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QUEEN ELIZABETH 2 – The legendary cruise liner recently embarked on a 40-day trip through eastern Asia. A film produced during the voyage will be presented at the Downey Theater this Sunday.

'Cruising the Orient' from the Downey Theater

By Kevin O'Connor

DOWNEY – "Cruising the Orient on the QE2" is the next film of Downey Theater's 2006/07 Armchair Adventure Series, scheduled for this Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m. The film is produced and narrated by Doug Longs.

In 1969 the legendary Queen Elizabeth 2 was launched as the third of the Cunard Queens. She was the first ship ever built to serve as both a transatlantic liner and a cruise ship. Cunard sailed her across the North Atlantic for 35 years until she was replaced by the Queen Mary 2 in 2004.

The QE2 made her first world cruise in 1974 and has continued to sail around the world each winter ever since. Each year she takes a different route but each world cruise will sail through a large part of the great Far

Doug Jones, one of America's premier travel film producers, boarded the QE2 halfway through her world cruise in Sydney, Australia. He sailed with her for 40 days through the most exotic ports of the Orient to produce the film to be featured Sunday.

The film begins in Sydney, where the QE2 sails to Melbourne and Perth before heading to Bali. From Bali the ship continues on to the exotic island nation of Brunei. From Brunei, the QE2 sails to Manila and the Philippines, then to Hong Kong, and eventually overland to Xian and Beijing.

Next stop on the Orient cruise is Tokyo and the wonders of Japan. Then QE2 heads back to the south, stopping in Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore

This film gives a glimpse of life in some of the most interesting travel destinations of the world. You will also see sights ranging from Sydney Harbor Bridge to the Great Wall of China, from Balinese dancers in Indonesia to crocodile wrestlers in Thailand. The experience will take place from the gangway of one of the most legendary liners of all time: Cunard's QE2.

Church to show 'An Inconvenient Truth'

DOWNEY—Downey Memorial Christian Church, 8441 E. Florence Ave. (near Brookshire), along with about 30 other congregations in the greater Los Angeles area and some 4,000 churches nationwide, will offer a free screening of the Sundance Film Festival hit, "An Inconvenient Truth," the first week in October.

Directed by Davis Guggenheim, the film explores the threat of global warming. According to the scientists, environmental catastrophe is the consequence of ignoring a problem that some call humanity's ticking time bomb

In the film, science provides the message, and Al Gore is the messenger. Since leaving elective office, the former Vice Presidents has pursued a one-man crusade to halt global warming's progress.

Downey Memorial Church is screening "An Inconvenient Truth" Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the community is welcome.

In the metropolitan area, the program is sponsored by Progressive Christians Uniting and California Interfaith Power and Light.

"Cruising the Orient on the QE2" is the second "Armchair Adventure" of a 10-film series. The series features full color, feature length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer. All films are on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater located at 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

For information on season subscriptions, call (562) 861-8214, Monday through Friday, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Korneff of DRMC celebrates anniversary

■ In an industry known for high turnover, Allen Korneff is marking a rare 35 years.

By Sheila Holliday, Downey Regional Medical Center

At a time when the average hospital CEO tenure is five and a half

years, Downey Regional Medical Center's Chief Executive Officer, Allen Korneff, is marking his 35th anniversary with the hospital. According to a survey by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), based in Chicago, Illinois, only 3.4 percent of hospital CEOs had a continuous tenure of more than 20 years.

Much has changed, however, concerning the nature of this role. He reflects, "In my lifetime I've seen how hospitals, which were primarily started and run by ministers, priests and churches for charitable purposes, have become increasingly impersonal businesses. We've been able to hang on to the human aspect of running a hospital. We relate to each other as a family. Our average tenure here is about 15 years, which is very unique.

"The biggest impact that management has had here has been perpetuating a culture of family, fairness, participation, ownership and belonging. Every employee we have is as important as I am to this Hospital. We have equally difficult tasks in different areas, and we all share the same responsibility. I feel they deserve respect at every level," Korneff said.

During Korneff's tenure, the Hospital has opened a Hand Rehabilitation Center, Outpatient Surgical Center, introduced CT and MRI scanners, dedicated its Anderson Critical Care Unit, opened its Heart Center, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories, Definitive Observation and Transitional Care Units, purchased Rio Hondo Hospital and unified its employees and medical staff onto one campus, opened an expansive Emergency Care Center, developed and operated Golden Outlook Insurance Services, Inc., until it was sold in 2005, and opened an 80,000 square-foot medical office building on campus.

The tenure of CEOs varied widely. While 42 percent of hospitals have had only one CEO in the past five years, 22 percent of hospitals have had three or four CEOs in the past five years. California has the fifth highest rate of hospital CEO turnover in the nation.

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Warren instructor is Teacher of the Year

■ Kevin Hobbensiefken recognized as a great teacher of American history.

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education heard Eileen Wannett, Principal at Warren High School, proudly present Kevin Hobbensiefken, who has been named the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Teacher of the Year.

Wannett said Hobbensiefken has been a valuable member of the teaching staff for the past 11 years at Warren High School, where, as an exceptional teacher of American history, he is highly respected by students and staff. Prior to that, he taught at Downey High School for eight years.

Considered major contributing factors to his success as a teacher have been his enthusiasm, work ethic, professional commitment, and unquestioned command of his subject matter. Other qualities attributed to him include his efficiency, energy and integrity.

The event was at the regular board session Tuesday at the Education Center.

In other action the board:

•Expressed gratitude for gifts to the district from the private sector, including a cash donation of \$15,000 and the cost of a copy machine and personnel to enroll in the health care program from Kaiser Permanente; light bulbs valued at \$1,900 to be used as replacements from Holiday Paper Products.

•Approved payment of expenses and fees for conferences and conventions

•Ratified a general agreement with the Griffiths Centers for Children effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

•Ratified a general agreement with Heritage Center for the 2006-07 fiscal year

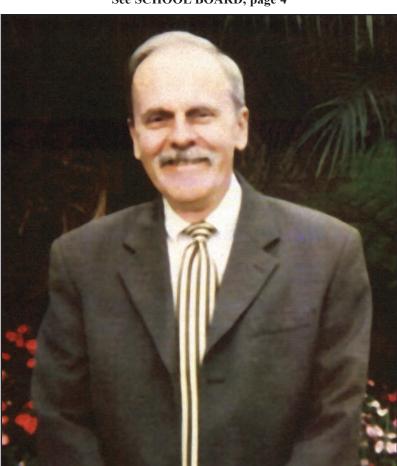
•Ratified a general agreement with Lindamood Bell Learning Process effective Sept. 1, 2006 through Dec. 30, 2007.

•Ratified a general agreement with Maximum Staffing Solution for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

•Ratified a general agreement with The Sycamores for the fiscal year

2006-07.
•Ratified payments for several Special Education Placements.

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ADVERTISING DIRECTOR – Jerry Brady will be leaving his position with the Downey Patriot.

Ad Director Brady announces retirement

DOWNEY – Jerry Brady, advertising director of the Downey Patriot since its inception, has announced his retirement effective next Wednesday, Sept. 27.

A veteran newspaper man of over 40 years, Brady worked for the Patriot's predecessor, the Downey Eagle, for nine years prior to his five-year stint with the Patriot. In addition, his career included assignments with such other publications as the Daily Signal, Los Angeles Herald Examiner and the Torrance Press Herald. He was also advertising director of the Southland's very first membership department store, Certi-Bond, for five years.

Brady was a 30-year resident of Downey before moving to Seal Beach three years ago.

Active in the community, he served on the Board of Directors of the Downey Chamber of Commerce for seven years and twice was named Director of the Year. He served as Chamber President in 2004-05.

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Artists' guilds joint meeting Sept. 24

DOWNEY—The Traditional Artists' Guild and the Downey Art League commence their 2006-2007 season with a joint meeting Sunday, Sept. 24 at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount. The general meeting begins at 2 p.m.

Demonstrator is Jim Burns, whose "love of the graphic arts, as expressed in his watercolor landscapes and seascapes, shows evidence of his years in the architectural profession which began in the 1950s."

The meeting is free to the public. Refreshments are provided, also free. Information: Ryo Terasaki, (562) 803-5857.

Moravian Church parking lot sale Oct. 7

DOWNEY—The Moravian Women's Fellowship of the Downey Moravian Church will hold a parking lot sale Saturday, October 7 from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church campus, 10337 Old River School Road in Downey.

Information: 927-0718.

Community invited to screen aviation footage

DOWNEY—Through the courtesy of member Jeff Vilencia, "Tracer of Lost Movies," the Downey Historical Society will present a montage of 16-mm. motion pictures Thursday, Sept. 28 in the John Downey Room of the Barbara Riley Center at Quill Drive, Rives Ave. in Downey. The screening starts at 7:30 p.m.

The film is in three sections: views of the construction, christening and flight of one of the first *trimotor* airplanes on the west coast—the *Kreutzer Air Coach*; a North American Aviation short starring Joe Barton and a P-51 Mustang converted into an attack bomber; and a more or less secret "found film" which shows F. A. Dobson's *Lunar Wurm*, which was in the running (Ford/Philco) for the lunar lander of the early 70s.

Downey Historical Society president is John Vincent, 892-2777.

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BREAKFAST MEETING – Pro Networkers of Downey meet every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe, Firestone at Brookshire, to network and exchange business leads. Pictured are two of the more than 40 members, chiropractor Dr. Gerald Coy and Karina Madariega of Downey Adult School. For information on the group call Harry Sacks at 319-1063.

Church plans annual 'harvest festival'

DOWNEY—Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave., is holding its Annual Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring a large rummage sale, white elephant, baked goods and a variety of food booths to enjoy.

There will also be a children's section with a jumper, sponge toss, face painting, etc. Admission is free.

For information, call 861-9777.

Walk to raise awareness on child abuse

DOWNEY – The 3rd Annual Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 starting at 8 a.m. at Downey First Baptist Church.

For information, call Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

Temple plans 'mini-fundraising dinner'

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is holding a "Mini-Fundraising Dinner" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 9116 Telegraph Rd. in Downey.

The community is invited to partake of the Chinese Family Style Dinner, which will include no shell fish or pork. Donation is \$16 person. There will be door prizes.

Reservations are required by calling the Temple office, 861-9276. Make checks payable to Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, and mail to/drop it off at 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Downey.

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CLEANING UP - Members of First Presbyterian Church of Downey spent a week in New Orleans last month helping clean up the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Warren Band embarks on annual decal drive

By Melody Gregorio,

WHS Band Boosters Communications Chair

DOWNEY-The Warren High School Band kicks off their annual Decal Drive Monday, Sept. 25 and will continue through Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Nearly 140 band and color guard students will be canvassing various Downey neighborhoods from 5:50 to 7:30 p.m. those three evenings, dressed in their band uniforms, going door-to-door, to request donations in exchange for a decal 'bear'ing their logo. This is one of the band's biggest fundraising activities and they are motivated to beat last year's donations of over \$12,200.

The community's generous contributions are used to purchase band room equipment, instruments, offset competition fees as well as cover many other band expenses.

The students look forward to this event each year as a way to get out and meet their supporters.

Workshop outlines service academies

DOWNEY—U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard will host a free information workshop for high school students interested in attending a U.S. service academy Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

Students and their parents are invited to meet with representatives from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Students will learn about the academy requirements, including the application process for receiving a nomination from the con-

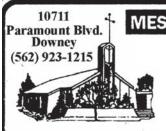
The academies offer an elite college education at no cost, in exchange for an agreement to serve as a military commissioned officer for five years following graduation from the academy.

For information, call the congresswoman's Los Angeles office, (213) 628-9230. Her Washington, D.C. line is (202) 225-1766. Roybal-Allard represents the 34th congressional district, which includes Downey.

Former Warren cheerleaders sought

DOWNEY-In celebration of Warren High School's 50th anniversary, the Warren Pep Squad is inviting all former cheerleaders, song leaders, and mascots to the homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 20. A huge reunion is being planned next year for all the cheer squads from the past

Contact Kellie Acosta at warrencheeralumni@yahoo.com or (562) 469-7001, ext. 87889 for more information.



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Church group helps in Katrina cleanup

By Brian Regalbuto

ST. BERNARD PARISH, LA. – In early August, First Presbyterian Church of Downey sent a multi-generational team on a mission trip to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Their task was to muck out houses destroyed by the nation's worst natural disaster. The team worked through the guidance of Hill Top Rescue and Relief, a Christian organization based out of

The August 29, 2005 hurricane covered a land mass from Mobile, Alabama through Mississippi, Louisiana and the eastern border of Texas. It devastated homes, businesses, governments and million of people's lives. St. Bernard Parish, the suburb of New Orleans where the team from First Presbyterian worked, was totally wiped out. It is difficult to describe the wreckage and desolation we saw.

The team was in St. Bernard's parish for seven days. During that time the 16 team members completed cleaning out five homes where the work had begun by other groups and mucked out one house from start to finish. Mucking out means that a path through the house is cleared to gain access. Then the entire floor of the home has to be shoveled and cleared. Then everything has to be cleared from the house and finally, demolition of existing sheetrock, flooring, ceiling and insulation.

Alanna Regalbuto, a teen member of the mission team, said "Cleaning out the room of a six-year-old boy was the hardest because I saw destroyed toys like I used to play with when I was 6. It was hard not to cry." Another teen volunteer, Marco Evangelista, explained just how hot it was when he said, "Even though the temperature outside was over 100 and the humidity was over 90 percent, we had to go outside to cool off."

The team worked from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for three days on one man's house named Ronny. After 357 person-hours of hard work the house was mucked out and the contents had been removed. The contents sat in a giant pile in front of the house waiting for the Sanitation Department to haul it away. That landfill, containing debris only from houses in St. Bernard Parish, already two miles wide, five miles long, and five stories high.

David Leckington, the team leader, said, "I'm very proud of how hard our young people worked during this week. They were great!"

Team member Louise Fiorillo said, "On the last day the team had finished the house of a man named Ronny, he walked into his home and said, 'It's beautiful!' At that moment I saw a gleam of hope in Ronny's eyes for the first time and that is what we came in the name of Christ to do – bring hope."

During the past year over 3800 volunteers from all over the United States and two teams from England have helped Hill Top Rescue and Relief muck out over 1000 homes. Still, less than two percent of the job is done. There are 1200 homes on Hill Top's waiting list alone.

Any individual or group who would like to volunteer can reach Hill Top at their website, www.hilltoprescue.org, or by calling (310) 469-8750. Their address is Hill Top Rescue and Relief, 717 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, CA., 90245.

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CITIZENS FOR DOWNEY - Joe Matthews, field director for Supervisor Don Knabe, and Greg Waskul, executive director for Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, each were guest speakers at the last meeting of Citizens for Downey. Matthews spoke on the large number of county facilities located here in Downey and their importance to the community. Waskul explained how Rancho is the only facility in the world capable of offering the highly-specialized rehabilitation they provide. Citizens for Downey meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Rio Hondo Events Center and the community is invited to attend. For information, call group president Mike Prokop, at 861-5113. Picture are, left to right: Terry Lambrose, program chair; Matthews, Waskul, and Prokop.

Diabetes management series at hospital

DOWNEY—A Diabetes Management Series begins Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Downey Regional Medical Center. The class will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. one day a week for four weeks for a total of 10 hours of instruction.

The Diabetes Education instructor will teach how to manage diabetes by focusing on diet, medication, exercise and complications. Along with persons who have diabetes, a family member or friend is welcome to

All classes are held at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

A \$10 registration fee for the series is required and is payable at the door on the first day of class. Enrollment is open to the general public, and a minimum of 10 people are needed to hold the class.

Pre-registration is necessary, by calling 904-5580 or 904-5578.

Best Buy to have anniversary party

DOWNEY—Best Buy is inviting everyone in the community to join them Sunday, Sept. 24 at their location between Stewart and Gray and Lakewood Boulevard as they celebrate their first anniversary.

The event will include music with a live DJ. For more information, call (562) 803-4143 and ask for Benjamin Carmen or Lilian Canales.

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Downey resident in new fall TV series

DOWNEY—Downey resident Aimee Teegarden, who has lived her entire life in Downey and has been a model/actor since she was 10 years old, will be a series regular in a new TV show this fall on NBC called "Friday Night Lights." The show is currently filming in Austin, Texas but she tries to get home to Downey when her shooting schedule allows.

The show centers around the fictional town of Dillon, Texas where football is the life and breath of the entire community. Kyle Chandler ("Early Edition," "King Kong," and "Grey's Anatomy") plays the football coach, Connie Britton ("24") plays his wife and Aimee Teegarden plays their daughter who just can't see what the big deal is about overgrown oafs carrying around an inflated pigskin tackling each other.

The show is about football, but more than that, it is about the lives, loves and personal losses of the residents of Dillon. The football is hard-hitting, exciting sports at its best and the relationships are intense and touching. Peter Berg, who wrote and directed the movie, "Friday Night Lights," is the Executive Producer along with Brian Glazer)"The Da Vinci Code"), Jason Katims ("Roswell"), David Nevins ("Arrested Development"), and Sarah Aubrey ("Bad Santa"). The show is a one hour drama and it premieres on Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. on NBC.

Aimee has appeared in TV shows such as Cold Case, Hannah Montana, the Bold and the Beautiful, and Ned's Declassified, numerous national TV commercials, and, as a print model, she has worked for Nike, Hollister, Old Navy, Tommy Hilfiger and K-Swiss.

She has participated in Northwest Downey Little League, Downey YMCA basketball and Indian Guides and is a past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters Bethel #244 in Downey. She is currently serving as Sweetheart for the Walt Disney Chapter Order of DeMolay.

SCHOOL BOARD

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•Approved purchasing orders prepared by the Purchasing Department.
•Ratified payroll orders for hourly, overtime, civic center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services for the month of July.

•Ratified an amended agreement with AON Consulting to provide additional employee benefits. Consulting Services, AON will provide information to employees and retirees to coordinate benefits.

•Ratified a Vocational Education Agreement with the Marinelo School of Beauty.

•Ratified a contract with School Wise Press for SARC including Spanish translation for publication.

•Approved a Memorandum Of Understanding with LACOE to continue the Partnership in Learning to Teach agreement.

•Awarded a bid for carbonated beverages for Food Services to Seven-Up/RC Bottling Co., Los Angeles, in the annual estimated sum of \$45,000 with options to renew for up to three years, to be charged to Food Services.

•Awarded a bid for the purchase of irrigation supplies to John Deere Landscapes of Irvine in the annual estimated sum of \$100,000 with no guarantees.

•Approved a change order for Building C at Downey High School with P.W. Construction of Glendora in the increased sum of \$86,133 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

•Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim in the sum of \$44,800 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

•Accepted as complete roofing and asbestos abatement work by FC & Sons Roofing of Bell in the sum of \$234,455 to be charged to the

Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

•Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$78,228 to be charged to the Bond and/or General

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•Approved the adjustment of the 2006-07 County School Facilities

Fund Unrestricted Budget to reflect a zero net effect.

•Approved the adjustment of the 2006-07 General Fund Unrestricted Budget to reflect an increase of \$977,325.

•Acknowledged receipt of a claim Aug. 21, 2006 submitted by Carlos Durazo on behalf of Adrian Durazo, and denied the claim per Government Code sections.

•Authorized the services of a teacher assigned a subject not listed on her credential, for the 2006-07 school year per the Education Code.

Approved the establishment and abolishment of several positions.
Held a public hearing and then declared that the District has sufficient

books and instructional materials.

Adopted a resolution on the limitations on District Appropriations.
Named George Boose and J. Wayne Wilcox, DDS, to two-year terms

on the Citizens Oversight Committee.

•Approved the Advanced Placement Music Theory Textbooks for the

2006-07 school year.Approved certification of provision of standards aligned instructional

material.
•Approved the unaudited Actual Financial Report for fiscal 2005-06.

•Approved the unaudited Actual Financial Report for fiscal 2005-06.
•Held a public hearing on bargaining proposals in negotiations by the District and Downey Education Association CTA/NEA, and received the union's initial proposals.

•Held a similar hearing on proposal from California School Employees Association Chapter 248.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



CARNIVAL DAY – Downey Kiwanis was one of eight other local organizations to help sponsor the Rancho Pediatric Carnival Day at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center last week. The one-day event is organized by Julie Helgren and serves as a motivational event for Rancho patients. "There were 130 family volunteers and 120 club volunteers at this year's event," Helgren said. "Carnival Day also serves as a reunion for our outpatients."



35 YEARS AND COUNTING – Ron Kolar, right, was on hand at the DRMC Service Awards Luncheon to congratulate CEO Allen Korneff, left, on his 35-year anniversary, a feat few hospital CEOs in the country have achieved. An even 100 employees reaching 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service were honored.

KORNEFF

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The report also showed that as a result of turnover, strategic planning and development of new services was halted or delayed, physician and community relations suffered, as did employee morale. Reasons cited for the two-thirds of CEOs leaving voluntarily include high stress levels, burnout and more attractive offers in another field. The final third leave involuntarily because of real or perceived mistakes, which include taking the fall for market forces largely beyond their control.

"I see several reasons for Allen's longevity," stated Ron Kolar, chairman of the DRMC Corporate Board of Directors. "He loves Downey, which is where he grew up, and he loves the hospital. His capabilities and sincerity have served us well. He is always candid, open and honest with the board, which is an uncommon trait among CEOs. He has done an excellent job of tackling fiscal challenges and turning the hospital around financially. These days not many freestanding hospitals, which don't have the huge negotiating power of large hospital chains, can say that. As a result we're blessed to have a great hospital in this community."

Tough times

As the top mission-keeper for the non-profit institution, Korneff has been keenly aware of the old adage, "no margin, no mission." Throughout the nation hospitals are laboring under an ever-growing burden of providing uncompensated healthcare, and DRMC, too, has suffered under this strain.

According to the Hospital Association of Southern California, California has 40 percent of the nation's uninsured, and Los Angeles County has the highest rate of people without health insurance in the nation. As a result, since 2000, 28 emergency rooms have closed statewide. More than 70 hospitals have closed in the past decade, 11 in the past two years

Along with the Hospital Board of Directors and his management team, Korneff has tackled the hospital's financial challenges on many levels, from bringing in new physician groups to renegotiating contracts to housewide cost containment efforts. In the fiscal year closing June 30, 2006, they anticipate that the final results of an audit now underway will show its first break-even-or-better year in a decade. Emergency services will remain available for the community.

Korneff has no imminent plans for retirement. "I'm pleased that Downey Regional is set on a good course for the future. I enjoy what I'm doing; it's never been a 'job' per se. At some point I envision having a different role here, and I'm working with the Hospital Board to determine what that role will be," he said.

Discounted mammograms next month

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center joins the American Cancer Society in reminding women that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Screening mammograms will be offered at DRMC for \$71 by appointment when scheduled through October and November.

The discount is available for all women ages 40 and older without a prior history of breast abnormalities or surgeries.

DRMC, a nonprofit community hospital, is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. To schedule a discounted mammogram, call (562) 904-5555 for a discount coupon and appointment.

CPR training taught at DRMC Oct. 3

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Avenue, will present an adult CPR class Tuesday, October 3 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The class, taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor, will teach community members how to recognize and respond to four life-threatening emergencies.

The cost is \$25, or \$40 per couple, and registration is required. For more information, call 904-5580.

Church investigates questions of faith

DOWNEY—For those who would like to investigate such questions as "Is Christianity boring?"; "Is it relevant?"; or "What is the meaning of life?" and many others about the Christian faith, a group called ALPHA is forming and will meet for the first time Wednesday night, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Downey (next to the Downey City Library and Embassy Suites).

Discussion comes with a free dinner. For more information, call the church office, (562) 923-1261.

Gem and mineral show Sept. 23-24

DOWNEY—The Delvers Gem and Mineral Society invites the public to their annual show at the Downey Woman's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 23, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Admission is free.

Featured will be displays of members' collections and lapidary works, along with dealers, demonstrations and exhibits. There will also be a full boutique.

For information, call 928-4006.

The Poets' Corner

little surprises all have wings

on an uneventful driving trip to Buffalo an enormous flock of little birds darkened the sky almost crashing into my car before I reached campus a monarch butterfly was balancing there resting on the lion's statue then a wasp zeroed in as I tried to sit in the sun drinking a carton of apple juice in front of the library cutting short my research my instincts were for home all the way up the river I was thoroughly agitated and then I recognized a flock of contented Canadian geese provisioning themselves on my lawn in Lewiston everyone's migrating south for the winter I thought even the big leaves from the linden trees

Latter-day Saints will shuffle top leadership

—Lorine Parks,

Downey

are floating in the gutters toward Niagara

■ Bishops Larry Larsen, D. Mark Morris and Carlos Medina will lead Downey church.

DOWNEY—A reorganization of the presidency or leadership of the Downey California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was announced this week. The church now has three sitting bishops who compose the presidency of the Downey Stake, which serves the communities of Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, South Gate, and parts of Commerce, Compton, Norwalk, South Los Angeles and Santa Fe Springs.

In what is considered an unusual move, the development came at the Sept. 10 visit in Downey of Elder Earl C. Tingey, Senior President of the Church's Administrative body, the Seventy, who was accompanied by Elder Stephen Posey of the Seventy.

Bishop Larry J. Larsen, 60, who has been serving as the presiding bishop of the Downey Second Ward (a second term for him), will serve as the new Stake President. He had served in earlier Stake Presidencies as Stake Clerk and as Executive Secretary.

Likewise selected to serve in the triumvirate presidency as First Counselor is Bishop D. Mark Morris, who had been presiding as bishop of the Downey Fourth Ward, a position that he has held twice.

A counselor to Allen Layne during Layne's term as Stake President, Morris has served on the Downey Unified School Board for many years. He is also the City Housing Administrator, while also serving as a member of LA County School Board Association and the California School Board Association. He is a member of Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) and the National Association of Rehabilitation Housing Officials (NARHO).

Bishop Carlos Medina, 43, who had been serving as bishop of the Downey First Ward only four weeks prior to the shuffle, has been called to serve as the Second Counselor. Medina is a Process Supervisor at Owens-Brockway (bottling).

All three men are longtime residents of Downey, and raised their families here. The new presidency replaces Jon Lang, who 18 months ago was granted an extension of time to serve as Downey Stake President (he has led the Church in Downey and the surrounding communities for the past 10 and a half years), Steve English, and Brian Saylors, who will continue to serve in unannounced church positions here in Downey.

With the setting apart of the new Stake Presidency, three new bishops will need to be called. These will be announced within the next several weeks.

Trustees dedicate new board room

NORWALK—The Cerritos Community College District Board of Trustees dedicated the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room Sept. 6, honoring the late Epple's years of contributions to the college and community before her untimely death in July 2004.

A memorial plaque bearing Epple's photo is now permanently part of the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room where the board's meetings are held.

Epple passed away suddenly on July 5, 2004. She served on the Board of Trustees of the Cerritos Community College District since she was first elected in 1993. She was re-elected to the board in 1997 and again in 2001.

Epple was known as an advocate for alternative revenue generation to support the educational process. During her time on the board, Epple held the positions of board president (in 1996 and 2001), vice president (1995 and 2000, and secretary (1999 and 2004). Prior to receiving her bachelor's degree in public administration from CSU-Dominguez Hills, Epple attended Cerritos College.

Epple was a resident of Bellflower and worked in the city locally as a tax consultant and longtime businesswoman. She specialized in tax preparation for individuals, small businesses and audit representation for the general public.

Her involvement in local organizations included leadership and membership in the La Palma/Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Soroptimists International of Artesia/Cerritos, local Girl Scouts Troop 200, and the Artesia/Cerritos Women's Club.

Downey Christian Women's Club meets

DOWNEY—The Downey Christian Women's Club next meets at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 11 at Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Drive in Downey. Speaker is Lisa Patterson, who will talk on "How Life Can go from Pieces to Purpose."

The buffet luncheon's theme is "Country Fair" with a Silent Auction as a special feature. Beverly Madru is providing the music.

The meeting is open to both men and women, and is held on the second Wednesday of each month. Reservations are requested by the Monday before the luncheon, and may be made by calling Ginnie, 927-8488, or Delores, 868-7135. Luncheon is \$12.

Hearing aids available for certain adults

DOWNEY—The Lions Hearing Foundation of Southern California offers reconditioned behind-the-ear hearing aids for adults whose family income is \$25,000 or less.

To apply for the low-cost service, call Suzanne Ray at (562) 422-

5261. An application and a fee are required.

Applicants who have an audiologist are asked to have the audiologist request the hearing aid on behalf of the applicant, as the process involves a hearing exam.

Applicants who do not have an audiologist will be referred to one by the Foundation.

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Web of Candidates

By John Adams

It is time to make some sense of the tangled web of candidates vying for election to the State Legislature in the coming November election.

While the Legislature actually did nothing of significance in terms of redistricting—coming right to the brink of getting a measure passed, and then saying "whoops, we ran out of time. We'll look at this next year," they at least admitted a problem exists with the present districts which they themselves drew resulting in boundaries which make it almost impossible for an incumbent to lose.

Luckily, some local incumbents are not bad.

Here are our recommendations:

In the State Assembly's 50th District, Democratic incumbent Hector De La Torre of South Gate is a concerned incumbent who deserves re-election. He helped get the web of intrigue in South Gate City Hall cleaned up.

In District 54, Betty Karnette, who once represented Downey, as a State Senator from the 27th which included Downey, was forced out due to term limits, and is now the incumbent in the State Assembly's 54th. Her experience gives her an edge.

And Assemblyman Ron Calderon, D-Montebello and North Downey, represents his working class district well. Besides, the Montebello area is accustomed to being served by the Calderons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Tolerance key to religious leadership

Dear Editor:

Religious radicalism is alive and well and continues to display its ugly

Recently, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about negative remarks made by a 14th century Byzantine emperor toward the prophet Muhammad. Many in the Islamic community have construed the Pope's remarks to indicate his personal views towards Islam. As a result, the radical fringe of the Islamic faith have targeted people and property to show their hatred. The Pope has subsequently apologized over the reaction to his remarks and has indicated the emperor's comments were not his personal views.

I would suggest that even though everyday life seems normal to most, we should always be aware that there is a layer of hatred held by some towards various religions. The fringe element of this group hide just below the radar screen until events trigger their misguided negative actions.

Religious leadership and people of all good faiths need to be pro-active in stating the message clearly of freedom and tolerance for all religions not only now but also in future remarks. This will help to mitigate the problem of religious radicalism.

—John Lacey,

Downey

Friends of the 34th District

Dear Editor:

I write to inform you of [tomorrow's (Sept. 23)] informational work-

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard invites all interested students of the 34th Congressional District to attend the 7th annual Service Academy Workshop scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Downey City Library located at 11121 Brookshire Ave., Downey.

U.S. Service Academy Admissions Representatives from all five academies will be available to answer any questions regarding the application process, admissions requirements, and insight on the service academies for interested students and their parents.

As a U.S. Member of Congress, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is privileged to be involved in the selection of appointments to our nation's service academies. Admission to our service academies is a prestigious honor and highly competitive because of the rigorous academic standards and caliber of students who apply across the United States and around the

The academies provide a free, high-quality college education, some worth \$300,000 in tuition, in exchange for a student's commitment to serve for five years as a commissioned officer after successful graduation. The education the students receive is just as prestigious as an Ivy League education.

Additionally, a cadet will be present to make a presentation on her/his experience at the academy and how it has impacted their life, thus far. The presentation should provide insight to the student's life in a U.S. Service Academy, and would be a great opportunity to be a positive role model for possible future students.

Please contact Juan-Carlos Aviles at (213) 628-9230 or at juan.aviles@mail.house.gov for further information on the event.

—Eddie D. Tafoya, Field Deputy, Office of U.S. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Staying the course' not the answer

Dear Editor:

Re your editorial, 'Stay the Course', equating Bush's Iraq policies to Lincoln's travail during the US Civil War demeans Lincoln and the office of the Presidency. (*The Downey Patriot*, 9/15/06)

The US Civil War was the result of a domestic issue that had been brewing for years. Lincoln's actions first dealt with preserving the union then the emancipation of the slaves. How can you equate the moral ground of freeing nearly 4 million slaves within our own country and the invasion of Iraq?

After 9/11 Bush had the support of the entire country and most of the world and has subsequently lost it. Lincoln realized the need to heal the nation and set about doing it (read the Gettysburg Address). Suspension of Habeas Corpus was not an arbitrary decision. The South had withdrawn from Congress as well as from the federal judiciary. Conditions are not the same to justify Bush's warrantless domestic eavesdropping. His actions violate the Constitution. As for "hoping and praying that Bush finds a Grant to lead our forces" you're implying that the current military commanders are incompetent. After nearly four years in Iraq, the initial assessment of the military (who were removed from command) that 4-5,000 troops would be required was correct, but ignored by Bush. Praying for a new version of General Grant with the current troop strength will not improve anything except continue with more U.S. casualties.

During the 2000 Gore vs. Bush debates, Bush was asked how he would deal with the over-extended military around the world. His response (a direct quote included the following): "It must be in the national interests, must be in our vital interests whether we ever send troops. The mission must be clear. Soldiers must understand why we're going. The force must be strong enough so that the mission can be accomplished. And the exit strategy needs to be well-defined."

He has failed to follow his own words, and staying the course is not the answer. A change in policy is needed and would not be viewed as cowardly or defeatist. Instead of praying for "a Grant to lead our forces" we should pray for a president who can effectively lead, be admired for his intellect and enjoy the respect due the leader of the most powerful nation of the world.

—Alex Ambruso, **Downey**

Joining KDB 'pure fun'

Dear Editor:

The Keep Downey Beautiful committee meets monthly to discuss ways and means of keeping Downey clean. We encourage interested citizens to join us. We visit classrooms to discuss with students the importance of a clean place to live. We schedule monthly cleanups at different locations in Downey.

Join us at our next cleanup. The Downey Patriot publishes a schedule of our activities. We supply everything you need. Cleanups begin promptly at 9 a.m., finishing at 10. You'll be surprised to learn it isn't work; it's pure fun. You meet interesting people, you'll see different locations in town, and you'll find it relaxing, refreshing, and just pure fun to do good while you have fun strolling along picking up debris. When you finish you will feel great for helping to keep your city a nicer, safer, cleaner place to live.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and to our next scheduled cleanup. Try it, you'll like it.

-Byron Dillon, Chairperson, KDB, Downey

An open letter to illegals

Dear Editor:

Recently my medical insurance increased, thanks to our giving millions of you free medical. The increased number of your accidents caused my auto insurance to go up. Taxes increased to pay for your welfare, and your children's schooling, with more to come. But my fixed income did not go up; as a result I can no longer afford the luxuries I saved 54 years for, and I fear for the future.

Seventy-eight million baby boomers will begin to retire soon, as many as a staggering 8,000 a day. There may be no social security left for them, or they may have to accept a small amount, because we gave social security to millions of you who.

We love your language, your music, and your customs, but your asking we give you \$70 billion a year in so called "entitlement" freebies is asking too much, it's time you paid your own way like most other immi-

—J. Hawkins, **Downey**

Another space shuttle?

NASA told the public that they are going to build a rocket named Orion to go on a moon mission. But they said not until 2012 to 2020.

We already have a space shuttle. The space shuttle has gone up many times already. I think it is unusual that NASA never mentions the space trip with the shuttle. NASA doesn't even mention the shuttle to go up and around the moon and back.

The shuttle could carry two moon landers, one to land and one for back up. It would be a safer trip with the shuttle. It would be more risky with something new.

I hope the Orion rocket is not a ploy to procrastinate. NASA, please don't waste more money on the unknown.

-Mike Sandoval,

Downey

Drug addiction not a life sentence

There is a drug and alcohol abuse problem seething through this country. Victim by victim, family after family, it is tearing our civilization to

When I learned my little sister, baby of the family, with two beautiful daughters, had been arrested with a large amount of methamphetamine, I was terrified for her. But what could I do? What could anyone do?

We raised money for bail. We hired an attorney. We searched the Internet, the phone book, and we asked friends for help finding a treatment program.

To our surprise most programs were enormously expensive and very short term. We knew she needed more. Then we heard of a program with over 70 percent success rate. We were skeptics by now but called anyway. They told me that the program did not have any set time but that they would help my sister in treatment until she and they knew she could live a productive life without drugs. They told me how remnants of drugs and alcohol could lodge in fatty tissue and how they might be removed. They told me how their legal liaison would work with the courts.

This organization is called Narconon Arrowhead. If you or someone you love needs help, call them at 1-866-648-7609.

—Daniel E. Gladden,

Edmond, OK

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Sat. Sept. 23, 11:00 a.m.: Heart Healthy Day with free cholesterol and blood testing. Screeners and materials in English and Spanish, to be held at Stonewood Center, Firestone at Lakewood. For information call (800) 640-5881.

Mon. Sept. 25, 9:00 a.m.: Stroke Screenings held by Life Line Screening at the Downey United Masonic Lodge #220, 8244 Third St. For information or to schedule an appointment call (877) 237-1287.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library. 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall. 1st 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 & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber. 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.

3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: Parking Place Commission, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg., for information call 426-6786.

6:30 p.m.: Overeaters Anonymous, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.

1st Mon., 4 p.m.: 2nd Century Foundation, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790. 1st Mon., 7 p.m.: American Legion Post 270, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.

2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.

4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.:Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

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 Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.

12 p.m.: Exchange Club of Downey, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.

6:00 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call 923-9464.

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.

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.

Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

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.

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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.

4rth Weds., 12:00 noon: Retired Federal Employees, at Furman Park West Bldg., call 943-5513. 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.

12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.

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 622-7655.

12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.

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.

<u>Fridays</u>

7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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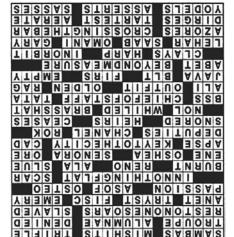
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OC Fair and Exposition October Schedule

COSTA MESA—The Orange County Fair & Exposition Center is expected to be abuzz with kid power when Kidsfaire—America's Family Expo!—returns with non-stop family- and kid-friendly entertainment on Oct. 7 and 8. Acres of OCFEC will be transformed into a child's playland with colorful costumed characters, live music, interactive stage shows, games and more for the two-day event which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

Some key highlights of this year's event include the first U.S. appearance of The Wiggles Character Show featuring Dorothy the Dinosaur and Captain Feathersword, Strawberry Shortcake and Friends Stage Show, the Gemz in concert, Gina D's Kids Club, PBS-TV's the Danger Rangers, Clowntown BigTop Show, and Shushybe Dream Band. Children and their families can also find hundreds of special exhibits and activities featuring NASCAR, Speedminton, Clifford the Big Red Dog, the NASA Mars expedition, CBS 2/KCAL 9 Weathercaster-for-a-day, fishing, gardening, bowling, clowning, bike stunts, crafts and more.

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Sidi playing live at B.B. Kings

DOWNEY—Downey's own Sebastian Sidi will be performing live at B.B. Kings tonight, Sept. 22, starting at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

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Times for Friday-Thursday, September 22-28, 2006



DEBUT ON DOWNEY STAGE - Nick Santa Maria makes his first appearance with Downey Civic Light Opera as Nathan Detroit in the group's upcoming production of "Guys and Dolls," set to open at the Downey Theater on Oct. 5. He appeared on Broadway in "The Producers," and in the film of the same name and has extensive credits on stage including "Grease" and "Secrets Every Smart Traveler Should Know." For tickets and information on "Guys and Dolls," call 923-1714.

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MONDAY, Sept 25

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"The Good & Bad Cholesterol" Magnolia Hurtado, M.S., R.D.

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TUESDAY, Sept 26

6pm-7pm Lecture at the Downey YMCA "Proper Snacking"

Magnolia Hurtado, M.S., R.D.

THURSDAY, Sept 28

10:30am-11am Family Walk,

Wilderness Park

11am-11:30am Lecture "Benefits of Walking" Greg Welch, M.S.

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'Hollywood Revisited' in Bellflower

BELLFLOWER - Greg Schreiner, a professional pianist and an adjunct professor in Cerritos College's music department, will perform in "Hollywood Revisited: A Tribute in Costume and Song," a musical review of Hollywood's golden age Sunday, September 24 at the Bristol Civic Auditorium in Bellflower. Showtime is at 2:30 p.m.

"Hollywood Revisited" combines glamour, humor, music and dance for a memorable performance. During the show, vocalists perform wellknown selections from Hollywood's movie musicals. The program showcases actual costumes worn by film stars during the "golden age" of Hollywood, including those designed by Edith Head.

Schreiner, who teaches piano at Cerritos College, is pianist, narrator and producer for "Hollywood Revisited." He has also appeared on numerous television shows including AMC's "Hollywood Fashion Machine", A&E's "The Incurable Collector", and "The Montel Williams Show." He is also curator of Special Collections at the Hollywood Museum in Hollywood, where a portion of his collection is on display.

Schreiner also has several recordings in release, including a soundtrack from "Hollywood Revisited." He is president of Marilyn Remembered a club devoted to preserving the memory of Marilyn Monroe.



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Kids invited to make Halloween costumes

DOWNEY—The "Glue and Go Costumes" presentation originally scheduled from Sept. 12 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Downey City Library.

The class will be led by instructor Holly Cleeland, author of the children's book, "Glue and Go Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs with Everyday Materials," which is available at the library.

Cleeland will show how to create eye-catching costumes with every-day objects such as paper, scissors and a glue gun. Attendees will learn how to make inventive costumes such as a corn on the cob, a cupcake, pencil, racecar, monster, hot air balloon and many more.

The presentation, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is a free program for parents and children ages 5 to 12.

"Everyone who attends will get a chance to win a special costume," said librarian Jan Palen.

For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4.

Doty is speaker at Networkers meeting

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty will be the guest speaker Sept. 26 at the Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's 7:30 a.m. meeting at Nordic Fox.

She will expound on the topic, "Character Counts," as well as render a "District Update."

RSVP: 923-2191.

Downey High '56 class reunion

DOWNEY—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8. Alumni are asked to call (949) 472-4616 for details.



Creating 'Tilly' doll thrill of a lifetime

By Debbie Knight

DOWNEY—Earlier this year, while surfing the Internet, I noticed that Master Doll Maker Jack Johnston would soon be teaching a Beginner's Doll Making Course in Burbank, just a few miles up the freeway from my home in Downey (I've been a Downey resident for 22 of my 44 years; my three children all graduated from Warren High). Although I'd dabbled in an assortment of creative activities (Halloween costumes for the kids, special effects makeup, prosthetics, sculpting, molding, painting, etc.), much of it physical therapy for my arthritis, until that moment I'd never even considered making a doll, despite having a modest collection of my own. Without thinking twice, I signed up for the weeklong course.

The classes were great fun and very informative. Later, Master Doll Sculptor Angela Dugan, who I'd met during the Burbank course, persuaded me to sculpt a polymer clay doll to enter in Jack Johnston's 2006 Prosculpt Scholarship Awards Contest. Of course, in order to participate in the contest, I'd have to join the Professional Artdoll Guild. The result was my doll, "Tilly" (inspired by the poker prowess of actress Jennifer Tilly), which went on to place third in the Professional Category of the Prosculpt Contest

A friend at the Bicycle Casino (where I'd worked for 14 years), upon hearing about the doll, requested that I allow the casino to display her to honor their 2005 Ladies WPT Champion Jennifer Tilly, and I eagerly agreed

Soon after, my friend called again and asked if I would consider selling the doll so the casino could auction her off to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Up to that point, I hadn't even considered selling my doll. Nevertheless, a bit surprised by her query and not wanting to seem insensitive to a worthy cause, I said that I would consider selling the doll, a response that I began to regret while my words were still thoughts. While sculpting "Tilly," I had daydreamed that Jennifer Tilly might like the doll and want to own her, and so, after being a bit indecisive, I told my friend that I would only part with my doll if is would ultimately belong to Jennifer Tilly.

Mel Juda, a longtime friend, and poker playing businessman of some note, heard that I wanted to sell the doll, which really wasn't the case, and knowing that I had little experience in negotiating a sale, suggested a price that, to me, sounded extremely high. Later, a gentleman approached me and asked how much I wanted for the doll, and so, mostly in jest, I gave him the price that Mel had suggested.

Of course, as he went on to tell me, what he actually wanted was to go into business with me and mass produce the doll and perhaps several more dolls as part of a poker-related series of dolls. I told him that, despite the obvious generosity of his offer, what I really wanted was for Jennifer Tilly to own the doll. I did tell him, however, that if she wasn't interested,

Braille Institute offers four-week program

DOWNEY—Braille Institute is now offering free classes at the Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave. in Downey, to teach people how to remain independent despite loss of vision. The classes will be conducted on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants will learn new ways of doing daily tasks such as managing the home, using visual aids to maximize remaining vision and how to receive talking books and other free services through Braille Institute's Library. For more information, or to sign up, call Sharon Ziegler, field services coordinator, at (323) 663-1111, ext. 1252. Classes end on Oct. 23.

Braille Institute is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate blindness and severe sight loss as a barrier to a fulfilling life. Through educational training, programs and services, Braille Institute helps tens of thousands of people each year regain and maintain their independence. Thanks to generous donations, Braille Institute's services are available free of charge

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perhaps we could talk again later.

As luck would have it, Jennifer Tilly attended a wedding that week and didn't show up at the casino until a week or so later, so I spent the entire week trying to put this truly amazing offer out of my mind. Of course, I wasn't sure how legitimate the bid really was anyway, as I didn't know much about the gentleman who'd made it.

When Jennifer finally made her appearance, she was immediately interviewed by the World Poker Tour's "Danger Dave" film crew about the doll which was prominently displayed in the main lobby of the casino. However, I played no part in the interview because, unfortunately, I was home at the time. Later, another friend called and told me how I could see the interviews (there were three) on the Internet. Jennifer was absolutely wonderful and best of all, she loved my "Tilly." Always a blast, her boyfriend and poker mentor, professional poker player Phil "The Unabomber" Laak, was interviewed as well, as was my doll, "Tilly."

After having thought about the situation nonstop for several days, I finally decided that I'd accept any reasonable offer from Jennifer to help insure that she would buy the doll...assuming that she liked it. However, when she approached me she never asked for a price, apparently having heard about the other bid, she simply topped it.

It didn't feel quite right to have her pay so much for the doll. For one thing, I didn't originally make the doll to sell (despite joining a Professional guild), and for another, I'd already spent a good deal of time limiting my financial expectations in order to be sure that I'd feel good about giving up my doll while accepting less than the existing offer. So, in keeping with my ultimate desire, which was to feel good about the total experience when the smoke cleared, I told her that I'd accept a specific lesser amount. This seemed to startle her for an instant, but then she generously insisted I accept her original offer, which I did. To complete the circle, I donated a portion of the proceeds to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as a token of my gratitude to the Bicycle Casino for displaying my doll.

As part of the sale, Jennifer asked me to deliver "Tilly" to her home in person pointing out that she knew I'd take good care of her in transit. The doll has now been delivered.

Jennifer and Phil were the most gracious hosts imaginable, as I, along with my husband and oldest son Frankie, delivered and set up the doll over the course of an hour or so. We took many pictures of the occasion.

Throughout this process, everyone involved has treated me like a queen; maybe even better than that: I've been truly spoiled. Jennifer, in particular, was so wonderful, not to mention so generous. All in all, creating this doll has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life and I will always treasure the many memories that doing so has brought me.

Library card sign up month celebrated

DOWNEY—Noting the fact that each year Americans check out 2 billion items at their local library, September is being celebrated across the nation as "Library Card Sign Up Month."

"Your library card gives you access to our great collection of books, videos and DVDs, CDs, audio books, magazines, newspapers, electronic databases and e-books," said new City Librarian Nancy Messineo. "Families can find everything they need for a successful school year. A library card is your most important school supply."

For information on getting a library card, contact the Circulation desk at 904-7360, ext. 28. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave. or visit www.downeylibrary.org.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. during the school year.

Free yoga classes offered Thursdays

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Warren squeaks past

Arroyo for first win

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that failed, and Warren remained ahead by one point.

long third and fourth quarter but the kids did great."

chance for us to start fresh."

sealing the game.

room to improve.

"We need to get more disciplined."

his team's first win of the season.

By Scott Cobos

the Arroyo Knights 32-31, running everywhere possible on the field.

DOWNEY – Youth was served as the young Warren Bears put away

The young Bears compiled 271 total yards on the ground and pulled

out a close one in front of a big crowd at Justice Stadium last Friday night.

Senior running back Josh Green carried the load for the Bears, rushing for

174 yards on 24 carries. He also rushed for two touchdowns and returned

"This game was really important to us. It's a new beginning for us, a

Marching down the field and with time ticking away, the Knights managed

to score a touchdown, pulling within one point with 2:28 left in the game.

The Knights went for the win by opting for a two-point conversion, but

The ball bounced around for 10 yards but right into the hands of the Bears,

Desperate to get the ball back, the Knights attempted an onside kick.

Despite the win, Warren head coach Jeff Welch believes there's still

"We're young and we're still making young mistakes," Welch said.

Putting aside the small mistakes, Welch still took the time to celebrate

"Finally, we made a play," Welch said, smiling ecstatically. "It was a

In a rare occurrence, one of the officials ejected many on-field bystanders to the stands because of a freak accident. While chasing Green during his kickoff return, the official tripped on what he said was a fan

The referee threw a flag and penalized Warren, marched over to the

Warren faced South Torrance yesterday. Results were unavailable as

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sidelined upset and proceeded to send the fans to the stands, furiously

yelling he doesn't need to listen to any more complaining from them.

"Oh man, I kept on driving and working yard by yard," Green said.

Arroyo kept it interesting, answering back every time Warren scored.

Baseball team still searching for a coach

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY - With the new school year underway, Warren High School is still left without a baseball program in place.

Warren did have a manager hired in the summer named Bobby Ramirez, but he turned down the job to take the coaching position at his alma matter San Pedro High School.

Last year, Steve Fullerton resigned from the head coach position, taking along with him pitching coach Vince Lavelle and infield coach Ron Keester.

This year, junior varsity coach Randy Drake has left the program, leaving the team without any direction.

Glen Berberet, a tennis coach at Warren, is currently looking over the baseball team while they hold their first semester workouts.

Berberet has combined the tennis and baseball teams while condition-

ing for their upcoming seasons. According to athletic director Steve Hill, Warren has been in contact

with many organizations, trying to find a coach that fits their description. "We're looking for a young energetic coach to take over the program," Hill said. "We want him to take off with the program and send them in his direction."

Also according to Hill, they have been in contact with Cal State Fullerton and the CIF Southern Section offices looking for a coach. Currently, no prospects are being looked at for the job.

Female football player raising some eyebrows

■ Elisabeth Davis becomes the first female in OLPH School history to make the football team.

By Steffani McMains

DOWNEY - At 4 feet 10 inches in height and weighing 85 pounds, Elisabeth Davis is not an imposing figure. In fact, she is the epitome of petite. So when this 13-year-old eighth grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Downey decided to go out for the boys' football team, several eyebrows were raised, to say the least.

Jaws dropped when the team's coach, Leon Reynolds, announced that Elisabeth made the squad, thus becoming the first and only girl in the 58year history of the school to compete in a sport that was heretofore strictly a boys' domain.

"When Elisabeth came out for practice I told her she had better come to play," Coach Reynolds said. "Anyone who suits up is a football player first and no special treatment will be

"I coached Elisabeth in softball for one season and I also knew she was a good volleyball player, so there was no question that she was a good athlete and tough competitor. But her first practice was tough."

The fact of the matter is that when Elisabeth lined up, she found she was facing boys who, in some instances, outweighed her by 50 to 60 pounds. That gave her pause and she walked off the

"I knew she hadn't quit but was reconsidering her choices, so I kept an eye on her," Coach Reynolds said. It was her turning point. Two minutes later she was

Elisabeth Davis back on the field and running defensive drills. She hasn't looked back

Indeed, the boys on the team have stepped up their play to keep up with her speed and agility.

"During conditioning, we are all running faster and working harder because we don't want to be beaten by a girl," said Ricky DaSilva, Elisabeth's teammate, with a grin. "The guys tease anyone who can't live up to her. She's a good player."

Elisabeth is probably as well grounded in football as anyone her age. She has been attending USC football games since she was a babe in arms and 13 years of watching the Trojans seems to have paid off. She's a threeway player for OLPH (who, coincidentally, have the same nickname as USC: the Trojans). She is a wide receiver and second string running back on the offense, a corner or safety on defense, and she returns kickoffs and punts on the special teams.

With her well-coiffed ponytail and eye glasses, the little lady looks more like a scholar than an athlete, but she is definitely both, maintaining an excellent grade point average academically at OLPH. While she will forever be in the school's record book as the first girl to participate in what was formerly an all-boys sport, she is positive she will not be the last.

"Some people may be surprised to find this happening at a Catholic school," Elisabeth said, "but I'm not. We're anything but old fashioned and we have a lot of teachers who encourage us to accept a challenge no matter what it might be.

"I've always enjoyed watching football. Now I'm getting my chance to play.'

So what's next for Elisabeth Davis? "Head football coach of our school," she says.

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Downey High cheer clinic for girls

DOWNEY—Downey High School cheerleaders will offer their annual Cheerleading Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Downey High School cafeteria. Girls between the ages of 5 to 13 will learn game action cheers and perform during halftime of the varsity football game on Oct. 13. Cost is \$20.

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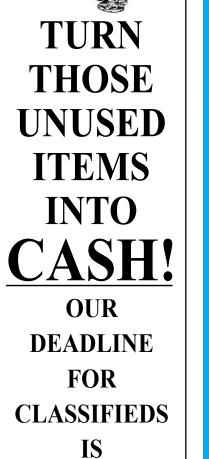
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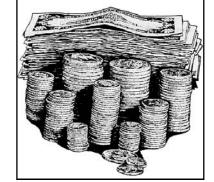
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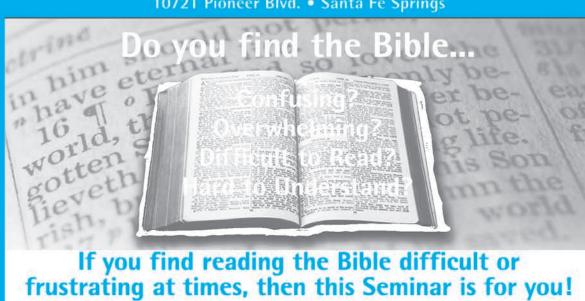


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Page 10 Friday, Sept. 22, 2006 Obituaries



DOTTIE KING—A native of Bonham, Texas, was a longtime Downey

Services today for Evelyn R. Dillman

DOWNEY—Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 22, at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside (Staging Area #5) for former Downey resident Evelyn R. Dillman, who was born Jan. 13, 1924 in Greenville, SC, and died on Sept. 4. She was 82.

She had been residing in Carson City, NV for the past 28 years.

Her parents were Robert Lee Metz and Frances B. Mann who, along with her husband, Conrad N. Dillman, had predeceased her, Conrad in

Surviving her are her son, David Dillman of Sydney, Australia; daughter Teri (DeWayne) Littlejohn of Henderson, N; granddaughter Kasey Horejs of Henderson; and grandson Patrick Horejs of Coarse Gold, CA.

She worked for the Division of Industrial Relations for the State of Nevada, and also worked for The Washoe Tribe of Nevada & CA as administrative assistant to the Tribal Chairman.

Burial will take place at Riverside National Cemetery, arrangements by Fitzhenry's Funeral Home.

Dotty King was active with the Woman's Club

DOWNEY—Dorothy Evelyn Lowry King, who was born and raised in Bonham, Texas, and was a longtime resident of Downey, has died. She was to have been buried in Bonham this week, beside her husband, Ray Carlton King, who predeceased her in 1960, and just a couple of yards from Joyce Whitehurst, her niece, who had kept her company until the latter's death last December.

She had moved last February to a nursing home in Salem, Oregon where she was under the care of her great niece, Lucinda Laird.

Dotty, as she was called, worked for Sam Rayburn before he became Speaker of the House of Representatives. The school system at Bonham, a small town by any standard, had provided her with an education equivalent to a two-year college education.

She married Ray, a Southern Pacific Railroad man like many of the menfolk of her town, moving to Long Beach just before the war. She worked for Starkist Tuna during the war.

In 1937, they had built a bungalow in the middle of an orange grove, which later became 4th Street in Downey. She lived in that house until this February when she moved to Salem. The house, at 7820 4th Street, which will be in the family 70 years, is being well kept by her great great nephew, Adam Harrison, and his new bride, Amanda.

Dotty was active in community service, having been involved with the Women' Club, PEO, and the Symphony Guild.

Dottie and Ray never had any children of their own, but remained close to their niece, Joyce, nephew, Dr. Frank W. Laird, and their five grand nieces: Leslie, Susan, Marie, Lucinda and Nancy.

Services held for Walter Albert Cwynar

DOWNEY—Services were held Sept. 18 at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside for longtime Downey resident Walter Albert Cwynar, who was born in Turners Falls in Montague, Massachusetts and passed away Sept. 12 at the age of 92.

After a childhood spent in Moosup, CT, he served with the 7th F.A. 1st Division, US Army, for seven years during World War II, receiving the Silver Star and other medals. He was a U.S. Post Office letter carrier for 30 years, and loved camping and fishing on the Colorado River.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth; nephews, Walter F. Cwynar and Philip Cwynar; and nieces, Elaine R. Cwynar, Roberta T. Clapper, Frances Vitale and Virginia Egan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to: Odyssey Health Care Hospice, 7077 Orangewood Ave., Ste. 201, Garden Grove,



RALPH SANTARPIA - Services will be held Monday, Sept. 25.

Ralph Santarpia owned Atlantic Lock & Key

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 for Ralph Santarpia, who was a resident of Downey for 45 years and owned Atlantic Lock & Key. There will be visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

He was born May 26, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York and passed away in Downey on Sept. 16. He was 75.

He was a member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Sons of Italy, Cudahy Improvement Association, Salvation Army, and Elks.

He is survived by daughters, Gloria (Russ) Sitnick and Theresa Henderson; brother, Frank Santarpia; sisters, Anna Marmolinaro, Emma Santarpia and Mary Deservio; and 24 nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to The Salvation Army.

Burial will be private.



JULIA S. RUNDELL - She passed away at age 97.

Retired schoolteacher Julia S. Rundell was 97

DOWNEY—Julia S. Rundell, born March 31, 1909 in Artesia, died at her home in Downey on Sept. 17 at age 97.

She was a retired California school teacher, and a member of the United Methodist Church of Downey.

Her husband, William P. Rundell, and her son, William (Phil) Rundell, had predeceased her. Son, Leonard S. Rundell, survives her.



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BRINGING THE HEAT – After finishing their season a perfect 10-0, most of the YMCA Heat will join the Downey Midnight Ballers. Bottom row, left to right: Gilber Alcala, Dillan Tanner, Josue Rojas and Steve Ruiz. Top row: Coach Jim Tanner, Darryl Mathews, Brennan Barrich, Garrett Neilan, Vinny Quigg, Sergio Flores, Jose Quinonez and Coach Vince Quigg.

YMCA Heat finish a perfect season

DOWNEY - The YMCA Heat, led by coaches Jim Tanner and Vince Quigg, capped a perfect 10-0 summer basketball season with convincing playoffs wins last weekend.

The players are all Downey junior high school students, most of which comprise the Downey Midnight Ballers, a newly formed travel team set to compete in Anaheim this weekend.

De La Torre named chair of committee

SACRAMENTO—Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez (D-Los Angeles) has named Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate) Chair of the Assembly Committee on Rules. The committee, an important one, is responsible for assigning bills to the appropriate policy committees, and sets and implements the policies that govern the Assembly.

"During Assemblymember De La Torre's first term, he showed intelligence, strength of character and sound judgment," said Nunez." I am confident that he is a perfect fit to chair the Rules Committee-which is so vital to the orderly function of the Assembly. I'm proud to include him as a key member of my leadership team."

The Assembly Rules Committee considers substantive legislation and plays a key role in shaping the legislative agenda. All bills and resolutions introduced in the Assembly must first be reviewed and referred to a policy committee by the Rules Committee. In this way the Assembly Rules Committee acts as the legislative gatekeeper. In addition, bills that are considered non-substantive or that attempt to bypass the legislative process may be held by the Rules Chair.

"I am honored that Speaker Nunez has placed his trust in me and assigned me to chair this important committee," De La Torre stated. "As I gain greater responsibility in the Assembly leadership team, I will continue to champion the needs of the 50th Assembly District as my top priority.'

The Rules Committee manages the day-to-day functioning of Assembly facilities, personnel and other assets. The Committee also makes studies and recommendations designed to promote, improve, and expedite the business and procedures of the house. Previous Rules Committee Chairs have included former Assemblymembers Lou Papan, John Burton, and Robert Hertzberg.



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By Cathleen Carr

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Emblem Club traveling to San Manuel Casino

DOWNEY - Downey Emblem Club #309 will travel to the San Manuel Casino on Oct. 18 as part of their fall fundraiser.

The bus will leave the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m. the same day. Bingo will be played on the bus on the way and back.

Cost is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members, which includes a \$10 food voucher. Checks should be mailed to Downey Emblem Club #309, P.O. Box 562, Downey, CA 90241.

For more information, call Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003 or Nancy Watson at (562) 928-2842.

Downey AARP seeks new members

DOWNEY—Downey AARP Chapter #262 invites you to its meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month to "enjoy interesting speakers and entertainers." Meetings are held at the Community/Senior Center at 7810 Quill Drive in Downey at 11:30 a.m. Bingo follows the

For more detailed information, call Sally Jones at (562) 927-2201 or Dorothy Wilson at (562) 928-6935.

Federal employees meeting at Furman

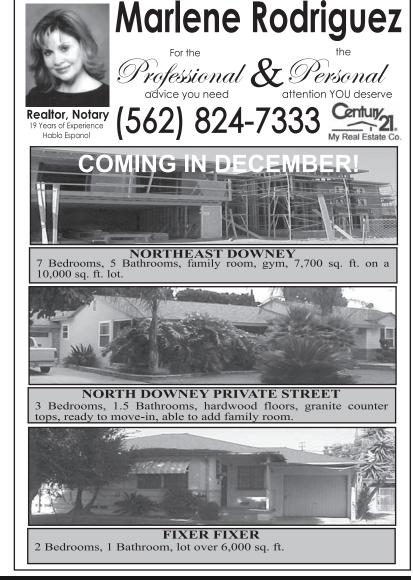
DOWNEY—The National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) holds its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Furman Park (West Bldg.), 10419 S. Rives, with Jack Mires from the Whittier Chapter giving a recap of the NARFE National Convention held recently in Albuquerque, New

New members are welcome; refreshments will be served. Contact Chapter president Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513 for details.

DRMC hosting 'mixer/business expo'

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce presents a "Mixer & Business Expo Golden Gala" hosted by Downey Regional Medical Center Medical Plaza, 11480 Brookshire Ave., Wednesday, Oct. 18. The event is from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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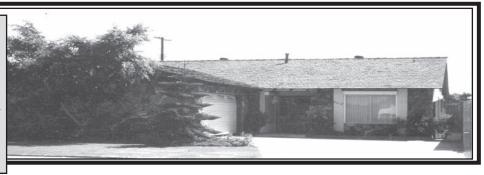


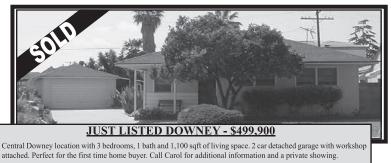
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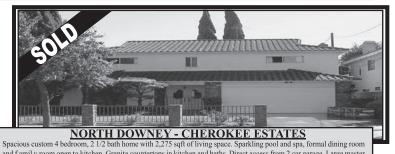
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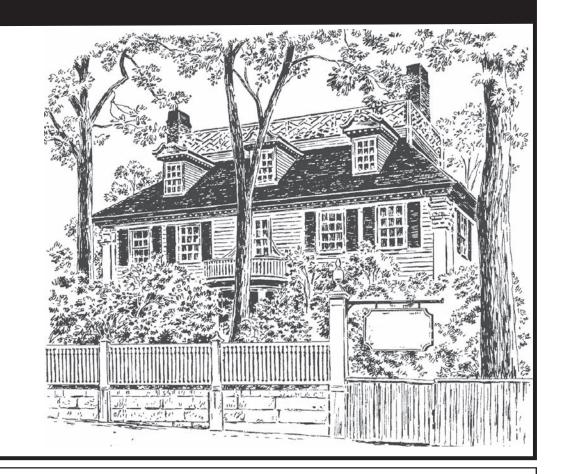
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new central air/heat, 2 car detached garage,

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N.E. Downey Home!

5 BD, 3 BA home w/ marble floors, open kitchen w/ granite

&stainless steel appliances, formal dining room

Price: \$1,350,000



room w/ vaulted ceiling, family room w/ wet bar, kitchen, travertine flooring throughout, & master BD w/ fireplace.



Custom Built Beauty! 3 BD, 2.5 BA home in Cherokee Estates w/ fireplace in both living &family rooms, remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, Price: \$875,000



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3 BD, 2 BA N.E. Downey home w/ spacious BD,

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