christian**

-Daniel Sanchez,

Downey

History repeating itself?

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a lot of hysteria and highly emotional involvement when debating about illegal aliens, of which the majority is Hispanics.

I venture to say that this current wave of Hispanic immigrants is experiencing the same xenophobic welcome that prior waves of immigrants received.

This is quite interesting because unless your ancestors are running the Agua Caliente, Morongo or Paiute Palace casinos, every one of us is a descendant of immigrants or an immigrant (I count myself in the latter group).

History reminds us about NINA (No Irish Need Apply) directed to the Irish driven to the U.S. by the potato famine of the 19th century or of the German immigrants denied bilingual education in Nebraska in the early 20th century (sound familiar?) when they arrived escaping political instability.

Later on, Italians, Poles, Hungarians, et al, arrived and suffered rejections from the previously arrived Irish and Germans who now saw themselves as "native" Americans.

The pattern is obvious; established immigrants forget their roots and feel threatened by new arrivals and think that the moral fabric of the country is in jeopardy.

With time the illegals will become integrated into American society and will get their turn to complain about new arrivals from Africa, Asia, or elsewhere.

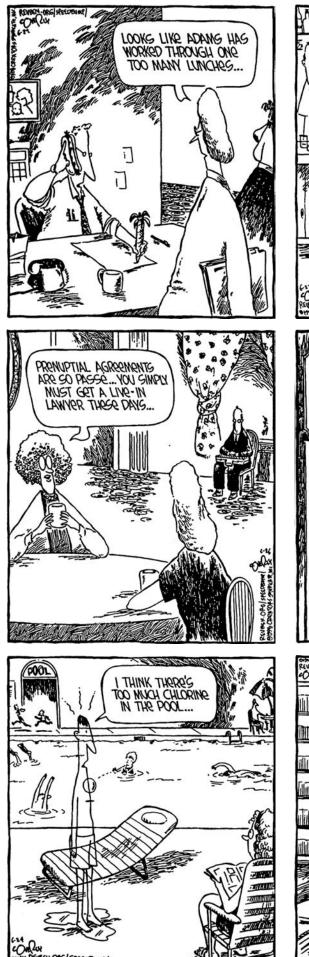
The U.S. society model is a magnet for people from all over the world who want to improve themselves. Many more will come and they may even help to save Social Security by providing more workers with taxes to pay the retiring benefits of the baby boomers.

-Jorge Montero,

Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Fri. Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.: Shawn Morgan entertains at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997. Sun. Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m.: "Cruising to Bermuda" travelogue filmed and narrated by Doug Jones as part of the Armchair Adventure Series at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call 861-8211.

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 Commision, Council Chamber at City Hall. 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall. 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall. 2nd & 4 th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber. 2nd & 4 th 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 Nadine Morris at 923-9422. 9:30 a.m.: Adventure with the Bible, at the First Baptist Church Call 928-4153. 12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo, for information call Carol Pearce at 622-1425. 12:00 p.m.: Exchange Club, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871 7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478. 7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659. 7:30 p.m.: Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802. 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: Quota International Southeast Cities, for information call (323) 569-2854. 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191. 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438. 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904. 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106. 3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: Huff and Puff Respiratory, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355. Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

<u>Wednesdays</u>

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., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132. 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.

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Fridays

7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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Entertainment Page 7 Friday, Feb. 10, 2006

Calendar of events at Cerritos Center

CERRITOS-Offered at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Friday-Sunday, Feb. 3-5, is Luis Bravo's Forever Tango, which traces the Tango's colorful history, through music, dance, and dramatic vignettes, performed by an ensemble of dancers, musicians and singers. Times are 8 p.m. Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday (Lyric Configuration).

Music legend George Jones, who "continues to be recognized as one of music's most prolific singers and songwriters (White Lightning, He Stopped Loving Her Today)," appears Friday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

Founder, songwriter and lead singer of STYX Dennis DeYoung (with Orchestra) performs Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. He is described as the "definitive voice of the Pop-Rock sound of the 1970s and 1980s with such hits as Lady, Rockin' the Paradise, and Best of Times.

Garrison Keillor's appearance Sunday, Feb. 12 has been sold out.

The show, An Evening with The Everly Brothers, scheduled for Feb. 14-15, has been cancelled.

Three Men & A Baby... Grand!, featuring Broadway and recording stars, John Boswell, Brian Lane Green & Lee Lessack, is offered Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in a Sierra Cabaret setting. The trio will perform classics from the Great White Way.

Cherish the Ladies, slated for Thursday, Feb. 16, is sold out.

Al Jarreau, winner of a string of Grammy's including "Best Male Pop Vocalist" and "Best Male Jazz Vocalist" and whose "graceful vocal style and musical imagination has won him devoted fans worldwide," will give a performance Friday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m., Eloise Laws with Sinbad will entertain "in a night of laughs with one of film and television's favorite comedians." Eloise Laws was an original lead cast member and co-writer of the 4-time Tony-nominated play, It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues

The All-American Boys Chorus, considered an important institution in Orange County whose concerts have taken them throughout Europe, Asia, and North America, deliver a "delightful mix of Broadway favorites, college fight songs, Bach, and a patriotic tribute to John Philip Sousa" Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.

Rossini's The Barber of Seville, the "masterpiece comic opera that both Verdi and Wagner loved and audiences have enjoyed for almost two centuries," will be performed in Italian with English supertitles Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25, both at 8 p.m., produced by the Teatro Lirico D'Europa.

Bookending the February schedule is the presentation, Don't Touch That Dial! Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m., featuring film and television's favorite variety stars Nanette Fabray, Anna Maria Alberghetti, Bill Hayes, Willie Tyler & Lester, and the Horace Heidt Orchestra, and a surprise special guest star.

For tickets/information, call 1-800-300-4345 during regular ticket office hours, or visit www.cerritoscenter.com.





BOOKED FOR CONCERT – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries have been signed for the Downey Chamber of Commerce 3rd annual Oldies Concert to be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater, Brookshire at Firestone. Announcements will be made on ticket availability soon. This is an annual benefit concert for the Chamber.

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Downey Adult School offering One-Day Tours

DOWNEY-The Downey Adult School in cooperation with Great Western Tours is offering a series of One Day Trips by bus to local attractions.

The first of these is the Sweet Shops Tour, a Curt Tucker Adventure complete with Tam O'Shanter Lunch scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21. The bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m., and visits several spots famed for their chocolates and gourmet sweets. Tour includes transportation with stops at a Japanese Sweet Shop, Gourmet Classic Soda Store, Chocolate and Chew Factory, and the Tam O' Shanter for lunch. Cost is \$72 per person, and course No. is 089002.

Other tours offered as one day trips include A Taste of Hollywood-Fashion Food and Shopping, set for Wednesday, March 1st, featuring an Academy Awards Fashion and Biltmore Hotel visit with shopping at "It's A Wrap." Cost is \$49 per person. Course 089003.

A visit to the famed Spring Festival of Flowers at Descanso Gardens, tram tour and lunch is set for Wednesday, March 22. Cost is \$58 per person. Course No. 089013.

A visit to the fabulous Palm Springs Follies is set for Friday, April 7. Cost is \$68 per person and Course No. is 089004.

The tours include two extended trips, April 18-20 to Las Vegas, Lake Mead and Hoover Dam and three days and two nights in Nevada. Cost is double per person \$209/single \$269, and \$50 deposit required. Course no. 089014.

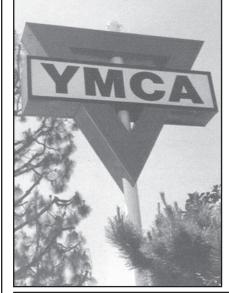
And a four-day motorcoach tour of Yosemite Valley and the California Gold Country is scheduled for May 30-June 2. Cost double per person \$499/single \$599, \$50 deposit required per person. Course No. 089005. Phone Bernice Madariaga at (562) 940-6213 to register.



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Middle School's Brent Shubin who is the current GOOD president, is

shown at extreme left with GOOD treasurer and DFCU CEO

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RIBBON CUTTING – Southland Credit Union recently celebrated the remodeling of their facilities by staging a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening. Pictured are (from left) Rene LeJay and Evelyn Bowen of Southland Credit Union and Jan Simon, chair of the Downey Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, representing Downey Federal Credit Union.

Familiar face returns to Warren sideline

DOWNEY – After four years away, Jeff Welch is returning to his post as head coach of Warren High School's football team.

Welch replaces Joe Biagioni, whose team finished 2-8 last year.

In nine years as coach of the Bears, Welch led Warren to seven CIF playoff appearances, building a successful football program that was consistently ranked in the top ten in its division.

A Warren graduate, he previously coached and taught at Warren for 17 years before becoming head coach in 1993. He resigned in 2002 to focus on his family-owned business, Downey Christian School, a preschool and elementary for children ages 2 through fifth grade.

Welch holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cal State Long Beach and a masters in Education Administration from Azusa Pacific University. He has appointed Warren teacher Chris Benadom as assistant head

coach and teacher Alan Tyner as varsity assistant coach.

Youth football gearing for new season

DOWNEY – The board of Downey Youth Football meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Furman Park and is open to the public. Registration for the 2006 season will begin in March for returning players and at the Downey Street Fair and Kids Day in May for new players. First day of practice is July 31.



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The Downey Patriot



MICHAEL JOSEPH HOWARD – Will be remembered with a funeral mass today, Feb. 10, at St. Joseph's Church in Long Beach. A carpenter for 50 years, he died Feb. 6.



ACADEMY AWARDS GALA – Members of Downey's Soroptimist International are pictured at last year's annual event. This year it will be held on Sunday, March 5 at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

3rd annual Academy Awards gala scheduled

DOWNEY—Soroptimist International of Downey is preparing for its 3rd annual Academy Awards Gala scheduled at Rio Hondo Event Center in conjunction with the airing of the Academy Awards, which this year will be broadcast Sunday, March 5.

The gala, which includes a silent auction and a "fabulous" dinner while members watch the awards program and guess the winners, will raise scholarship funds for Downey's youth, as well as for women struggling to improve their lives and the lives of their children though education.

Tickets are \$60 per, available by calling Jan Scott at 806-3701, or Carol Rowland at 904-7159.

Funeral mass today for Michael J. Howard

DOWNEY—A Funeral Mass will be said today, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Long Beach for Michael Joseph Howard, who raised his family in Downey and most recently lived in Huntington Beach.

Vigil was held at the church at 7 p.m. yesterday. He died Feb. 6. He was born Jan. 12, 1932 in Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland and earned his U.S. citizenship by serving in the U.S. Army for 2 years. He then worked as a general contractor for 50 years.

A talented carpenter, he was known, his family attests, "for his political commentary, social insight and pub stool humor."

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Margaret; sons Martin D., William P., and Michael J.; daughters Rosemarie P. Sauer and Catherine C. Borsetto; "nearly" 10 grandchildren; and a sister, Mary McCarthy.

The family has requested donations be made to Habitat for Humanity in lieu of flowers.

Tours offered by Downey Adult School

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School offers the following one-day Great Western Tours led by Harriett Paine: *Sweet Shops Tour*—featuring a Curt Tucker Adventure and lunch at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant, Feb. 21; *Taste of Hollywood*—*Fashion, Food, & Shopping*—stops at Fashion Institute of Design and Biltmore Hotel, March 1; and *Spring Festival of Flowers at Descanso Gardens*—featuring a Tram Tour and lunch, March 22. Information: 940-6213.



Call - Keep Downey Beautiful @ 562-904-7159 KDB will provide trash bags, safety vests and gloves. (wear old clothes and closed toe shoes)

All cleanup's are 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

February 18

Where to meet: Parking area in front of Old River School Elementary

March 18

Where to meet: Parking lot of Warren High School on Paramount Blvd.

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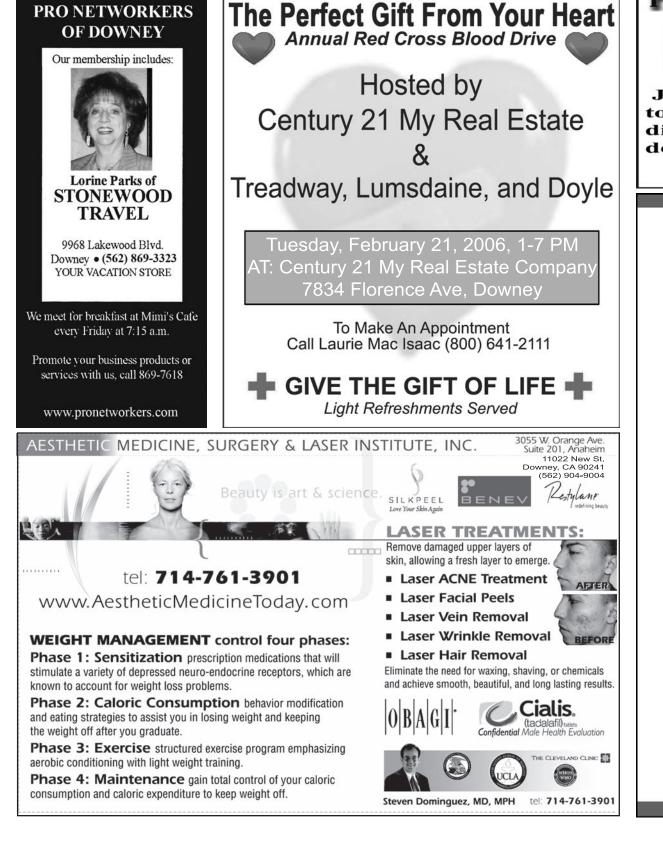




CONNECTIONS – Every Thursday at 7:30 a.m., members of Connections, a local networking group meet for breakfast at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd., Downey. Pictured standing (from left) are Richard Lee, Bill Schilling and Marina Amezcua. Sitting is president Nick Smith. For information on the group call Smith at 861-5222.







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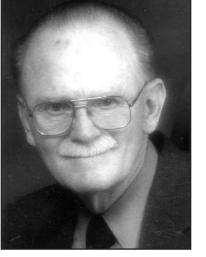


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EMILIO RABAK

ARTHUR TRADER

Emilio Rabak migrated from former Yugoslavia

DOWNEY-Memorial services were held at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey on Jan. 14 for 69-year-old Emilio "Mike" Rabak, who was born March 23, 1936 and died in Downey on Jan. 11.

He came to the U.S. in 1962 from the former Yugoslavia (now Croatia), became an American citizen and built his new life in Los Angeles. He retired from Oroweat Bakery in 1998.

A Downey resident for 29 years, he enjoyed visiting and traveling in Croatia. He was an active member of the Downey Bocce Club.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Petromila Rabak; daughters Marian Rabak of Downey and Susan (Uwe) Reimer of Lafayette, CA; granddaughter Katharina Reimer; his sisters Maria Vizentin, Angelina Corelli and Yolanda Grozic; and his brothers Ivan and Guiseppe Rabak.

Interment was at All Souls Catholic Cemetery in Long Beach.

Graveside services for Peggy Jean Bryant

DOWNEY-Peggy Jean Bryant, a 50-year resident of Downey, will be given a Graveside Service at noon Feb. 13 at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood. She passed away in Downey on Feb. 4 at the age of 81.

Born April 28, 1924 in Clifton, Kansas, she was a homemaker and a member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Downey.

She is survived by daughter Carolyn (John) Hansen; granddaughter Donna Zeleznik; great grandson Brandon Dillard; great granddaughter Shelby Zeleznik; nephews Mike and Jeff Barr; brother Donald Bayne; and sister Edna Sullivan.

The family is being assisted by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Arthur 'Al' Trader spent over 30 years with LAPD

DOWNEY-Arthur "Al" Trader, who served as Elder, Deacon, and President at Downey Memorial Christian Church, has died. A memorial service was held in his honor on Jan. 27.

Born in 1937 in Long Beach, he retired as a Lieutenant in 1991 after 33 years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department. He served for over 30 years on the board of the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union, serving as chairman on two occasions. He was president in 1982 of the Southern California Juvenile Officers Association, which has named a scholarship in his honor. Also naming an annual award in his honor in 1984 for his service is the State California Juvenile Officers Association.

A graduate of Downey High School, he held degrees from Long Beach City College, Pepperdine University, and University of Southern California. He also graduated from the Delinquency Control Institute at USC and the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marcella; his daughters, Nancy and Judy; grandsons Mike and Jarod; his mother, Elizabeth; and brother, Tim.

The family requested that donations be made to Parkinson Education Group, P.O. Box 1155 Downey, CA 90240 in lieu of flowers.

Myra Kathleen Salazar leaves behind family

DOWNEY-Myra Kathleen Salazar, who was born Feb. 16, 1967 in Harbor General in Carson and had since 1994 been working at the Los Angeles Animal Control, passed away in Downey on Jan. 29. She was 38.

Services were held at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary, with viewing on Friday, Feb. 3.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse; her father and mother, Rudy and Patricia; sons Matthew, 3, and Jesse James, 2; daughter, Nicole Jasmine, 10; her sisters, Loyjean and Regina; and her brothers, Rudy, Ernest and Rocky. Burial was at the Downey District Cemetery.

Luis Montalvan passes away at 27

DOWNEY-Born in Downey Dec. 22, 1978 to parents Alberto and Dania, Luis Alberto Montalvan, who enjoyed art design and music, passed away on Feb. 1 at the age of 27.

He is survived by his father, Alberto; his mother, Dania; his brother, also named Alberto; and his sisters, Diana and Georgina.

Services were held in his honor at St. Raymond's Catholic Church on Feb. 7. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, with Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handling arrangements.





MAXINE PENNINGTON

MARY LOU BOYD

Memorial service held for Maxine Pennington

DOWNEY-A memorial service was held on Feb. 1 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier for Ruth Maxine Pennington, who was born July 30, 1920 in Los Angeles to Jesse and Ruth Brown and died on Jan. 27 at Downey Regional Medical Center,

She graduated from Fremont High School in Los Angeles in 1938 and married Edgar Penningon on June 1, 1940. They lived in South Gate before moving in 1969 to Downey, attending Downey First Baptist Church for many years.

She was a church soloist and choir member. Renowned for her cooking and entertaining, she also spent time on her sewing, needlework and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar; daughters Susan and Pat; her sister Mary; eight grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Anita; her sister Clara; and her brother Clifford.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Mary Lou Boyd services held Feb. 9

DOWNEY-Mary Lou Boyd, who was born Nov. 11, 1926 in Burley, Idaho and moved with her family to Los Angeles in 1933, and later to Downey in 1958, died in her home in Downey on Feb. 2. She was 79.

Services in her honor were held at the graveside at Inglewood Park Cemetery yesterday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.

She was employed for over 25 years as a secretary and was a member of the Downey 3rd Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Surviving her are her son James M. Boyd of Downey; a sister, Louis Little, also of Downey; and a brother, Dick Nelson of Oregon. She was preceded in death in 1991 by her husband of 43 years, James Boyd.

Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Service of Bell Gardens assisted with arrangements.



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JANELL JERNIGAN - A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, is a resident of Downey and a recent graduate of Warren High school. "We are excited to welcome Janell. She brings positive energy coupled with an optimistic approach to learning," stated Steve Roberson, broker and owner of Century 21 My Real Estate. To contact Jernigan, call (562) 927-2626.

Ask the **Contractors Board**

Answer to common home improvement questions

By Bert Sandman

Chair, California Contractors State License Board Q: I have sought out bids from three different contractors to repair a large deck in my backyard. They all seem legitimate, but one said I didn't need a written contract, he said oral contracts are upheld in California. Is this true? Do I need one in writing?

A: Home improvement contracts are a tool to make sure that contractors and consumers agree on the work to be performed-how it will be done, when it will be done, what materials will be used, and how much it will cost. A well-written contract is also a tool that helps ensure enforcement of the agreement, if necessary. Like most other tools, a contract should be top quality and well constructed, with all its working parts. New contract requirements took effect on Jan. 1, 2006.

A written contract outlining the work to be performed is needed if the cost of the job is equal to or more than \$500, including labor and materials. Also, always visit the CSLB's website at www.cslb.ca.gov to verify a contractor's license. You can also download a copy of Terms of Agreement - A Consumer Guide to Home Improvement Contracts from the CSLB website. This free publication offers detailed information for homeowners and contractors about the requirements of home improvement contracts. Unless the contract is negotiated at the contractor's place of business the buyer qualifies for the three-day right to cancel. **Q**: I signed a contract yesterday to have some storm damage repaired. However, right after I did, a friend recommended a contractor to me who I feel more comfortable hiring. Can I cancel the contract with the first contractor? A: Yes, you can cancel the contract. In the contract, the contractor was required to include a 'Notice of Right to Cancel' form, which states the consumer may cancel the contract within three business days of signing it, without penalty. Locate the document and then present it to your contractor. If there isn't a cancellation form, call your contractor and ask for one. You should be aware that you qualify for this three-day right to cancel unless you sign the contract at the contractor's place of business. Plus, the three days includes Saturdays, but not Sundays or some holidays, so don't wait until the last minute. Q: I have determined my roof needs repairs before winter hits. What is the best way to find a quality and affordable contractor to do the work? A: The CSLB suggests asking friends and family to refer you to contractors they have used in the past. You can also contact a professional roofer's association in the area to refer you to a contractor, as most hold their members to very high standards of work. A local builder's exchange is also another resource you may choose to utilize. Get at least three bids before choosing a contractor and always verify a contractor's license through the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov. For more information on how to hire and manage a roofing contractor, download or order your free copy of Tips for Hiring a Roofing Contractor: A Consumer's Rights & Responsibilities.

Apartment complex sold

DOWNEY-Morgan Skenderian Investment Real Estate Group, a real estate brokerage firm specializing in the sale of apartment complexes throughout Southern California, reports the sale of the Dinwiddie Metropolitan Plaza, a three-unit apartment complex located at 7222 Dinwiddie St. in Downey.

The property was sold to Carlos Henriquez of Downey for a reported \$850,000. It was owned by Rajeshwari Deshmukh of Palos Verdes Estates.

Representing the seller in the transaction was Doug Rodermund of the brokerage firm's Newport Beach office, with Paula Montoya of A & S representing the buyer.

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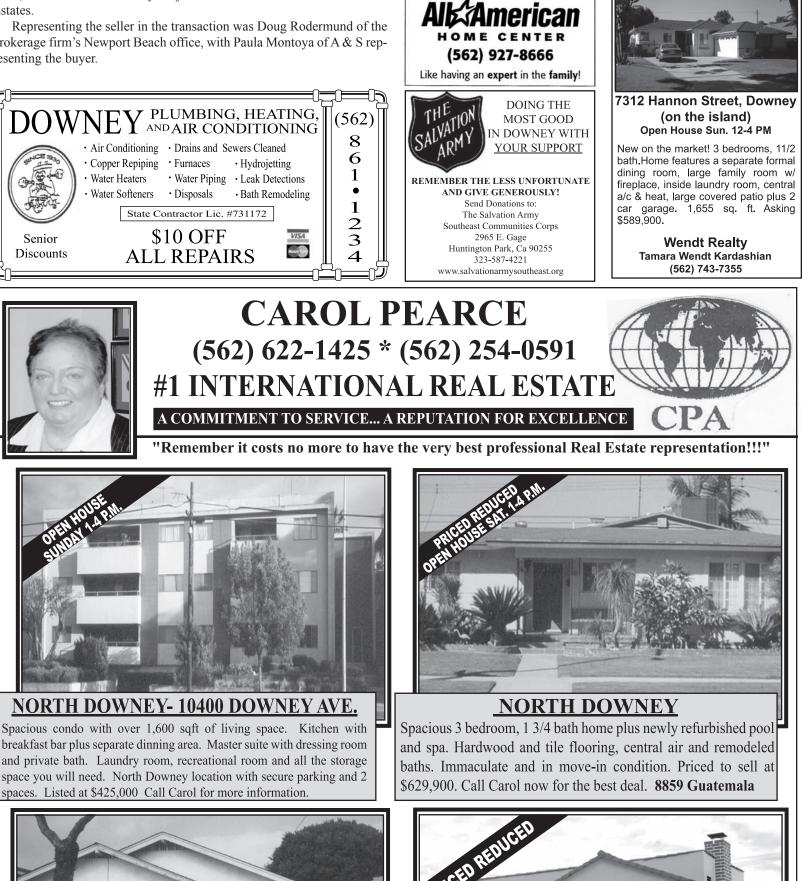
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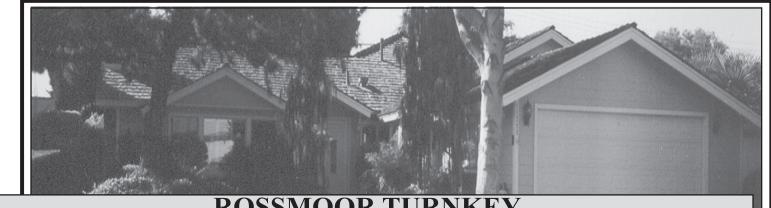
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