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## Who Knew What?

### Questions abound in Johnie's Broiler saga

BY ERIC PIERCE  
CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department this week continued their investigation of the partial demolition of Johnie's Broiler, as supporters from as far away as Texas rallied for its full restoration.

Property owner Cristos Smyrniotis, meanwhile, told *The Downey Patriot* this week that he was unaware of the Oct. 13 request to tear down Johnie's Broiler and denied it was his signature on the application, saying it was his tenants who applied for the demolition.

Richard Stupin of RAS Associates, the architectural firm that submitted the application to the City of Downey, confirmed that it was Smyrniotis' tenant, not Smyrniotis, who hired him, but said it was Smyrniotis' signature on the application.

"We can't do anything without his consent," Stupin, who denied involvement in the illegal demolition, told the *Patriot*. "I went over to [Smyrniotis'] house where he signed the papers."

Regardless, the application was denied by the City of Downey Planning Division in a letter dated Nov. 17. The letter was addressed to Stupin and copied to Smyrniotis.

The city also drafted a letter, that same day, to the Los Angeles Conservancy notifying them of the demolition request.

#### The lease

Smyrniotis claimed his lease with his tenants allowed them to complete construction projects on his property without his consent or knowledge, provided everything was done legally.

City officials, citing the ongoing investigation, would not comment on specific lease details.

Attempts by the *Patriot* to obtain a copy of the lease, which is not public record, have been unsuccessful.

### Time Traveler

### Former Rockwell site steeped in deep history

BY JOHN ADAMS  
EDITOR EMERITUS

The world famous home of the Space Shuttle and other exotic aerospace explorers, Rockwell International in Downey sat on a historic plot where aviation history often left its mark.

The saga began in 1929 when an oil field equipment firm, EMSCO, decided to build an airplane. The result was the EMSCO "Cirrus," and lest cynics scoff too hard at a link between oil equipment firms and aviation, let's note that oil rigging and equipment were where Howard Hughes started.

EMSCO followed the "Cirrus" with a second design that was flown from a small airfield adjacent to the plant in 1930. EMSCO built a third model, the B-3, that made quite a name for itself in long distance flights of the time. A number of B-3s were sold to the Mexican Air Force. And the B-3 was eventually refitted into an airplane known as the "Challenger."

The Great Depression affected the air and oil industry as well as everything else, and EMSCO shut down in 1932, but its hangars, plant and small airfield remained.

Then came Jerry Vultee, a young engineer from Lockheed who wanted to build airplanes of his own independent design.

Vultee started in Glendale, but he sought a facility with more space and an airfield. He moved to Downey in 1936.

The first plane he built in Downey was the V-11, an attack bomber which later flew in China. The V-1A which was conceived in Glendale, was later built in Downey as well.

Vultee was killed in an air crash in Arizona in 1938, but his legacy was the Vultee plant in Downey.

Refinement of the V-11 eventually produced the T-6 Texan, which became famous as a trainer in World War II. And the advent of World War II set off a wild effort to upgrade military air production. In 1942 Vultee merged with Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego. The new company designed a combat plane based on the trainer. The new plane was the

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Supporters of Johnie's Broiler rallied Sunday, calling for the restaurant's complete restoration and reopening. Photo courtesy Susan Edquist

#### The tenant

Also unclear is the identity of the tenant of Johnie's Broiler, who was subleasing the property to Car Outlet, a used car dealership, since 2002. Downey City Councilman Mario Guerra said at a rally Sunday that Car Outlet had nothing to do with the illegal demolition and were being allowed to remove their cars from the property.

Smyrniotis declined to identify his tenants because of the ongoing investigation. Stupin said he only knew the first name of the tenant, his client, whom he identified as "Alex."

Smyrniotis also disputed certain reports in last week's *Downey Patriot*. He says he was misquoted in the story stating he was having breakfast with his wife (he was preparing dinner, he says), and says the gas was turned off prior to the demolition.

Members of the Friends of Johnie's Broiler, meanwhile, helped organize a rally this past Sunday in support of the classic diner. Car clubs from as far away as Texas made the drive for the two-hour gathering, which included a slow cruise around Johnie's at the exact time the demolition was occurring the week before.



The staff of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate was recognized by the board of the Downey Unified School District Tuesday for their sponsorship of Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week.

### Berdelises recognized for high character

■ Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, sponsors of 'Character Counts,' shown appreciation by board.

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District at its first regular public meeting of 2007 Tuesday recognized and thanked Mel and Rita Berdelis of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate for their laudable roles in honor of Character Counts Week and Red Ribbon Week.

Rita Berdelis in turn presented all eight agents of theirs who were in attendance, including son Michael and daughter Jami Berdelis. All of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate's agents represented each of the schools in the district.

The Board also heard a presentation from Eileen Wannett, Principal of Warren High School, honoring her Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Guidance John Harris for his vision for the school.

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### OC woman disappears after leaving work

BY BROOKE KARLI  
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

**DOWNEY** – It was 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, when Amber Lee Hill left her graveyard shift at the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Downey. On her way home, she phoned her boyfriend, which in turn would be the last time anyone would hear from her.

Hill, a 38-year-old Stanton resident, was reported missing by boyfriend Antonio King after she failed to pick up her step-daughter from school. Since then, her cell phone battery has been dead and no activity has been registered in her bank account, said Orange County Sheriff's Department spokesman Jim Amormino.

But on Jan. 14, a hiker along a trail near Colima Rd. in Whittier found some of Hill's personal belongings, including her wallet, identification and car registration.

In addition, it was announced Tuesday during a press conference that Hill had been a witness in a sexual-harassment case, as well as bathroom vandalism, at the Coca-Cola plant, where she worked as a lab technician. Authorities are unsure if the case has anything to do with her disappearance and company officials declined to comment.

Amber and husband Robert, a San Bernardino contractor, have been separated for quite some time and were planning to file for divorce this week, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Amber's 22-year-old daughter, Jennifer Uribe, told the *Times* that her mom also hoped to gain custody of Robert's 12-year-old daughter from a previous relationship. The couple met online over two years ago and have been married a year.

Amber filed a domestic-violence case against Robert in 2004, but it is unknown how the case was resolved.

Hill met her current boyfriend nine months ago when she began working for Coca-Cola and have since then moved in together in Stanton, Uribe told the *Times*. King no longer works for Coca-Cola.

Hill spent her free time with Uribe's two children and attended classes at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, hoping for career advancement.

Hill drives a dark blue, four-door, 2001 Dodge Stratus with smoke-tinted windows, black hubcaps and rims, and damage to the hood on the driver's side, said Amormino. The license plate is 4SFE756.

She was last seen wearing a gray Coca-Cola work shirt with black pants and boots, and is described as being five feet five inches tall with long brown hair, brown eyes and weighing 150 pounds.

Anyone with information about Amber Lee Hill is asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 628-7170.

### Norman Krieger returns to Symphony's delight

BY JOYCE SHERWIN  
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

**DOWNEY** – For those in this area who love fine orchestral music, and heard Norman Krieger play with the Downey Symphony two years ago, there's great news. He's back for another performance on Saturday evening, January 27, at 8 p.m. in Downey's Civic Theatre. Be there. Bring everyone you know.

This man is a phenomenon. His bio (tiny type, single-spaced) can't squeeze a listing of his international appearances, awards and recordings onto a mere single page. So perhaps a bit of the opening statement will suffice: "...Norman Krieger is one of the most acclaimed pianists of his generation, highly regarded as an artist of depth, sensitivity and virtuosic flair." Period.

That, plus hearing and watching the man perform – nothing duplicates such an experience. Can all that music be pouring from only 10 mortal fingers?

With the orchestra under the direction of guest conductor Sharon Lavery, Krieger will play Brahms' First Piano Concerto, and there is a small story about the initial performance of this work in 1859.

Brahms himself was the pianist, though riddled with doubts about the readiness of his music. Afterward he wrote to a friend, "It was a brilliant and decisive – failure. No reaction at all to the first and second movements. At the end, three pairs of hands tried slowly to clap, whereupon a

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#### MISSING



Amber Lee Hill

White, five feet five inches, brown hair and brown eyes, last seen wearing gray Coca-Cola work shirt and pants.



2001 Dodge Stratus  
License# 4SFE756

Described as dark blue with tinted windows, black hubcaps and rims and damage to roof of the car. (Photo above is not actual car)



## Actor, author Jimmy Weldon to give free presentation

**DOWNEY** – Downey Adult School's OASIS program will move back to its familiar spot – inside the Adult School cafeteria, only now newly renovated – when it hosts actor, author and lecturer Jimmy Weldon this Monday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m.

Weldon was a popular TV personality during the 50's and 60's, and has remained a favorite entertainer and motivational speaker with his sidekick, "Webster Webfoot." His topic for the day is "Spending Your Burial Treasure."

The class opens for enrollment at 2:45 p.m. The program starts at 4 p.m. and will be followed by an optional dinner at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$3.50 and must be purchased before 3:45 p.m.

Downey Dial-a-Ride can provide transportation to the free class.

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

## Christian Club marking Valentine's Day

**DOWNEY** – Jerry Blackburn of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation will be the special feature at the Feb. 14 Valentine's Day meeting of the Downey Christian Women's Club.

Men are invited to the lunch meeting, which will be held at the Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

Reservations are requested by calling Lu at (562) 902-8041.

## Enchiladas on sale at Moravian Church

**DOWNEY** – The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will be holding their annual enchilada sale on Jan. 27.

The enchiladas come two in a pan and are suitable for freezing. Meat and cheese combination enchiladas are \$4.50 per pan and cheese only is \$4.75 per pan.

Call the church office at (562) 927-0718 to place an order or more information.

## DHS Hall of Fame open

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School Hall of Fame is looking for distinguished alumni who wish to be considered for induction into the school's Hall of Fame.

If you know of someone who has distinguished themselves in the field of Arts, Athletics, Business, Education, Civic/Community/Government or Professional/Management, contact Assistant Principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for a nomination application.

## Miss Downey deadline extended

**DOWNEY** – The deadline application for Miss Downey has been extended. Applications can be turned in at rehearsals Jan. 22 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, in the dance room, or by calling Pageant Director Susan Domen at (562) 824-7172.

Absolute deadline to apply is Jan. 29.



The Century Council honored Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard with its 2006 silver-plate award for her "outstanding commitment to fight drunk driving and underage drinking." Roybal-Allard is the author of the "STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act." Pictured are (left to right): Century Council's William Georges, Roybal-Allard, Century Council's Brandy Nannini and MADD's CEO Chuck Hurley.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard presented photojournalist George Rodriguez of Pico Rivera a certificate of recognition in honor of his "outstanding contribution to the arts and civil rights" through his "exemplary talent in photography." Eighty of Rodriguez' photographs of activist Cesar E. Chavez were on display this week at the Numark Gallery in the nation's capitol. The seven-city tour of the exhibit began in Los Angeles in 2006 and will end in Mexico City in 2008.

## Lower prescription costs is a Congress priority

BY CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (CA-34)

On behalf of the millions of seniors and individuals with disabilities in our country, I am proud to have joined my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in supporting "The Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007," which passed January 12 in a bipartisan vote of 255 to 170. And I thank our Speaker Nancy Pelosi for making this issue one of the first priorities of the 110th Congress.

The 2003 Medicare Rx Drug Law that created the current prescription drug program included a provision, sought by big drug companies, that prohibits Medicare from negotiating with drug companies for lower prices for seniors. As a result, the 2003 law has failed to slow the rapid growth in prescription drug prices. In fact, a study by Families USA shows that the prices charged by Medicare drug plans are rising at more than twice the rate of overall inflation.

"The Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007" repeals this special-interest provision - this gift to the drug companies. Instead, the bill requires Medicare to conduct cost-saving negotiations.

Recent polls by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Newsweek have shown overwhelming bipartisan support among Americans for allowing our government to negotiate prescription drug prices for Medicare.

Ironically, the only entity in this country that cannot bargain for lower group drug prices is Medicare. The states, Fortune 500 companies, and large pharmacy chains all use their bargaining clout to obtain lower drug prices for the patients they represent. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs uses its purchasing power to negotiate up to 47 percent lower costs on its frequently prescribed drugs for veterans. Certainly, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should have this same ability.

An even more tragic consequence of the current drug benefit is that last year millions of Americans - including many beneficiaries in the 34th Congressional District - reached what is known as the "doughnut hole gap." This gap means that in addition to having to continue to pay their premiums without the benefit of their coverage, they are required to spend in the range of \$3,000 out of their own pocket for their medications before their benefits are restored. The result has been that many of our Medicare beneficiaries have been forced to choose between paying for the medications they need to stay healthy and alive, and paying their rent and other necessary household expenses.

Requiring the federal government to negotiate on behalf of seniors would generate significant savings, savings that could be used to close this gap in coverage - or doughnut hole - that threatens the livelihood of millions of Medicare beneficiaries in our country.

Now that the U.S. House of Representatives has acted, I urge my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to follow our lead and support "The Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007" which ends this unconscionable and financially wasteful prohibition on Medicare's prescription drug negotiating authority.

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## Presentation on Google architecture

**DOWNEY** – Downey Historical Society is hosting a lecture and slide show by Alan Hess on “Ranch House” and “Google Architecture” Jan. 25 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. The presentation starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (562) 862-2777.

## Stauffer Awards set for Feb. 6-7

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Mary R. Stauffer will once again honor the fifth and sixth grade students that received straight A’s in the 2005/06 school year at the 5th Annual Stauffer Scholar Awards being held Feb. 6 and 7 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Students were notified of their eligibility and submitted applications discussing their future plans for attending college. Dr. Stauffer and the Mary Stauffer Foundation Committee reviewed all applications and will select one student from each participating Downey Unified School to be named Stauffer Scholar of the Year – 2005/06.

This student will have their name engraved on their school’s perpetual plaque, and will receive a \$500 check to start their ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan. All other students will receive a certificate and a \$50 check to start their plan.

## Federal employees group plan installation

**DOWNEY** – The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 24 at noon at Furman Park (West Building). District VP George Bardwil will conduct the installation of new officers.

Chapter members should bring a sack lunch.

For information, contact Chapter President Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

## Dr. Shelton to speak at local church

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Don Shelton, regional minister and president of the Christian Church in the Pacific Southwest region, will be speaking at Downey Memorial Christian Church on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Discussion will focus on where the church is headed and the concept of congregational transformation. Downey Memorial is located at 8441 E. Florence Ave.

## DRMC hosts wellness fair, February 3

**DOWNEY** – Downey Regional Medical Center Cardiovascular Services will present a free “Wellness Fair” on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. The fair will include physicians, clinicians and educators that will provide information and screenings for the public.

Speakers include DRMC medical staff member Dr. Richard Seidman, interventional cardiologist; Louann Shigaki, wellness center program manager; Nancy Stiles, rehabilitation services; Elsa Saucedo, diabetes educator; and Jennifer Miyagawa, dietitian.

The fair will be held in the lower-level conference rooms, where guests will find booths providing blood pressure checks, breathing tests, stroke screenings, peripheral vascular disease screenings, abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings and information about their community hospital.

For information, contact Georgann Johnson at (562) 904-5034 or Kim Cooper at (562) 904-5324.



**Downey Adult School Principal Roger Brossmer sits in the newly purchased adult school van, which will be used to promote the school within the community.**



**The Annual Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD) Luncheon will be Wednesday, April 18 at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Pictured are (left to right): Council Member Mario Guerra, GOOD. President Darrell Jackson, DUSD Superintendent Wendy L. Doty and Council Member Dave Gafin.**

## After-school soccer at Bernabe

**DOWNEY** – The after-school soccer season is starting this month at the Bernabe Community Center and sign-ups will continue until each team accumulates 15 players.

Registration is \$30 per player and sign-up forms are available at the community center, 10801 Fairford Avenue, in Downey. The kids will be playing with new 6 1/2 x 12-foot soccer goals bought with a grant awarded to the Bernabe Community Center by the Los Angeles Clippers.

For information on sign-ups, call (562) 863-1899.

## Psychologist offers help on preparing for disaster

■ Church will host seminar on ‘How to Live in Peace in a World of Fear.’

**CONTRIBUTED BY DOWNEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
**DOWNEY** – Earthquakes, mudslides, blackouts, fires and floods are all disasters that Southern Californians are familiar with. Add to that the possibility of terrorist attacks and there are a lot of possible crisis situations where we would need to be able to care for ourselves and our neighbors.

These types of disasters can cause fear and anxiety. Whether the disaster is caused by terrorists or is simply a natural disaster, being prepared is a necessity. Having a plan and being prepared can be the difference between surviving and not surviving. It can also greatly lessen the fear and anxiety of a disaster.

Dr. Gary Strahle, Ph.D., is a psychologist practicing in Downey and has completed the training for the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security. He will be helping us understand how to be prepared at the Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church on Jan. 27.

Pastor Mitch Williams and Dr. Strahle will lead the worship service on that morning at 10:50 a.m. with a sermon titled “How to Live in Peace in a World of Fear.” There are steps we can take to lessen our fear, our stress and anxiety levels.

There will be a free luncheon in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Dr. Strahle will share what he’s learned from his Homeland Security training with a short presentation after the luncheon. There will also be a time for questions and answers.

Contact the church at (562) 869-6013 for more information.

## Liberty Tax Service opens in Downey

**DOWNEY** – Liberty Tax Service, with over 2,100 offices throughout the United States, has opened a new office in Downey.

The new branch is located at 8646 East Florence Avenue, suite B, and is owned by Hiral Kapadia.

“We are excited to be expanding Liberty’s operations in Downey,” John Hewitt, CEO and Founder of Liberty Tax Service, said. “We pledge quality computerized tax preparation, and superb customer service to the people of Downey.”

The new office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during tax season.

## Woman’s Club accepts donations

**DOWNEY** – The Woman’s Club of Downey recently accepted donations for their Scholarship Fund from local citizens.

Among those donating was Jane Hendricks, who donated proceeds from recent tours she gave of the Rives Mansion before it sold, and Erv and Winnie Heilman.

“Seems we mail contributions all over the country; I think we should support our community too,” Erv said.

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- Diabetes information booth
- Hospital Planning
- Ragaa Iskarous, M.D.

\*Screenings done on a first come, first-served basis.

### Speakers:



Richard Seidman, M.D.  
Board-certified Cardiologist

LouAnn Shigaki  
Program Manager, DRMC Wellness Center

Nancy Stiles, P.T.  
Director of DRMC Rehabilitation Services

Jennifer Miyagawa, R.D.  
Registered Dietitian

Elsa Saucedo, R.N.  
Diabetes Educator



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## SCHOOL BOARD

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When asked at a recent combined principals meeting at Warren to suggest names of employees who have exhibited a knack to peer into the future, Wannett said John's name immediately leapt into mind, concurred in by many, for his "wonderful ability to believe in and put together a plan to sustain a program," such as the AVID program at Warren.

She said John "has worked diligently to find the right teachers, the right funding, and all the other necessary parts of the puzzle to build an exemplary program. John visualizes the end, and all the steps in-between, required for any program. He built our AVID program brick by brick, and every year he adds a couple more bricks, all with strong mortar."

Wannett added: "(John) is highly respected (as well) at Warren for running an effective Guidance Office, working closely with Academic Boosters' Council, chairing the Leadership Committee, addressing student and parent issues with finesse, and for his intelligence, to name a few. For those who work with him it is his intelligence and passion that fuel his leadership, but for John, it's all about the 'vision'.

In other action the Board:

- Received the Audit Report on all District funds and accounts for the 2005-06 fiscal year as prepared by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants;

- Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector to the district, including a cash donation of \$4,500 from Carpenter PTA, to be used towards field trips; \$3,000 in cash to be used towards Communication Center charges at Lewis Elementary School, from Lewis Elementary PTA; a cash donation of \$2,000, to be used towards campus improvements at Downey Adult School, from Calvary Chapel Downey; a cash donation of \$75,000 to be used in support of the TLC Center from the office of Don Knabe (In addition, a great number of cash donations ranging from \$25 to \$250, as well as goods—bicycles, toys, etc.—benefiting TLC were donated by DUSD personnel and sundry associations), Los Angeles County Supervisor; and a donation of dictionaries valued at \$2,200, to be used towards instructional support for the District's third grade students, from Downey Elks Lodge;

- Authorized payment of expenses for convention and conference attendance;

- Ratified general agreement with Rossier Park Elementary School and Rossier Park Junior-Senior High School for the 2006-07 fiscal year effective retroactive to June 1, 2006 through July 30, 2007;

- Ratified general agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for the 2006-07 fiscal year effective Jan. 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007;

- Ratified payments for special education placements;

- Approved the appointment of members to the SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC);

- Approved a salary increase for Lead Psychologist, effective July 1, 2006;

- Approved the proposed changes to BP 9390, Compensation of Board Members;

- Ratified purchase orders by the Purchasing Department;

- Ratified the issuance of payroll orders for hourly, overtime, Civic Center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the months of October through December, 2006;

- Ratified B warrants;
- Ratified Connect-Ed service agreement with the NTI Group to provide a school-to-parent communication system;

- Ratified cooperative agreement with Arc for adult special classes;

- Ratified student teaching agreement with CSU-Long Beach to extend termination date to July 31, 2012;

- Ratified agreement between DUSD and Pearson Achievement Solutions to offer Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) training to teachers and administrators;

- Ratified contract for services with Sopris West Educational Services, a Cambium Learning Company, to provide a LANGUAGE! Professional Development course;

- Ratified contract with West Coast Protection LLC (Interquest Detection Canines) to provide substance awareness and detection services for the 2006-07 school year, effective Sept. 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007;

- Approved the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary;

- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Downey Education Association to continue release time for the president of DEA;

- Approved MOU with DEA for the position of Categorical Supplemental Counseling Program;

- Approved the third year renewal of Bid #04/05-09, Contract Labor-Electricians, with Spike Electric, Anaheim, in the annual estimated amount of \$500,000, with costs to be charged to the General Fund, Maintenance Fund and/or Bond Funds as appropriate;

- Ratified the award of Bid #06/07-06, Warren High School swimming pool resurfacing, to South Coast Pool Plastering, Inc., Lakeside, in the amount of \$33,500, to be charged to Gen. Maintenance and/or Deferred Maintenance Funds;

- Approved the use of the Glendale United School District Bid #P-13-03/04, for Apple Computer products, services, and related components by DUSD on an as-needed basis, to fill orders for Apple computer products, services and related items with the same advantages, terms and conditions;

- Approved various change orders with different construction vendors for the Warren High School classroom and modernization program, as well as that for Downey High School's new classroom building "C", to be charged to Bond Funds;

- Approved change order #2 to open purchase work order for chicken products with Kings Delight, Atlanta, GA, in the increased amount of \$19,000, to be charged to Food Service Funds;

- Accepted as complete projects related to trade electric work provided by Spike Electric, Anaheim, for \$26,626.76, to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds;

- Accepted as complete roof repair projects provided by FC & Sons Roofing Co., Bell Gardens, in the amount of \$142,626, to be charged to Maintenance and/or Bond Funds;

- Accepted as complete fencing work provided by McCullah Fence Co., Bell Gardens, in the amount of \$17,460, to be charged to Bond and/or General Funds;

## The Poets' Corner

### Johnie's Come Lately

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Conceived in the 50s rush called  
"The car culture."

A trysting place for many  
who thought those days would never end  
but they have

Bulldozers have little  
sense of history.

—John Vincent,  
Downey

- Accepted as complete swimming pool resurfacing for Warren High School provided by South Coast Pool Plastering, Inc., Lakeside, in the final amount of \$34,300, to be charged to General Maintenance Funds;

- Approved the adjustments of the 2006-07 Adult School restricted budget to reflect decreases to fund balances;

- Approved purchase of equipment, in accordance with established purchasing policies and regulations;

- Approved the destruction of Class 3 disposable District records, while appointing Katrina Juarez-Lorenzett as document destruction coordinator;

- Acknowledged receipt of claim submitted by David Lopez, on behalf of Joshua Lopez, and denied claim in compliance with Gov. Code Section 911-15 and 945;

- Approved routine Personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education;

- Ratified the establishment of one new position with duties corresponding to the current classification of Senior Instructional Asst.-Severely/Multiply Handicapped, assigned to Maude Price Elementary School;

- Approved the abolishment of one Senior Instructional Asst. position, and approved the establishment of one new position, with duties corresponding to the current classification referred to immediately above, assigned to Downey High School;

- Approved the change to the duties of Utility Worker;


- Reviewed the proposed 2007-08 course of study for the middle schools and the high schools;

- Approved the request by West Middle School staff to waive Article IX, Section E, of the Master Agreement to establish a Homeroom/Advisory period for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year;

- Approved the Administrative Report annual report on Developer Fees for fiscal year 2005-06;

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## Google Googie

By Eric Pierce

Coincidental timing aside, the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center will play host next Thursday to what should be an evening of cultural edification on Googie architecture, as presented by noted author Alan Hess.

The Downey Historical Society should be thanked for securing the event, which couldn't come at a more opportune time, what with the Johnnie's Broiler saga presently unfolding.

I won't pretend to know what I'm talking about, but research says that Googie architecture is a form of futuristic, doo-wop design which reached its height of popularity in the 1950's. Its design is often rounded and shapely, integrating the bold use of neon colors.

Think *The Jetsons* and you get an idea of what Googie architecture is.

The design soared in popularity when the United States engaged in the "Space Race" with the Soviet Union in the late 1950's. The collective imagination of people throughout the country, or probably more accurately, the world, was entranced with a vision of flying cars, robotic pets and walks on the moon. Googie architecture captured those dreams.

Alan Hess is the author of "Googie: Fifties Coffee Shop Architecture" and his presentation Thursday, which starts at 7:30 p.m., will include a slide show. We're not privy to a preview, but we're marking this nighttime presentation a "Can't Miss."

Call (562) 862-2777 for information.

## Letters to the Editor:

### Open letter to John Adams

Dear John Adams:

Congratulations on another wonderful year-end poem.

Although I have never received the ultimate accolade, that of being mentioned in your yearly round-up of people who have mattered to the City of Downey, I am buoyed by knowing that you lead off your own accomplishments with establishing the Poets' Corner.

What an achievement for a small-town newspaper. In spite of pressures such as selling ad space and covering so many local events, you have maintained a place where poetry is allowed to flourish.

If this is idiosyncratic, make the most of it.

I want to tell you how much your encouragement has meant to me as a poet. You were the first to publish a poem of mine, the one about raising the dome on the new Greek Church of St. George.

I felt that if my poem could please a discriminating reader, and writer, like yourself, I must be doing something right.

In my small poetry workshop, the greatest compliment one of us can offer each other is to say, "Send it to John."

Thanks again for your adherence to high standards of excellence. You are a beacon of integrity in a commercially driven world.

—Lorine Parks,  
Downey

### Honoring Dr. King's legacy

Dear Editor:

On January 15, 2007, as we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday, hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country will remember and memorialize Dr. King by participating in service projects in their communities. Together, they will honor Dr. King's legacy of tolerance, peace, and equality by meeting the community needs and making the holiday a day of service, not a day off.

In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, directing the King Center and the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out a day of service reflecting Dr. King's life and teachings.

The Gaudin Dolphin Fitness Club (70 students) will be doing their part by serving the city of Downey and volunteering to make care packages and encouragement cards for the senior citizens in our community. Each student will make a care package for two senior citizens they know and want to honor, then they will deliver them to the homes of the seniors they chose to honor. Our main goal on that day is to put a smile on the face of many seniors by showing them how much we respect them and honor them for all the contributions they have made to our society throughout the years. Also for all the valuable experience and advice they have to share with us and leave to future generations.


After we finish our deliveries some of our kids will share what they have learned and how they want to carry out Dr. King's dream. Finally, we will end the day with an exercise activity which some of our students will lead for all the participants.

We will be meeting at Independence Park at 11 a.m. and should be done by 4 p.m.

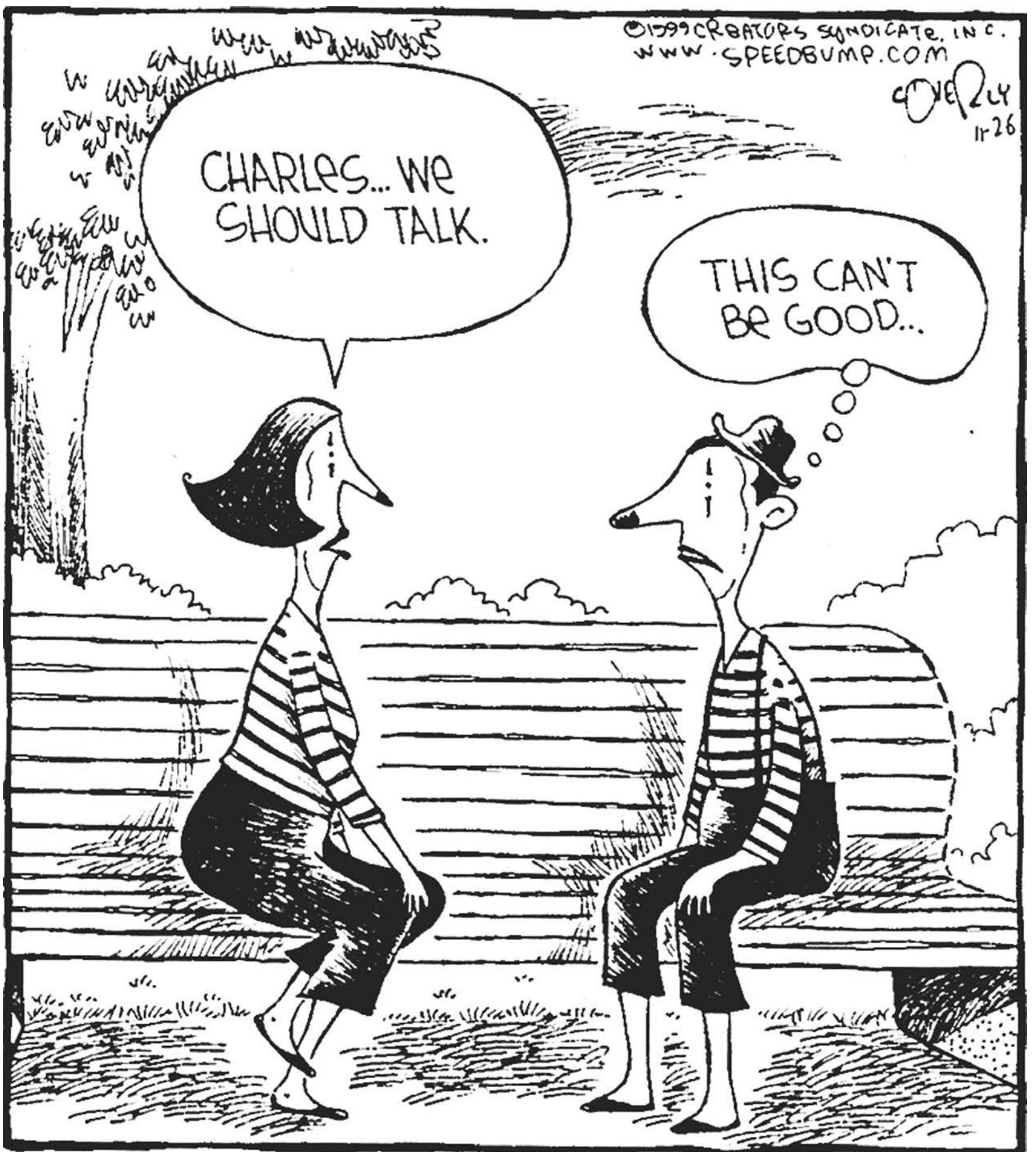
— Alex Gaytan,  
Gaudin Dolphin Fitness Club

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## Letters to the Editor:

### Compliments latest issue

Dear Editor:

This reader would like to comment on your January 12, 2007 edition with the following:

1.) I'm not sure what - or how much - you had to omit from your January 12 edition so that you could cover so thoroughly the Johnnie's Broiler disaster in the "A Grave Injustice" article plus much more. This long-time reader was very impressed. Thank you for that coverage!

2.) It's inconceivable to this reader that a council member of our city would not/could not voice an opinion regarding the demolition disaster. This is very worrisome to this long-time Downey citizen!

3.) I'm thrilled that you will be publishing a bi-weekly column of a very well-respected doctor in our city - Dr. Alan Frischer. I look forward to this new column with great anticipation.

4.) Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you for finding room for an article concerning the Downey Symphony Orchestra's upcoming concert on January 27. Lest we not forget, the City of Downey is so fortunate to have our own wonderful symphony orchestra!

— Bernice Stumps,  
Downey

### Time to finish demolition

Dear Editor:

It's an outrage that Johnnie's Broiler was partially demolished without a permit. I empathize with everyone who worked so hard to preserve what was left of Johnnie's after the use of the building changed to that of a used car sales office. Those responsible for the unpermitted demolition should be held accountable.

However, now that the building is nearly demolished, it has become an eye sore, an attractive nuisance and a hazard to public safety. While I'm sure that many in the community would like to see what is left of Johnnie's restored, it is unlikely the owner can be compelled by the City to do so, without litigation, which could take months, at great expense for the City in attorney's fees.

Meanwhile, what is left of Johnnie's does not present a positive image of our City to those driving along Firestone Boulevard, one of the gateways to Downey.

As hard as it may be for preservationists to accept, it is time to move on. It is time, regrettably, to finish the demolition. The City should issue a demolition permit to the owner of Johnnie's as soon as possible, and get it over with once and for all.

— Brian Heyman,  
Downey

### A chief mistake

Dear Editor:

It was great seeing Dr. Frischer's first in a series of articles in last Friday's Patriot, however, he is no longer President of the Medical Staff - he is the Immediate Past President.

Dr. Brian Brown is the Chief of Staff.

— Sheila Holliday,  
Downey Regional Medical Center

Editor's note: *The Downey Patriot* apologizes for the error.

### Johnnie's was past its prime

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Downey for over 50 years, and one who frequented Harvey's/Johnnie's Broiler from the 50's to the 90's, I read with mild amusement the pining over its destruction.

Those that destroyed the building should be prosecuted for violation of any applicable Downey codes.

However, 'Johnnie's Broiler reduced to rubble' happened a long time ago. For many years Downey residents drove by Johnnie's Broiler and recalled great times from the past; they did not stop and eat. The food was really bad. The only customers were occasional hot-rod and classic car clubs.

Johnnie's Broiler morphed into its next highest and best use, a ghetto used car lot.

Those that destroyed the building should be thanked, and prosecuted, for removing one of the many ghetto used car lots in Downey.

— Randy Evans,  
Downey

### Barf bag not included

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your extensive coverage of Johnnie's Broiler in your January 12 edition. My only suggestion is that you should have attached a barf bag to that issue.

I'm sure many people "lost their lunch" when reading the property owner's melodramatic testimony. Not only have his practices as a business owner been brought into question recently, but we now know that he won't be getting any real acting jobs soon!

— Analisa Hungerford,  
Downey

### As a matter of opinion

Dear Editor:

On your website, you have two pieces on the Editorial page: "Democrats Will Provide New Direction for U.S." and "Drunk Driving: Over the Limit, Under Arrest" (*The Downey Patriot*, 1/5/07).

I don't know what your specific policy is regarding editorials and/or opinion pieces, but I do know what the accepted industry standard is, and I don't think that these two meet the standard for an editorial.

Perhaps you should consider renaming the page to "Op-Ed" or perhaps add an additional page headed as "Opinion"? This would be more in line with your practice of giving virtually free reign to opinion pieces by local politicians (though, only a devotee of gerrymandering would think of the Hon. Lucille Roybal-Allard as a "local").

Also, might it not be helpful to include on your "About Us" page a "Statement of Principles" that would spell out what your visions and policies are?

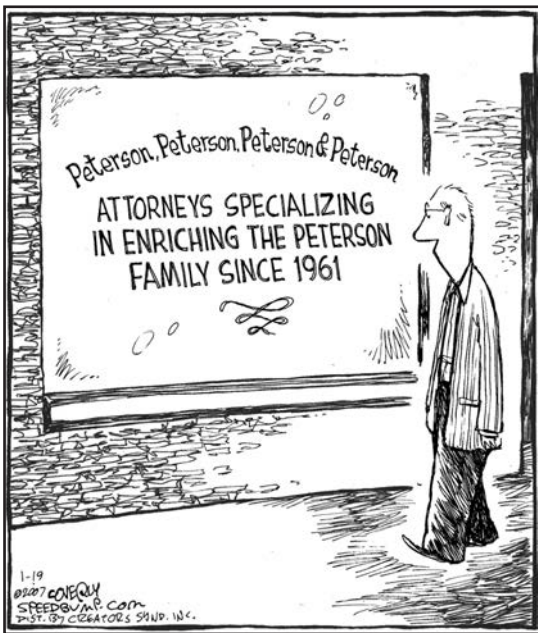
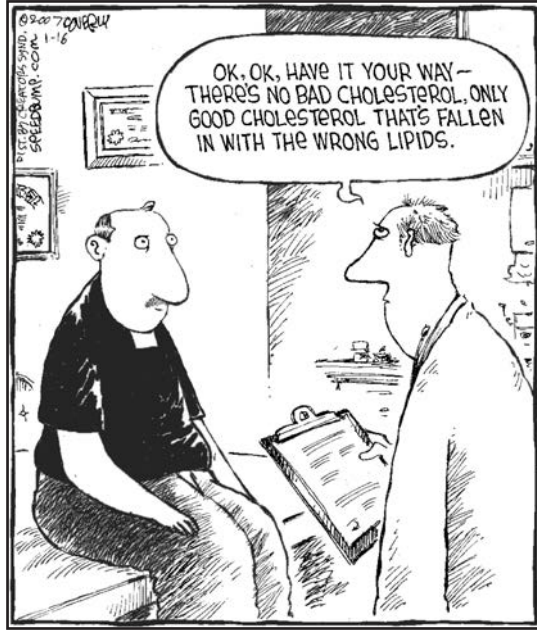
— Drew Kelley,  
Downey

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## SPEED BUMP



## DAVE COVERLY



## On This Day...

**January 19, 1953:** Sixty-eight percent of all U.S. household television sets are tuned to *I Love Lucy* to watch Lucy give birth.

**1966:** Indira Gandhi is made Prime Minister of India.

**1981:** The United States and Iran reach an agreement to release 52 American hostages who had been held captive for 14 months.

**2004:** Howard Dean unleashes his now infamous and self-described "crazy, red-faced rant" after finishing third in the Iowa Democratic caucuses. The rant would become known as the "Dean Scream."

## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

**Mon. Jan. 22:** **Lecture by actor and author Jimmy Weldon** at the Adult School, 4 p.m.

**Wed. Jan. 24:** **The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees** at Furman Park, noon

**Thurs. Jan. 25:** **Lecture and slide show by Alan Hess** at the community center, 7:30 p.m.

### 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 928-2658.

**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.:** **Souland 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

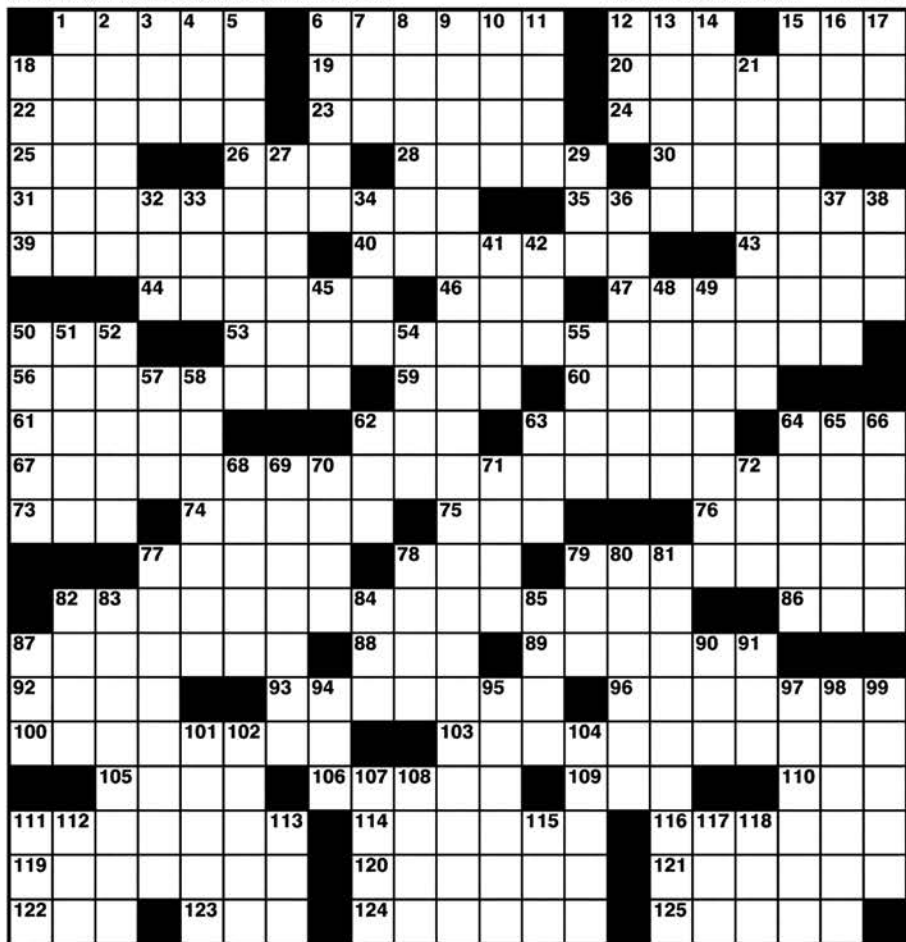
**3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.:** **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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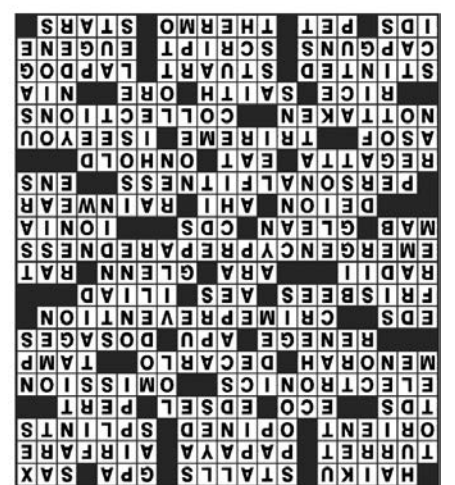
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James Stewart portrayed the title character in the 1953 film, "The Cat in the Hat." The lyrics to most songs in "Cats" come directly from the poems of T.S. ELIOT (68 Down). At least a dozen different authors, all using the pseudonym Carolyn KEENE (102 Down), have written books in the Nancy Drew series.



## Downey Vikings keep Paramount Pirates at bay

BY SCOTT COBOS  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – Leading most of the game, the Downey Vikings kept the Paramount Pirates at bay winning 54-49 Wednesday.

Viking forward Keith Thompson led all scorers with 23 points, shooting 67 percent from the field. To start the game, he hit his first four shots, only missing five the rest of the way, making 10 of 15 attempts.

Downey guard Darren Tubbs went from all-star football running back to basketball role player, chipping in with 13 points and three assists in the game. Tubbs played a key role in assuring the Vikings victory by hitting important free throws down the stretch.

Although Tubbs had a difficult shooting night from the field, hitting only three of eight shots, he was seven for eight from the free throw line.

Vikings forward Devon McDonald cleaned up on the boards with five rebounds and stood out defensively, blocking three shots.

The Vikings led all but the first minutes of the game and kept the Pirates at arms length the rest of the way.

At halftime, the Vikings were up five points and extended their lead to eight points out of the gates in the second half.

Paramount started to apply ball pressure on inbound plays and picked it up defensively, allowing them to stay close in the game. Downey managed to score when needed and stayed ahead.

The Pirates then pulled within five points with only 90 seconds to go in the game. It would stay that way as the Pirates in their last possession drove into the paint only to greet a waiting McDonald in the key.

McDonald would emphatically swat away Paramount's last field goal attempt, sealing the game.

Downey stays at home tonight as they take on a very tough and physical Dominguez Dons basketball team. Game time is 7 p.m.

## Downey Youth Football holds elections

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Youth Football board of directors held an election Jan. 10 where they reelected Louis Morales to his ninth consecutive term as president.

Also reelected were Maurice Cherry, 2nd Vice President; Kamela Cherry, Cheer Coordinator; and Marisol Magana, Secretary.

Sam Bettencourt was elected as treasurer to serve out the second year of a two-year term.

Registration for the 2007 football season will begin in May; the season runs from July through November.

For additional information, call Louis Morales at (562) 928-6081 or visit [www.downeyrazorbacks.org](http://www.downeyrazorbacks.org).

## Cheer Clinic at Warren, February 3

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School will be hosting a cheer and dance clinic for girls ages 5-13 on Saturday, February 3 in the gym.

Participants will learn cheers and a dance that will later be performed at a varsity basketball half-time show. The clinic is \$25 and is from 8 a.m. to noon. Same day registration is welcomed.

For information, email [kellie@warrencheeralumni@yahoo.com](mailto:kellie@warrencheeralumni@yahoo.com).

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Warren's Rocio Hernandez, right, sets up to launch her team's only goal in last week's game versus Gahr. Senior goalkeeper Kristin Borzi, right, limited the Gladiators to two goals, but that was just enough to beat the Bears, 2-1. Photos by Art Montoya

## Warren comes up short, suffer first loss of season

■ Bears' second-half rally comes up short against undefeated Gahr.

BY ART MONTOYA  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – As a cold wind blew through Justice Stadium last Friday, Jan. 12, everyone pulled out their sweatshirts and blankets as they watched two undefeated girls' soccer teams in the San Gabriel Valley League step onto the field.

Both Warren and Gahr were hoping to take a win that day, in hopes of staying ahead in a league where it looks like anyone can take first place, but in the end, the Bears came up short, 2-1.

"This year its competitive, and it's going to be tough to make play-offs, but right now, my goal is to win league," said Warren Coach Therese Duffy.

Gahr was in control of the game throughout most of the first half. With their good ball handling skills, Warren was staying primarily on defense, trying to clear the ball to give their group of young mid-fielders and forwards a chance to set up a play and possible goal. Gahr snuck in two goals



past Warren and ended the half up 2-0.

Something must have sparked the Bears though because they were more aggressive in the second half, and were getting some shots on Gahr. Senior goalie Kristin Borzi made nice saves while taking out a Gahr player or two. Then with 13 minutes left in the second half, freshman Rocio Hernandez scored a goal, and it looked as if the Bears were going to rally back.

But the momentum soon shifted back and the Bears fell short, suffering their first loss of the young season.

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## Technology catches up with DUSD

By HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

Wireless capability at all the schools and departments, including Transportation, comprising the Downey Unified School District is 90-95 percent complete, so says Peter Mynar, IT manager. This is exclusive of the apparatus that will be installed in the new buildings now under construction, as part of the "massive" modernization program at Downey and Warren High Schools that will include spanking new state-of-the-art, flat TV-equipped science buildings.

With such infrastructure in place, laptops will soon be as commonplace as conventional computers in every classroom, office and DUSD facility.

"Not too long ago," says Mynar, "there were only 500 computers in use throughout the district. Now, there are 4,000-6,000 computers in use all over, and another 3,000 network devices, where none existed before." Overseeing this communication/information network is Mynar, assisted by six computer and three electronics technicians or "techs." They occupy two or three cramped rooms in one part of the DUSD warehouse, which they share with the Transportation office. "This is only temporary," he says.

One tech is dedicated to help the end-user, whether student, teachers or administrator, with any technical problem they may have with their computer. Another is a servers infrastructure trouble-shooter. Two techs take care of repair of computers and peripherals (scanners, etc.), and two perform networks design, installation, and repair/maintenance of all the networks. The three electronics techs monitor and trouble-shoot the performance of audio-visuals, P.A. systems, fire alarms, telephone systems, and bells and paging.

With the ever-growing demand every year for "faster and better" equipment and technology, not to mention addressing routine maintenance and repair of all the existing equipment in all 21 schools, plus Administration, plus Transportation, Mynar says an extra server area tech and a few more computer service techs would be nice to have around.

No sooner had he said this, when Superintendent Wendy Doty announced that DUSD will be receiving a \$2.1 million share from a recent L.A. County settlement with Microsoft. The amount, to be held in reserve, is earmarked for software and hardware upgrades.

In the meantime, says Mynar, his tech team has been trying over these

years to squeeze out every ounce of productivity from its agglomeration of computers, and its attempts at prolonging their useful lifespans from an average of 3-5 years to 6-7 years have proven generally successful.

In charge of software programming is Chris Nezzar, whose official title is computer network support technician. He has been responsible for developing such programs as electronic grading books, elementary report card reports, on-line employment applications for teachers, websites to track warranty and repair work issues, on-line password re-setting, graffiti tracking websites, e-mail websites, to name a few.

Not the least of the department's concerns is continued monitoring and investigating of computer crimes and theft. To minimize such occurrences, firewalls have been built, and web and mail filtering, as well as anti-virus devices, have been installed.

"We're basically service-oriented," says Mynar.

The thrust of DUSD's Technology and Information Systems department was well-articulated in its 2005-2006 annual report: "The department continues to focus on the improvement of network and Internet services to schools and departments through the expansion of both traditional and wireless connectivity, as well as providing technical and logistical support to the many District construction/modernization projects [that have been/are being undertaken]. Through these efforts we [have been] able to ensure that functional fire alarm, data, and telephone service could continue without interruption in the many temporary classrooms [set up]."

In addition, many system improvements and cost reduction efforts [are being] achieved including upgrades in firewalls, filters, and other security measures, such as more anti-virus software at a lower cost. Looking ahead... we will continue to evaluate the staffing structure of the department to determine what is needed to keep pace with the ever-increasing technology demands the District faces with more users; more demand for system upgrades and support; and a greater need to find solutions to help us work faster, smarter, and with greater productivity."

No question, such technological underpinning underscores DUSD's commitment to delivering "quality education to each and every student."



With the help of their parents, kids from the Downey-based Gaudin Dolphin Fitness Club visited with local residents Monday, helping cook meals, clean up yards and perform chores for those needing help. It was kids' way of celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. See Letters to the Editor, page 5

## Watercolor artist will present work

**BELFLOWER** - The Bellflower Art Association will welcome guest demonstrator Joseph Stoddard and his works in watercolors when the group meets Feb. 13 at Thompson Park in Bellflower.

The meeting will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information, call Charlene Mueller at (562) 633-9011.

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clear hissing from all sides quickly put an end to any such demonstration...I think it's the best thing that could happen to one, it forces you to collect your thoughts and it raises your courage...In spite of everything, the Concerto will meet with approval when I've improved its physical structure."

Well, improvements certainly were made somewhere along the way, whether from Brahms or within generations of his hearers, for the magic took firm root and the catalogue list of this concerto's recordings, all often performed by the world's leading orchestras and soloists, requires 5-1/2 inches (in tiny type, single-spaced).

Sharon Lavery and the Downey Symphony will open the evening with the "Light Cavalry" Overture of Franz von Suppe and Franz Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. Ticket holders will enjoy Ms. Lavery's preview discussion of the music before the concert, at 7:15.

There are further perks: Taro's Tapas in the Embassy Suites, adjacent to the theater courtyard, offers a 15 percent discount and a promise to get you to the concert on time. And at intermission the Symphony Guild welcomes you to the theater patio for refreshment - you'll be ready for a little something more by then. This will include killer cookies and hot spiced cider.

The Downey Theatre is located at 8435 Firestone Blvd., at Brookshire, surrounded by ample free parking. Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$10, available at the box office on Wednesday, January 24, between noon and 4 p.m., from 6 p.m. on performance night. For further information, call (562) 403-2944.

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Gauldin Dolphin Fitness Club members paid respect to Downey's elderly population Monday, creating care packages for them and helping to perform chores. The effort was in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. See Letters to the Editor, page 5

## Creamy Chicken Enchiladas

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- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
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Mix all the ingredients together in a medium saucepan and cook over medium heat for about 15 minutes, stirring constantly. Next pour the mixture into each tortilla and roll the tortillas. Then place them in a row of a 9X13 inch casserole dish. Pour the remaining mixture over the tortillas. Shred the cheese and sprinkle on top.

Bake in a 350F degree (175C degree) oven until cheese on top is melted. Serve with a green salad or with guacamole.

Submitted by Angel Hortner, Downey

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Eric Sharpo has been presenting Murder Mystery Events for nearly 20 years and has mastered the elements of intrigue and surprise. Sharpo will host as his crew of professional actors anonymously blend into the crowd posing as criminals and detectives in the case of the haunted painting. The plot for the evening focuses on an 1822 painting named La Pintura Frecuentada.

According to legend, the painting is cursed and is linked to the deaths of several of its previous owners.

The event is limited to 99 guests at \$70 per person. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for cocktail hour and the show will begin at 7:30. A meal prepared by the award-winning culinary team at the Queen Mary is included in the admission price. Reservations can be made at [www.queenmary.com](http://www.queenmary.com).

## 'Out of Order' opens February 16

**BELFLOWER** – The Bellflower Theatre Company and Fleabitten Productions presents "Out of Order", a British farce by Ray Cooney.

When Richard Willey, a government junior minister, plans to spend the evening with Jane Worthington, one of the opposition's typists, things go disastrously wrong in his posh London hotel suite. Throw in a nosy hotel manager, an ancient waiter, a nervous assistant and a presumably dead body that's not as dead as he appears, and you have a hilarious evening of British farce.

The show opens February 16 and runs through March 10 at the Bellflower Theatre Company located at 9831 Belmont St. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and matinees are at 2 p.m.

For information, contact the box office at (562) 867-3524.

## Home improvement mishap? Be on TV

**LOS ANGELES** – HGTV (Home and Garden Television) is seeking Los Angeles area homeowners who have botched their own home improvement projects and need expert help to finish the job.

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To apply, or more information, call (818) 380-8068 or visit [www.veryourhead.tv](http://www.veryourhead.tv).

## It makes sense to collect spare change

### Downey students in search of pennies to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**DOWNEY** – More than 138,000 elementary, middle and high school students in 129 schools throughout Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura, including many here in Downey, have begun collecting spare change for Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies campaign, with proceeds to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Pasta for Pennies collected a record-breaking \$4.2 million last year. Since the campaign's inception 13 years ago, the program has raised more than \$31 million, organizers said.

During a three-week period between January and May, students bring spare change to their classrooms. The class in each school that raises the most money receives a pasta party delivered to their classroom and served by their local Olive Garden.

"Pasta for Pennies is a grassroots effort that last year raised more than \$353,000 locally through student contributions," Clare Cameron, campaign coordinator of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Great Los Angeles Chapter, said. "Each year brings us closer to reaching our ultimate goal of finding a cure for leukemia and blood-related cancers. With the continued support of our dedicated students and Olive Garden, we can help to improve the quality of life for patients and their families."

In addition to serving a pasta party at each school, Olive Garden also hosts kick-off lunches in the restaurant for representatives of participating schools and provides marketing support and materials for more than 45 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society chapters across the country.

"The students who participate in Pasta for Pennies are passionate about supporting families and classmates in their own communities. They are learning at a young age how important and fulfilling community service can be," Olive Garden President Dave Pickens said.

## Musical groups sought for Songfest

**DOWNEY** – The 15th annual Interfaith Multi-cultural Songfest, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is planned for March 17 and local musical groups are invited to participate, particularly church choirs.

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# Kenneth John Glasser survived by large family

**DOWNEY** – Kenneth John Glasser, a longtime Downey resident, died in Whittier on Jan. 9.

He was born March 24, 1936 in Braddock, Pa. Before retiring he had worked for Michelin Tire Company. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Downey 3rd Ward.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Angelina; father, Matthew; mother, Elizabeth; brother, William; and sister, Margaret.

He is survived by his children, William, Desiree, Joseph, Angela and Marry Ellen; daughter-in-law, Connie; son-in-laws, Kurt and Frank; brother, Albert; aunt and uncle, Edwin and Julia LeClair; nephews, Tom, Dale and Randy; grandchildren, John, Caroline, Jody, Desiree, Danielle, Scott, Billy, Guillermo, Anna and Fredy; great grandchildren, Billy, Julianna, Janai, Joshua and Noah; and 11 great nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services will be held at Park Lawn Memorial Park in Commerce on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. with Bishop John Jaramillo officiating.

Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Service is assisting the family.

# Betty Jean Liebenthal traveled the States

**DOWNEY** – Betty Jean Liebenthal, an avid traveler who grew up in Downey, died Jan. 13.

She was born in Los Angeles on Jan. 6, 1929. She had visited almost every state in her lifetime, including a road trip across Canada.

She was married to Paul Liebenthal for almost 28 years.

She's survived by her husband, Paul; two sons from a previous marriage, Steven Manning of Maui and Denny Manning of Long Beach; stepchildren, Patricia Hammer of Sioux City, Iowa and Erik Liebenthal of Anchorage, Alaska; 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Her first husband, Denny, preceded her in death.

A visitation was held at Basham Funeral Care in Bakersfield on Jan. 17. Cryptside services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier on Jan. 18.

For additional service or floral delivery information, call Basham Funeral Care at (661) 873-8200.

# 'Big Mike' coached and volunteered in Downey

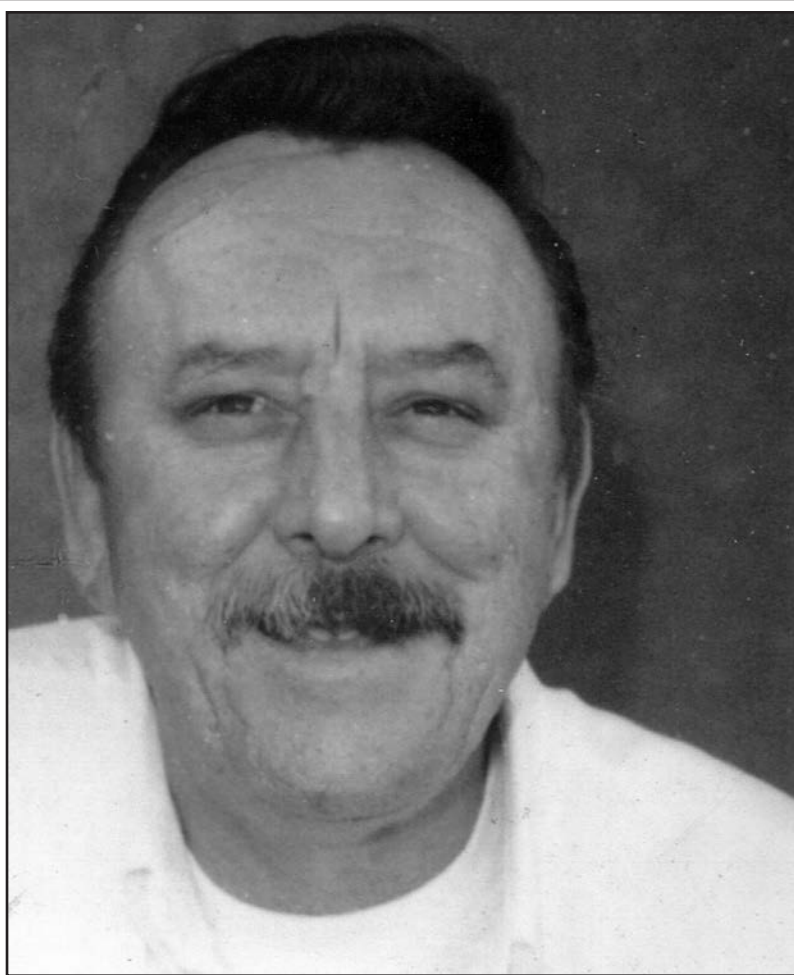
**DOWNEY** – Michael Steven Bach, Sr. passed away at his home on January 5 at the age of 61.

Bach was born on June 11, 1945 in Los Angeles to Harry and Neva Bach. The family then moved to South Gate where he later graduated from South Gate High School in 1963. Bach and his son moved to Downey in 1977, where he met and married his wife Kathy and raised their four children. He volunteered his time as a coach and served on the board of directors from 1978 to 1985 for the Downey Junior Athletic Association.

In 1986, Mayor Cormack presented Bach with the Ferguson Volunteer Award. He also worked as a bindery foreman at Label Craft Lithographs in South Gate from 1973 to 2002.

He is survived by his wife; son Michael Bach, Jr. or Moreno Valley; daughter Tracy Popov of Valencia; son Jason Bach of Covina; son Nicholas Bach of South Gate and grandchildren Amanda, Daniel, Hannah, Nikol and Cooper.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 20 at 2 p.m. at the Thunderbird Villa Mobile Home Park located at 10001 W. Frontage Rd. in South Gate.



**Kenneth John Glasser, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Downey 3rd Ward, died Jan. 9. Services will be held Monday.**

## TRAVELER

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Model 72 "Vengeance."

The "Vengeance" was eventually developed into the A-31 and A-35 and saw service all over the world. The consolidated branch of the new company, Convair, built the famous "Liberator" bombers of World War II. It was the "Liberator" that smashed the Polesi Oil fields, a series of raids on which the book "Catch 22" was based.

The Downey production lines turned out thousands of aircraft, and became famous for "Rosie the Riveter," an affectionate name given women who worked beside men to produce defense aircraft here.

After the war the military air contracts temporarily dried up and the big Downey plant closed in 1947. A few engineers from the old company used the production line to build prefabricated housing. But they later moved to a less costly production site in Cudahy.

North American Aviation still had military air contracts, and needed space to produce planes. North American reopened the old Downey plant in December of 1947. Historian Bob Thompson has carefully saved bits of history covering North American's presence here. Among his treasures are old photos showing where original buildings were located, and where they were moved to make way for the huge structures there now.

North American built "Mustangs" in Downey, but the company was also on the cutting edge of the space age, which had kicked off in the U.S. with the Redstone Project.

North American developed into Rockwell. Progressive steps that followed included the Apollo capsules, moon landing and development of the Space Shuttle.

## 'Connections' meets Thursdays

**DOWNEY** – Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith, president of the group, at 861-5222.

# Citizens Choice contracts with AppleCare and DRMC

**DOWNEY** – Citizens Choice Healthplan, a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Program approved to serve Medicare beneficiaries, has signed an exclusive agreement with AppleCare Medical Group and Downey Regional Medical Center to serve Downey and its surrounding residents.

"Our niche is our ability to serve the ethnic communities with improved Medicare benefits, many of which are provided at zero cost to the members," Elizabeth S. Tejada, general manager of Citizens Choice Healthplan, said. "All of our Member Services' staff and Outreach Specialists speak fluent Spanish and understand the cultural dynamics of the communities we serve."

With this year's announcement about the increased costs of Medicare premiums, Medicare Advantage Plans can be a good option for some.

"Medicare Advantage Plans, such as Citizens Choice Healthplan, offer our patients maximum benefits such as free transportation to and from their health care provider, a monthly Part B premium reduction of \$15, \$0 plan premium and \$0 office co-payments," said Surendra Jain, M.D. Chief Medical Officer of AppleCare Medical Group. "The quality of service and value of this plan is a true benefit for our Medicare community, as many are living on fixed incomes."

"We are proud to partner with Citizens Choice Healthplan and Downey Regional Medical Center for the betterment of the overall health of our area."

AppleCare Medical Group (formerly known as Downey Select IPA) is an independent physician association of approximately 650 physicians who practice in Downey and surrounding areas.

Citizens Choice Healthplan can be reached at (323) 728-7232.

# Organist in free show at Good Shepherd

**DOWNEY** – Concert artist Cj Sambach, an Organ Performance graduate of Westminster Choir College in New Jersey, will present a program especially geared for kids at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Downey on Jan. 26.

Scheduled as field trip programs for area school children, the programs are open to the public. The Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and St. Gregory's Episcopal Church are helping organize the event.

A resident of Brick, New Jersey, Sambach is known for his "audience appeal" programs. Combining bits of humor with interesting explanations and quality musicianship, he makes music and the organ fun for people of all ages. His two programs will explore the organ's vast tonal resources, present captivating musical compositions, and explain the many facets of 'The King of Instruments.'

The Good Shepherd performance is at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sambach will also perform Jan. 28 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Long Beach at 4 p.m. People of all ages are invited to both shows, though the churches recommended kids be ages 8 or older.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 13200 Clark Avenue in Downey. Their phone number is (562) 803-4459.

# Distinguished artist is guest demonstrator

**PARAMOUNT** – The Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will host guest demonstrator Marlow Mar at their next joint meeting Jan. 28 at Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.

The meeting starts at 2 p.m. and is open to the public.

Mar hails from Taiwan and graduated from UCLA with a Doctor of Business Administration Degree. His long art career stretches back many years, during which he developed his own unique style, referred to as Romantic Realism.

He enjoys working with different mediums, including oil, water colors, water inks, silk paintings and pastels. He paints landscapes, floral, figures and animals.

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**Word of MOUTH**  
 by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

Youngsters should be made to understand that tobacco in any form is unhealthy. While some kids believe that chewing tobacco is safer than smoking cigarettes, it is not. A person can get the same poisons and cancer-causing agents in chewing tobacco as from smoking tobacco. While it may be true that a person does not inhale chewing tobacco, it greatly increases the chances for oral cancer. In addition, chewing tobacco poses a real threat to the health of teeth, gums, and the bones that hold teeth in place. Thus, aside from being very addictive, chewing tobacco causes cavities; periodontal disease; a pre-cancerous condition called "leukoplakia"; and cancer of the mouth, pharynx, and throat. Even chewing gum is preferable.

Smokeless tobacco can irritate your gum tissue, causing it to recede or pull away from your teeth. Once this gum tissue recedes, the roots of your teeth are exposed, increasing your risk for tooth decay. The roots of your teeth may also become sensitive to hot and cold or other irritants, which means you could experience some discomfort when eating or drinking. Call us at (562) 923-3714 if you have questions about your dental health. We provide a wide range of innovative dental services specifically tailored to the needs and wants of our patients. At all times, our focus is on you and what you want from dentistry. Ultimately, you manage your own oral health. We're located at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307.

P.S. As headlines in recent years can attest, baseball players do not always make the right health choices. Young players should respect themselves and not emulate unhealthy behaviors of their heroes.

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Santa Claus is a regular visitor at La Casita, a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation shelter.

## Women and children receive help at La Casita

BY GWYNN GUSTAFSON  
KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNEY

**DOWNEY** – It is always the right time to share the effective programs offered at La Casita, a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation treatment program.

The Downey facility is currently home to 16 women and their children, all suffering from the effects of domestic abuse or recovering from substance abuse. Under the close guidance of caseworkers like DeeAnn and counselors like Yolanda, the women and children make strong and lasting strides towards a better life.

Kiwanis Club of Downey brings Santa Claus and his bag of gifts to the children every year while the residents prepare a delicious banquet enjoyed by the staff, residents, their children and Kiwanians.

At the Christmas party, I sat with two women who adored their children but got caught up in the cycle of drugs and alcohol and lost custody. Fortunately, family members took on the needs of the children. These women are working hard to get their lives and children back. One has a job waiting while the other is making a second attempt at recovery. Soon, the families will be together again.

An estimated 85 percent of the residents do not have their GED, so part of the rehabilitation includes schooling to prepare the women for employment. And once they complete the La Casita programs, they are offered job placement. Schooling for the children prepares them to return to a regular classroom environment.

With a success rate of 75 percent, these women and children are fortunate to have La Casita.

Sharon Cohen, program director, and Lynne Appel, executive director, encourage anyone who is a victim of domestic violence to contact them for immediate help at (562) 622-2268. La Casita is located at 10603 Downey Ave. in Downey. For information regarding the Kiwanis Club of Downey, contact Roy Jimenez at (562) 923-0971.



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## Local foundation gets donation from Kiwanis

BY GWYNN GUSTAFSON  
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**DOWNEY** – Alicia Lopez, chief development officer of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) of Downey, was a guest speaker recently at the Kiwanis Club of Downey. MAOF has provided pre-school, after school and childcare programs for nearly one-thousand families since it was established in 1994. They are currently taking care of the needs of 84 children. The focus is teaching English and preparing the children for entrance into mainstream schools.

Lopez enthusiastically shared with members how a recent grant from the Kiwanis Foundation made it possible to renovate and upgrade the school, which has not had the funds for changes in its 12-year operation.

Among the many new items were chairs, tables, rugs, computer equipment, mats and sleeping cots, inside and outside play areas, shelves for books and many brand new toys. They were also able to put up tent covers for the outside lunch and play areas. Now, the children can play outside in the summer and have protection from the sun.

MAOF is located at 8100 Telegraph Rd. in Downey. For information, contact Alicia Lopez at (323) 890-9600. For information regarding the Kiwanis Club of Downey, contact Roy Jimenez at (562) 923-0971.

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•Received DUSD's actuarial study of the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program as of June 30, 2006, as prepared by ARMTEch;

•Approved amendment to the Master Agreement with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 746, effective July 1, 2006, including a 6.5 percent salary increase, effective July 1, 2006; and

•Ratified whatever action the Superintendent deems appropriate, regarding several student cases.

Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty meanwhile proudly announced that the more than \$5 million in savings DUSD has realized so far with its energy conservation program has won for itself recognition as Number One Energy Saver among all the school districts in the nation.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at 5 p.m. in the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey.



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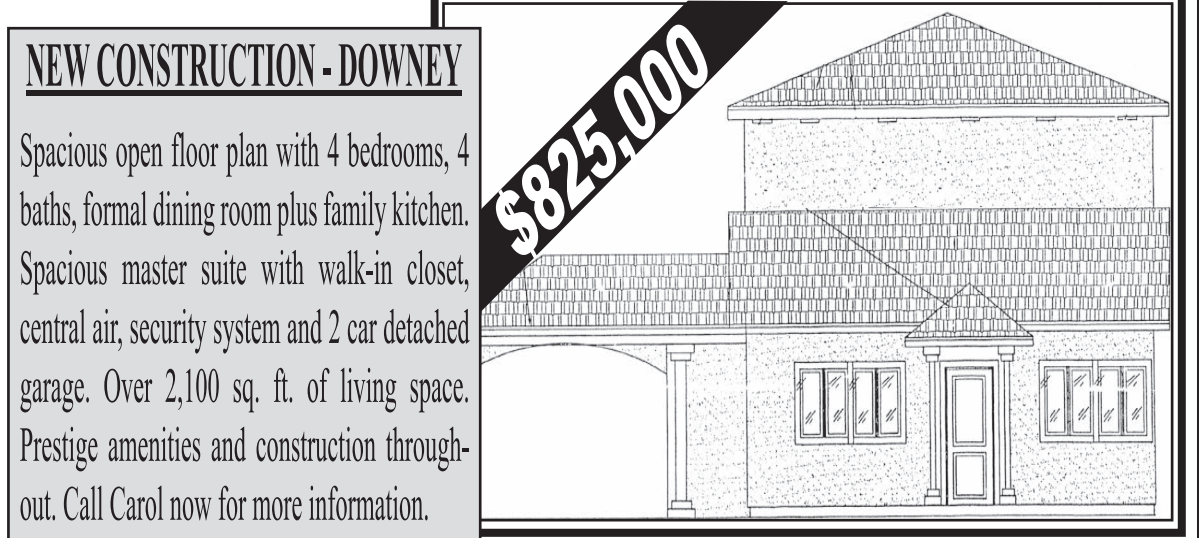


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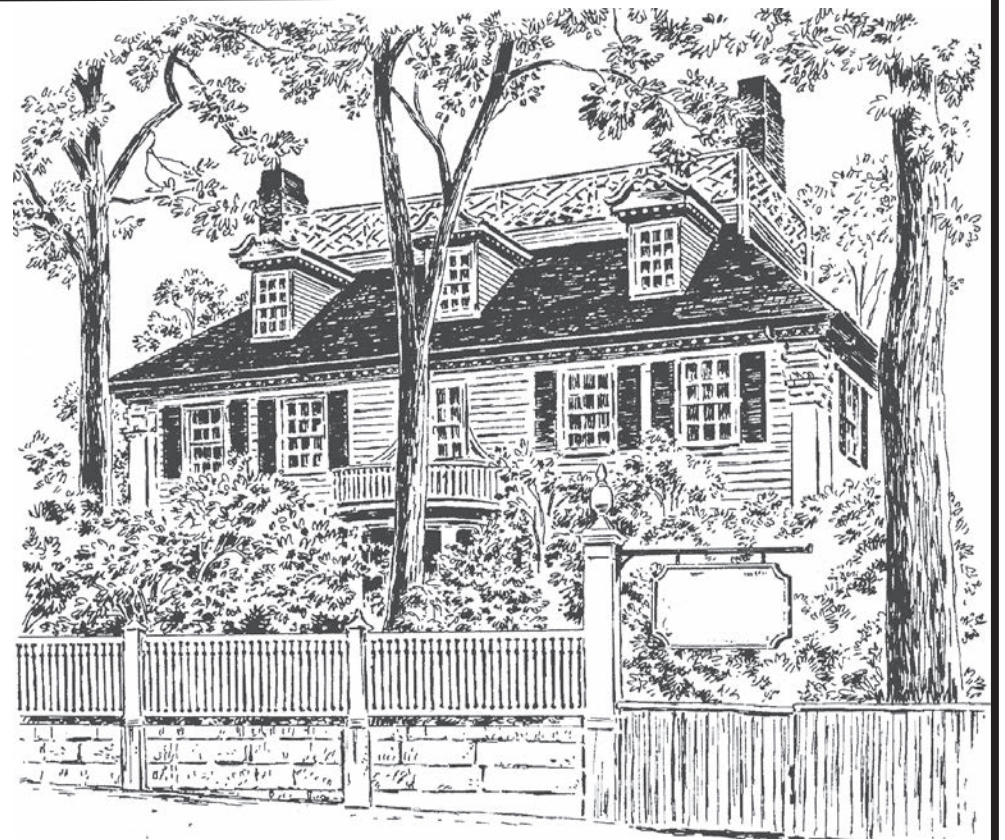
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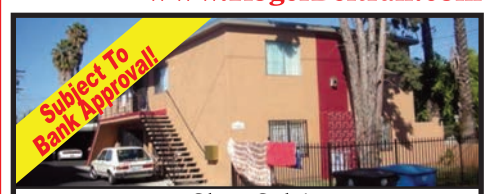
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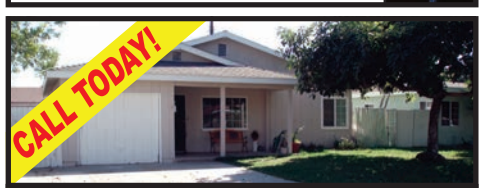
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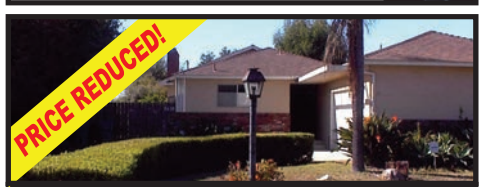
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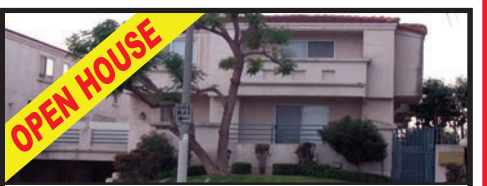
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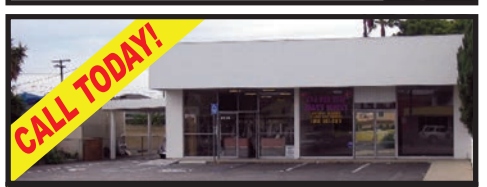
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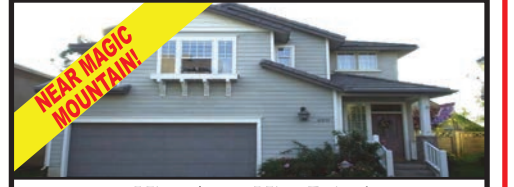
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