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## Macy's parade rolls into town



More pictures of the Macy's parade caravan can be found on page 4.

Photos by R. D. Salyer and Art Montoya

## Balloons and floats converge on Downey

BY JESSICA RENDON AND ERIC PIERCE

**DOWNEY** – After months of hype and anticipation, Macy's Parade-on-Parade caravan finally rolled into the Stonewood Center parking lot in Downey this week, entertaining kids and adults with interactive balloons, costume characters and tours highlighting the rich history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Downey was the first stop on a 23-city tour as the caravan winds through the United States before settling in New York City on Thanksgiving Day.

"We have done events here before like the Carlos Santana [fragrance signing] and had a great turnout," Macy's store manager Marcia Goldstein said. "The Downey community has definitely been great by showing their support."

The tour bus arrived in Downey via police escort on Monday. It was welcomed with a large balloon archway and the Downey High School band and color guard providing music and entertainment.

Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins presented Goldstein with an official city proclamation declaring Wednesday Macy's Day in Downey.

"It was one of the largest welcome celebration we've had," said Scott Meister, Macy's company manager.

NBC's The Today Show shot a 90-second segment live from Downey on Wednesday, interviewing 13-year-old Britiana Henderson, a bone cancer survivor who developed leukemia after undergoing chemotherapy. Matt Lauer helped tell the family's inspiring story.

"Britiana has a magnanimous heart and manages to think about others despite what she has gone through," Jamie Henderson, Britiana's father, told the Downey Patriot.

Britiana, accompanied by family and friends, received word live on the air that she would be traveling to New York to participate in the parade.

"I'm really excited about this, I even told my friends and family about it," said Briana. "My friends are in school at this time, but my family is at home watching."

"I'll be in home in time to watch us on TV."

Because of the three-hour time difference between Downey and New York, where The Today Show is shown live, Briana had to be ready for her interview before 5 a.m. local time.

Also at the parade event Wednesday were radio stations KIIS-FM, 93.1 JACK-FM, and KPWR-FM. The Warren High School band was also on-hand providing music.

The caravan packed up Wednesday night and started heading towards its next destination in Phoenix, due to arrive on Saturday.

## Gauldin staff excels in tough neighborhood

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education Tuesday heard Dr. Jerilyn King-Brown, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, present the Superintendent's Vision Awards to Gauldin Elementary School's principal, Yolanda Cornair, and school staff.

It was the first time the Vision Award was given to a principal, and the first time to an entire school.

In her presentation, King-Brown emphasized that the month's Vision Award was in recognition particularly of "student achievement," where the focus was on "having a thoughtfully designed, rigorous curriculum with student progress being carefully monitored by using assessment data to guide instruction for continuous improvement."

She pointed out that despite Gauldin being located in a neighborhood where there is a high transiency rate and where some of the most challenging students in the district are to be found, Cornair has done an "amazing job of building a strong cadre of teachers," upping Gauldin's API scores by a "phenomenal" 57 points from the 2004/05 to 2005/06 school year.

King-Brown said the district is very proud of Cornair, who has served as principal of Gauldin since 1992, and is "much respected for her hard work and commitment to her school and its neighboring community."

For her part, Cornair was profuse in thanking everybody in sight—from staff to teachers to school board and administrative officials—for providing her and Gauldin with the tools she has needed to perform the job, and promising to do even better hence..

In other action the board:

- Expressed gratitude for donations to the district from the private sector, including a donation of children's books, valued at \$1,200 to be used in the classroom libraries at Lewis Elementary School, from Pamela Flores; and a donation of Christmas gifts and backpacks, valued at \$2,000, to be used in support of the TLC Program, from Ron LeGrand.

- Approved payment of expenses and fees for conferences and conventions;

- Ratified a general agreement with Barbara Dawson Educational Center for the 2006-07 fiscal year, retroactive to July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;

- Ratified a general agreement with Leeway School for the 2006-07 fiscal year, retroactive to July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;

- Ratified a general agreement with Pyramid Autism Center for the 2006-07 fiscal year, retroactive to July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;

- Ratified a general agreement with Tobinworld for the 2006-07 fiscal year, retroactive to July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;

- Ratified payments for several Special Education Placements;

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**PROUD STAFF** – The principal and staff of Gauldin Elementary were awarded the Vision Award this week, recognizing their specialized curriculum that helps keep students progressing in education.

## Downey students score high in AP Exams

**DOWNEY** – Fifty-five Downey High School students have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

Students took AP Exams last May after completing college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams.

Jane Kim was the only Downey student who qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point grade scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of four or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3.5 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students were: Phillip Aguilar, Priscilla Alvarez, Yamid Aramoni, Youn-Seo (Katherine) Bang, Leena Bunnell, Edward Hamrock, Abigail Hocking,

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## Messineo adept at balancing priorities

■ Nancy Messineo, Downey City Library's new librarian, also runs marathons...in her spare time.

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—Newly-minted City Librarian Nancy Messineo was born, raised, and educated almost exclusively (BA in English Literature from CSULB, 1973) in Long Beach, except for an accelerated M.L.S. (Beta Phi Mu) the following year, 1974, from USC. Her career track is likewise skewed heavily in favor of the beach city where she has resided to this day.

She began as a Children's Librarian for the Long Beach Public Library and Information Center and, again, except for stints at the Glendora Public Library and the Los Angeles County Public Library System (assigned to the Norwalk Regional Library), she had stayed with Long Beach. Thirty years after, she had risen to Manager for Neighborhood Library Services for the vast 11-branch (not including the main library located at Ocean and Pacific) library system. The position carries status as one of two Associate Directors for the area.

Acting on a tip from a friend, she sought Downey's City Librarian's position as a challenge. Besides, she says, "It was time for a change." Her term began Aug. 28.

Anchored in Early English literature (Beowulf) but richly aware of cutting-edge technology in library operations, Messineo brings an organized, disciplined approach to the job. The measure of a library's effectiveness, she says, may be obtained from circulation figures (the number of materials checked out), number of inquiries fielded, exit counts, attendance at programs, number of hits on library website, etc. "Since we're here to serve the needs of the community," she says, "I want to find out first what exactly the community really needs, so we can deliver suitable programs." Right now, she's sure of one main thing: children's literature withdrawals for the year past (books, CDs) accounts for about 55 percent of total withdrawals. A survey is planned.

She recently returned from the 17th annual CODI Conference held Oct. 4-6 in Salt Lake City, where some 2,000 library administrators like her from all over the country discussed among themselves how they use their Integrated Library System (ILS) in innovative ways. The conference, whose theme was "Focus on the Future," also afforded a chance to mingle with officials and staff of host SirsiDynix, whose ILS program called "Horizon" the city library uses, for such things as cataloguing books, book checkouts, and the like, that once were done by hand. A highlight was a

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## Controversial water permit 'set aside' in court ruling

**LOS ANGELES** – The California Court of Appeal has ordered that a controversial storm water permit be “set aside” on the grounds that the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act when it issued the permit to 87 cities and Los Angeles County in December of 2001. Cities are required to pass on the storm water permit requirements to homeowners and businesses.

Thirty-two cities, Los Angeles County and two building trade associations sued the Regional Water Board in 2001 when it imposed new urban runoff controls on construction and redevelopment projects. The cities claimed that the Regional Water Board had failed to consider the impacts of new regulations on homeowners and businesses. A trial court ruled in favor of the Regional Board in 2005.

The Appeals Court, although supporting the trial court on other issues, agreed with the cities that the Regional Board did not comply with California's strict environmental laws and directed the trial court to set aside the storm water permit. The Court specifically found that the permit imposed “considerable requirements on development in residential and business settings,” and that the Act “required that the regional board engage in specified environmental assessments.”

“The Appellate Court expressly found no merit to the regional board’s argument that the permit is not subject to environmental review,” commented Larry Forester, Mayor of the City of Signal Hill. Forester and many local elected officials have expressed concern that the Regional Board has not fully disclosed the impacts of new storm water requirements on the region’s homeowners and businesses.

The Board has begun the process of considering a new permit to be issued in 2007. The cities expect that the Regional Board will add more requirements and expenses onto homeowners and businesses.

## Halloween florist class for kids

**DOWNEY** – Downey Adult School is offering a Mommy & Me Halloween Florist Class where a child and parents can learn to make a Halloween flower arrangement, designed in keepsake containers.

The class is taught by florist Terrie Mercurio and will be held Oct. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. A \$15 fee includes instruction, flowers and container. Pre-registration is a must by calling (562) 940-6200.

## Historical Society presents Juke Box Night

**DOWNEY** – Downey Historical Society’s Juke Box and Telescriptions Night -- featuring music of the 40’s and 50’s for Halloween -- will be held Oct. 26 inside the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center.

Another set of Jeff Vlencia’s “found films” will be shown that night as well.

For information, call (562) 862-2777.



**BEA ROMANO** – And the Willow Bend Band will present “Willowbend – Musical Photographs of Colonial America” at the Oct. 23 OASIS meeting at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. The hammered dulcimer and accompanying instruments take the audience through a tour of colorful colonial life, exploring American history. The class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m. and the program starts at 4. An optional dinner will be served at 5 p.m. but \$2 dinner tickets must be purchased by 3:45.

## Tax aide program in danger of closing

**DOWNEY** – The AARP Tax Aide Program needs volunteers to help prepare income taxes and homeowners/renters tax rebates at the Downey Senior Center.

The program is in danger of shutting down because of a decrease in volunteers.

Participants need to work four to eight hours a week during the tax season. It’s a volunteer program so no pay is provided, but certain expenses for transportation are reimbursed.

A week of tax training will be provided in January and volunteers will have access to on-site tax professionals at all times. Prior tax experience doing your own taxes is preferred but not required.

For more information, call Ted Baumann at (562) 861-6399.

## Boys & Girls Club honors Warren student

■ John Flores one of several local citizens who were recognized for their community work.

**DOWNEY**—John Flores, 16-year old Warren High junior, was honored as “Youth of the Year” by the Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club this week at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, for his contribution to the “club’s programs through (his) active involvement in all core areas.”

Others being recognized for their “outstanding commitment and dedication to the community” include: Joseph G. Zarraly (General Manger, Crowne Plaza Hotel), “Man of the Year”; Kelley P. O’Hara (Marketing Director, the Bicycle Casino), “Woman of the Year”; George Tumanjan (The Commerce Casino), “Perpetual Patrons Award”; Priscilla Flores (Special Education Instructor, M.U.S.D.); “Educator of the Year”; Sonia Thong (Rio Hondo boys & Girls Club), “Employee of the Year”; Mark C. Cobain (serving the city of Bell Gardens), “Police Officer of the Year”; Kenneth Kaufmann (serving the city of Commerce), “Deputy Sheriff of the Year”; and Fire Fighter/Paramedic Sixto Padilla (serving cities of Bell Gardens and Commerce), “Fire Fighter of the Year.”

John Flores has been depicted as being an extremely helpful member of the club, exhibiting “respect and dignity towards the staff personnel, volunteers, members and club’s property.” Part-time employment is next for the high school student, who plans to go on to a four-year university after graduation.



John Flores

## Church needs Thanksgiving help

**DOWNEY** – The Breath of God Christian Fellowship Church, in conjunction with the Aggressive Community Training and Services (ACTS) Foundation, is searching for volunteers to help work their annual Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, this year planned for Nov. 17 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Volunteers are also needed for the Thanksgiving Basket Project, when food baskets are distributed to needy families in Downey.

At the dinner, volunteers will help serve dinner to families from local shelters and missions.

To volunteer or donate food items for the baskets, call the church office at (310) 767-9620. Donations can be made to Breath of God, P.O. Box 39903, Downey, CA 90239.

## Bishop named to Downey Second Ward

**DOWNEY** – Mark Bukowski, a local independent real estate broker, has been named bishop of Downey Second Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, helping fill an open position made when three of the four presiding bishops were named to the presidency of the Downey California Stake.

As reported last week in the *Downey Patriot*, Bishop Jeff Townsend and his two counselors will lead Downey First Ward.

Bukowski, 58, is a graduate of UCLA with a BA in Philosophy. He and wife, Ruth, are the parents of four adult children who all went to Warren High School. The family has lived in Downey for 18 years.

Bukowski was formerly a member of the Downey Stake’s High Council.

Serving as First Counselor to Bukowski is Bruce Weir, 52, a graduate of Harbor College. He and his wife, Marsha, are also parents of four children, all former or present Warren students. The family has lived in Downey 25 years.

Bukowski’s Second Counselor is Mel Ready, 48, a life-long Downey resident. He is a graduate of Warren High School and holds a degree from Cal State Los Angeles. He is currently employed as a software manager.

He and his wife, Laura, have 10 children.

## ‘Beef Stroganoff Night’ at Elks Lodge

**DOWNEY** – Fail-Safe 4 Felines is hosting “Beef Stroganoff Night” at the Downey Elks Lodge on Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m., with money raised going towards the group’s work of reducing the unwanted cat population in Downey using non-lethal means.

The dinner will feature a salad bar, beef stroganoff, fresh rolls and a dessert table. Door prizes and raffles will also be featured.

Tickets require a \$20 donation. For reservations, call (562) 708-2672.

## Residents invited to Lions Club meetings

**DOWNEY** – Since the club’s chartering in 1943, Downey Lions Club and its members have worked on a variety of projects in the local community, ranging from being in charge of the Downey Holiday Parade to providing eye-glasses and hearing aides for the under-privileged.

The Lions Club invites residents interested in joining and helping the community to attend their regular meetings held the first and third Thursdays of every month at the Rio Hondo Golf Club at 6:30 p.m.

## Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Inc. presents

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- ✓ Our Fire Department needs our support in providing funding for the protection of our Businesses and Citizens - should a natural disaster strike.
- ✓ Local government must support initiatives that are beneficial to our Business Community. As we celebrate 50 Years of accomplishments and prosperity, we must continue to encourage development in Downtown Downey, Stonewood Center, Downey Landing Shopping Center and other Business areas.
- ✓ Although we currently offer many recreational, artistic, and athletic programs, I propose to acquire funding for after-school homework assistance and tutoring programs. Our children are held accountable through school testing from elementary through high school (such as the STAR Program). It is our civic duty to invest in the youth of tomorrow. After-school programs will ensure their educational readiness.

Please consider posting a lawn sign and joining the Committee to Elect Robert A. Rubio to Downey City Council, District 2. 562-922-9972 Fax 562-927-2838 robertarubio@comcast.net

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## Exchange program open to businessmen

■ Downey Rotary Club sponsoring trip to Mexico and the Philippines.

**DOWNEY**—The Rotary Clubs of Greater Los Angeles are looking for young business and professional people to represent them on a cultural and vocational exchange program that will take them to countries around the world, including Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Lebanon, Mongolia, Paris, and Mexico.

Trips will be four weeks in duration, with all expenses paid by Rotary International and host clubs (not including personal expenses).

Destinations for Downey Rotary Club representatives are the Philippines and Mexico. The trip to Mexico will cover the Yucatan Peninsula, including visits to the cities of Merida, Cancun, Oaxaca, Cozumel, and Escarcega. Trip schedule is May 2-May 30, 2007.

The Philippines sojourn will take the visitor to the Island of Mindanao, the second largest island of the Philippine archipelago, which is located in the south. The trip starts March 17 and runs through April 14, 2007.

Candidates must be between ages 25-40; employed full-time in a recognized vocation or profession; not be a Rotarian or closely related to one; and not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, or dependent.

For more information, call Jorge Montero at (562) 862-0116, or for applications on website, rotary5280.org, click on Group Study Exchange. Contact: Dist. Rep. Chuck Hanchett at (310) 547-1973, or chuckhanchett@yahoo.com.

Deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2006.

## Landscape workshop free to the public

**DOWNEY** – A landscape workshop, free to the public, will be presented tomorrow, Oct. 21, at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

The City of Downey Department of Public Works is sponsoring the event.

Topics at the workshop will include soil health and irrigation gardening and composting. Jack Engberg (Gro Power, Inc.), Catherine Pannell Waters (licensed landscape contractor) and a representative from the Smart Gardening Program of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will speak to the audience.

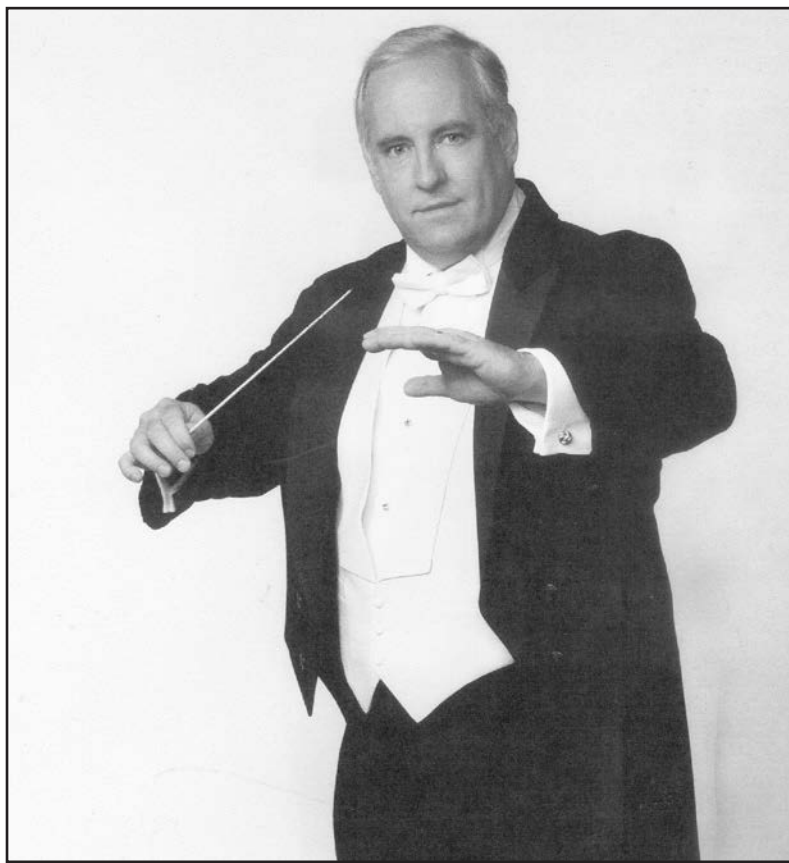
A Troy-Bilt chipper shredder vacuum will be raffled at the workshop.

## Temple mini-fundraising dinner Oct. 24

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is having a Mini-Fundraising Dinner at the Golden Palace Restaurant 9116 Telegraph Road, Downey, on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. The Chinese family-style dinner, to which the community is invited, will not include any shell fish or pork.

Donation is \$16 per person, and reservations are required. There will be door prizes.

Checks are payable to Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, mailed to 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Downey, or drop them off. For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



**STEVEN KERSTEIN** – The current music director and conductor for two local orchestras, Kerstein will lead the Downey Symphony in its first concert of the season on Oct. 28. The community's input on Kerstein's work will be taken via evaluation forms available at the Downey Theater.

## Symphony prepares for first season concert

BY JOYCE SHERWIN  
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

**DOWNEY** – In a program of Mozart and Tchaikovsky, the musicians of the Downey Symphony will perform their first evening concert of the season on October 28 under the baton of a guest conductor, Steven Kerstein.

The sudden death last summer of the orchestra's long-time director, Thomas Osborn, occasioned a search for his successor, and the 2006-07 season will give audiences the opportunity to hear and assess several candidates.

Mr. Kerstein is Founding Music Director and Conductor for two local orchestras, the West Los Angeles Symphony and the Burbank Philharmonic Orchestra. He is experienced in educational outreach as well, a qualification necessary in anyone appointed as our conductor, since our Music in the School program is firmly established.

His evening performance includes Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni and the Concert for Clarinet, with soloist Michael Arnold, and concludes with Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. The pre-concert discussion of the music to be heard starts at 7:15 p.m. and is a chance for the audience to meet Mr. Kerstein on another level.

All guest conductors this year will be assessed by the Symphony Board, but members of the orchestra and audiences are asked to submit their opinions as well. Forms for your evaluation will be available at the theater.

The concert takes place in the Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Boulevard at Brookshire. Tickets are \$20 and \$25, \$10 for students, and may be reserved by calling the symphony office at (562) 403-2944, or in person at the box office on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15, between noon and 4 p.m. and before the concert.

Just across the theater courtyard in the Embassy Suites hotel, Taro's Tapas Restaurant offers a 15 percent discount to concertgoers, and they promise to get you back to the theater by curtain time.

This evening's performance enjoys the partnership of three service clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis and Soroptimist, whose support in purchasing tickets benefits not only the orchestra but the clubs' community projects, with their proceeds remaining in Downey.

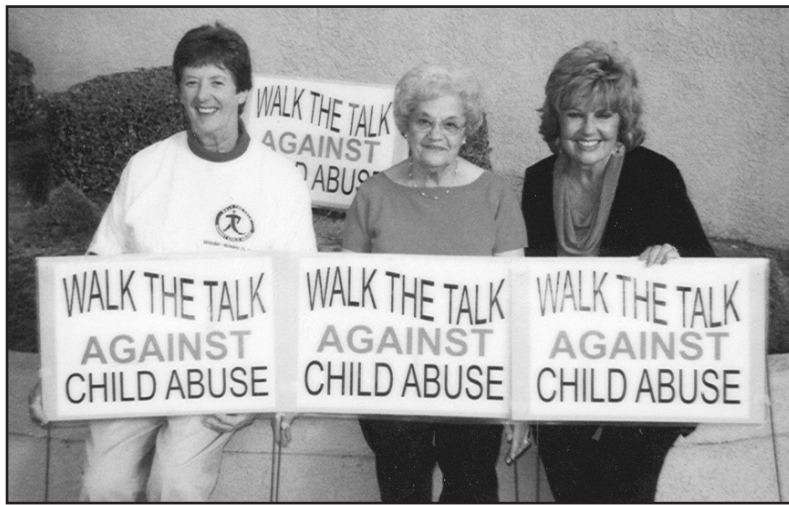
## 'Halloween giggles' at Downey Library

**DOWNEY** – Children and parents can prepare for a funny Halloween treat when the Downey City Library offers "Halloween Giggles and Screams" on Oct. 26 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Performer and storyteller Ken Frawley will entertain children with Halloween songs and stories suitable for the whole family.

The free program is for children ages 3-12 and will be held in the Cormack Room.

The Downey City Library is also planning other Halloween events. For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 27.



**WALK THE TALK** – The third annual Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse, a two-mile march through Downtown Downey to raise money for child abuse victims, will take place tomorrow, Oct. 21. Children Hawaiian dancers and a DJ will provide entertainment. Walkers are asked to donate \$15 and will meet at Downey First Baptist Church at 8 a.m. For more information, call Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

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## MACY'S PARADE-ON-PARADE CARAVAN

OCTOBER 18, 2006

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## The Poets' Corner

### Halloween

Halloween is a time for trick or treat  
 And the ghouls are so green  
 Younger children ask for candy  
 And their costumes are so dandy  
 Many parents take them around  
 Making sure their treats are sound  
 Older children can cause mischievous acts  
 And they don't care about their bad tasks  
 — Don Davis,  
 Downey Retirement Center

### My One True Love

Away from home, I called and heard  
 The awful things that had occurred:  
 The baby (bless his darling heart)  
 Had taken Daddy's watch apart;  
 The cat with gopher newly dead  
 Had dined in splendor — on the bed.  
 And finally, and far the worst,  
 The watertank had just now burst.

I was, of course, being quite sincere  
 When whispering "Oh, how dreadful dear!"  
 And yet (I know it's downright mean)  
 The more I visualized the scene  
 The more I had to curb within  
 A desperate desire to grin.  
 In fact, I even breathed a prayer  
 Of thanks, that I had not been there.

The implication's sad, because  
 I'm not the spouse I thought I was.  
 For when the chips are down, I see,  
 My one true love is — little me.  
 — Rosalie Carpenter,  
 Downey

### The Pimp

Ever since I was small  
 I wanted to be a pimp  
 Have a girl on each arm  
 And walk with a gangster limp  
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 -- Eric Pierce,  
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## Downey's finest

By Eric Pierce

The City of Downey lost one of its finest this week, laying to rest a home-grown police officer who died late last week from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

No obituary was released; in fact, just confirming the officer's name was a task in itself.

And while this newspaper always tries to obtain as many facts as possible when reporting to the public — especially when it pertains to a figure as important and respected as a police officer — in this case we tried to respect the privacy of the family involved as they grieved the loss of their loved one.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, with police squad cars from around the state lining narrow Downey Avenue.

But what happened inside the church we couldn't tell you, because we didn't cover the service out of respect for the family.

We mention this because our office received an abundance of phone calls this week asking about our coverage of the funeral, asking what happened, and how it happened, and, more importantly, why.

We don't have the answers to those questions. We can only say that had the officer died in the line of duty we would have covered the story in greater depth, for then the story would have been susceptible to public scrutiny.

But as it stands, this officer's death is a private matter and his family's request for privacy trumps public curiosity and sympathy, as genuine and heartfelt it may be.

We pray for the family of Jose Llamas, and hope they discover the solace and comfort they both seek and deserve.

## Hunger pains

By Orville E. Bigelow,

County of Los Angeles Regional Nutrition Network

Skipping meals for many of us is a personal choice to offset the fact that we eat too much food and our waistlines are paying the price. But far too many people in Los Angeles County miss a meal and go hungry due to lack of resources. For low-income Angelenos often it is not a matter of when they will eat, it is a matter if they will eat at all.

Since 1981, October 16 has been observed as World Food Day in order to bring worldwide attention to the food insecurity and hunger that plagues our planet in spite of the abundance of food. Each year local groups in different countries promote awareness of food insecurity and hunger through outreach activities and media events.

Food insecurity is described by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as "limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in a socially acceptable ways." Hunger is further defined as a severe form of food insecurity.

Poverty and food insecurity is a worldwide phenomenon and right here in Los Angeles, far removed from the glamorous images portrayed by Hollywood, many Angelenos are also faced with not having enough food to eat. According to a 2004 report from the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department approximately 400,000 households had experienced food insecurity, and about 141,000 had experienced hunger. The report also noted that food insecurity in the county was also experienced in greater numbers among minorities and families with children.

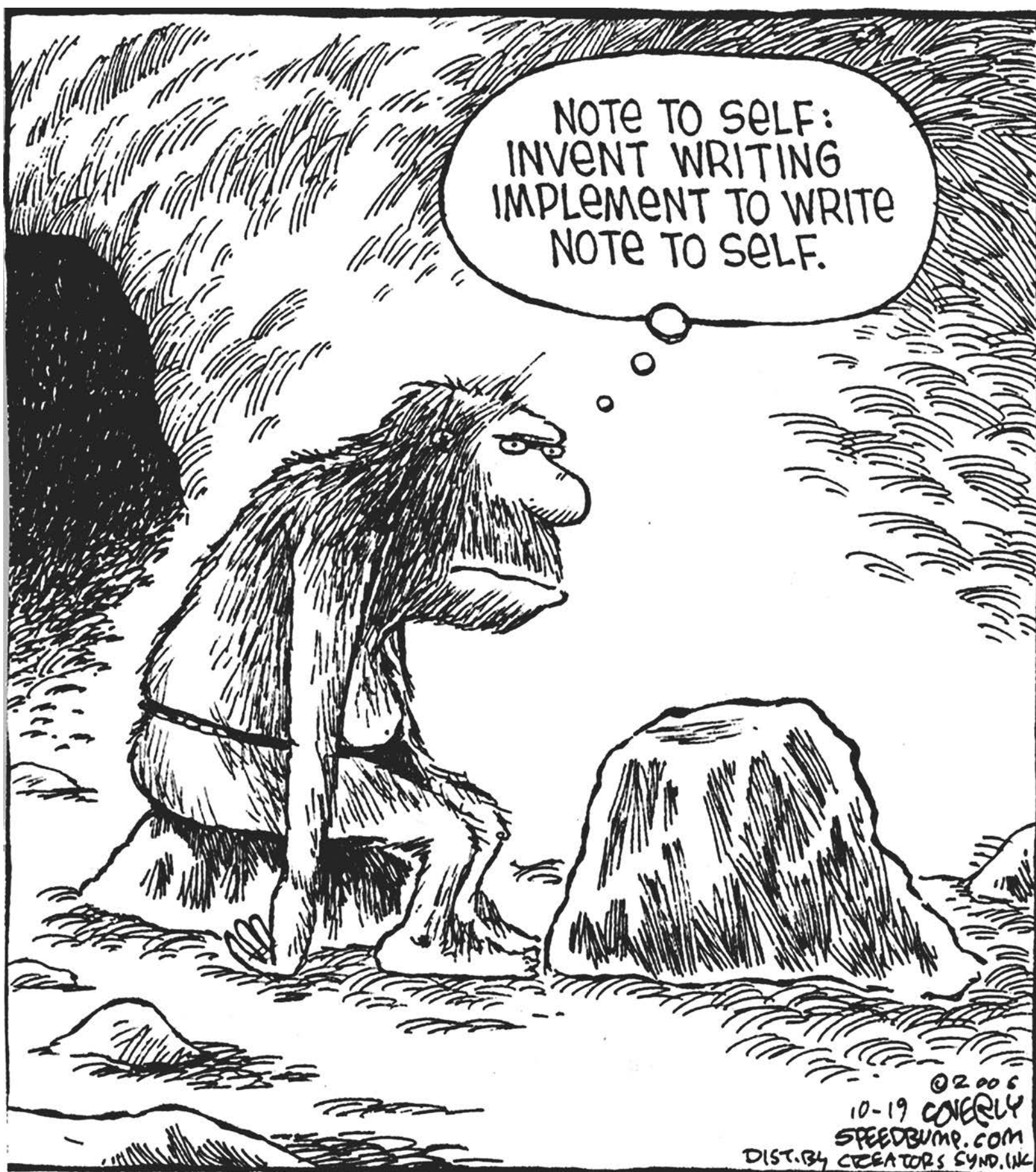
Central City East, situated in an area infamously known as "Skid Row" in downtown Los Angeles, is an example of such local neighborhoods affected drastically by economic disparity. According to a survey by the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN), the average income for residents in this predominately African American neighborhood is only about \$8,855 per year and more than 60 percent make less than \$10,000 per year. The survey also found that 87 percent of respondents regularly ate at one of the local free-food providers and 60 percent relied on free-food giveaways from churches and community groups.

Among the recommendations to combat food insecurity is ensuring that eligible individuals and families are taking advantage of available assistance like the USDA's Food Stamp Program, which helps enable low-income families to buy nutritious food with the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Unfortunately, more than 2 million people eligible for food stamp assistance in California don't participate. The USDA's Food Stamp Program is just one of the many ways to help combat the problem of food insecurity and hunger. Other programs such as the WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) Program are also available.

It will take concerned Angelenos who can donate time, money and food to the many local charities, community groups and churches that are actively engaged in a daily struggle to combat poverty and disparity. The combined efforts of the government, schools, families and businesses will help address food insecurity in the country.

For more information about the Food Stamp Program here in Los Angeles County please call (877) 597-4777.

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keynote talk on the marvels and future of technology by a former Steve Jobs colleague.

Active in several library associations, she is completely at home with the Internet and high-tech lingo, and, having kept herself abreast of the latest developments in the field, able to handle increasingly frequent inquiries about "wireless local area networks" and "hot zones."

In elementary school, she says, she used to catch a book mobile a mile away, and was fond of picture books and encyclopedias. In 5th or 6th grade, her interest in books and libraries grew, and joined a literature group. Today, exhibiting a practical streak, she reads "how-to" tomes such as Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

You'd never guess that, soft-spoken and almost deferential as she is, Messenio is a physical fitness devotee. She has run marathons, including last Sunday's in Long Beach ("I only ran a half"). She and her husband, a contract analyst for AFTRA (Federation of Television and Radio Artists) own a cabin in Big Bear, and like to go walking and hiking in places like 14,500-ft. Mt. Whitney in the High Sierras and the Grand Canyon. She's also devoted to her dog and two cats. A trained pianist, she now only occasionally plays for select groups and perhaps at weddings and funerals. The couple has two grown children: the daughter is married and works as a physician's assistant for Rancho Los Amigos in Downey, while the son for now is a part-time Longshoreman in, where else, Long Beach. A younger sister lives in Alturis up north.

The library is understandably currently gearing up for pre- and otherwise Halloween projects/programs (Pre-School Storytime, Halloween Costume) for the kids, a prelude to even greater fun come Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays.

Messenio says people have been very supportive and helpful to her. Apparently adept at connecting means and ends, her task now is to apply her passion, experience and know-how in between.

## Absentee ballot deadline approaching

**NORWALK**— Voters who wish to vote by mail in the upcoming election need to make their requests for absentee ballots no later than Oct. 31, according to Conny McCormack, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Registered voters wanting to obtain an absentee ballot must send a written request containing the voter's name, residence address and address to which the ballot is to be mailed. The signature of each person asking for an absentee ballot is required in order to verify the legitimacy of the application.

Absentee ballots can be requested online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) or in person at the RR/CC office at 12400 Imperial Highway, 3rd floor, Room 3002, in Norwalk.

## Principles of grammar

Dear Editor:

When the headline reads "Course teaches principals of finance" then one expects to read about a course relative to teaching finance concepts to school principals. (*The Downey Patriot*, 10/13/06)

If it is actually going to be a course relative to teaching finance concepts to the general public, then it should read "Course teaches principles of finance."

There IS a difference.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,  
Downey

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### More questions than answers

Dear Editor:

I attended the city council candidates' forum Wednesday Oct. 11, at the Rio Hondo Country Club presented by Citizens for Downey. Apparently, it was decided that questions from the attendees would serve no purpose.

After the candidates pontificated on their qualifications and virtues and presented the same old tired arguments you hear from politicians (stop crime and get money for the city), Citizens for Downey gave their recommendations on how to vote on the various propositions on the November ballot, gave out some awards and closed the meeting. Questions that were pertinent to the future of the city were not brought up so no one knows where the candidates stand on these issues.

The only thing I got out of the whole thing was a five dollar hot plate breakfast and loss of time that could have been more valuably spent.

I don't think I'll waste my time on another of these meetings.

—R.V. Rankin,

Downey

### Open letter to Rep. Roybal-Allard

Dear Editor:

As a native Californian and excellent customer of the Internal Revenue Service, I am writing to ask for your assistance. I have contacted the Department of Homeland Security in an effort to determine the process for becoming an illegal alien and they referred me to you.

My primary reason for wishing to change my status from U.S. Citizen to illegal alien stem from the bill which was recently passed by the Senate and for which you voted. If my understanding of this bill's provisions is accurate, as an illegal alien who has been in the United States for five years, all I need to do to become a citizen is to pay a \$2,000 fine and income taxes for three of the last five years. I know a good deal when I see one and I am anxious to get the process started before everyone figures it out.

Simply put, those of us who have been here legally have had to pay taxes every year so I'm excited about the prospect of avoiding two years of taxes in return for paying a \$2,000 fine. Is there any way that I can apply to be illegal retroactively? This would yield an excellent result for me and my family because we paid heavy taxes in 2004 and 2005.

Additionally, as an illegal alien I could begin using the local emergency room as my primary health care provider. Once I have stopped paying premiums for medical insurance, my accountant figures I could save almost \$10,000 a year. Another benefit in gaining illegal status would be that my daughter would receive preferential treatment relative to her law school applications, as well as "in-state" tuition rates for many colleges throughout the United States for my son. Lastly, I understand that illegal status would relieve me of the burden of renewing my driver's license and making those burdensome car insurance premiums. This is very important to me given that I still have college age children driving my car.

If you would provide me with an outline of the process to become illegal (retroactively if possible) and copies of the necessary forms, I would be most appreciative. Thank you for your assistance.

Your Loyal Constituent,

Bill Spetnagel,  
Downey

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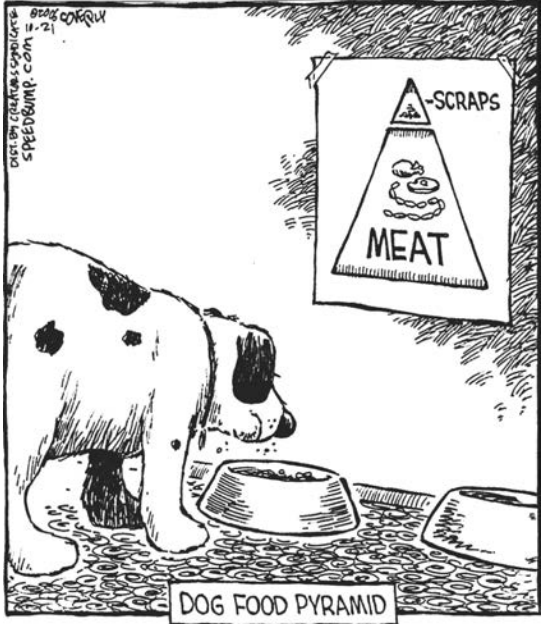
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## On This Day...

**October 20, 1947:** The House Un-American Activities Committee begins investigating 'Communist infiltration' in Hollywood, eventually creating a blacklist of 300 artists who were boycotted by motion picture studios.

**1967:** "Bigfoot" is supposedly filmed in now famous video shot by two amateur videographers camping in Bluff Creek. A debate ensued -- and continues -- regarding the video's authenticity.

**1968:** Former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy marries Aristotle Onassis, a Greek shipping tycoon.

**1973:** The Sydney Opera House, one of the most famous performing arts venues in the world, opens.

**1977:** A plane carrying the famous rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd crashes on a charter flight to Baton Rouge, killing six onboard, including three band members. Five band members survived.

## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For October

Sat. Oct. 21: **All-you-can eat** at Granata's Italian Villa. Reservations requested by calling (562) 861-2997.  
 Tues. Oct. 24: **Former Disney artist Michael Humphries** will speak at the Downey Art League's meeting at Furman Park. (562) 803-5857.  
 Wed. Oct. 25: **Downey Symphony's** concert for third-graders at Downey Theatre.

### 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.

#### 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 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.

#### Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.  
 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.  
 4th 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.

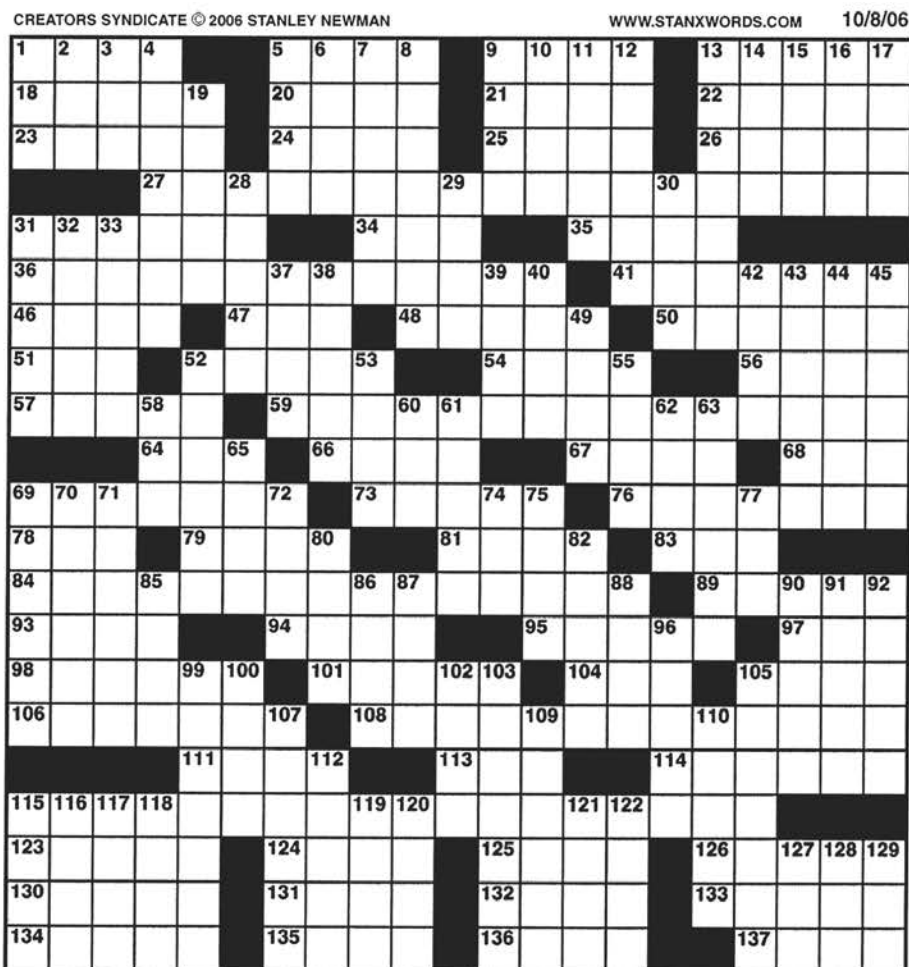
#### Fridays

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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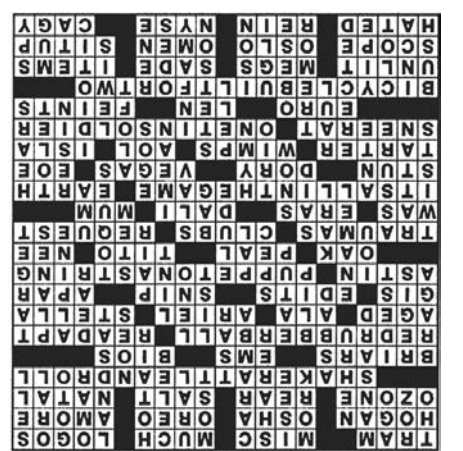
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**PLAYING MUSIC: A medley of recreational tunes**  
 by Patrick Jordan

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Hulk Hogan (18 Across) was the first pro wrestler to appear on the cover of "Sports Illustrated." The New York Stock Exchange or NYSE (136 Across), was created on May 17, 1792, when 24 stock-brokers signed an agreement outside 68 Wall Street. In 1929, Jean Rene Lacoste (122 Down), nicknamed "The Crocodile," introduced the first-ever designer logo on a garment.



## Vikings go flat against mighty Dominguez

BY SCOTT COBOS  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – With 1:34 left on the game clock, Allen Layne Stadium started looking like Dodger Stadium in the 8th inning of a blow out. Fans started to make their way toward the exits and bled into the parking lot as the Downey Vikings lost to Dominguez 28-14.

Downey, losing its second straight game, came out flat offensively in the first half and went into halftime in a deep hole. At the half, Downey's offense was in the red, totaling negative 2 yards.

Dominguez's game plan was simple. Stop Downey running back Darren Tubbs. It was just an added bonus that they stopped the rest of Downey's offense as well. No passes were completed by the Vikings in the first half, and Tubbs had only six carries totaling lost yardage through two quarters.

Not only did the Vikings struggle out of the gates, they never gave themselves a chance to score as they never got the ball inside the red zone through the half.

Dominguez smelled blood and applied even more pressure to the Vikings as the Dons' trifecta running game couldn't be stopped. Dons' running back Brandon Johnson continued his tear through the season scoring two more touchdowns to add on to his team leading twelfth touchdown on the young year. Johnson carried the ball 18 times, rushing for 81 yards.

Running backs Trea'von and Marcus Darden supplied Dominguez with more than just one option in the backfield. The two backs combined for 21 carries totaling 117 yards. Trea'von Darden tacked on a touchdown as well.

In the second half, Downey looked to scratch first. Led by Tubbs, Downey marched up the field and scored their first touchdown of the game on a 6-yard run by their senior running back. Tubbs would finish the game with 63 yards on 21 total carries.

Dominguez wasn't stunned by the urgency of the Vikings as they seemed to play with the Downey defense. Maybe playing a little too relaxed, Dominguez's play started to get sloppy. During one drive, they found themselves in a 2nd and 45 situation. In that drive, they turned the ball over on downs.

Downey wasn't about to let this one slip away now that they've built a little momentum. The Vikings' play calling started to get aggressive as they started to go to the air. Downey quarterback Anthony Moreno hooked up with wide receiver Joshua Higgins for a 54-yard touchdown pass, putting the Vikings within seven points, propelling themselves back into the game.

The Dons after that woke up. Exposing Downey's slow secondary, Dominguez quarterback David Ross started picking apart the Viking defense finding receivers for big gains. Ross didn't throw the ball much, but was more than effective as he went 4 for 6 in completed passes, building up 112 yards in the air.

The dagger to the hopes of Downey winning the game came on Trea'von Darden's touchdown run. Darden broke out of the backfield for a 33-yard touchdown, putting up the final points of the game.

Opening up league play the wrong way, Downey Head Coach Grant Warhurst realizes that his team needs to put this loss behind them and focus on the next game.

"We need to rally the troops and look forward to next week," Warhurst said. "We have a lot of work to do and we need to now focus on Lynwood."

Downey travels to Lynwood tonight to take on the Knights. Game time is 7 p.m.

## Downey/Warren players in 'Cheese Steak Bowl'

**DOWNEY** – The first ever Downey/Warren Cheese Steak Bowl, a buildup to next week's Downey/Warren inter-rivalry football game, will be held Sunday, Oct. 22, at Philly's Best in Downey, starting at 1 p.m.

Football players representing both schools will compete to see who can eat twelve entire Philly cheese steaks the fastest. Cheerleaders and drum lines will also compete in friendly competitions.

Philly's Best will donate all proceeds from 1 to 3 p.m. to both schools. The restaurant is located inside Downey Landing at 12008 Lakewood Blvd.

## Youth basketball program at YMCA

**DOWNEY** – Registration for the upcoming Downey YMCA Jr. Lakers/Shooting Sparks youth basketball program begins Nov. 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. The program is for both boys and girls ages 5-13.

Children ages 5-7 will play on Friday evenings and kids ages 8-14 will play on weekends. All games will be played at the Downey YMCA.

For registration information, call Bill DeMedio, youth sports director at the YMCA, at (562) 862-4201.

## Tryouts for Downey Volleyball Club

**DOWNEY** – Tryouts for Downey Volleyball Club will be held Oct. 22 at the Downey High School gymnasium. Girls age 10-18 of all ability levels are invited to participate.

Tryouts are free and parents, friends and coaches are welcome to attend. The tryout is from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information call Micah Burpo at (562) 413-5535 or Bob Crowell at (562) 413-5852. Information is also available at [www.downeyvolleyball.com](http://www.downeyvolleyball.com).

## Razorbacks find points difficult to come by

BY MIKE BAUMANN  
DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

**DOWNEY** – Tackle football games started at 8 a.m. last Saturday at Downey High School's Allen Layne Stadium, but Razorback touchdowns were absent from the scoreboard until about 3:30 in the afternoon.

MityMite Red played a hard-fought draw against Inglewood in a game that stretched into overtime. The game ended as Razorback Diego Velarde was tackled one yard short of the goal after two fine runs in the California tiebreaker.

MityMite White was completely overwhelmed by a strong Torrance team. Torrance scored on each of its first four possessions in the 32-0 shutout.

The Junior PeeWee Razorbacks have had little luck scoring all year. Against Inglewood the results were more of the same. The Seminoles shut out the Razorbacks 26-0.

In the PeeWee game, starting at 2 p.m., the Razorbacks and the Seminoles had a scoreless tie going until the final drive of the game. With less than 30 seconds left in the game, the Razorbacks drove deep into Inglewood territory. On the last play of the game a determined run by tailback David Saenz put the Hogs on top 8-0.

The unbeaten Junior Midget Razorbacks continued their winning ways with a defensive gem. The Hog offense was uncharacteristically sloppy, with penalties and fumbles, but in the long run Downey prevailed with its fourth shutout in six games.

Razorback scoring began with Shane Baumann scampering for a 35-yard TD. After holding the Seminoles, Razorback Devon Samuels raced to the 22 yard line on an exciting punt return but the ensuing drive bogged down at the 3-yard line.

The next time the Razorbacks got the ball, a block in the back penalty nullified a 30-yard Andrew Magana to Jabari Ruffin pass, and Downey turned the ball over. The score remained 8-0 until Magana tossed a 35-yard TD pass to tight end Ryan McFaddin.

Powe, Ruffin and McFaddin each had sacks to stifle Inglewood's offense on the next series and when the Hogs took over possession of the ball, Inglewood was given a steady dose of Samuels, Smith and Baumann.

Magana's pass to Marquis Mustin put the ball in position for a short Darius Powe TD run. Eddy C. Moreno picked up a fumble caused by Jabari Ruffin sacking of the Inglewood quarterback. Moreno scampered 80 yards, but a questionable block in the back penalty nullified much of the run. Devon Samuels capped the Downey scoring with a 35-yard run. The final score was 26-0.

Razorback Midget's 26-12 thumping of the Inglewood Seminoles was

a delight to the fans who stayed for the 6 p.m. game. Downey made another one of its goal line stands early in the game, holding the Indians at the one yard line. But Jason LogoLogo dashed 99 yards for the second time this year to put the Razorbacks ahead for the day.

Also in the second quarter, Jesse Ochoa slashed 30 yards for the Razorback's second score. The first half ended with the score 14-6.

Mario Zavala opened the third quarter scoring with a 20-yard TD run and LogoLogo capped the day of with his second TD, a 40-yard run.

The Razorbacks travel to El Segundo tomorrow, October 21. The Hogs return on October 28 for their final league games.



**MIDNIGHT BALLERS** – A new travel basketball team, the Downey Midnight Ballers, has been formed from students at local middle schools. The team competes against teams in the National Junior Basketball league in Anaheim in various tournaments. For information on joining, call Carla Quigg at (562) 260-9648 or visit [www.myspace.com/midnightballers](http://www.myspace.com/midnightballers). Top row, left to right: Coaches Greg Neilan and Vince Quigg, Sergio Flores, Darryl Matthews, Damilola Adefeso, Andrew Gonzalez, Jose Quinonez, Braiten Madrigal and Coach Jim Tanner. Bottom row: Anthony Jack, Hadi Alshekh, Dillon Tanner, Vinny Quigg, Sammy Kalejaiye, Garrett Neilan and Ian Padilla.

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## SCHOLARS

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Juliana Kubicki, Daniel Lamphear, Michael Lee, Darline Llamas, Atzimba Reyes, Mirzada Sinanovic, and BriAnna Weldon.

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students were Esdul Abud, Carmen Castillo, Eleni Christidis, Kimberly Kim, Andrea Serna, Saul Verbera, and Jeanwon Yang.

Thirty-three students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars were Rachel Aguilar, Matthew Anzueto, Jessica Bartosch, Carla Becerra, Alexander Black, Melyna Campos, Timothy Castillo, Sarah D'Avella, Larissa Diaz, Frank Gomez, Michael Grout, Miray Iskander, Alex Kim, Kimberly Kinney, Ratha Lai, Jackeline Lopez, Stephanie Lopez, John Mansell, Daisy Mejia, Christine Mikhail, Stephanie Moran, Mi Jean Park, Ana Perez, Nicole Quirk, Rosario Ramos, Rose Robles, Jessica Rodriguez, Sergio Sanchez, Timothy Sipos, Benjamin Toribio, Jessica Trejo, Miguel Unzueta, and Kun-Hoo Yoo.

Of this year's award recipients, 15 were juniors, meaning they have one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar award.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on AP Exams.

## GAULDIN

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- Ratified a mediation settlement agreement for attorney's fees of \$5,500;
- Approved the corrected monthly mileage allowances for 10-month, 11-month, and 12-month employees for 2006-2007, at an estimated annual cost of \$59,015;
- 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 months of August and September;
- Ratified several warrants issued for payment of authorized purchases or obligations incurred by law or district policy for the month of September;
- Ratified an agreement between Downey Adult School Career and Education Center and Clinica Medica San Miguel to offer externships to Office Skills Center students; also an agreement for the same purpose between Downey Adult School and Dr. Venkataraman;
- Ratified an Internship Credential Program agreement with National University;
- Ratified the School Safety Police Program agreement with the city of Downey, effective Sept. 5, 2006 through June 22, 2007;
- Accepted the Quarterly Uniform Complaint report summary;
- Authorized bids for backhoe services (charged to maintenance, deferred maintenance, and/or bond funds); the Warren High School pool resurfacing (general maintenance and /or bond deferred maintenance funds); the exterior painting of Columbus High (Adult School funds);
- Approved the use of California Multiple Award Schedule between the state of California and the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, by DUSD, to fill orders with the same terms and conditions;
- Approved the use of the Master Agreement between the county of Los Angeles and Xerox Corporation for photocopy equipment, by DUSD, with same terms and conditions;
- Approved a change order with National Ready Mixed Concrete Co. of Encino, in the increased sum of \$9,114.08 to be charged to Bond Funds;
- Approved several change orders for various work on the Warren High School classroom and modernization project, involving increased funding, to be charged to Bond Funds;
- Approved a change order for Downey High School's new classroom

building (Building "C");

- Accepted as complete backhoe projects provided by Terra Pave, Whittier, in the sum of \$2,400 to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and /or Bond Funds, as well various paving and repairs in the amount of \$11,555.03, charged against the General Fund and/or Bond funds;
- Accepted as complete projects related to improvement and repairs to concrete areas, with 3D Concrete, Downey, in the sum of \$54,921, to be charged to General Fund and/or Bond Funds;
- Accepted as complete trade electrical projects provided by Spike Electric, Anaheim, for \$57,813 (General Fund and/or Bond Funds);
- Accepted as complete roof repair, replacement, and asbestos abatement work by FC & Sons Roofing Co., Bell Gardens, in the sum of \$22,050 (Maintenance and/or Bond Funds);
- Approved an increase to the 2005-06 Restricted General Fund balance on the 2005-06 Unaudited Actuals in the amount of \$453,452;
- Approved the adjustment of the 2006-07 County School Facilities Fund restricted budget to reflect a decrease to the fund balance in the amount of \$3,127,500;
- Approved the use of the Single Budget Option, which requires that the district's final budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year be adopted at an advertised public hearing by July 1, 2007;
- Approved the declaration and sale of district surplus property by Nationwide Auction Company, and abate the income to the General Fund, and/or pickup by a local e-waste recycler for proper recycling;
- Approved routine Personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education;
- Authorized the services of teachers, assigned to a subject area not listed on their teaching credential for the 2006-07 school year;
- Authorized the approval of the Committee on Assignments to approve teaching assignments based on special skills and preparation, for a maximum of one school year at a time, for the 2006-07 school year;
- Ratified the establishment of single new positions lodged in the various schools with duties corresponding to the appropriately defined classifications and for certain periods;
- Adopted a resolution in support of Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-27, in the district;
- Adopted a resolution in support of Character Counts! Week, Oct. 16-20;
- Adopted a resolution in support of Prop. 1D;
- Adopted a resolution for the use of School Facility Program grant funding for construction at Warren High School;
- Received initial bargaining proposals for Successor Agreement with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 248;
- Held a public hearing to hear public response to the proposals; and
- Approved the taking of appropriate action on several student cases, which were then discussed by the Board of Education in closed session.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

### End of life decisions made easier

**DOWNEY** – First Presbyterian Church of Downey is offering two free seminars Oct. 21 and 28 to help individuals and families plan ahead for end-of-life decisions. People of all ages are invited to attend.

Rev. Julie Richwine, chaplain at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier, will lead the seminar. Richwine has extensive experience working with documents related to death and has worked with families of all faiths.

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# 'Guys and Dolls' risky yet cleverly romantic

■ Story of seedy underworld gangsters, gamblers and showgirls still captivating audiences.

BY BROOKE KARLI  
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

Downey Civic Light Opera's hilariously upbeat production of "Guys and Dolls" was an exceptional portrayal of Frank Loesser's classic musical, combining a splash of romance with a pinch of irony and a dash of risk.

Damon Runyon's story of "New York's underworld of gangsters, gamblers and showgirls" is just as captivating today as it was when it opened on Broadway in 1951.

"Guys and Dolls" is a clever, ironic story of how gambling habits kept one couple from getting married, but caused another couple to meet and fall dangerously in love.

Nathan Detroit (Nick Santa Maria) and Miss Adelaide (Charlotte Carpenter) were engaged for 14 years - a time in which Nathan keeps busy by running "the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York." It is in her dressing room at The Hot Box that Adelaide mourns her long engagement - the same engagement that has given her a 14-year cold.

In the process of finding an empty garage to hold a craps game, Nathan runs into Sky Masterson (Gregory North) and takes him up on a bet - if Sky can get Christian missionary Sarah Brown (Cynthia Marty) to go to Cuba with him, he wins \$1,000. But if she refuses, Sky pays for the next craps location. Much to the audience's surprise, she agrees to go, and the rest is history, with both couples happily married in the end.

Although the plot makes for a captivating story, it was the cast that brought the script to life. Carpenter's Adelaide is chic and feisty, complimented by a squeaky Brooklyn accent and a heart of gold. Marty's Sergeant Sarah was strong-willed and sweet, characteristics that would vanish into thin air after a few dulce-de-leche's.

Like anything, a great product comes from an ingenious creator. Marsha Moode, executive producer and director, decided to direct "Guys and Dolls" simply because it is a personal favorite. The collaboration of Moode with choreographer Miriam Nelson and musical director and conductor Eddy Clement made for an outstanding dream team. And those that transformed girls to "dolls" - costume designer Cheryl Robuck and make-up designer Robin Esslinger - deserve an honorable mention for depicting an era of what I call "I Love Lucy" apparel.

And who could forget Loesser's score? From numbers such as the toe-tapping "Fugue for Tinhorns" to the eye-opening "Take Back Your Mink," one could not leave the show without witty lyrics in their head.

The unfortunate fact is that this show has not been done in 12 years and as long as Moode's calling the shots, it won't come back for quite some time. But the flip side to that coin: there is plenty more up her sleeve.

For information regarding upcoming productions, contact the Downey Theatre at (562) 923-1714.



**FAREWELL, GUYS AND DOLLS** - The much heralded production of "Guys and Dolls" is playing for the final weekend at the Downey Theater. Tickets are still available by calling 923-1714.

## OLPH carnival opens tonight

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## Bus trip to San Manuel this week

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## John Werdell, WWII veteran, remembered

**DOWNEY** — John Joseph Werdell, a World War II veteran who “left Chicago with \$40 in his pocket and...bought his mother and aunt a house at the age of 17,” died Oct. 12 at his Downey apartment. He was 84.

Werdell was born February 26, 1922 to John and Alice Werdell in Sreator, Illinois. He met his wife, Anna Mae, in 1942 and went off to war in 1945, enlisting in the Air Corps.

A devout catholic, he attended daily mass for 50 years. As he got older, he lost his sight and driving privileges, so he moved across the street from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in order not to miss his daily mass.

He spent 29 years coordinating the Eucharistic Ministers of the Church. Members of the church assisted Werdell with his daily chores and were with him when he passed away.

Werdell celebrated his 80th birthday with a party where guests danced to the beer barrel polka.

Werdell was predeceased by Anna Mae just before their 50th anniversary in 1991. He is survived by his daughter, Gail Berg (Wil) of Careywood, Idaho; son, Paul Werdell (Diane) of Vernon, CT; and grandchildren Susan Chelsea Reimers, Gesse Watson, Jeremy Werdell, and Jen Werdell.

Services were held Oct. 17 and 18 at OLPH Church. He was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City.



**JOHN JOSEPH WERDELL** — A devout catholic, he moved across the street from OLPH Church when he lost his driver's license so he could still attend mass, a daily ritual of his for 50 years.

### Szabo to be recognized for work

**DOWNEY** — The second annual Margene Glenn Award, a recognition by the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation honoring outstanding volunteer service in the community, will be awarded to Arline Szabo at a ceremony Nov. 4 at Granata's Italian Villa.

Szabo was the first rehearsal accompanist and orchestra pianist for the Downey Children's Theater. She was known for including her husband, Joe, and children, Lowell, Valeen and Dale, in her work.

Attendees don't need to have known or worked with Szabo to attend. RSVP by calling (562) 869-0422 or e-mail [friggie@adelphia.net](mailto:friggie@adelphia.net).

## Cerritos College faculty performing nationally

**NORWALK** — Cerritos College Music Department faculty members Dr. Theresa Dimond and Dr. SungAe Lee both have upcoming opportunities to give performances on a national stage. Dimond, a distinguished percussionist who has served on the Cerritos College music faculty for the past 25 years, will travel to New York October 25-30 to perform at the Lincoln Center.

Lee, who teaches piano, was selected as a finalist at the 11th Annual World Piano Pedagogy Conference to perform in the solo and concerto competition held in Atlanta, Georgia October 25-28.

Dr. Christine Lopez, chair of the Cerritos College Music Department will also be attending the conference and will accompany Lee during the piano concerto she will be performing as part of the competition.

“It's a credit to our program that Cerritos College faculty members are invited to showcase their talents and expertise,” said Lopez.

“Our students benefit tremendously from the experiences that our faculty gain through these performance opportunities, while Cerritos College is provided with even further exposure.”

As one of six percussionists, Dimond will join the full chorus of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and four pianists at the Lincoln Center to give a performance celebrating the work of contemporary composer Steve Reich.

Dimond studied at the University of Southern California and completed her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in percussion. She has been a member of the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra since its first season, principal timpanist for the Pasadena Pops and California Philharmonic, and as a freelance musician has performed with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Her recording credits include “Edward Scissorhands,” “Far From Heaven,” “Rocky V,” “The Simpsons,” “Pocahontas,” “The 38th Annual Grammy Awards” and recordings with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

In addition to teaching at Cerritos College, Dimond is also currently on the faculties of Pomona College, UC Irvine and Whittier College.

Lee's performance in Atlanta will include Prokofiev's “Piano Concerto Number One in D-Flat Major” with Lopez playing a second piano as the orchestral reduction of the piece. She also plans to perform Rachmaninoff's “Prelude” and Liszt's “Spanish Rhapsody.”

Lee received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano performance from the University of California, Los Angeles. During her study with Ann Perry at UCLA, she was a top prizewinner of both the Neil and Jane Hanson Scholarship and the Benno Rubihyi Piano Competition. In May of 2004, she received a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Southern California.

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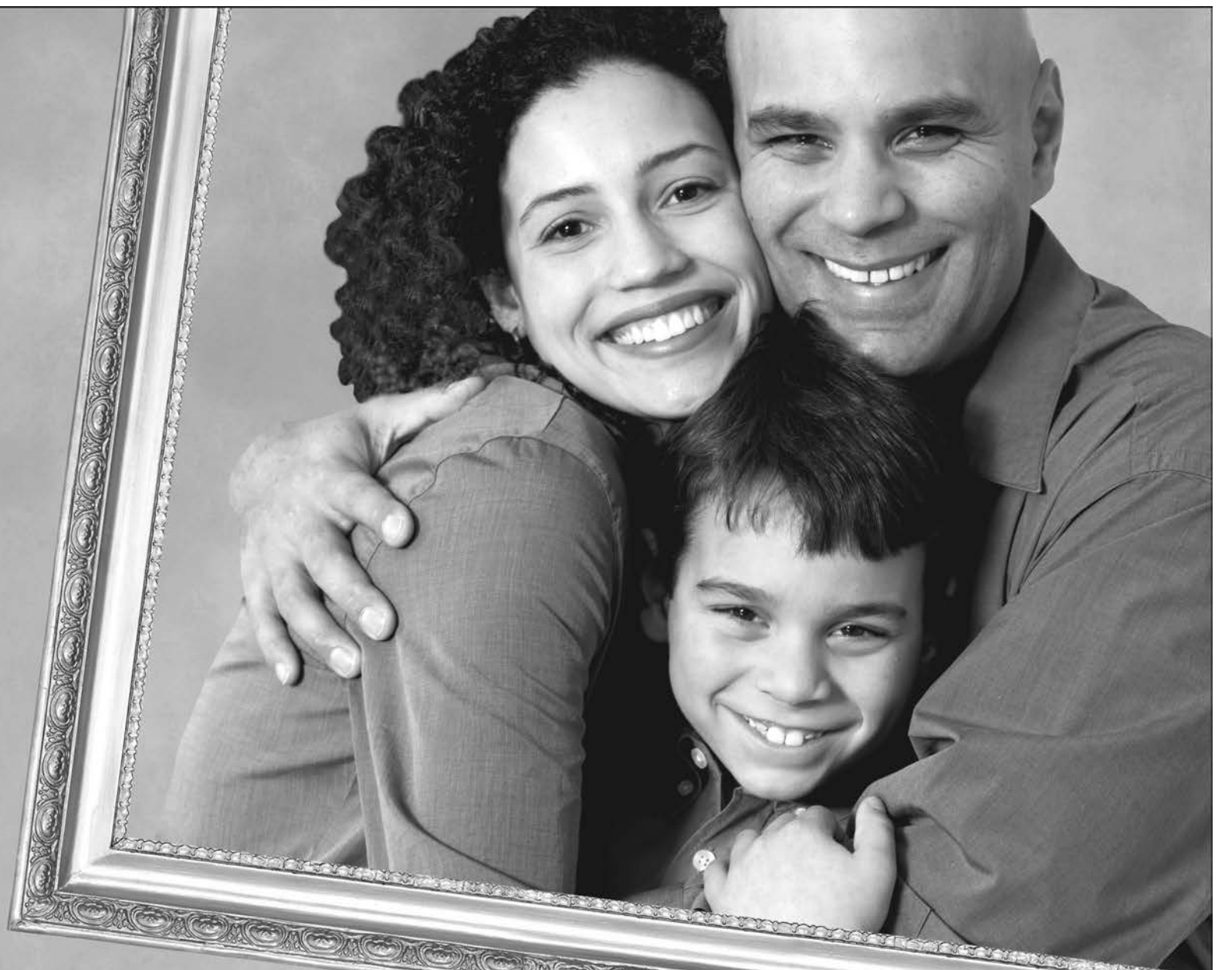
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2. Utilize low-watt fixtures.
3. Instead of spotlights, use low-pressure sodium poles on the exterior of the building.
4. Make sure gas-burning heating fixtures have conservation controls so that they don't heat at the same rate at night as they do during daytime.
5. Scrutinize common areas. Be sure that you are not heating big houses at night if they're not being used.
6. Verify that the correct water and sewer rates and taxes are being assessed.
7. Install cost-effective water flow restrictors.
8. Approach your local water and sewer provider about the possible reduction of the sewer cost assessment on swimming pools and Jacuzzi's.
9. Educate residents about the need for utility conservation.

### Contract services

10. Use as much in-house labor as possible.
11. Consider setting up your own local trash removal costs. Encourage people to collect their own aluminum cans and newspaper. Then as a local homeless shelter if it will pick up the materials as removal service in return for the recycling profits. You not only help out the homeless (great public relations) but you also reduce the number of trash pick-ups at your community. Consult your city first.
12. Purchase off-site items only from vendors on an approved vendors list.
13. Negotiate contracts with vendors and demand a written vendor agreement.
14. Carefully select vendors. Make the time and effort to determine the vendor's reputation.
15. Require the vendor to name you as an insured party on the insurance policy.

16. Solicit and view bids from all service providers at least three times a year. Verify the prices to ensure that what you're paying in October is what you were bid in January.
17. Involve the maintenance team in the control process.
18. Determine the average turnover of the project over a period of time to establish the frequency of painting and carpet and drape cleanings.
19. Conduct an inventory of supplies at least every 60 days.
20. To avoid instances of pilferage, inventory frequently and take note of trends.
21. Avoid purchasing materials from the local hardware store. It is 30 percent more expensive than buying from a supplier.
22. Resist the temptation to purchase a copying machine for the office. Instead, seek out your local copying service.
23. If you contract with an outside service to check rental applications, ask the service to provide a fax machine so you can fax the application.
24. Monitor postage and batch mailings together whenever possible.
25. Install site telephones with only the number of telephone lines needed.
26. Limit your use of overnight mail and shop around for rates.
27. Closely price legal and accounting services.

### Marketing

28. Avoid shotgun marketing. Spend the marketing dollars where they will be the most effective for the target market.

29. Don't forget to spend some time and money on lease renewals. Average turnover costs are an average of \$400-\$500 per unit, per turn.
30. Don't allow non-productive employees to contribute to expenses waste.
31. React quickly to such situations and make people changes quickly, before the project suffers.
32. Periodically survey the marketplace for rates of pay. Pay people properly and then expect them to perform.
33. Reduce health insurance and workman's compensation costs by implementing internal programs such as well care.
34. Sponsor education and safety seminars for staff.

### Property taxes and insurance

35. Always, always, always protest taxes. When you file a protest, the average county tax assessor will reduce the rate by 10 percent.
36. Review insurance coverage's carefully. Avoid lowering the deductible just to reduce insurance costs.
37. Seek bids on insurance coverage's and negotiate commission reductions.

### Purchase order systems

38. On your purchase order, explain how to fill it out. Require a description of the item, quantity, anticipated unit price, signature and appropriate account number.
39. On monthly financial statements, require staff to maintain a running tally of what is spent, what is budgeted and what amount is available.
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So what can investors do? Worrying about what may happen next won't do any good. Nor will darting in and out of the market to buy or sell investments based on daily market moves. The danger is that you enter or exit at the wrong time, missing the market's best days. A better strategy is to stick to a long-term plan. While there's no fool-proof strategy to protect against market dips, asset allocation and diversification are two techniques you can use to cushion your portfolio from the inevitable bumps in the road.

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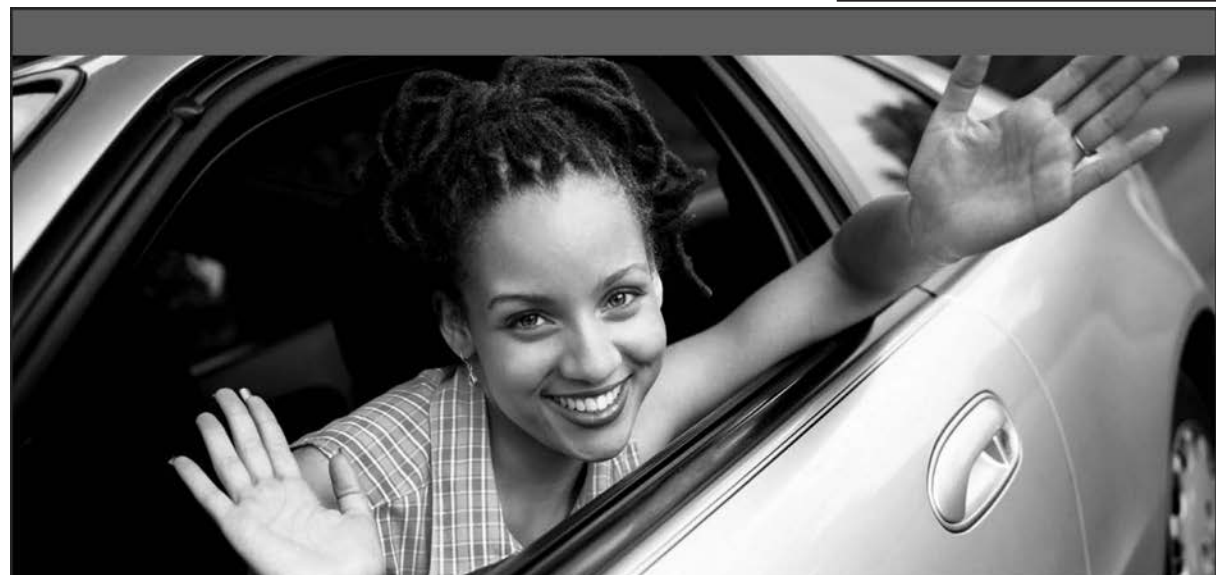
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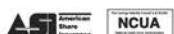
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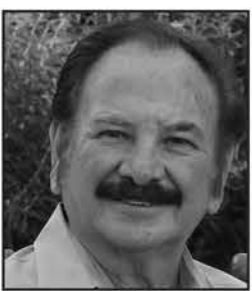
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**Opportunity Points North**  
North Downey 4-unit apartment building - 3 of the units have 2 Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms, and 1 unit has 1 Bedroom and 1 Bathroom.  
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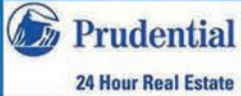
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**Great Area-Great Price!**  
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**"Garden of Eden" in Downey!**  
Beautiful yards w/ roses & fruit trees surround this spacious 3 BD, 1.5 BA home. Huge lot, formal dining room & much more.



**This You've Got To See!**  
3 BD, 2 BA, living room w/ fireplace, hardwood & tile floors throughout, cul-de-sac, 1,316 sq. ft. on 5,000 sq. ft. lot.  
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**New Listing**  
**North East Downey Pool Home!**  
N.E. Downey home w/ 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large family room. Air conditioning, 50 yr. roof, full copper plumbing, paint & more...all 1 year old!! Neatly 2,000 sq. ft. over 9,000 sq. ft. lot  
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**Downey's Hot Buy!**  
3 BD & 1 BA, large family room w/ fireplace & remodeled kitchen.  
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**Open House**  
**Move-In Ready!**  
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NOW ONLY: \$1,399,950



**Northeast Downey DEAL!!!**  
3 BD, 2 BA N.E. Downey, Central Air/Heat, 2 Car Detached Garage.  
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**Great Price, Great Area!**  
3 BD, 2 BA Home in Orange Estates w/ 2 Car Garage + RV Parking, & Dining Room.  
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**Open House**  
**A Must See!**  
3 BD, 2.5 BA, family room w/ brick fireplace, backyard w/ pool/spa, central air/heat, 2 water heaters, & security system.  
Price to Sell: \$785,000



**Open House**  
**Recently Remodeled!**  
3 BD, 2.5 BA N. Downey home w/ Living Room w/ Tile Floor, Large Family Room w/ Entertainment Center, Backyard w/ New Grass & Covered Patio.  
Price: \$599,900



**Open House**  
**N.W. Downey Pool Home!**  
3 BD, 2 BA, remodeled master BD, granite kitchen & 2 car detached Garage.  
Price: \$679,950



**Open House**  
**Entertainers Delight!**  
5 BD, 4 BA remodeled 3,700 sq. ft. Pool/Spa home w/ Living Room, Family Room w/ Wet Bar, Kitchen, & Master BD w/ Fireplace.  
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**Pending**  
**Mini Mansion in North Downey!**  
4 BD, 3.5 BA Remodeled Home w/ Travertine Floors, & New Kitchen w/ Stainless Steel Appliances.  
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**Pending**  
**This Home has it All!**  
4 BD, 1.75 BA, large family room w/ fireplace, spacious detached GUEST HOUSE w/ kitchen & BA. Plus, a recently resurfaced pool.  
Price: \$725,000



**Open House**  
**The Price is Right!**  
N. Downey 3 BD, 1.5 BA w/ Remodeled Kitchen, Enclosed Patio, could be Den. & Lg Yard.  
Priced at: \$619,950



**New Listing**  
**Priced Right!!!**  
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Priced to SELL @ \$1,199,950



**New Listing**  
**Paradise Found!**  
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