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Oh, how cute!

■ Local general store finds its niche selling charming items that can't be found anywhere else. It's the only store of its kind in Southern California, and it's right here in Downey.

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – From hardwood floors to...porcelain dolls?

It was an awkward transition, but one that worked.

Linda Peralta is the owner/operator of Country & General Store, a unique small-town shop tucked away in a dusty corner of Downtown Downey. The store specializes in one-of-a-kind, hard-to-find knickknacks for the home and garden, and with its warm, colorful décor and friendly service reminiscent of an old-town type of Americana, it's created a loyal following.

It's the only store of its kind in Downey, or Southern California for that matter.

"I get a lot of customers come over from the Embassy Suites who are from Boston and the East Coast," says Peralta, whose store sits on 3rd Street one block east of Downey Avenue. "And they tell me, 'We have these stores back home, but we never see them over here.' So this store here is pretty unique."

Peralta opened the store nearly five years ago with the help of her family and friends. She and her husband, Donald, previously ran Peralta Hardwood Flooring but when Linda started spending more and more time tending to her crafts and dolls, at the time just a hobby, they decided to make it into a business.

It took about three months to set the store up the way Peralta envisioned it, which now includes four separate rooms, a faux (but impressive-looking) fireplace and



Linda Peralta, owner of Country & General Store in Downey, stands with some of her store's unique offerings. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday. Photo by Art Montoya

rustic wooden displays. Lining the walls, hanging from the ceiling and resting on tables are all of the store's distinctive offerings.

"It was really hard at first," recalls Peralta, speaking about the store's first few months. "I would get these beautiful dolls and I would want to keep them to myself. The hardest part was setting prices. Sometimes I would mark a price and my friend would say, 'You really think you're getting that much for that doll?' But I've learned that this is a business and I have to keep things affordable for my customers."

Most, if not all, items in the store are clearly marked with prices. And seasonal items are housed in the rear at additional discounts.

Peralta also maintains a large mailing list to which she mails coupons and announcements of store specials.

Inventory

One section of wall is dedicated to teachers. Its shelves hold bells, rag dolls, throw pillows and other small gifts made especially for teachers. Another corner holds tea sets, bird feeders, wall clocks and crafts.

Walking through the store you'll also run across welcome mats (and welcome wreaths, welcome flower pots, welcome buckets and various other welcome signage), antique dressers, all things rooster, and even a full-size red checkered sofa.

Angelic-looking dolls line a top shelf in the back room. A four-foot pony carousel parked next to a cherubic angel appears perfect for a nursery.

The front room features exotic jewelry of all shapes and colors.

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Annual Arc Walk, still growing, set March 24

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

DOWNEY – A gala outdoor event that combines finer aspects of exercise with the caring for one's fellow man will be offered Saturday, March 24 in the Stonewood Center lot next to the Acapulco Restaurant. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with walks of one and two miles courses set to start at 8 a.m.

The Arc, formerly known as the association for retarded citizens, maintains training and educational facilities at 9501 Washburn Road, Downey.

In 10 years this event has grown from 220 participants in 1997 to 2200 in 2006 and raised more than \$550,000 to help with the more than 40 programs.

The Arc hopes to exceed the 28 major sponsors of last year's event. Many businesses, families and church groups participate as teams with cheering sections and balloons. A major high school marching band attends each year, along with many clowns and cartoon characters. Registration is \$10 with children under 10 free.

Travelogue to put Vietnam in limelight

BY MARK KELLER
DOWNEY THEATRE

DOWNEY – The Downey Theatre will present the seventh film of its 2006/07 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series, "Vietnam – A Land of Surprises," this Sunday, Feb. 18.

Buddy Hatton filmed the travelogue and will narrate the presentation. Vietnam is finally in the limelight as a travel destination thanks to a generation born after the last war. The Vietnam of today is influenced not only by its ancient traditions and culture, but also by its checkered and often tragic past. Vietnam is finding its way back to its ancient roots of serenity and family oriented lifestyle. Experience a country still unspoiled and tolerant, a country quite unique in the world.

Vietnam is fast, slow, traditional, cutting edge, exotic, familiar and, most of all, accessible. Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), its two major cities, are total opposites. There are beautiful beaches, colorful markets, historic landmarks, and restaurants ranging from fluorescent lit dives to formal candle-lit five-star dining rooms. There are two UNESCO sites:

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GOOD luncheon expected to sell out

DOWNEY – The annual GOOD (Gangs Out of Downey) luncheon, highlighting the work being done by the award-winning community-based organization that combats gang activity in Downey, will take place April 18 at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

With the participation of numerous community leaders, GOOD has earned both local and national praise, receiving such awards as the President's Point of Light Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

The luncheon sells out each year with over 400 in attendance. This year's event costs \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10.

Sponsorships are also available: Bronze Sponsor (\$500-\$999), Silver Sponsor (\$1000-\$1999), Gold Sponsor (\$2000-\$4999) and Platinum Sponsor (\$5000 or more).

All proceeds will be used to fund anti-graffiti programs, "at-risk" student programs, 10-20 Club for gang suppression, and high school policing. The Downey Unified School District, City of Downey and the Downey Police Department are all recipients of funds raised by GOOD.

For reservations or information, call Stan Hanstad, DUSD Assistant Superintendent, at (562) 469-6541; Darrell Jackson, GOOD President, at (562) 618-2550; or Barbara Lamberth, Downey Federal Credit Union CEO, at (562) 861-8141, ext. 223.

Christine Martin: The happiest person on earth

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

When people, young and old, visit Disneyland, they are treated to a dizzying variety of rides, shows and spectacles—not to mention its boutiques and park ambience—that have earned it its reputation as "the happiest place on earth." And, of course, in many ways it is, especially if one retains that childlike wonder so essential to appreciating the likes of Mickey Mouse and Cinderella and all the rest of the fantasy characters in Disney's world.

The fact that a whole army of technicians and logistics and stage personnel, is behind all this hoopla rarely crosses their minds. Without this cadre of workers, however, none of Disneyland's 'magic' will ever materialize.

Downey native Christine Martin is one of these. A product of Maude Price Elementary, Griffiths Middle School, and Warren High, she works at

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Time Traveler Soldier's own tales of the South Pacific

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

It started in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and it ended in Yokohama, Japan, and along the way the Commander of Downey's VFW Post 2325 compiled his own tales of the South Pacific that could well rival those of the better known James Michener.

John Vincent is best known today as the president of the Downey Historical Society and as a poet whose work is a favorite in the Eagle's own "Poet's Corner", but as a young man Vincent served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman.

Vincent recalls sitting aboard a troop ship in Tokyo Bay, watching the battleship Missouri where Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted the surrender of the Japanese to end the final armed chapter of World War II.

Soon after, Vincent was ashore at Yokohama, supervising a group of former Japanese soldiers who were put to work as laborers. One of these had a suspicious lump under his tunic, which on inspection proved to be a 10-pound bag of sugar.

Vincent said the MPs placed a noose around the would-be thief's neck and then threw the end of the rope over a beam. But as the man's hands were lashed behind him, they also placed a portion of the line between his hands.

Thus, while he was hauled skyward to the horror of his fellow prisoners as an example of the fate of thieves, he actually dangled there less than a minute while the others were trooped out, and was then let down. He had held his own weight by his hands, and had not been hanged as it appeared to his unhappy fellows.

Stealing was not just a problem with the Japanese. Vincent recalls one ambitious U.S. private who actually sold a U.S. Liberty Ship to the Chinese during the occupation. He eventually was caught and ended up in Leavenworth federal penitentiary.

Vincent asks in his best Shakespearian, "What's in a name?" Then relates the tale of a GI. named Lusher, who got so drunk one night he walked off the gangplank in full military pack. Nearby Navy personnel hauled him and the pack out of the ocean.

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Darrell Jackson, president of Gangs Out of Downey, and Barbara Lamberth, CEO of Downey Federal Credit Union and GOOD treasurer, announced that the annual GOOD luncheon will take place April 18 at the Rio Hondo Events Center. Tickets for the event, which sells out annually, are now available.



Downey resident Christine Martin was inducted into Disney Entertainment Production's Hall of Fame.

Davies headed to museum conference in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Kate Davies, executive director for the new Sustainably Designed Museum Project at the Downey Museum of Art, along with museum professionals and leaders from across the state, will meet for the California Association of Museums' (CAM) annual conference Feb. 21-24 at the Coast Hotel in Long Beach.

CAM has taken a leadership role in the greening of museums by launching a new program, titled the Green Museums Initiative (GMI).

GMI hopes to inspire California Museums to develop green business practices, eco-friendly facility management and sustainable programming.

While museums have long informed the public about the state of the natural environment, and historical and contemporary culture, museums are now poised to inform the public of issues concerning ecology and the future of the environment.

In addition to the conference, a panel discussion on greening museums, titled, "Going Green: Sustainable Museums," will be held Feb. 23 at the Coast Hotel with speakers Greg Reitz, Tim McNeil, Adrienne McGraw and Kate Davies. "Going Green: The Tour," will follow with a behind-the-scenes tour of green elements of the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific.

For information, contact the California Association of Museums at (831) 471-9970 or visit www.calmuseums.org.

Ash Wednesday luncheon at OLPH

DOWNEY – The Catholic Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is hosting a salad/luncheon on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Parish Center.

The Rev. Mark Warnstedt will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

Local Airman reports for duty

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman 1st Class Manuel A. Chacon has arrived for duty at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina.

Chacon is a loadmaster assigned to the 15th Airlift Squadron. He is the son of Sandra Chacon of Downey.

District attorney speaking on fraud

DOWNEY – Los Angeles District Attorney Bobby Zoumberakis will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Rise 'N Shine Networking Group, an organization of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox restaurant. There is no cost, other than an order from the menu.

Zoumberakis will speak on "Fraud & Restitution in Business." The community is invited to attend.

RSVPs are requested by calling (562) 923-2191.



Sheryl Hansen, center, was awarded the 2007 Our Lady of Perpetual Help "Distinguished Alumni Award" recently by Father Mark Warnstedt and OLPH principal Steffani McMains to kickoff Catholic School Week. Hansen is a past graduate of the school and has worked as a teacher's aide in the first grade classroom for the last 10 years.



Dr. Mary Stauffer congratulates Mark Montero, recipient of the Stauffer Scholar Award for Griffiths Middle School. This is the second year that Montero has been honored with such award. He is a GATE honor student, Troop 2 First Class Boy Scout, competitive swimmer for Downey Dolphins, active with Keep Downey Beautiful, and plays bass clarinet for the Griffiths School Band. He has already been inducted into the Kids Day Hall of Fame.

Resolution may save Downey thousands

■ City Council supports legislation that could save City over \$950,000.

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—After a detailed and luminous presentation by Director of Public Works Desi Alvarez, who was praised for his efforts, the City Council adopted a resolution supporting a proposed state legislation to amend the State Water Code that would require groundwater replenishment assessments be based on the actual cost of service to replenish a groundwater basin.

A cost allocation study conducted by an independent consultant shows that the Replenishment Assessment (RA) for the Central Basin, from which Downey draws its water, should cost only \$83 per acre-foot, whereas that for the West Coast Basin should be \$366 per acre-foot. Currently, because assessments are based on the average of the two basins, Central Basin pumpers are in effect subsidizing West Coast Basin pumpers by \$10.7 million per year.

It is this disparity that the resolution addresses, which would mean a savings of over \$950,000 to the city of Downey if it is legislated into (state) law.

In other action the Council:

- Received public comment on the Community Block Grant and Home Partnership Investment programs for FY 2007-2008. This is one of two precondition public hearings prior to formalizing receipt by the city of federal CDBG and HOME grants, together with the submission of an Action Plan, to benefit low and moderate-income residents;

- Approved agreement with Smith-Emery Laboratories in the amount of \$18,784 for material testing and inspection for Stewart & Gray Road;

- Accepted traffic safety improvements and maintenance responsibility for work done by GMC Engineering, Inc. on Paramount Blvd.; approved extra work in the amount of \$64,636.42; and appropriated \$19,373.83 in gas tax funds for the purpose;

- Approved plans and specifications and grant authority to advertise for bids for the communication area remodel at Fire Station No. 1;

- Approved the annual Investment Policy for Public Funds of the city of Downey and its related entities, in accordance with Government Code 53646 (a)(2);

- Approved the sole source acquisition of an alerting system for the fire stations from Teleque in the amount of \$87,500;

- Ratified the appointment of Councilmember Anne Bayer as temporary alternate for L.A. County Sanitation Districts 2 and 18 meetings held on Jan. 24, 2007;

- Approved a city-wide contest for naming the new city park at 12400 Clark Ave. (former NASA site), with Councilmember Mario Guerra suggesting that, to better conform to the learning center's theme, one of the criteria be that it's space-oriented;

- Adopted a resolution appointing specific representatives (Mrs. Maurina Lee, Finance Manager, as sub alternate to primary alternate John Michicoff, with Mayor Rick Trejo as primary rep) to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority;

- Adopted a resolution ordering the City Engineer to prepare and file a report on assessments within Lighting and Landscaping District A.D.121 for FY 2007-2008;

- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limit for Tweedy Lane;

- Adopted an ordinance adopting a negative declaration of environmental impacts and approved zone change No. 06-97, thereby rezoning 59 parcels (bounded by Hall Road, Bellflower Blvd., Lakewood Blvd., and Southern Pacific Railroad) from R-3 to R-2;

- Adopted an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limit for Quill Drive;

- Approved new gates and masonry wall for perimeter security at Fire Station No. 1 in the amount of \$55,000; and

- Approved an agreement with Delphi Productions in the amount of \$74,800 for the continued fabrication of exhibits for the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.



Jane Hendrix, a recent guest at the Woman's Club of Downey, was delighted to take away the Big Prize Gift Basket in a drawing held to aid one of the many philanthropies sponsored by the club.

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A portrait of generosity at Downey Regional

■ Bob and Maya Mayer's \$400k contribution lands them inside DRMC's Founder's Circle.

DOWNEY – Bob and Maya Mayer, with a recent gift of \$400,000, joined a revered group of people last week when they were inducted into Downey Regional Medical Center's Founder's Circle.

As major contributors to the hospital, they now have a new portrait hanging inside DRMC's Founder's Gallery inside the hospital's main lobby.

"Bob was a 25-year resident of Downey. His three children attended school here. He is a true entrepreneur," said Jack Campbell, a DRMC board and Founder's Circle member, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the portraits unveiling. "Most of you know this from the magnificent, 524-room Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa where we've had the Charter Ball for the past four years, and beyond that he has built 25,000 residential and commercial units. Bob is one of the most innovative and visionary people to come out of Downey.

Campbell also announced that a new Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory will be built at the hospital. It's expected to be "among the finest labs in Southern California," and will be named after the Mayer's and the Guenther Foundation.

Renovation of the lab is expected later this year, hospital officials said. The lab is designed to diagnose and treat patients with heart disease, as well as patients with blockage in the circulatory system.

"Heart disease has the highest mortality rate of all diseases in the U.S.," Hospital Board Chair Mary Lou Schmidt remarked at the unveiling. "We at Downey Regional have had one of the best heart programs in Southern California and our cardiac services represent a large portion of our patient care. Your gift will help us to continue to provide the latest and the best care for our patients suffering from heart disease."

Corporate Board Chair Ron Kolar added his appreciation, noting, "Your gift will enable us to keep pace with the constant improvements in cardiac equipment and in the further training of our staff."

Dr. Kaushal Tamboli, past chairman of the Division of Cardiovascular Services, offered his thanks on behalf of the Cardiology department: "Last year our Cardiac Cath Lab provided services to 1,682 patients, which represented an increase of 494 patients over the previous year. The new Cath Lab will expand capabilities to include additional vascular services such as renal and iliac angiography and interventional therapies. Our new Cath Lab will be a tremendous gift for the surrounding community."

DRMC President and CEO Allen Korneff told the Mayers, "We are honored to honor you. It means a lot to us that you've been so much a part of this community. . . Non-profit hospitals are so dependent on gifts to provide medical care. For those people you're helping us to serve, thank you very much."

Responding to the accolades, Bob Mayer said, "I owe this city a tremendous debt. Two of my grandchildren were born at this hospital, and having a six-way bypass myself a few years ago, I do appreciate the need for good cardiac care. Thank you for the opportunity to help."

Realtors giving out four scholarships

DOWNEY – The Downey Association of Realtors will be giving out at least four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Columbus, Downey and Warren High Schools and Downey Adult School.

Applications are available at www.daor.com or by visiting a school counselor. Deadline to submit an application is March 2.



The streets of Saigon, above, will come alive in "Vietnam - A Land of Surprises," to be featured this Sunday at the Downey Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 students/seniors.



Bob and Maya Mayer, right, joined longtime friends Jack and Peggy Campbell as members of the DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation Founder's Circle. The Mayer's newly unveiled portrait now hangs in the hospital's main lobby. Portraits to the left show members Drs. Mary and Floyd Stauffer and Ron Kolar.

Downey Art League meeting hosting Carmen Armiento

DOWNEY – The Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount and Downey Art League will welcome demonstrator Carmen Armiento at their Feb. 27 meeting at Furman Park. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Armiento's favorite medium is oil, although she's also well acquainted with other media, including soft and oil pastels, acrylics, watercolors and tempera. Her formal training began in her native country of Argentina.

She also earned a teaching credential in fine arts from Cal State Long Beach.

For information on the meeting, call (562) 803-5857.

TRAVELOGUE

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a royal city and spectacular limestone mountains of Halong Bay. See the past in Hanoi and vault to the 21st Century in Ho Chi Minh City.

"Vietnam – A Land of Surprises" is an amazing journey combining big city, remote areas, minority villages as well as the country's popular high-lights.

"Vietnam – A Land of Surprises" is the seventh "Armchair Adventure" of a 10-film series. The series features full color, feature length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer. All films are on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in the Downey Theatre located at 8435 Firestone Blvd.

For information on season subscriptions, call the theater box office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

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

Judaism introduction class starting soon

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will continue its series of Introduction to Judaism classes with a six-week block beginning Feb. 25.

Rabbie Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill will teach the classes, which will focus primarily on Jewish holidays occurring in the winter and spring. Class will meet in the Temple's conference room from 10 a.m. to noon on Sundays, except for March 4, when it will meet from 2 to 4 p.m., shortly before the Temple's celebration of the holiday of Purim.

Any adult interested in learning about Judaism is invited to sign up for the course. The fee for Temple non-members is \$100 for each six-week group of classes.

Temple Ner Tamid is located at 10629 Lakewood Boulevard, between Florence and Firestone. The Temple holds Shabbat Services every Friday at 7:30 p.m. which is open to everyone.

For more information about Introduction to Judaism, or any other Temple program, call (562) 861-9276 or e-mail templenertamid1@juno.com.



Downey Brownie Troop 267 were winners for the second year in a row of the Mayor's Trophy in the Downey Holiday Lane Parade. This year the girls were a train designed by Judy Mouck, troop mom, with each car made individually by each scout. The troop's leader is Christy Bischoff. Pictured on the floor, left to right: Karina Mouck, Kimberly McAllister, Sarah Bischoff, Emma Obregon, Whitney Pemberton and Maya Solana. Standing: Sabrina Rincon, Sabrina Esqueda, Justine Rapp, Giselle McAllister, Chelsea Balderama and Amy Crowell. All girls are from Downey.

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

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COUNTRY

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Location, location, location

Peralta says she gets most of her business from right here in Downey, although some people make the drive from as far as Riverside. Business people from nearby banks and stores stop in during the day, as do City Hall employees and Downey police officers.

Parishioners from First Baptist Church, right across the street, have also found the store.

"Our location is a little off," admits Peralta, who makes her home in Downey. "But the rent is affordable, and it's a little quieter here, which is nice. We have great church neighbors and everybody looks out for us."

In fact, Peralta says, on the rare occasions her store is hit with graffiti, it's removed so quickly she never notices. "My neighbors will come up to me and show me the spot and I'll be like, 'Yeah, I guess that paint is a little off.' My neighbors are great."

The whole family helps with the store's daily maintenance. When Peralta, herself, isn't manning the shop, it's likely that one of her daughters is. Amanda (30), Jennifer (24) and Ashley (20) all assist their mom. Husband Donald is the resident handyman.

The store's official name is Oh How Cute Country & General Store, which Peralta registered with the City of Downey before they opened. But another vendor with the same name threatened the Peraltas with legal action if they didn't take down their signage.

The Peraltas said they cleared the name with the City beforehand and had already printed flyers and business cards, but being just a small-town mom-and-pop shop, they grudgingly complied.

Still, name or no name, the shop has flourished. Peralta is even giving up doing shows at the Sugar Plum Arts & Crafts Festival, a regular gathering of craft dealers from across the country, to invest more time and money into her own store.

Peralta says she's received offers from people wanting to buy the store, but so far she's refused.

"I think people just see the glamour," she says. "They don't see all the hard work that goes into it."

So do her customers have anything to worry about?

Peralta shakes her head and smiles.

"My customers have *nothing* to worry about."

Boys & Girls Club showing off fashions

COMMERCE – The Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club, which serves Downey, will hold its 10th annual fashion show while celebrating the Chinese New Year Feb. 18 at Steven's Steak & Seafood House in Commerce.

A social will be held from 11 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch until 12:30 p.m. The fashion show will run from 1 to 3 p.m.

The show will feature raffles, door prizes, boutiques, vendors, a silent auction and DJ. Cost to attend the show is \$25, which is tax deductible.

For information, call (323) 723-9856. Steven's Steak & Seafood House is at 5332 Steven's Place.



Vito and Doris Cimarusti celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on Feb. 9. Vito, 94, Doris, 90, and their three sons Tony, Bill and Rich, moved to Downey in June of 1954 and have resided in the same home since then. The couple also has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Educators encouraged to claim classroom costs

DOWNEY – As the April 17 deadline to file tax returns approaches, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard encourages teachers, teachers' aides, principals and counselors to take advantage of a federal tax deduction for school supplies purchased with their own money.

The \$250 deduction – available to educators regardless of whether they itemize – can be taken by an educator for unreimbursed school-related expenses for items such as books, pencils, scissors, paper and art supplies, computer equipment, and other supplementary materials.

"I was pleased Congress passed legislation to extend this tax break for the 2006 and 2007 tax years for our hard-working teachers," Roybal-Allard said. "It's unfortunate that teachers are often not provided with all the school supplies they need to effectively teach their students in the classroom. By making this tax deduction available, Congress is attempting to help the many caring teachers who use their own money to purchase necessities such as notebooks and pencils for their students."

"These educators are to be commended for their commitment to our children."

According to the National Education Association, teachers spend an average of \$443 of their own money each year on school supplies for their students.

The tax deduction can be taken by both public and private school educators from kindergarten through 12th grade. To be eligible, the educator must work in a school for at least 900 hours in a school year. In addition, teachers must be prepared to show receipts for the eligible purchases.

For more information about the deduction, taxpayers should call the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040.

The Poets' Corner

Last Act

I am afraid to look back after remembering how as a child it seemed I owned it all. All the world and the stars above were mine. Everything a grand production for my gratification.

My parents were the leads. Friends and relatives were supporting cast and all others were called upon when needed in the grand production called Me.

Later I met a no nonsense, method actress who taught me realism. We added three to the cast and later those three added more. Life became a reality play.

Now it reads like the last act and I am afraid to look back as I once did, trying to catch someone in miscue.

Now I am afraid they might be waving goodbye.

—Richard Thormodsen, Downey

Pretty

People tell me I'm pretty
People tell me I'm attractive
But when I look in the mirror
I feel most unattractive

My eyes take inventory
of my body's imperfections
teary at the sight
of my own self-reflection

My stomach is not flat
I have a small bump
My cheeks are too round
A little too plump

My skin has a tendency
to look blotchy and red
dry from the acne
wet where I bled

I long for a day
where I live comfortable as me
where people will not judge
but love me for me
— Eric Maxim, Downey



Downey Association of Realtors President Angie Pierce, right, chooses Maria Larkin to receive the President's Award at a ceremony held last month.

TRAVELER

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Of the many romantic sounding ports, Vincent has no fond memories of Subic Bay, which he says he is glad the U.S. finally gave back to the Philippines. He throws his head back to sing an old World War II song of the infamous port:

"Oh, we won't go back to Subic anymore,
We won't go back to Subic anymore,
We won't go back to Subic,
The mosquitoes there are too big!
We won't go back to Subic anymore..."

Vincent was also a military bugler, a fact which has brought him both glory and grief on occasion. At Ft. Leonard Wood it was the latter. "Old Rex," says Vincent still shaking his head in memory of the police dog who was a mascot on the base.

Vincent suspects he was the victim of a plot, but one morning as he sounded his bugle to awaken the men the normally phlegmatic "Rex" attacked him and his horn.

"He normally liked me," says Vincent, again shaking his head.

To make matters worse, the whole company cheered on the dog. Vincent swears he (Vincent) wasn't that bad a bugler.

He's never been a nervous type, but he admits he sweated a bit aboard a troop ship as Japanese torpedo planes attacked during the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

The biggest operation he was scheduled to see action in, the actual invasion of the Japanese Main Islands, never took place.

Following the war he came to Downey and became chairman of the science department at Santa Fe High School.

Despite the many humorous stories from his war years there is a serious side to Vincent. He helps place an American Flag at the head of a grave during Memorial Services each year at the Downey Cemetery.

Like many old soldiers, he has not forgotten his comrades from long ago.

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Church Basements

By Brooke Karli

In all honesty, I don't watch the news very often. When I do, I usually end up feeling depressed after hearing about the events that are taking place not only in our country, but world-wide.

But the past couple of weeks, I have tuned in on a regular basis and have made a disturbing observation: many of the crimes happening are being carried out by young adults and teenagers.

Not just any crimes, but stabbings at high school basketball games, fights at parties and deadly accidents caused by the use of illegal substances.

Unfortunately, some of this is all too familiar. But it seems that as the age of the criminal gets younger, the crimes are beginning to get larger.

It was refreshing, however, for me to interview five young men, ages 16 to 26, that use their free time to create and record music (see their feature on page 10).

Here is a group of young adults that work around their school schedules and work shifts to come together and jam. They aren't out causing trouble or committing crimes. Instead, they meet in the basement of a local church on a week night to do what they love most – play music.

Granted, the media only reports about the wrong doings of our youth because that's all that is ever seen or heard. But if we all make the effort to search, we are guaranteed to find kids that do great things.

We may just have to start looking in church basements.

Roybal-Allard joins appropriations group

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard has announced that she has received a position on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee in the 110th Congress. In addition to her new subcommittee responsibilities, Roybal-Allard will continue to serve on the Homeland Security Subcommittee and the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee.

"As a member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue to aggressively work to ensure our Los Angeles region receives the funding needed for critical transportation projects, including improvements to the region's airports, bus systems, rail transit systems and freeways," said Roybal-Allard. "To help address our region's critical housing shortage, I will fight for federal housing initiatives to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing."

The Transportation-HUD Subcommittee funds all programs and sub-agencies of the U.S. Department of Transportation, including those related to aviation, surface transportation, maritime and rail systems, as well as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

The congresswoman will continue her work on the Labor, health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee, where she has been an advocate for health research and preventative health programs, workforce training programs, and programs to enhance educational access for all Americans. On the Homeland Security Subcommittee, the congresswoman oversees funding for immigration processing, border and port security, as well as a wide variety of area emergency preparedness efforts, including providing police and firefighters with the training and equipment they need to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies.

The powerful House Appropriations Committee is responsible for much of the nation's federal spending. The committee considers 12 annual spending measures which provide funding for a wide range of activities such as national defense, education and crime prevention. These measures also fund general government operations, including the administration of federal agencies.

Assistance League offers scholarships

DOWNEY – The Assistance League of Downey is offering \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from any of the Downey high schools who have excelled as volunteers.

To qualify, students must have a 3.0 grade point average and be in good standing, which includes citizenship and attendance. Members of Assistance League or their relatives are not eligible.

Applications are available at the guidance office of each high school. Completed applications should be postmarked by March 31 and mailed to 11026 Downey Ave., Downey, 90241. Awards will be announced at the annual awards assembly at each high school at the end of this school year.

The Assistance League of Downey is a non-profit organization of volunteers who raise funds to provide and administer services for people in need in the Downey area.



Letters to the Editor:

Failed to mention Apollo Program

Dear Editor:

The Columbia Memorial Space Science and Learning Center that the Downey Patriot reported on Feb. 9 did not mention one word about the Apollo missions. About 90 percent of Americans do not even know how many times we landed on the moon!

When you inform them that it was six times, the response is usually, "Are you sure?" About 95 percent do not know how many moon rovers were sent up. You get the same response when you state there were three of them.

Not any of our Downey schools ever mention the Apollo Program in any history book of any kind. Ask the teachers to verify this fact.

The people of Downey should be insulted. I remember when Downey had some signs on Lakewood Blvd. and other areas of Downey that stated Downey, the City of Apollo. This was long ago, but not anymore. Avoiding the mentioning of the Apollo Program, which seems that NASA also does, will just create more doubt of what really did or did not happen during the Apollo Program.

—Mike Sandoval,
Downey

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Mistake in announcement of winners

DOWNEY – There was a mistake in the last week's announcement of winners of the Writers' Workshop West's annual short story contest.

Stanley Hoffman won second prize for "Subliminal Revenge" and third place was awarded to Carol Kearns for "High School French."

World War II military research examined

WHITTIER – Bill Beigel will speak on "World War II Military Research" at the Feb. 17 meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society in Whittier, starting at 1 p.m.

The presentation will include a number of case studies and the type of information that can be located. He will discuss the interpretation of the records and many basic statistics concerning the United States military role in World War II and Korea.

A computer workshop will be held the same day from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Christine Johns will talk about using PERSI – Periodical Source Index. A beginner-refresher class from 11 a.m. to noon will be taught by Bonnie Sell and offer tips on "Newspaper Research."

In addition, a day-long seminar on Feb. 24 will feature Curt B. Witcher, manager of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the second-largest genealogical library in the United States.

Visitors are welcome at the meeting. For information, call (562) 941-3184 or visit www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags.

Let's give Arc a helping hand

By Eric Pierce

If you've ever picked up a Kong animal toy from a local Petco or Petsmart, those oddly-shaped, red-looking bouncy things (for lack of a better description), chances are it was packaged by the people over at Arc.

Ever buy those nice bath soaps they sell at Trader Joe's? The one's that come in tiny cardboard packages that always slip out of your hands just trying to open them? (If they're that hard to open, imagine trying to put them together!) Yep, those were probably packed by an Arc team member too.

And when the L.A. Marathon passes out those goodie bags March 4 – thousands of them – each filled with up to 55 different bits and pieces per bag, you can bet it was an Arc employee who stuffed it.

And you can bet he/she stuffed it with a smile on their face. It's tedious, tiresome, arduous work. But these employees love it.

In fact, the only time they complain, according to Kevin MacDonald, executive director of Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, is when they don't have enough work to do.

Know anybody like that at your office? So efficient are the employees of Southeast Industries, the official name of Arc's packaging and assembly plant, the company rarely mentions to its clients that the work is done by "disabled" adults.

Arc doesn't play the sympathy card; Southeast Industries is sold on its efficiency and competence.

One employee, who only has the use of one hand, was having trouble filling orders so staff contrived a special device to help him grip

materials.

No surprise, these employees have been overcoming obstacles all their lives.

Arc started receiving financial support from the State of California 13 years ago. And in those 13 years that funding has increased just once.

Three percent. Meanwhile, costs rise.

Downey Kiwanis, Rotary, and countless other organizations have been kind enough to contribute money to Arc. Trouble is, lots of donors don't want their contributions going towards personnel, they want new computers and upgraded equipment, which is great, but there are still bills to pay.

"Grants are good for equipment, but it doesn't pay payroll," says Kevin. "We're still operating payroll to payroll."

Sales at Arc's three local thrift stores are on the decline, says Kevin, and it may only be a matter of time before they're forced to close.

It's not all bad news though. The upcoming Arc Walk for Independence (March 24) is thriving, growing from year to year in both number of participants and money raised. When the walk will reach its peak is anybody's guess, but Arc hopes to raise \$100,000 this year.

It's an ambitious goal that will take a lot of work.

But, remember, these guys have been overcoming obstacles all of their lives.

I wouldn't bet against them.

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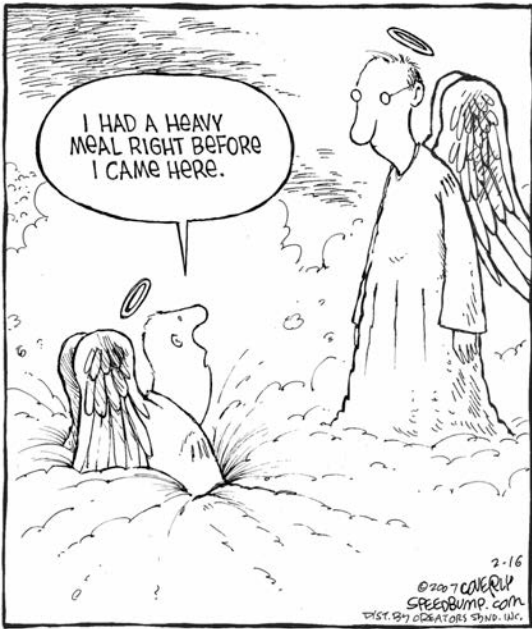
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On This Day...

February 16, 1883: *Ladies Home Journal* is published for the first time.
1923: The burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's tomb is unsealed in Egypt.
1959: Fidel Castro becomes Premier of Cuba after President Fulgencio Batista is overthrown.
1968: The nation's first emergency 911 telephone system goes into effect in Haleyville, Ala.
2005: The NHL cancels the 2004-05 season when last-ditch efforts to resolve salary cap differences fail.

Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Wed. Feb. 21: **Ash Wednesday Luncheon**, OLPH, 10 a.m.
 Wed. Feb. 21: **Ash Wednesday Service**, Messiah Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
 Sat. Feb. 24: **"Fashion Show Extraordinaire,"** Downey Elks Lodge, 11 a.m.
 Sat. Feb. 24: **Storytime Festival**, Macy's @ Stonewood Mall, 11 a.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.: **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.

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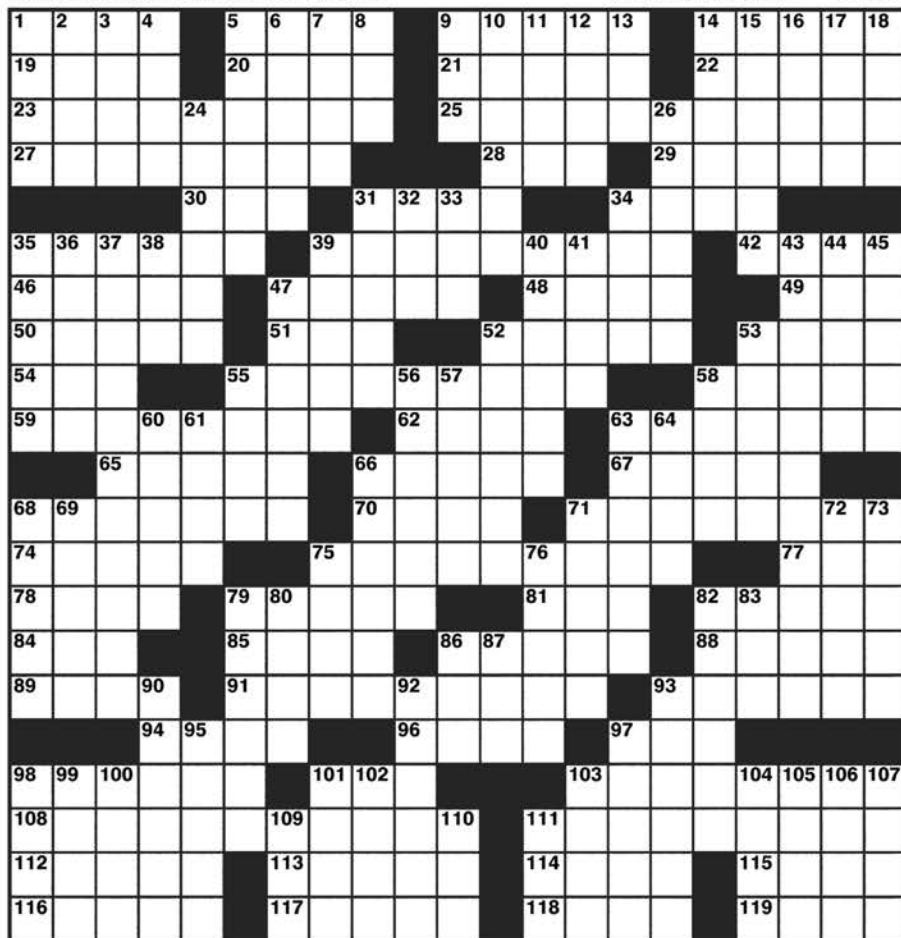
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063
 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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Rayma Sue Snedden mourned by family

DOWNEY – Rayma Sue Snedden, a 46-year Downey resident, died Feb. 6 at Downey Regional Medical Center. She was 68.

She was born Aug. 16, 1938 in Flint, Mich. She met her husband, James, on a blind date in 1959 and they married in 1960.

They moved to Huntington Park in 1961 before coming to Downey in 1963. They had recently bought a new home in Arizona, and together traveled to Laughlin where they enjoyed dinner and entertainment.

Snedden was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and belonged to First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, James; son, James (Karen) W. Snedden; and daughter, Suzanna Lynne Snedden.

Services were held Feb. 9 at Miller-Mies Mortuary. Burial was at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Leighton L. Williams was longtime pressman

DOWNEY – Leighton L. Williams, a retired pressman for several newspapers and magazines in Chicago and California, passed away at his home Feb. 9. He was 93.

He was a 46-year Downey resident, born in Sheridan, Ill.

He is survived by his son, Jim (Peggy) Williams; grandchildren, Rhonda Thompson, Chris Watkins and Victor McHenry; six great-grandchildren, Logan Thompson, Nicole, James and Curtis Watkins, and Emilee and Brooklyn McHenry; nieces, Jackie, Pat, Nancy, Susan and Tracy; and nephews, Bud, Robert, Ricky and Larry.

He was predeceased by his wife, Agnes Williams, and daughter, Barbara Islam.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 17 at noon at Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel. Chaplain Steve Mitchell will officiate.

June M. Delany lived in Downey for 60 years

DOWNEY – June M. Delany, former Downey resident for 60 years, passed away on Feb. 11 at the age of 85 in Gresham, Oregon.

She is survived by son Orval Ray (Susan); sister-in-law Laura; daughter-in-law and adopted daughter Karen; adopted daughter and friend Susie Neely; grandchildren Lisa, Mindy, David, Ryan and Tim; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Orval and son Danny.

Visitation was held on Feb. 14 and services were on Feb. 15. Burial is today at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

Jerry Fair to speak at local event

DOWNEY – The El Dorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association welcomes guest speaker Jerry Fair on Feb. 21 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, contact Nada Kabis at (562) 884-4790.



Rayma Sue Snedden moved to Downey in 1963 with her husband, James. Services were held last week.

RAY T. LAKE

MAY 2, 1917 - FEBRUARY 17, 2003

Upon the fourth anniversary of my father's passing, a belated eulogy for my father, Ray T. Lake, former Director of Building and Safety in Downey, California.



On February 17, 2003, my father, Ray T. Lake, passed away at the age of 85. Although it has been four years since my father's death, the thought occurred to me friends and co-workers he worked with for at least 20 years in Downey may not have known of his passing.

My father was preceded in death by my mother, Verna in 1990 in Tehachapi, California. And, shortly before his death, his middle daughter Linda passed away in Oregon. One year after his death, his oldest daughter Kathleen passed away in Tehachapi, California.

A native Californian, he was born May 2, 1917 in Los Angeles. He was a member of the boy scouts for many years and served his country in the Army during World War II. After the war, our family moved to Norwalk where he lived until he retired.

He had been the Director of Building and Safety in West Covina before accepting the position in Downey. After retiring as the Director of Building and Safety, he and my mother moved to Tehachapi, California.

As he had become an ordained minister many years before his retirement, he became a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol and rose to the rank of Chaplain Lt. Col. and for a time served as the California Wing Commander. Hobbies included choir director (he was an accomplished vocalist), ham radio operator and instructor, fishing and boating at nearby Mammoth Lakes, camping, hiking, and tending his apple orchards.

A man of many interests and talents, he had many, many friends. I hope this heartfelt tribute has been read by some of those friends and co-workers who may still remember him.

Patricia Lake

PAID OBITUARY

Prayer breakfast to feature keynote guest

LA MIRADA – Dr. Cynthia James will be the keynote speaker at a prayer breakfast planned for Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel in La Mirada.

Breath of God Ministries International and the International Network of Warriors, with Pastor Garnett Simpson-Grier, are organizing the breakfast.

Cost is \$55 per person or \$100 for two people. Children under 12 are \$25. A group table for eight is \$360 while a table for 10 is \$450. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 18.

The Holiday Inn is located at 14299 Firestone Boulevard. The breakfast starts at 9 a.m.

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Century 21 My Real Estate continued their annual tradition this past Christmas by adopting families and having Santa fulfill their wishes. Team captains Caritina Baez, Jason Cierpiszewski, Rosie Hernandez, Mario Acevedo, Miriam Villanueva and Roger Nordin helped head up the project by playing Santa's elves.

Tour group headed to Palm Springs

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's Creative Learning Tours with Tour Escort Harriett Paine is accepting applications for its Palm Springs Overnite Getaway March 1-2.

Attendees will experience "The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies" and "The DaVinci Collection Exhibit" at the Palm Springs Air Museum and enjoy the Spa Hotel Resort & Casino - Thursday Street Festival.

The tour includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, lunch at the Rock Garden Cafe, one night hotel accommodations at the Spa Resort Hotel (with breakfast buffet), reserved Gold Circle Seating to "Palm Springs Follies," admission and lunch at the Downey Elks Lodge located at 11233 Woodruff Ave. in Downey. Tickets are \$20.

Call Downey Adult School at (562) 940-6213 for registration information about this and other tours.

Emblem Club showcases fashion designs

DOWNEY – The Downey Emblem Club presents "Fashion Show Extraordinaire," their annual fashion show and luncheon on Feb. 24.

Fashion designs will be provided by Cerritos Dress Barn. Cocktails are at 11 a.m., lunch is at noon and the show is at 1 p.m. The event will be held at the Downey Elks Lodge located at 11233 Woodruff Ave. in Downey. Tickets are \$20. For information, contact Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003.



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MARTIN

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Disneyland as Asst. Stage Manager—and proud of it. Hired in 2000, Christine, all of 30 years of age, is responsible for the lighting, the music and sound system, scene design, the props, etc., of any live Disney show held at the theme resort or outside its confines.

She reports to Manager of Stage Management Karen Sitz, whose experience (15 years) she values, not counting her previous rich background as performer, producer and project planner. Sometimes Christine works the regular 9 to 5 shift; at times she'd slave from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

With this arrangement, and working with some 20 mostly full-time and a few part-time staffers, Christine can be found working on "Aladdin a Musical Spectacular" at both Disneyland and Disney California Adventure venues (Wed.-Sun.) and "Playhouse Disney Live on Stage" (six times a day/seven days a week). Late at night, she can either be found on the Rivers of America assisting with "Fantasmic!", or she can be found calling the Disneyland fireworks show, "Remember...Dreams Come True." She also supervises the seven-times-a-week "Disney Princess Fantasy Fair."

Working with celebrities comes with the territory. She has worked with Jim Belushi, in 2004, doing the ABC Primetime Weekend; with Julie Andrews, as part of the Disneyland 50th Anniversary Celebration; with Steve Martin on "50 Great Moments" at the Lincoln Theatre; with Fess Parker at the Hollywood Bowl (along with Dick Sherman, who wrote the music for "Mary Poppins," "It's A Small World" and the Tikki Room); and Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom, for the "Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest" movie premiere held on the Rivers of America. She has worked as well with Dick Van Dyke and Andy Garcia.

For her "dedication to each show she works on as well as taking on many new challenges along the way," Christine was inducted last December into the Disneyland Resort Entertainment Hall of Fame.

As is often the case, Christine can look back to an earlier time when the stage bug bit. She recalls when her grandmother, Downey resident Dottie Thompson, used to take her to Cerritos College to attend her plays. An amateur actress, Dottie at one time reigned (even in her 60s!) at the college as Homecoming Queen. Distinction runs in the family. Her mother, Joan, who teaches second grade at Maude Price, was voted "Teacher of the Year" last year. Her dad, Gary, is the former Chief of Police in Culver City, and currently works at Fullerton's Hope International University, which Christine attended after Warren. Her younger brother, Scott, is a pastor.

Christine worked earlier as a lifeguard, camp counselor, for Blockbuster Video and for two summers at the Downey Parks and Recreation. She had traveled twice to Edinburgh, Scotland for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, an experience she cherishes. Prior to all this, she used to perform at the Downey Theatre, danced for the Showcase Studio, and at one time competed in the Miss Downey Pageant of 1992.

Saying she's lucky to be working at Disneyland, she lists some qualities her job demands: one must be organized, a good communicator, you must think on your feet, must have the respect of cast and crew, and must think creatively in unusual situations (e.g., when a prop goes missing, or when one is confronted by a wrong costume, and "a host of other things"). "There's nothing routine about the job," she says.

Christine is as excited as ever about her department's next big project—another "Pirates of the Caribbean" spectacular to celebrate the movie's third sequel premiere. Still, she says, neither film nor TV excites her as much as live theater.

Messiah Lutheran offers 'soup suppers'

DOWNEY – The Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey will be holding Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

The congregation will also be celebrating the Lenten Season with "Soup Suppers" on Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 5:30 p.m. Each supper will conclude with a brief worship service at 7 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran is located at 10711 Paramount Blvd. For information, call (562) 923-1215.



Rio Hondo Elementary School recently unveiled the new Character Counts mural. The colorful representation of the 6 pillars needed for Good Character was a donation on behalf of their PTA and corporate partner Century 21 My Real Estate. Principal Dolores Goble, Steve Roberson, broker/owner, and Laurie Mac Isaac-Federico, vice-president of relocation and marketing with Century 21, visited the school site to check out the freshly painted mural.



Century 21 My Real Estate team has recently adopted a part of Florence Ave., from Paramount Blvd. to Rives Ave., in conjunction with Keep Downey Beautiful. The team was joined by Girl Scout Troop #730 and Independent Scouts Alissa Medina and Eriq Perez.

Historical Society hosts film festival

DOWNEY – The Downey Historical Society will kick off their February Film Festival on Feb. 22 in the John Downey Room at the Barbara Riley Center at 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Vilencia, "Tracer of Lost Films," will be leading the program. The program will start with footage from a 1927 "newsreel" film that depicts Charles Lindberg's famous flight to Paris, France. The piece also includes footage of other unfortunate attempts to cross the Atlantic by air just weeks prior to the Lindberg flight.

The program also includes "The Forgotten Three," films from the 1930s and 1940s.

Refreshments will be served. For information, contact John Vincent at (562) 862-2777.

Rio Hondo fundraiser at Rubio's

DOWNEY – Rio Hondo Elementary School will be hosting a fundraiser at Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill at the Downey Landing on Feb. 27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Twenty percent of dine-in or take-out purchases will be donated to Rio Hondo Elementary.

Storytime Festival at Stonewood Mall

DOWNEY – The Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey will be hosting a Storytime Festival at Stonewood Mall on Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside of Macy's.

Children from ages 2 to 13 are invited to come talk about books, receive a free book or two, and get their face painted.

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Stauffer recognizes outstanding students

DOWNEY – One hundred fifty-five Downey Unified School District middle school students received a scholarship from Dr. Marry Stauffer at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center last week.

Stauffer presented checks to 155 high-achieving students totaling \$20,700 to enable them to start or add to their 529 Plan College Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship program is one of the many ways in which Stauffer continues to support the Downey Unified School District and its students.

Students honored earned straight A's for both semesters as 5th or 6th graders during the 2005/06 school year. A total of 249 students qualified to apply for the scholarship; 168 submitted applications.

Out of the 168 applicants, 155 attended the awards ceremony. One hundred forty-two of the students received checks for \$100 and 13 received the grand scholarship check of \$500. The \$500 winners were also presented with the school's perpetual plaque, which has each winner's name engraved on it and will hang at the respective school site.

Winners of \$500 were Rebekah Jin (East Middle School), Mark Montero (Griffiths Middle School), Rosalinda Rodriguez (Sussman Middle School), Marina George (West Middle School), Alan Munoz (Carpenter Elementary), Rylie Cottriel (Gallatin Elementary), Andres Casas (Gauldin Elementary), Daniel Iunza (Lewis Elementary), Andrea Chirino (Old River Elementary), Agustin Barajas (Price Elementary), Christiana Colacion (Rio Hondo Elementary), Krista Velasco (Rio San Gabriel Elementary), and Kirsty Brito (Unsworth Elementary).

Stauffer also made arrangements for Tony Ramirez, a Fidelity representative, to attend both award ceremonies. He discussed the benefits of starting a college savings plan early so that children are financially ready to start college when the time comes.

He also offered his services to educate parents on how to fill out required applications for savings plans.

Stauffer told the students that "Education is the best investment that you could ever make."

Students from Warren High School ASB assisted with the event. Wendy Doty, DUSD Superintendent, and Jerilyn King-Brown, Assistant Superintendent, served as speakers on the importance of attending college.

Denise Takano and Ana Thorne coordinated and processed the event.

St. Francis offers free immunizations

DOWNEY – St. Francis Medical Center, in cooperation with Downey Unified School District, is sponsoring free immunizations for children ages 4 to 18.

Free immunizations include Chicken Pox, Hepatitis A and B, DPT, MMR, Meningococcal and Tb skin testing.

Immunizations will be given at Maude Price Elementary School, located at 9525 Tweedy Lane in Downey, on Feb. 21 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

No appointment is necessary and a parent or legal guardian must accompany children. Official immunization cards with past immunization history should be brought as well.



A champagne reception, sponsored by the Downey Symphonic Society, was held following the Jan. 27 concert at the Bank of Orange County in Downey. Guest conductor Sharon Lavery (pictured, left) and piano soloist Norman Krieger were both honored.

Lifeguard certifications at Downey Pool

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department will be offering an American Red Cross certification course during spring break, April 9-13, at the Downey Aquatic Center located at 11040 Brookshire Ave.

The course will be held each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the instructor will provide the necessary minimum skills training for a person to qualify to serve as a non-surf lifeguard.

Participants must be at least 15 years of age on or before the beginning of the course and show proof of age at the time of registration.

Students will receive certificates of completion on the final day of class if they pass both the written and physical testing.

Cost is \$105 and includes the training book, pocket mask and certification card.

Registration begins on March 5 at the Community Services Department Office located at 11111 Brookshire Ave. For information, call (562) 904-7238.

St. Raymond's hosting golf tournament

DOWNEY – The St. Raymond School Class of 2007 will be hosting a golf tournament Feb. 26 (moved from the original date of Feb. 5) at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey. All golfers are welcome.

Cost is \$105 per golfer and includes golf, green fees, cart and tee prizes. The tournament is a four-person scramble format.

Registration time is 8 a.m. with a tee time of 10 a.m. Checks should be made payable to St. Raymond School Class of 2007, 12320 Paramount Blvd., Downey, CA 90242, Attention: Dianne Pacheco.

To sign up or for sponsorship information, call Pacheco at (562) 889-3816 or Ramiro Leiva at (562) 904-3101.

Three new stores to open at Montebello Town Center

MONTEBELLO – Montebello Town Center announced this week the addition of three new stores set to open this year. They'll join the recent five that opened in late 2006.

Opening in 2007 are ALDO Shoes, Coach and BJ's Restaurant & Brewery, which will accompany recently opened stores Macy's Home, The Body Shop, Hollister Co., Select Comfort and Great Wraps.

ALDO Shoes will open in the spring. Construction for the store has already begun with an anticipated opening set for April. ALDO Shoes specializes in the creation of high-quality fashion footwear, leather goods and accessories.

Also in spring, Coach will open its door for business. Construction will begin in April with an anticipated opening in June. Coach is not a new concept to Montebello Town Center as both Macy's and Robinson's-May had a Coach department. Coach offers a variety of handbags and accessories encompassing a wide range of materials and updated designs.

Beyond apparel, Montebello Town Center will add to its restaurant collection with BJ's Restaurant & Brewery. Construction for this sit-down restaurant will begin in March with an anticipated opening in September.

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By Brooke Karli
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

The room was not much bigger than the average dining room. It was a simple set-up: an all-white room with two reclining chairs, two mirrors and two tracks of lighting. But for a group of young, talented musicians, it had become their haven – their recording studio.

Located in the basement of Trinity Baptist Church in Downey, *Cubis Logic* took advantage of the open space, cluttering every inch of carpet with cords, instruments, amps, sound equipment and Monster energy drinks. They were recording their newest album – an album they hope brings an agent their way.

The band, consisting of guitarist Coy Sarell, 21, lead singer Jeff Freberg, 26, guitarist Tim Sarell, 16, bassist and pianist Rick Mora, 20, and drummer Andy Zamora, 24, look far beyond money and fame, and instead desire to make a living doing what they love most – making music.

They would tell you they are “progressively getting better,” but I would tell you they don't need much improvement at all. They aren't a typical rock band that can be compared to the sound of other bands – they have a unique style, ranging from hard core to alternative rock.

I had the opportunity to talk with *Cubis Logic* and although they are all extremely gifted in their musical abilities, it was their passion for the art of music that really stood out. Here's what they had to say:

Downey Patriot: Where did the name *Cubis Logic* come from and what does it mean?

Coy Sarell: It comes from the art form “cubism,” where you look at a figure and you can see all different angles just by looking through one angle. How it relates to life is, as a band, we try to look at everything from all angles, including music, politics and religion. Logic, obviously, is a way of thinking and we put the two together to create *Cubis Logic*.

DP: When was the band started?

CS: Summer of 2005.

DP: Who decided to start the band and why?

CS: It really came from a band I used to play bass in and I really wanted to be more of the originator of the songs and actually write them. I was tired of being in bands that lasted two weeks and only wrote two songs. I wanted to start something serious.

Jeff Freberg: I would say it's because of the love for the music. We all just love to play music and the sound of music. Because of that, we decided to come together and try to share that with others. We absolutely love music and it's absolutely what we want to do.

DP: What inspires your music?

Andy Zamora: It's all about the music we enjoy individually. Tim likes hard core and I like ska and reggae...two completely different types of music. We don't like the same types of music, but we can come together and create something we all love.

DP: Who writes your songs?



Cubis Logic (left to right): Rick Mora, Coy Sarell, Jeff Freberg, Tim Sarell and Andy Zamora. Photo by Art Montoya

JF: It's not just one or two songwriters anymore...it's everyone writing songs.

AZ: We all bring in our ideas and we just improvise.

DP: What are some of the best experiences you have had as a band?

Tim Sarell: HOT CHICKS! (Laughs) But playing at The Knitting Factory in Hollywood was pretty cool...it was my first venue show.

JF: My favorite is when we come together and take something that has no shape or form and put it together...it's a sense of accomplishment. We realize that WE made something and that we're succeeding and doing something that no one else has done yet.

CS: We've conceived a musical love child (Laughs).

Rick Mora: Working through two songwriting processes – one by Coy and one by Tim. Those were the moments that really brought out the chemistry of the band and really brought out how well we can work together and how well we can think together.

AZ: Having these guys as friends. I've been in other bands before and when all was said and done, they weren't my friends in the end. These are my friends in the music...it's not about meeting chicks or conceiving babies (Laughs).

DP: What are some bad experiences you have had as a band?

AZ: Coy fumbling his guitar cords, dropping amps, kicking cords, breaking strings...anything unprofessional. If we are going to play, we need to be professional about it. It's not just about rocking out.

CS: Jeff crashing my car [right before a show at the Stardust Lounge]! But it ended up being okay because I didn't have to pay off my car.

JF: I had a few bruises but we still played the show that night.

TS: For me, my bad experiences are because of my curfew...I'm always getting in trouble for breaking curfew.

JF: Having to kick people out of the band. It's not fun when you have

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Feb. 25: Kids Play @ First Baptist Church, 6 p.m., Free Admission
March 30: Battle of the Bands @ Downey High School Gym, 3 p.m., Free Admission
Coming Soon: Lunchtime Performance @ Downey High School

to kick people out. You also fear hurting that person's feelings and losing a friendship.

RM: My worst experience so far is breaking the E-String in a La Habra show. It was the second to last song and I had just tuned up the bass and on the first cord, I broke the string, so I had to figure out how to play the song without it.

DP: What are some challenges you have faced as a band?

JF: Getting shows is really tough. We're trying to get out there and network.

AZ: Having a proper website...for some reason we can't update our website.

CS: Tim's age...some venues won't let us play because he's not 18.

RM: The most challenging thing for me was not really being a bass player. I had to go through the process of learning the instrument and buying all the equipment – a bass, an amp, etc. It involved a lot of risk.

DP: What are some of your successes?

AZ: Coming out with our album. And I know for a fact that will open up a lot of doors and provide opportunities to get some shows.

JF: Being able to have what we have – we have a recording studio and an engineer and that alone gives us an advantage.

DP: Have you had any progress in getting an agent?

AZ: Well, we need an album in order for us to present ourselves to an agent. We want something that is well-produced with good sound quality, which is what we're working on right now.

DP: What makes your band different?

TS: The fact that there's a 10 year difference between the youngest and oldest guy. I'm still in high school, while everyone else is out of high school already.

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JF: Our sound is very unique. There's not a whole lot of people that sound like me when they sing and I don't think there's anybody that plays drums like Andy. Rick can play just about any instrument...he could literally pick up anything and play live.

AZ: Coy has a lot to do with our style. He and Tim have the same mentality and sometimes they come up with weird, obscure ideas.

JF: What they come up with is not linear.

RM: There's detours and off-ramps (Laughs). They bring two different dynamics and approaches - Coy is more about the art of thoughts and expressions through music, while Tim focuses on the science of the music and what sounds good.

DP: What topics do you address in your songs?

JF: Situations we have overcome. For example, work, bands, friends, religious backgrounds, etc. Not anything specific, it's just different.

TS: And we don't cuss.

DP: How far do you want your band to go?

JF: We just want to go as far as the music will take us. If it takes us into *Blink 182* status, then we will be there. If it takes us into *Underoath* status, then we will be there. They are completely different statuses. We don't want to compromise what we're doing...we just want to be able to make the music that we love and share it with others.

For information on Cubis Logic, contact Coy Sarell at (562) 413-7329 or visit www.myspace.com/cubislogic.



Bass player Rick Mora records his part of a song for an upcoming album. He is the newest member of Cubis Logic. Photo by Art Montoya



Jeff Freberg, lead singer of Cubis Logic, sits back and listens to the work that has been recorded by his band mates. Photo by Art Montoya

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DOWNEY - Soroptimist International of Downey has announced plans for its fourth annual Academy Awards gala, scheduled for Feb. 25 at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

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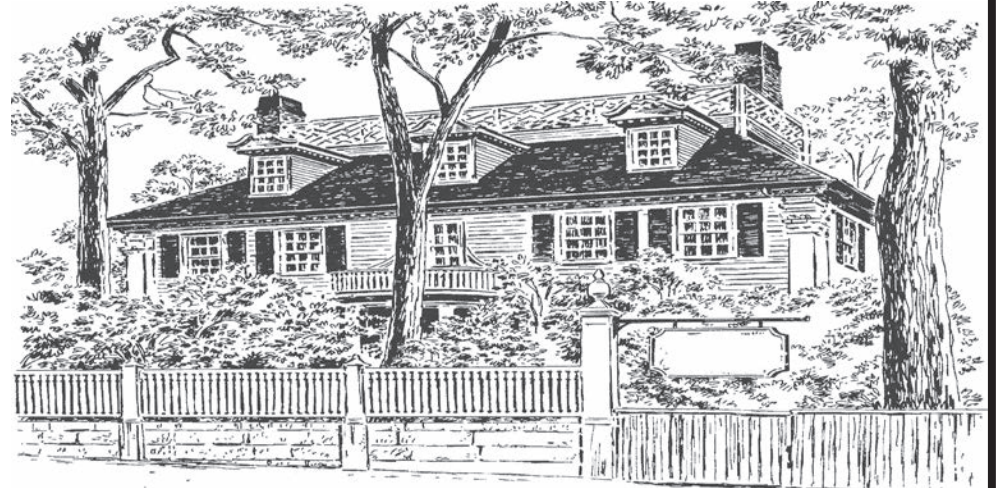
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Price: \$1,299,000

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5 BD (4 up & 1 down) 4.5 BA, Built-in BBQ & bar area, Pool, on a 7,500 sq. ft. lot.
Price to SELL: \$1,599,000
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OPEN HOUSE



Remodeled Like New - 2006!
4 bed, 3 bath, travertine floors, granite countertops in kitchen & baths, huge master suite, over 2900 sq ft living space.
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Tuscan Beauty!
6 bed, 4.5 bath, over 5600 sq ft, 14600 sq ft lot, built in 2002.
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Remodeled N.E. Downey Pool Home!
3 bedrooms + guest house, 3 baths, pool, 2 car detached garage, remodeled kitchen & baths w/ travertine and granite.
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