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## Symphony to feature local artists Feb. 4

By Joyce Sherwin

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Symphony will begin its 48th season on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in the City's Civic Center Theater.

Under the direction of conductor Thomas Osborn, the orchestra will present a program featuring soloists from within the symphony, violinist Carolyn Osborn, cellist Mary Anne Steinberger, oboist Catherine Del Russo and bassoonist Duncan Massey.

Works to be performed include the Orchestral Suite No.3 by J.S. Bach; Le Tombeau de Couperin by Maurice Ravel, Sinfonie Concertante by Franz Joseph Haydn, and the Classical Symphony by Serge Prokofiev.

Music begins at 8 p.m., with a free preview discussion of the music offered by Osborn at 7:15 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets for the concert are priced from \$10 to \$25, and may be purchased to telephone (562) 403-2944, or at the box office the night of the performance. The theater is at 8435 Firestone Blvd., near the corner of Brookshire Ave.. There is ample free parking.

## Report summarizes Southland problems

**LOS ANGELES**—An encouraging economic picture for the Southland was pictured in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) "State of the Region 2005" report issued recently, but an accompanying SCAG report card at the same time gives the region a failing mark for transportation and low grades for air quality, housing, income and other areas.

The report cites worsening traffic congestion, poor air quality, the lack of affordable housing and the loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs as major challenges to the region's well-being. The report serves as an annual "Report Card" for the six-county SCAG region, rating its performance in seven policy categories, including transportation, employment, income, housing, air quality, safety and education. SCAG's leaders urged unprecedented collaboration between all levels of government and the private sector to overcome the declining quality of life indicators identified in the report.

"Southern California is one of the world's most dynamic regions, but the challenges we face are severe," said Riverside Mayor Ron Leveridge, who chairs the SCAG committee that developed the report. "If any of our children came home with grades like these, I imagine they would have a lot of explaining to do."

Southern California again ranked as the nation's most congested metropolitan area, with its grade declining from D- in last year's report to an F. The average Southern Californian wasted about 90 hours sitting in traffic congestion throughout the year, the most time wasted among the nation's largest metropolitan area commuters. The annual delay per person was especially pronounced for Inland Empire residents, representing a 70 percent increase since 1990. A decline in carpool lane usage, increase in the rate of commuters driving alone and continuing increase in highway fatalities also contributed to this year's F grade.

"We all know how bad traffic congestion is today, and it will only get worse unless we make significant investments in our transportation infrastructure," said Los Angeles County Supervisor and SCAG First Vice President Yvonne B. Burke. "Our roads and freeways become more bogged down every year, and our transit systems are nowhere near meeting their full potential."

The air quality grade saw some slight improvement, going from a C- in last year's report to a C this year. For the second year in a row, the region had no violations for exceeding carbon monoxide standards and the number of health advisory days in the South Coast dropped from 36 to four days. Many of the improvements were attributed to a more mild weather pattern.

The continued lack of affordable, available housing kept Southern California's housing grade at a D in this year's report. Last year, there were considerable increases in home prices and rental costs, significantly outpacing income growth. While housing construction exceeded the record from the previous year, it still lags behind demand. Less than one-third of the region's households could afford a median-priced home in Southern California, compared to more than half of the households nationally. Among the nation's nine major metropolitan areas, Southern California has the highest percentage of households spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing. Southern California also scored mixed grades in the other four areas:

\*Employment (B) – Even with positive signs of job growth in recent months, the region still faces fundamental challenges, most particularly the loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs during the last several years. The region created 90,000 jobs in 2004, the first meaningful job growth since 2000. The region's unemployment rate (six percent) exceeded the national average of 5.5 percent.

\*Income (C) – Despite slight improvement since last year's report, Southern California plummeted from the 4th highest income in 1970 among the nation's 17 largest metropolitan regions to 17th in 2003. Nearly 15 percent of the total population and one in five children in the region live in poverty.

\*Education (D) – With the exception of Ventura and Orange Counties, 8th graders throughout the region continue to perform below the national median in reading and math test scores. The region saw slight increases in

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**HONORED BY SCHOOLS**—Linda Ballard was honored by the Board of the Downey Unified School District Tuesday for outstanding service in the field of Classified Personnel.



**RAELENE KAMINSKY HONORED**—Was honored by the DUSD Board of Education Tuesday for outstanding service in the field of Classified Personnel.

## Multi-Tiered Diploma Option and 'Walkers'

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District, like districts all across the state, is attempting to grapple with the problem of what to do about students who fail to pass the State mandated two-part graduation standards test.

The State Legislature decreed the test be put in place, then delayed implementation for two years, while saying it would stand firm on the new standards in 2006. Now 2006 is here and an estimated 300 seniors have not yet passed in Downey.

What do you do with them? They were allowed to "walk" through graduation exercises with their classmates in 2005 and 2004, after promising to make up classes. Most of them never did.

Sara Cairns, Director of Secondary Education for the DUSD, told the Board at Tuesday's meeting that some districts are considering the creation of certificates of achievement or certificates of recognition, stating that the person named had completed class work, (but not the state standards test).

Whether this answers the need for self-esteem, remains in doubt. This solution is called a Multi-Tiered Diploma Option.

There are questions that must be answered in terms of Special Education here as well.

School Board President Donald LaPlante, noted that this is the result when legislators step beyond their realm and try unknown turf such as the field of education. Other members of the Board agreed.

## CareMore on verge of being sold to JPMorgan

**DOWNEY** – CareMore Medical is currently in negotiations with JPMorgan Partners, a private equity affiliate of JPMorgan Chase & Co., for sale of the Downey-based medical group. The sum of the sale has not been finalized.

CareMore President Dr. Sheldon Zinberg told The Downey Patriot that the sale is tentative pending approval of federal regulators. He said reason of the sale is expansion of the medical group and continued growth.

"This transaction begins the next chapter in CareMore's remarkable history of caring for Medicare beneficiaries," said Zinberg. JPMorgan Partners has an estimated \$11 billion in capital.

## \$12 million 'update' approved for Warren

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has awarded more than \$12 million in modernization and expansion work bids at Warren High School.

The action at Tuesday's regular Board meeting clears the way for work by more than 50 contractors. The work bids at Warren were divided into 20 package bids for a total of \$12,153,170, to be paid for with School Bond Funds. Of these 20, only one was rejected: Asphalt Paving and Markings was rejected as over estimate and will be handled internally by the District under an existing contract.

Included among the 20 package bids were demolition, plumbing, electrical, finish carpentry and casework, painting, flooring, and structural steel.

A few bid packages not listed at Tuesday's meeting will be dealt with by the Board at its February meeting.

The bids were authorized by the Board in action at its December 6 meeting.

The work at Warren is the last campus in the DUSD slated for overhaul as part of the \$68 million School Bond package approved three years ago by Downey voters.

The bidding process was overseen by Barnhart Harris Construction Management, Inc., of San Diego.

## Kaminsky, Ballard honored by Board

**DOWNEY**—The Board of the Downey Unified School District honored two classified employees for outstanding service over years with the District at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Linda Ballard was presented by Leslie Jones, Director of Secondary Education, and Raelene Kaminsky was introduced by Sara Cairns, the Director of Secondary Education.

**Linda Ballard**

Leslie Jones introduced Ballard, then read a lengthy speech in which she detailed Ballard's considerable accomplishments. Linda first signed on with the DUSD as a member of the Ward PTA in 1976, and has been a member of a number of PTAs. While with the Downey High PTA she was part of the parent group that founded Grad Night.

In 1980 she was hired as an instructional assistant at Ward Elementary. She also agreed to work in the English Learner's Office at the District Office. In the last 17 years, she has seen the number of students served by the District Office swell from 500 to more than 5,000.

The demands of supporting such a growing program are immense and have changed over the years. Linda assists in monitoring student progress. There are new and different state requirements. When a student or an administrator calls the office needing information on EL, Linda takes the initiative to not only answer questions, but assists with materials in hand.

She is also the office's resident expert on all matters of travel, dining, best new movies and theater. Linda Ballard's service to Downey Unified is as an employee and parent/grandparent school volunteer. Her helpful attitude and positive outlook are hard to match.

**Raelene Kaminsky**

Sara Cairns, Director of Secondary Education for the DUSD, introduced Raelene Kaminsky, the second honoree Tuesday.

Raelene has served the District for 20 years, demonstrating initiative and efficiency and continually taking on new tasks and increased responsibility. She is dedicated to the pursuit of producing student data that is errorless. As student enrollment increased to the present figure of 22,000 there were many challenges. But she has prevailed by going far beyond the role of data entry. She is vital to the day-to-day access to student information on grading, testing, transcript history, and much more.

She has been a pioneer when computers and technology were implemented in the district in 1986. There were 6,000 secondary students in the DUSD that year. In 2006 almost all 22,000 students are in the system with 250 users (not counting teachers).

She says, "I can help you do this task more efficiently" and then does so. All who work with computers and technology in the district usually

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## Chamber to mark 103rd with luncheon Jan. 27

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will hold its 103rd Anniversary Luncheon Friday, Jan. 27 at Sambi of Tokyo, 8649 Firestone Blvd. The celebration is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and starts at 11:45 a.m.

Long-time Chamber members are scheduled to speak at the luncheon, which will see certificates awarded to five, 10, 15, and 20-year members, and plaques given to those who have been members for 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, and 65 years.

Another anniversary luncheon feature will be the recognition of past presidents and new members.

Charge per person is \$25, paid reservations a must. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 24. Checks are payable to: Downey Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241. For information, call 923-2191.



# Mayor puts his eye towards the future

**DOWNEY** – Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins gave a presentation titled “Your Future Unlimited” when he spoke at a recent Citizens for Downey meeting at Rio Hondo Country Club.

The mayor’s presentation covered four topics:

**Yard consolidation** – Maintenance yards are now located in four areas. Consolidation to one location would help in ordering supplies, coordination and work scheduling, and the upgrade of aging facilities.

**Water** – Downey’s water supply now comes directly from the ground with no treatment. The City needs to plan for the day when purification is necessary.

**Records** – Perkins asked these questions regarding city records: “Where are they?” and “What if a disaster occurs – are they safe?” He also recommended the consolidation of records.

**Mayor’s Eagle Award** – This award is given by Perkins, at his own expense, to recognize city employees who are working and continuing their education.

### Monthly meetings

Citizens for Downey meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7 a.m. The public is invited to attend.



**CITIZENS FOR DOWNEY** – Pictured are Jessica Flores, Mayor Meredith Perkins, CFD President Mike Prokop and Program Chair Terry Lambros. Perkins was the group’s latest guest speaker.

## Report

the percentage of adults with a high school diploma (77 percent).

**\*Safety (B)** – This grade represents one of the report’s few bright spots. Violent crime rates across the region declined by about 10 percent, and the number of hate crimes decreased by 8 percent.

“The challenges raised by the State of the Region are interrelated,” said Port Hueneme City Councilwoman and SCAG President Toni Young. “Lower income residents tend to have fewer educational opportunities that will allow them to obtain better-paying jobs. Without higher wages, they cannot afford a home. To afford a home, they have to move farther away from their job, which means they’re spending more time on the roads and adding to our congestion and air quality problems.”

“With continually poor grades, society is failing to give our children the support they need to succeed in the increasingly diverse and competitive marketplace,” said Huntington Beach City Councilwoman Debbie Cook. “We are all accountable for the failings of our educational system, and it’s going to require more engagement from parents, teachers, administrators and the community at large to turn this around.”

SCAG Executive Director Mark Pisano discussed several important efforts that will address the report’s stark findings. First, he cited ongoing discussions between the governor and legislative leaders to put forth an unprecedented state infrastructure bond measure later this year. He also talked about the implementation of SCAG’s Compass Growth Visioning “2 Percent Strategy” by local governments as a means to better coordinate land use and transportation planning and accommodate future growth in the region. Finally, Pisano discussed Southern California’s opportunity to become a truly “global gateway” region through key transportation infrastructure investments and economic development initiatives.

“It’s going to take vision, innovation and a new level of governmental cooperation, but I hope that today’s State of the Region Report will give our leaders at all levels of government the ammunition they need to get this process going in earnest,” said Pisano.

# Symphony Guild plans gala fundraiser

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Symphony Guild wishes to invite everyone to its “rootin’ tootin’ Western Night yee-haw” annual gala fundraiser Friday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Woman’s Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

Funds raised will benefit the “Music in the Schools” program and the Downey Symphony.

In addition to a buffet dinner, the informal program will include square dancing, Texas Hold ‘Em poker tables, a no-host bar, as well as silent and live auctions. Everyone is urged to wear their “most comfortable jeans and shoes/boots” to the affair.

RSVP (861-8507 or 869-2120) on or before Saturday, Feb. 10.

## Study session at Temple Ner Tamid

**DOWNEY**—Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow will hold a Study Session prior to services at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, Friday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Everyone is to bring their own brown bag Shabbat dinner. There is no charge for the session; the community is welcome.

Study Sessions are held every month on a variety of subjects, followed at 7:30 p.m. by Shabbat Services conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow, assisted by Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill and Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

An Oneg is held after services, with the Temple’s Sisterhood serving refreshments.

For information regarding services/membership, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

## Rise ‘N Shine Marketers meet Jan. 24

**DOWNEY**—Carl C. Roba of CCR Consulting (aka Anti-Christ of Wall Street), is the scheduled speaker at the 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 meeting at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., of the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group. His topic: “Investors Helped to Get Back Illegally Taken Money.”

To RSVP, call 923-2191.

## Southland Credit Union grand re-opening

**DOWNEY**—Southland Credit Union’s Downey Branch, located at 8545 Florence Ave. just west of Lakewood Blvd., will celebrate its Grand Re-Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Thursday, Jan. 26 at 12 noon, again with an assist from the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

The branch will also have an Open House Celebration featuring giveaways and food Saturday, Jan. 28 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Drawing and painting for children Feb. 3

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey Community Services Department offers drawing and painting classes for youngsters ages 7-14 starting Friday, Feb. 3 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

“Drawing for Kids,” which will be offered from 4-5 p.m., will focus on developing technical skills, imagination and composition. “Painting for Kids,” an introductory class offered from 5-6 p.m., will focus on using acrylic and egg tempera, its projects to include still life, portraits and landscaping.

Fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. To register/for information, call 904-7238.

## Free-throw contest for children

**DOWNEY** – Boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to a basketball free-throw contest Jan. 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School gym. Knights of Columbus Chapter 3697 is sponsoring the event.

To sign up or more information, call Pat Rooney at 923-1932.

## ‘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 at 861-5222.

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by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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**PAKASTANI QUILTS**—Like the one modeled above by Harriette Paine and Leslie Clevenger (right) will be on display at the Jan. 23 OASIS meeting at Downey Adult School.

**OASIS program Jan. 23 visits Pakistan**

**DOWNEY**—Retired DUSD Spanish teacher and world traveler Leslie Clevenger, Downey Adult School's favorite travel/slide lecturer, will be exhibiting pictures and memories of various places, sites and customs of Pakistan at the OASIS program at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23.

The OASIS class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m. featuring Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment; you may purchase a dinner ticket at this time for \$3.50. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. After the program, a full-course dinner is served at 5 p.m.

Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend this class held at Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey. For information, call 940-6200.

**Art instructor is guest demonstrator**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount hold their first meeting of the new year Sunday, Jan. 22 at Progress Park Plaza, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount at 2 p.m.

Demonstrator is Peggy Simmons, who previously taught art for the city of Whittier and currently teaches art in her studio and on location, as well as at UC-Fullerton. She once delighted a Paris audience which included the Dijon mayor when instead of accepting the Key to the City, she requested a mustard knife instead, using it like a pallet knife to paint a cityscape in various yellows and browns of Dijon mustard.

The meeting is free to the public. For information, call Ryo Teraski, (562) 803-5857.

**Lodge No. 220 installs officers Jan. 22**

**DOWNEY**—The 136th open installation of officers of Downey Masonic Lodge No. 220 will be held Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St.

To be installed are elective officers Rory Richardson, worshipful master; Michael Yolton, senior warden; Norman Dent, junior warden; Charles Hutchinson, P.M., treasurer; Robert Vleerick, P.M., secretary; and Glenn Blackwood, P.M., assistant secretary.

Appointed officers include: Howard Phillips, chaplain; Russell Baker, senior deacon; Herbert Cook, junior deacon; Matthew Cahoon, marshal; Sergio Martinez, senior steward; Carlos Castro, junior steward; and Fernando Vega, tiler.

**Temple Sisterhood to meet Jan. 25**

**DOWNEY**—The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, is holding its regular monthly Board and General meeting Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. After the business meeting, a luncheon will be served. Donation is \$6 and the community is welcome.

For information about meetings or membership, call 861-9276.

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**5th-6th graders donate \$1K to pet charity**

**DOWNEY**—The 5th and 6th grade classes of Old River School, numbering 800 students, made a check presentation of \$1,067 on Jan. 13 to PetSmart Charities, 12126 Lakewood Blvd. (Downey Landing Center), to benefit the organization's emergency relief fund for homeless and injured animals.

The donation, raised by the students by collecting loose change and getting family and community members involved, was inspired by a circumstance arising from Hurricane Katrina: two students who had lost everything, including the family pet, after their home was destroyed in Louisiana, began attending Old River School, temporarily residing with relatives in Downey.

School leadership gave the students an opportunity to choose which organization they wanted to support. After collectively researching several notable companies that had hurricane fund information on their websites, the students overwhelmingly supported PetSmart Charities for their mission to save the lives of homeless pets.

Receiving the check from Old River School 5th and 6th grade student council representatives were Downey PetSmart store manager Luis Gutierrez and PetSmart district manager Rolene Hamamoto. Principal of Old River School is Terri Medina.

**'Introduction to Judaism' classes**

**DOWNEY**—"Introduction to Judaism" classes will continue to be conducted at 7 Tuesday evenings at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform Temple, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. The classes are led by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill.

The 18-week course will touch upon many of the main tenets and core practices that are central to Judaism. While the stress is on Reform Jewish practice, it will be an introduction to learning about Judaism, whether for the Jewish individual wanting to know more about their rich heritage, or for the person seeking a place to call a spiritual home, or for the non-Jew who simply wants to know more about the faith that has created much of the core pillars of Western religious and ethical thought.

In these times, when many seek comfort and community, Temple Ner Tamid says it offers the sessions, which should be "interesting and stimulating," as an opportunity to study Jewish Spirituality.

For information about fees/to reserve a space in the class, call the Temple office at 861-9276.

**Federal employees group plans meeting**

**DOWNEY**—The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 25 at noon in the west building of Furman Park in Downey.

The installation of officers by District 2 Vice President George Bardwil and Annual Report of the Chapter by Una Lord will be key agenda items. Attendees should take a sack lunch.

For more information, call Chapter President Bob Knerr at 943-5513.



**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**—Members of Pro Networkers of Downey meet every Friday morning at Mimi's Café at 7:30 a.m. to exchange business leads and network with other local business leaders. Pictured (from left) are Soraya Badianat of Bank of America, Julie Smith of Nikken Wellness and Pat Schilling of Schilling Enterprises (Watkins Products). For information on the group call Joe Becker, membership chairman, at 869-1414.

**Toastmasters 587 meet Tuesdays**

**DOWNEY**—Toastmasters International, Club 587, meets every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in room 115 at Downey First Baptist Church, 8348 E. Third St.

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## Honored

commend Raelene.

Far more complex than simple student data entry, her tasks include compiling information for complex state reports. She serves on key committees, such as the elementary standards-based report card committee, to ensure a smooth transition to the student data system. In addition, standardized testing reports are vital for schools to complete data analysis and to set instructional goals. Raelene and her department generate these valuable reports.

Her workday is filled with endless deadlines, data submissions and reports.

In her free time Raelene enjoys gardening.

In other action the School Board Tuesday:

\*Heard a report by Sara Cairns, Director of Secondary Education for the District, on the proposed Multi-Tiered Diploma Option.

\*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector to the District, including a cash donation of \$8,000 to be used for student field trips by Carpenter Elementary students from the Carpenter PTA; an air conditioner valued at \$500 for the staff lounge at Warren High School, from Ann Courtney; a cash donation of \$2,500 to help support the TLC Center, from the Downey Association of Realtors; and many smaller but no less appreciated gifts.

\*Approved attendance and authorized the payment of fees and expenses for attendance at conventions and conferences.

\*Ratified a General Agreement with Gallagher Pediatric Therapy for the 2005-06 fiscal year good through June 30, 2006.

\*Ratified a General Agreement with Zinsmeyer Academy for the 2005-05 fiscal year through June 30, 2006.

\*Ratified payments for several Special Educational Placements.

\*Ratified Due Process/Fair Hearing Order for an Office of Administrative Hearing Case with a settlement sum of \$1,200.

\*Ratified purchase orders prepared 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 month of October.

\*Ratified the agreement between the Downey Adult School Career and Educational Center and Whittier Hospital to provide clinical experience to LVN students.

\*Ratified a Teacher Education Field Work and Student Teaching agreement with Chapman University running through Oct. 31, 2008.

\*Ratified a contract with UCLA for District employees on Loan Reimbursement effective through July 31, 2006.

\*Approved participation by DUSD teachers in the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Bilingual Teacher Training Program.

\*Approved the designation of middle school grades 6, 7 and 8 as elementary for NCLB compliance, effective Sept. 1, 2006.

\*Accepted the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary.

\*Authorized the advertising for bids for pipe/plumbing supplies in the estimated annual amount of \$600,000, with no guarantee that sum will be met or exceeded, to be charged to the General, Maintenance and or Bond Funds.

\*Authorized the advertising for bids for paint products for various Maintenance Department projects, in the estimated sum of \$75,000, to be charged to Deferred Maintenance, Bond Funds, and/or the Regular Maintenance Fund.

\*Authorized the advertising for bids on maintenance equipment rental on an as needed basis. To be charged to the General Fund, Maintenance Fund, and/or Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 8 for the Downey and Warren High School Stadiums, for Plumbing and Site Utilities with Plumbing, Piping & Construction Inc., of Cypress, in the increased sum of \$25,155, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 20 for the electrical work on the two new High School Stadiums, by Mel Smith Electric of Stanton, in the increased sum of \$200,000 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 12 for exterior finish and asphalt paving work on the new high school stadiums by Terra Pave of Whittier, in the increased sum of \$25,155, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 6, for exterior finish and landscape and irrigation work by America West Landscape, Inc., of Downey, in the increased sum of \$21,619, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 7 for interior and exterior finishing and waterproofing work by Kitson Specialty Contracting of Santa Fe Springs, in the increased sum of \$19,462, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 5, for expansion and modernization work at Unsworth Elementary School by HPS Mechanical Inc. of Bakersfield, in the increased sum of \$30,000, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 8, interior and exterior finish and painting work at the two new high school stadiums by Robert J. Patterson Painting of San Juan Capistrano, in the increased sum of \$11,377, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 9, for interior and exterior finishes specialties work by Pugliese Interior Systems, of Rancho Santa Margarita, in the increased sum of \$3,824, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 5, for expansion at Unsworth Elementary, work by HPS Mechanical of Bakersfield, in the increased sum of \$30,000, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Approved change order 6, electrical work at Unsworth School by Dennison Electric, Inc. of Los Alamitos, in the increased sum of \$5,894, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence Co. of Bell Gardens, for the sum of \$14,898, to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

\*Accepted as complete Backhoe projects by Terra Pave of Whittier for the sum of \$6,755, to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete improvement and repair concrete work by 3D Concrete of Downey for the sum of \$18,554, to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete new stadiums at Downey and Warren High Schools, work by R&G Builders Inc., of Irvine in the final sum of \$10,027,911, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

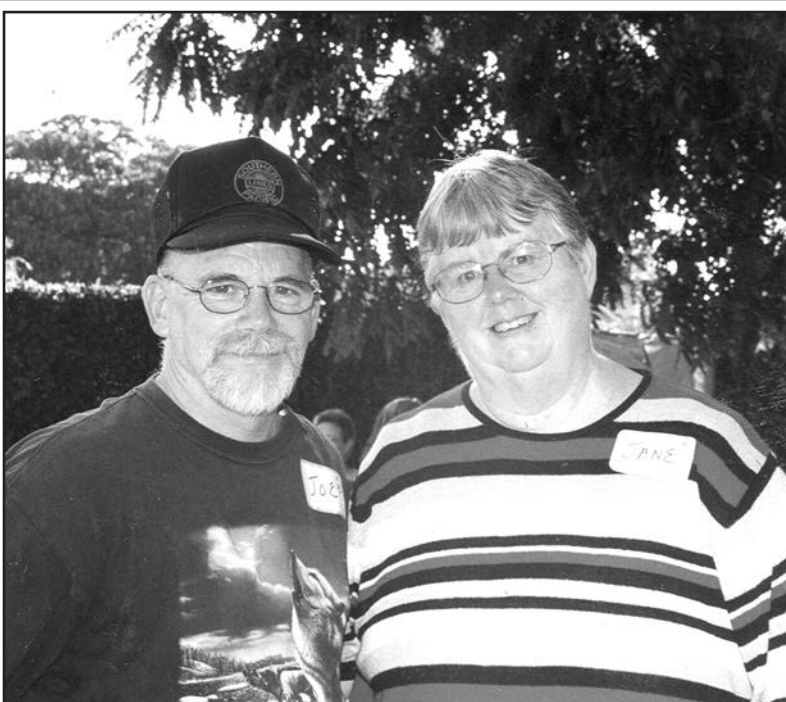
\*Accepted as complete fire protection and packaging work on the new high school stadiums by DAART Engineering of San Bernardino in the final sum of \$166,846 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete plumbing and site utility work on the new high school stadiums by Plumbing, Piping and Construction Inc of Cypress, in the final sum of \$1,495,158, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete work at the new high school stadiums on the mechanical controls packages in the final sum of \$572,448 to Couts Heating and Cooling of Corona, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete work on permanent grandstands at the two high schools by Southern Bleacher Co., of Graham, Texas, in the final sum of \$604,990 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete landscape and irrigation work at the two high



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school stadiums by American West Landscape of Downey for the final sum of \$463,435 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete carpentry work at the two high school by R.E. Whitehead of Riverside, in the final sum of \$114,137 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete ceramic work at the two high school stadiums by J. Colavin & son, inc. of Los Angeles, for the final sum of \$213,870 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete flooring and carpeting work at the two high school stadiums by Spectra Contact Flooring of San Diego, in the final sum of \$77,337, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete painting work on the two new high school stadiums by Robert J. Patterson Painting of San Juan Capistrano in the final sum of \$197,973 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete specialties work by Pugliese Interior systems of Rancho Santa Margarita in the final sum of \$256,408 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete new stadium hydraulic elevators installed by ThyssenKrupp Elevator of Bellevue, Washington in the final sum of \$114,101 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete bid packages in the expansion and modernization work at Lewis Elementary including: Demolition by Good Life/dba U.S. Construction of Santa Ana, \$254,782; Finish Carpentry by Westmark Products of Tacoma, Washington, \$186,581; Hydraulic elevators, by ThyssenKrupp Elevator of Bellevue, Washington, \$55,545; Electrical by Master K Electric of Northridge, \$917,416; all to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete work by HPS Mechanical of Bakersfield in the final sum of \$376,702, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete work at Unsworth Elementary by Liberty Climate Control of South El Monte in the final sum of \$120,833 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete electrical work at Unsworth Elementary by Dinneson Electric of Los Alamitos in the sum of \$604,804, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Anaheim, in the sum of \$125,393, to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

\*Accepted as complete roof repairs and asbestos abatement by FC & Sons of Bell Gardens for the sum of \$85,000 to be charged to the Maintenance Funds.

\*Accepted as complete asbestos abatement of classroom buildings at Downey and Warren High Schools by ENCORRE Services of Glendale for the final sum of \$90,375, to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Ratified the award of a bid for demolition work to make way for new buildings at Downey High School, in the sum of \$73,400, to be charged to the Bond Funds, by U.S. Demolition of Anaheim.

Accepted the above bid as completed for the stipulated sum.

\*Accepted and awarded the following bid packages for new classroom and modernization at Warren High School: Demolition, Earthwork and Grading, by Hanan Construction of Duarte, \$436,000; Concrete Rebar, Site Work, Devries Construction of Laguna Niguel, \$955,254; Structural Steel and Metals, Industrial Steel of Riverside, \$591,924; Rough Carpentry, C&H Construction of Santa Ana, \$1,649,000; Finish Carpentry and Casework, Lozano Caseworks of Colton, \$634, 615; Roofing, Sheet Metal and Accessories, FC & Sons Roofing of Bell Gardens, \$263,267; Doors, Frames and Hardware, T.R. Mulligan of Carlsbad, \$456,000; Glass and Glazing, Moonlight Glass of San Marcos, \$252,195; Lath and Plaster, Drywall & Insulation, Standard Drywall of Corona, \$1,443,000; Paint and Wallcoverings, Borbon Inc. of Buena Park, \$335,000; Acoustical Ceilings, Inland Acoustics of San Bernardino, \$203,300; Ceramic Tile, Continental Marble & Tile of Corona, \$61,814; Specialties, ISEC Inc. of Los Alamitos, \$440,501; Flooring, Hoover Co., Fontana, \$130,000; Hydraulic elevators, Inland Acoustics of San Bernardino, \$211,400; Plumbing and Sprinklers, All Area Plumbing of Los Angeles, \$1,104,900; HVAC, Air Tech, L.A., \$706,000; Electrical, Master K Electric of Northridge, \$2,280,000. With all to be charged to the Bond Funds.

\*Rejected a bid from Hanan Construction of Duarte, for Asphalt paving and markings for being over budget with work to be performed on an existing District contract.

\*Approved the renewal of a bid for backhoe work on an as needed basis through Dec. 31, 2006 in the estimated sum of \$150,000 with Terra Pave of Whittier with no guarantee the sum will be met or exceeded, to be charged to the General, Bond, and/or Deferred Maintenance Funds.

\*Approved the second year renewal bid for electrical contract labor with Spike Electric of Whittier, to be charged to the General, Maintenance, and/or Bond Funds.

\*Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 adult education fund restricted budget to reflect increases in certain specified balances.

\*Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund restricted budget to reflect the increase in fund balances as specified.

\*Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund unrestricted budget to reflect the increase in fund balances as specified.

\*Acknowledged receipt of a claim dated Dec. 1, 2005 submitted by the law firm of Hosp, Gilbert, Bergsten & Phillips on behalf of Calmet Services, and denied the claim in compliance with the Government Code.

\*Ratified the abolishment of several instructional assistant positions, and created several new positions of various classification.

\*Reviewed proposed revisions to AR 4141, Certificated Personnel Salary Schedule.

\*Reviewed proposed revisions to AR 5260, Senior Management

## The poets' corner

### Let it Rain

Oh, the weather outside is frightful  
Too much sun is not delightful  
In the winter-time of the year  
So let it rain—let it rain—I don't care!

Let the rain-filled clouds roll in  
To refresh lawns and gardens again,  
And clear the brown smog from the sky  
To reveal snow-topped peaks jutting high!

—Martha Morrissey,  
Downey

## Seniors have chance at \$1K scholarships

**DOWNEY**—The Assistance League of Downey, a nonprofit organization of volunteers who raise funds to provide and administer vital, quality services for people in need in the Downey area, is offering three \$1,000 scholarships this year to graduating seniors from Downey High Schools who excel as volunteers.

To qualify, students must have a 3.0 GPA and good marks in such areas as attendance and citizenship.

Applications, available at each high school's guidance office, should be mailed to the Assistance League of Downey, Scholarship Award Committee, 11026 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241, and postmarked before March 31, 2006. Awards will be announced at the annual awards assembly scheduled at their high school at the end of the school year.

## Nursing program to take sign-ups soon

**DOWNEY**—For the past four classes Downey Adult School's CNA program has graduated students who have all passed the state exam to become certified and able to work as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Students can enroll in February. The program runs for 16 weeks and includes both theory and clinical instruction. Interested students should contact the Downey Adult School Nursing & Allied Health Department at (562) 940-6233.

## 3rd annual Academy Awards gala scheduled

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

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

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

## CC launches campus ‘wi-fi’ access

**NORWALK**—As one of the first community colleges to debut wireless internet access on campus, Cerritos College's wireless network—AT&T Wi-Fi (SBC FreedomLink sm is now AT&T Wi-Fi)—became live during the holiday break and is now available to staff, faculty, students and campus visitors who subscribe to the service. Subscribers can use their laptops, cell phones or wireless PDAs to access the new system.

### Wireless Internet

Known as “wi-fi” (short for wireless fidelity), the system enables a person with a wireless-enabled computer to connect to the Internet when in proximity of an access point or “hotspot.” Seven such access points will be available across campus, including access points in the Cerritos College Student Center, Falcon Square, the “breezeway “ of the Social Science Building (near the Elbow Room) and within the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center.

“We're very excited to provide students with the most up-to-date technology,” said Paulo Amaral, president of the Associated Students of Cerritos College. “With so many cell phones, PDAs and laptops around campus, wi-fi will be a great tool for student learning and definitely very popular.”

Students who wish to use the AT&T Wi-Fi network can subscribe to a basic version of the service for \$19.95 per month with a one-year term commitment. This membership provides unlimited access to more than 10,000 AT&T Wi-Fi hot spots nationwide, including select McDonald's restaurants, Barnes & Noble bookstores, Caribou Coffee shops and The UPS Store and Mail Boxes Etc. locations. Those who already subscribe to high-speed Internet services from AT&T companies can bundle the Wi-Fi service for only \$1.99 per month.

AT&T Wi-Fi hot spots will work with most wi-fi enabled devices, such as laptop computers, wi-fi enabled cell phones, and personal digital assistants (PDAs). Most new laptop computers and PDAs include wi-fi technology to allow wireless high-speed Internet access. Most new laptop computers and PDAs include wi-fi technology to allow wireless high-speed Internet access.

Positions.

\*Reviewed the proposed 2006-07 Course of Study for the middle and high schools.

\*Reviewed proposed adoption of BP and AR 3165, Steroids.

\*Reviewed proposed revisions to AR 3162, Title I Parent Involvement.

\*Held a public hearing seeking response to the waiver request from the Downey Adult School to increase the Distance Learning Program ada Cap from 5 to 7 percent, then approved the increase.

\*Approved contract and tariff proposals, and affirmed that a budget allocation will be made to support technology and hardware requests initially submitted in 2005.

The next public meeting of the School Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 21 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Issues touch raw nerve

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing letters regarding a lot of the issues that our community is faced with today and throughout history, issues of illegal immigration and sexual orientation.

First and foremost, I commend the two high school students who have made us aware of the absurd restriction on what is deemed to be appropriate attire at a high school formal. A tuxedo worn by a female, or to a dance, should not be perceived as a threat to anyone or any institution. The activities director, Mr. Weisenburger, clearly has no grounds for his decision. If so, what are they? I would not like to see my tax dollars used to fund a public institution which restricts an individual's freedom by any means, especially without a just cause. Come Jan. 27th, I do hope that Ms. Vidrio wears the tuxedo. Hope we get informed.

In response to Mr. Myers on the illegal immigration issue, the Latino non-immigrant and immigrant communities understand that "legal" immigration is in their best interest as do others: the Polish, Irish, German, Middle-Eastern, Chinese, Italian, Greek, etc. The question really is why do so many come illegally? The answer is they're all coming for the same reason that our ancestors had—to flee persecution, poverty and for better opportunities.

The next question is what effective measures (legislatively, economically, nationally and internationally) can we implement to keep this from happening without violating human rights? My first recommendation would be to hold our elected officials accountable. Clearly, casting a vote during elections is not enough. Accountability starts after the elections, it starts the day congressional hearings are held and it is during this time that we must stay involved albeit through e-mails, letters or petitions. Starting a "witch-hunt," as El Bee suggested, is reminiscent of the earlier centuries and would not be the best approach. I frankly do not have the time to ask every cable installer, t.v. repairman, Sparkletts man, or pizza delivery boy, for their Social Security card and identification. Then again, I do not find immigrants a threat, unless they're linked to terrorist groups. J. Hawkins' assertion that "Latino immigrants are not fair because they overwhelm our country" is another fallacy, not proven. Statistics have proven that whites and blacks especially in the rural areas of the country comprise a greater percentage of welfare recipients than Asians or Hispanics. Do the research. Does this make the poor any less American?

So then, who is really benefiting from our tax dollars? I don't know, you be the judge of that—is it the grapepicker, janitor, or the House and Senate which before their last winter break approved yet again another pay increase to their already six-figure income? But yet we blame this economic disparity on the grapepicker or the refugee. Should all Mexican-Americans who hold land claims to California dating back to the 18th century, call all "Anglos" unfair? The answer to this question is, absolutely not.

A brief historical perspective: In the 1840s there were congressional reports full of abuse being directed toward the English, Scotch, Welsh and Jewish immigrants who were seen as paupers, criminals, and so forth. Great waves of Irish and German immigrants who came over from their native lands to flee civil, racial, and religious persecution encountered racist propaganda directed towards them. They were seen as racial lepers. And it is eminently fitting that so many with foreign names who are themselves immigrants or descendants of immigrants seek to aim a blow at immigrants from other countries they deem inferior. Usually words like "criminal," "menace to our institutions," etc. are terms one can associate with bigotry, bigotry which has existed since colonial times.

Point is, these are not colonial times. We are in the 21st century and I hope that our understanding of the world and its peoples has evolved. My faith preaches peace, love, fellowship, not bigotry and hate. Mrs. Myers, J. Montero and J. Hawkins, and Mrs. El Bee, the only true American who has more of a reason to be upset about what has happened to their country are the Native Americans. What words of advice do you have for them regarding illegal immigration? We all fall under hyphenized categories—Irish-American, Mexican-American, Italian-American, German-American, etc.

And I don't recall ever reading about "apple strudel" being included in the Native American diet.

—M. Ontiveros,  
Downey

### Sexual discrimination stance 'absurd'

Dear Editor:

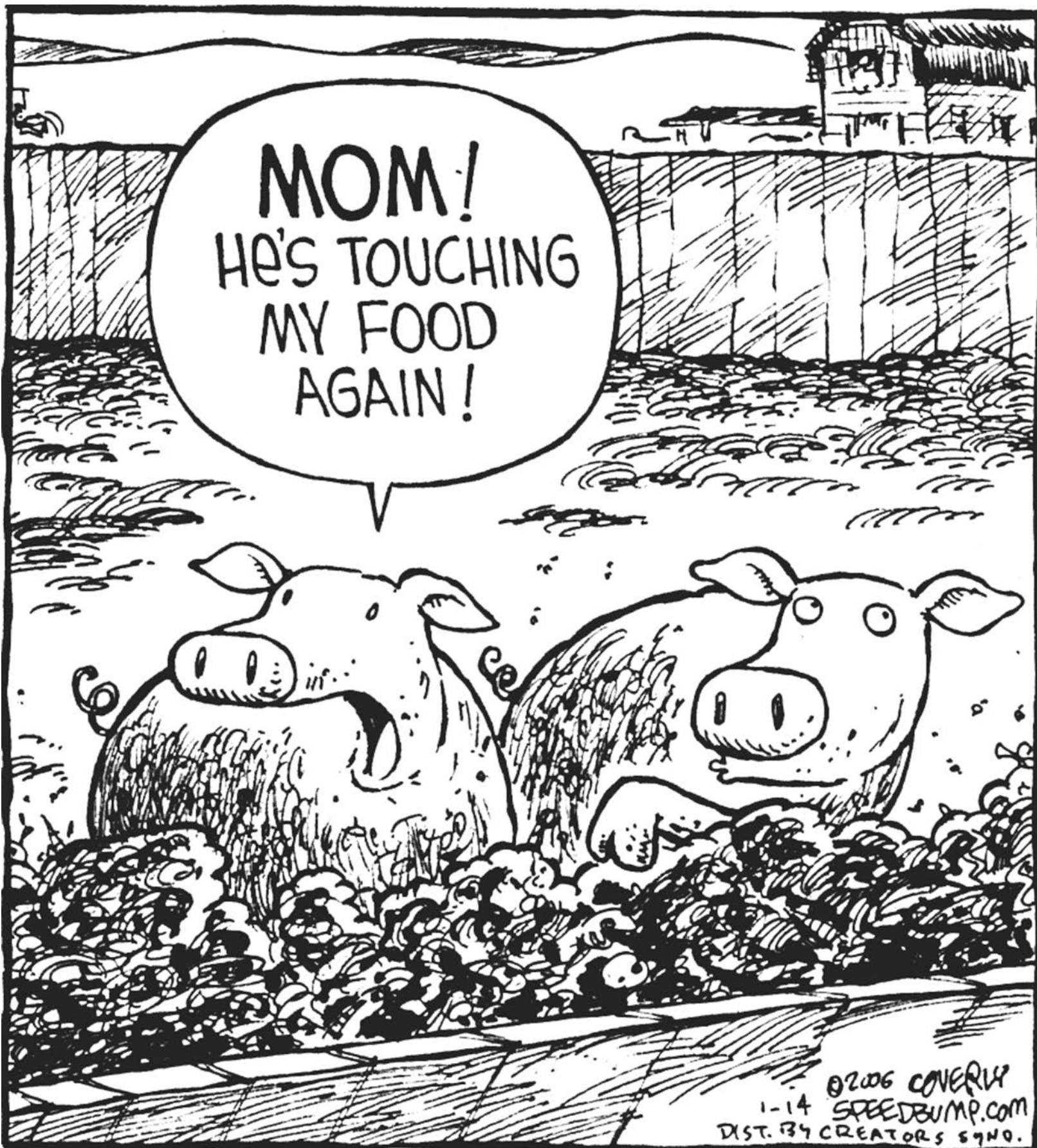
The Jan. 13th edition of The Downey Patriot published two letters from Downey High School students that attempted to link a school dress code with sexual discrimination. Both letters accused the school's Activities Director, Mr. Gordon Weisenburger, of discrimination. This is absurd.

California courts have said that schools may enact a dress code. Tuxedos for boys, dresses for girls at the winter formal. This has nothing to do with sexual orientation. Does Ms. Vidrio believe that all establishments that require men to wear a coat and tie are guilty of sexual discrimination?

The reference to wrestling is also obscure. Mr. Weisenburger is not the wrestling coach. Has not been for two seasons. Wrestling has been a sport since ancient Greece and is in the modern Olympics. Women wrestle. What does any of it have to do with sexual discrimination?

These letters were unjustified attacks on the character of a decent man who has devoted many years to the well-being of all students. Downey High School is lucky to have Gordon Weisenburger.

—Ed Schulhof,  
Downey



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Options in formal attire

Dear Editor:

To Ms. Vidrio who insists on wearing a tuxedo to the winter formal because it is formal attire, I say this...if you do not feel comfortable wearing a dress, start looking around for formal evening attire that comes in the pant suit line. I applaud you for standing up for your sexual orientation, but exploiting it in a tuxedo is not necessary. To say that girls must wear dresses is a little out in left field. Mr. Weisenburger needs to take a look at the many gala events that are formal and note that all women are not in dresses. Perhaps, he is not discriminating against you, but he is trying to uphold a tradition of what formal events should be.

In past years, formal meant just that—girls would wear gowns and the guys would wear tuxedos. We all know times are changing and perhaps it is time for Mr. Weisenburger to take a step into the now. It is also not going to earn you any points, Gaby, by mocking his wrestling team, which is truly a sport. One of the reasons they are in tights is for protection and to limit injury. With all of the many moves, someone could get seriously hurt if they wore loose fitting attire.

Also, one quick note on the many letters sent in regarding immigration. We so want to find ways to prevent the continued mistreatment of immigration laws and prevent it from continuing, but who is to blame? I wonder how many Californians have suspected something about things they have seen in their cities, but have never done anything about it. Who or what are we afraid of? Wake up, people.

—Kathy Bach,  
South Gate

### 'Historic landmark' vs. eyesores

Dear Editor:

It seems rather incongruent that Downey now allows blight from excessive signs, as mentioned recently in The Patriot, because just a few short years ago the city managed to forcibly remove a very small tasteful sign whose only "crime" was that it was on a short pole atop a one-story building in a commercial area along a state highway.

Compared to the monstrous eyesore pole sign adjacent to the Jack-in-the-Box at Florence and Lakewood, this was a petty item. The owner of Arthur's restaurant fought valiantly but futilely for something which the community would surely have voted to keep as a historic landmark.

Apparently anything goes — just as long as it's not on a pole on top of a building.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,  
Downey

### Wrong information

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you for the 'mis-information' regarding trash pick-up for the Jan. 16 holiday. At least the the Press-Telegram got it right. But because so many of us believe what you print regarding these schedules, a very large group of people missed trash pick-up. I am sure the trash company is going to just love you when they start getting calls.

Has whoever wrote up the printed schedule ever heard of verifying information first?

—Doris Hannon,  
Downey

**EDITOR'S NOTE: The Downey Patriot incorrectly reported that there would be no trash pick-up on Martin Luther King Day. The rest of the schedule was correct. We apologize for the error.**

## Knabe responds to state budget proposal

**LOS ANGELES**—Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe on Jan. 10 released the following statement on the impact of Gov. Schwarzenegger's budget proposal for Los Angeles County:

"With today's proposal by Gov. Schwarzenegger, the residents of Los Angeles County can support a budget that requires no increase in taxes and also pays down the State's structural deficit, all the while protecting the money and services available to our County."

"This budget does rely upon the economic growth and recovery of the last few years in order to pay for many proposed program expansions. While the chance is always there that the growing economy and subsequent increased revenue might slow down at some point, unless we invest in our economic future then our efforts today are a waste."

"That is exactly what this budget proposal does for Los Angeles County. It ensures that we are investing in the social services, infrastructure and educational needs of your young people that will continue to give our County and our State the competitive edge in the global economy."

"The voters of Los Angeles County and the entire State made it clear that they wanted local dollars to stay local when they passed Proposition 1A with over 80 percent approval. This budget proposal honors the promise of Prop. 1A, ensuring that tax dollars in Los Angeles County will not be raided by legislators in Sacramento in order to balance the State's bottom line."

"Gov. Schwarzenegger also honors the spirit of Proposition 42 with this proposal. For the second year in a row, his budget does not rely upon a legal loophole built into Prop. 42 that could allow the state to use transportation funding to pay for other services. The Governor has ensured the transportation dollars in Prop. 42 will only be used for local transportation projects."

"Finally, this proposal will also help the residents of Los Angeles County who often need help the most, uninsured children. On any given day, between 800,000 and 900,000 children in our County have no health-care insurance. Among the Governor's proposals is a \$72.2 million plan to enroll many of these children in the State's medical insurance plans. This is a vital step in ensuring that many of our uninsured children are connected with these services."

"I am pleased by the outcomes of this State budget proposal and the positive impact it will have for the continuing prosperity of Los Angeles County."

## Tax seminar aimed at property owners

**LOS ANGELES**—The County of Los Angeles is sponsoring a series of free seminars to assist property owners who feel their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in the value of their property.

Seminars have been scheduled at the following locations: Lancaster Public Library Jan. 25, Glendale Public Library Jan. 27, Culver City Public Library Feb. 13, Van Nuys Bernardi Senior Center March 15, with the location nearest Downey at the El Monte Jack Crippen Senior Center, 3120 N. Tyler Ave. in El Monte, Thursday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m.

With the improvement in the real estate market, some homeowners who recently have received a "Notice of Assessed Value Change" will have questions regarding their appeal rights.

The meetings are intended to help taxpayers better understand the assessment appeals process, which many find confusing. The seminar will be of value to homeowners who are interested in learning about the assessment appeals process and to those who have already filed an appeal. The seminar will cover taxpayers' appeal rights and when to file an application for reduction in assessment. The seminar will also cover how to prepare for a hearing, what qualifies as admissible evidence, what will happen at the hearing and what to expect after the hearing.

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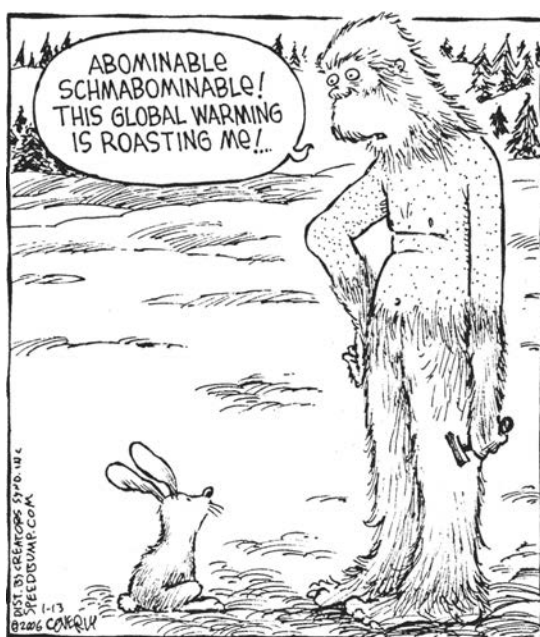




## SPEED BUMP



## DAVE COVERLY



## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

**Fri. Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.:** **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.  
**Sun. Jan. 22, 6:00 p.m.:** **Rob Syphax entertains** with vocals and acoustic guitar with hits of the '70's and '80's at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

### 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 Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.  
**12:00 p.m.:** **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871  
**7 p.m.:** **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.  
**7 p.m.:** **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.  
**7:30 p.m.:** **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.  
**1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.:** **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.  
**2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.:** **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.  
**2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.:** **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.  
**2nd Tues., 7 p.m.:** **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.  
**3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.:** **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.  
**3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.:** **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.  
**Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.:** **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

#### 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.  
**6 p.m.:** **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.  
**1st Weds., 10 a.m.:** **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.  
**1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.:** **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.  
**1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.  
**1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.  
**2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.  
**2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.  
**2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.  
**3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.:** **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.  
**Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.:** **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

**7:30 a.m.:** **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.  
**7:30 a.m.:** **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.  
**9 a.m.:** **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.  
**12 p.m.:** **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.  
**12 p.m.:** **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.  
**12:30 p.m.:** **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.  
**6:30 p.m.:** **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.  
**7 p.m.:** **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.  
**4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.  
**2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.:** **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

#### Fridays

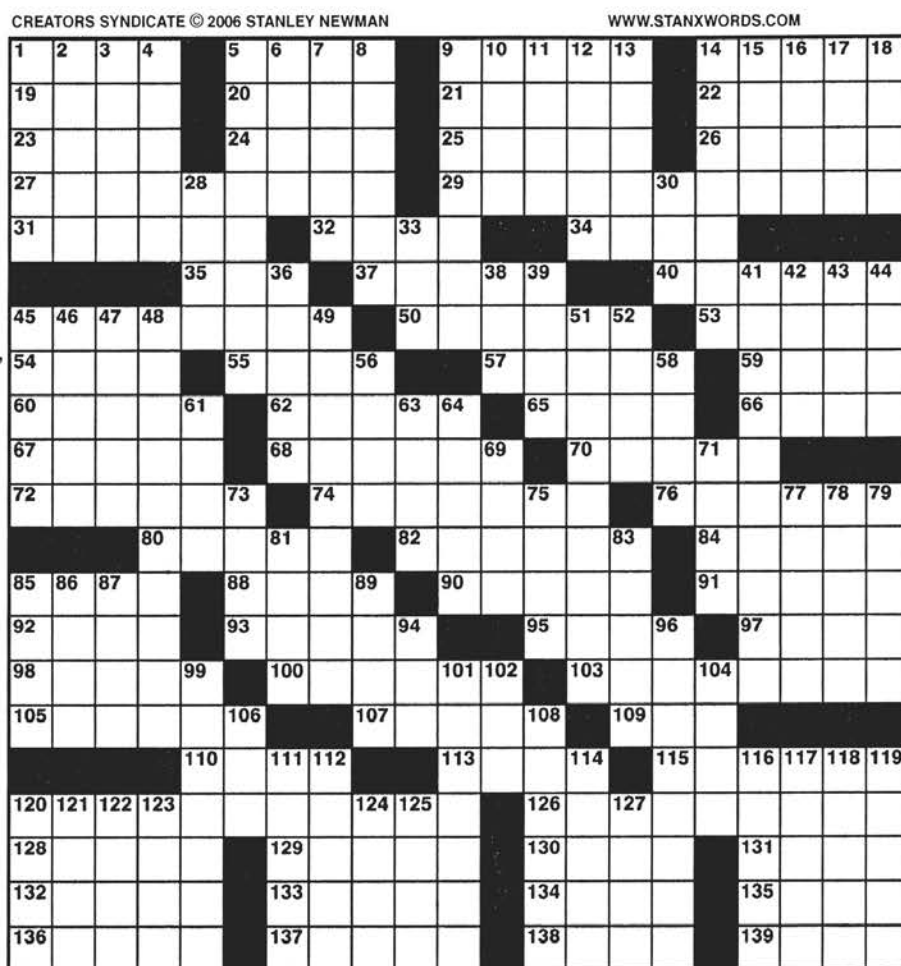
**7:30 a.m.:** **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414  
**3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.:** **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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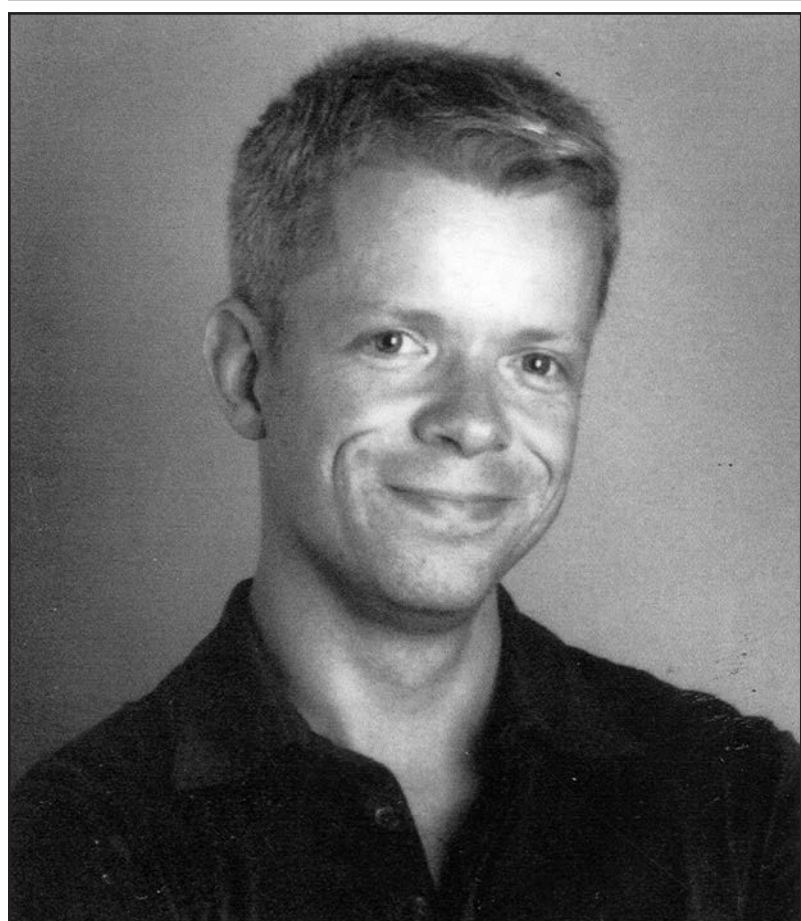


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An early version of the Jim Henson puppet Kermit (31 Across) made its first appearance in 1955 on a Washington, DC television station. In the Disney film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," DOPPEY (53 Across) is the only dwarf that does not speak. A FIFTH (1 Down) of liquor, four-fifths of a quart, is so called because it is equal to one-fifth of a gallon.







**MUSICAL DIRECTOR** – Steven Dahlke will be musical director for Downey Civic Light Opera's upcoming production of "Nunsense," scheduled to run from Feb. 23 through March 12 at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. He was guest conductor for several performances of "Fiddler on the Roof," for the local group and was featured in the orchestras of both "Bye Bye Birdie," and "Good News." Dahlke recently conducted "Guys and Dolls," at the Coeur d'Alene Theater in Idaho. For ticket information for "Nunsense," call 923-1714.

## ICF bingo luncheon Jan. 22

**DOWNEY**—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a Bingo Luncheon Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Donation is \$10. This includes one (1) free Bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will also be a raffle of a \$25 money tree, and other nice prizes.

For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto, 869-8981, or Charlene Drobeck, 928-1937.

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## Chamber readying its 13th annual Street Faire

**DOWNEY**—The 13th annual Downey Street Faire produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce is still a few months away, but already preparations are underway to ensure it surpasses last year's effort, Street Faire Chairman Jan Scott announced recently.

The popular community event, which can count on some 250+ crafters and businesses to man colorful booths up and down Brookshire Ave. from Firestone to Fifth Street, takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6.

The crafters will offer everything from birdhouses to aprons, and the businesses will display their products and services. As well, city departments will be promoting their services, and many of the local non-profit organizations provide information about their community involvement.

There is entertainment all day long at the faire, on the stage at Firestone, featuring several bands, dancing groups, singers and other specialty acts. One of the Downey High School bands will lead the way in opening the faire at 9 a.m., with a rousing march down the faire venue.

The food court is a popular spot, as it usually offers 12-16 different types of food served—from the traditional hot dog to Gyros and Baklava. This year Italian, Mexican, Greek, and Asian food will be represented, in addition to American fare

The highlight of the faire is the Kids Zone, located on the Downey High School parking lot. It has something for every age group—from a train ride to a rock-climbing wall. The Kids Zone will also feature Jacob's climbing ladder, knight jousting, super slide, games with prizes, bouncers, kiddies merry-go-round, and much more.

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## Comedy plays at La Mirada theater

**LA MIRADA**—"Over the River and Through the Woods," a new comedy written by Joe DiPietro ("I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change") described as "an endearing Italian-American story of food, fidelity and family," continues the 2005-2006 theater season at La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts Jan. 27 and runs through Feb. 12.

Set around a family's regular Sunday dinner, Nick and his two sets of grandparents deal with Nick's recent job offer that would take him across the country. The play is produced by McCoy Ribgy Entertainment.

Tickets are \$40 and \$32 (with seniors/student/children's discounts), available at [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com) or the box office at (562) 944-9801, or (714) 994-6310.

## 'Alumni Improv Show' March 3-12

**NORWALK**—In celebration of Cerritos College's 50th anniversary, its Department of Theater and the Associated Students will present the "Alumni Improv Show: Bring Them Back Alive," a show "filled with unexpected twists and endless laughter" featuring alumni trained by long-time theater department faculty member Kevin Hoggard, starting March 3 and continuing through March 12.

Tickets (general admission \$12, students and senior citizens \$10) may be purchased online and at the box office.

The March 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 performances are at 8 p.m., while that of March 12 is at 2 p.m. Performances will be at the Burnight Studio Theater, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk. For information/to purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058 or visit [www.cerritos.edu/theatre](http://www.cerritos.edu/theatre).

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## Downey resident Eleanor L. Miller, 87

**DOWNEY**—Eleanor L. Miller, a resident of Downey for 54 years and retired, passed away in La Mirada on Jan. 7 at the age of 87.

Services were held in her honor on Jan. 14, with Pastor John Rose officiating, at the Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel in Downey.

Also known as "Chick" Miller, she was born in Los Angeles and was a life member of Downey Chapter #160 Eastern Stars. She also belonged for a long time to Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by Robert M. Vleerick and his wife, Ellen; Robert H. Vleerick; and Pat Trabue.

Interment was at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood. Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey assisted the family with arrangements.



**CHARACTER COUNTS** – The newly established Character Counts committee held its second meeting this week, working to fortify the lives of Downey's young and old alike with consensus ethical values called the "Six Pillars of Character." These values are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Above, Character Counts ambassadors and Dolores Gable, principal at Rio Hondo Elementary, greet arriving students.

### Black/Yiddish film festival at Skirball

**LOS ANGELES**—The Skirball Cultural Center, in collaboration with the Mayme A. Clayton Library, presents the Black and Yiddish Film Festival Jan. 26 through Jan. 29, in association with the Library of Congress exhibition, *From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America*, which is on view at the Skirball through Feb. 12.

An innovative program, the festival is the first of its kind ever developed and will screen classic black and Yiddish films from the 1930s to the 1950s. This period is seen as one of unprecedented creativity and output in both the African American and Jewish communities in the United States.

The films to be screened are: *Cabin in the Sky* (1943), starring Ethel Waters and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, and featuring Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Lena Horne, under the direction of Vincente Minnelli; *Long Is the Road* (1948), the first film to depict the Holocaust from a Jewish perspective; *Song of Freedom* (1936), which stars Paul Robeson; *The Singing Blacksmith* (1938), a "psychological study of physical loves"; *Hallelujah* (1929), the first all-black film produced by a major studio and which "offered arguably the most honest portrayal of African-American life ever brought to the silver screen at that time"; *Bright Road* (1953), an MGM picture with an all-black cast starring Dorothy Dandridge, Philip Hepburn and Harry Belafonte; *Yiddle with His Fiddle* (1936), about a girl who disguises herself as a boy so she can join her father's traveling band; and *Stormy Weather* (1943), starring Lena Horne.

All films will take place at the Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles. For ticket information, call TicketWeb at (866) 468-3399 or visit [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

Find previous obituaries online at [www.TheDowneyPatriot.com](http://www.TheDowneyPatriot.com)

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### January 21

Where to meet: Treasurer Island Parking Lot  
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### February 18

Where to meet: Parking area in front of  
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### March 18

Where to meet: Parking lot of Warren High  
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## 'Fascination of Orchids' keys O.C. Fair schedule

**COSTA MESA**—The 20th annual Fascination of Orchids International Orchid Show and Sale, which was formerly housed at nearby South Coast Plaza, has for the first time moved to the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa, where the popular tropical flower will be showcased Feb. 10-12 at Bldgs. #14 and #16.

The annual event is touted as one of the largest and most spectacular orchid shows in the world with numerous vendors, exhibits, workshops and seminars. There will be growers from California, Hawaii, Asia, and Central and South America selling dozens of varieties of orchids.

The show is open Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. One-day admission is \$3, and an unlimited weekend pass is \$5. Parking is free. Preferred parking is available for \$5. For more information, visit [www.fascinationoforchids.com](http://www.fascinationoforchids.com).

Additionally, the following events are scheduled to take place at the fair in February. Follow directional signs to general parking gates. For additional information, contact the promoter at the telephone number listed with the event. Scheduled events are subject to change without notice. Visit [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com) for event updates.

### February 2006

**4-5 CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW** – Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14 & Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, children under 12 free with adult. B&L Productions, (801) 544-9125 or [www.crossroadsgunshows.com](http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com)

**10-12 FASCINATION OF ORCHIDS** – Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bldgs. #14 and #16. Admission: \$3. Fascination of Orchids, (949) 645-3112 or [www.fascinationoforchids.com](http://www.fascinationoforchids.com)

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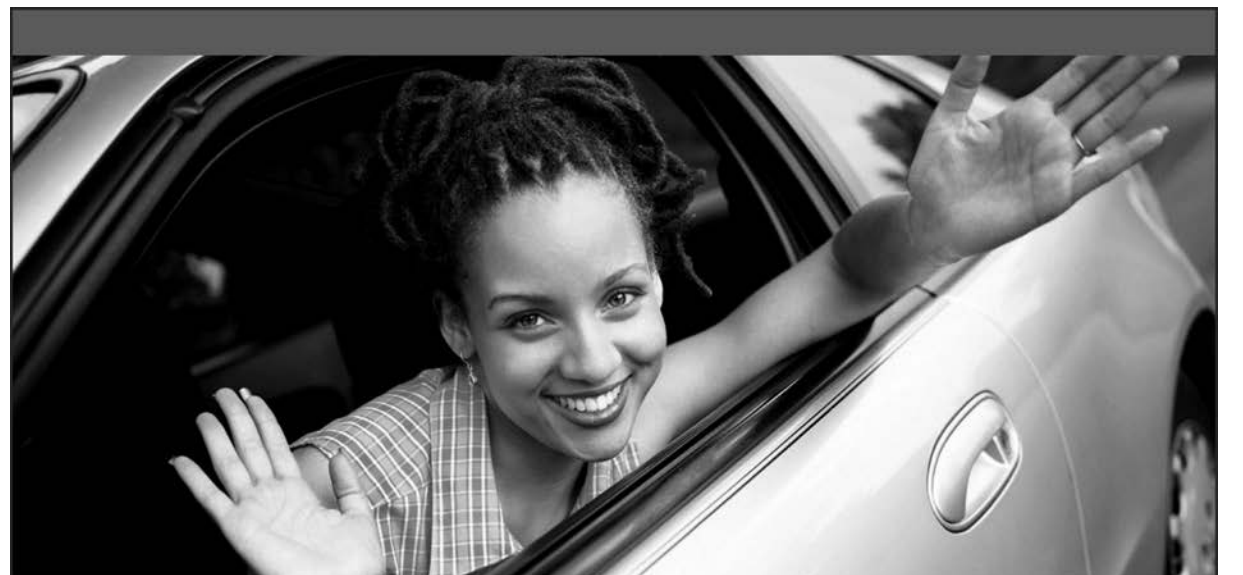
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## Seminars to clear up Medicare plan confusion

**DOWNEY** — Looking to resolve much of the confusion and frustration over Medicare's complex Part-D prescription drug coverage, CareMore Medical Group is offering Medicare seminars from a "doctor's viewpoint."

"The philosophy of the physicians at CareMore has always been that doctors — not committees or corporations — should make decisions about a patient's care," said Sheldon Zinberg, M.D., founder of the medical group. "To that end, we believe that everyone considering Medicare's Part-D coverage should hear the facts and understand their options from the physician side and not only insurance companies or government agencies."

### Questions and answers

Zinberg noted that the "Understanding Medicare Changes in 2006" seminars would highlight the most important areas to focus on when comparing prescription plans, and would offer the audience an opportunity to have their questions answered. Seminars are being regularly held at locations throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Specific locations can be obtained by calling (877) 211-6614.

Seminars will explain the June 30, 2006 Medicare deadline, Zinberg said, while delving into issues like coverage gaps, formulary differences, generic versus name brand medications and other decision-making variables.

"We've always believed in giving our patients straight answers," said Zinberg. "We think the public deserves straight answers from a source that offers a straight-forward medical viewpoint on an issue that is this important, and this confusing."

## Guitarists perform in Skirball concert

**LOS ANGELES**—The Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles, presents a double-bill performance Sunday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in its Fretloose guitar concert series, which explores the work of exceptional guitarists from a diversity of cultures and styles.

Celebrated London-born guitarist Adrian Legg first performs a colorful repertoire of contemplative ballads and rock-edged tunes flavored with folk music, Irish jigs and minimalist composition. Then, two of the most innovative and critically acclaimed guitarists working today, Peppino D'Agostino from Italy and American Stef Burns, take the stage with their ensemble to showcase the rhythms and melodies of their craft.

The Fretloose guitar series began in October with a concert by Malian blues guitarist Boubacar "Kar Kar" Traore. In March Pierre Bensusa, French guitarist, composer and singer whose work fuses jazz, ethnic and classical music, will perform as part of the series.



**DR. HYE LEE** — Has participated in mission trips to Guatemala. She has joined Pioneer Medical Group in Downey.

## New doctor has international experience

**DOWNEY**—Dr. Hye Lee, who was born in Korea and moved to Los Angeles with her parents when she was 12 years old, has joined the medical staff at Pioneer Medical Group.

She attended UC Riverside as an undergrad and attended DO school in Iowa. She then did her residency program at Downey Regional Medical Center and was supervised by many of the Pioneer Medical Group doctors.

She said she became a doctor because she thought it was a great career and wanted to help other people. She is a family practitioner because she can do everything from geriatrics to pediatrics, and help to educate and do a lot of preventative care.

She has gone on mission trips to Guatemala to help bring medical care to the indigent population. While there she noticed that they have no motivation, no clinics, no medical care and many health problems. The living condition alone contributes to many health problems but she feels it is important work and has plans for future trips.

She lives in Cerritos and in her free time likes to spend time with friends, go to the movies, plays music and listen to classical music.

## Nominations open for DHS Hall of Fame

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

The Hall of Fame began in 1999 and currently has 45 inductees. Inductees include Dr. Robert Ballard, the discoverer of the Titanic, entertainers Karen and Richard Carpenter, and international figure skater, JoJo Starbuck.

To nominate a graduate for Downey's Hall of Fame, call Assistant Principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for an application.

## 'Bark!' making noise at Coast Playhouse

**LOS ANGELES**—"Bark!", about man's best friend, told and sung from the dog's point of view, has again extended its stay at the Coast Playhouse, 8325 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood, this time through Feb. 19.

Since opening in September 2004, the world premiere musical is said to have received critical acclaim and has continued to play to sell-out audiences. A second production, in Chicago, has been enjoying an equally successful run since last October.

For tickets (\$45 for all performances), access [www.tix.com](http://www.tix.com) or call (800) 595-4849. For more information, visit [www.barkthemusical.com](http://www.barkthemusical.com).

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It's a noir mystery about an edgy LAPD officer, an ex-con, and a mysterious woman who harbors dark secrets.

Tickets are \$15. Call (310) 823-0710 or access reservations@paduaplaywrights.net for information.

## Summit to examine budget ramifications

LOS ANGELES—Mark Ridley-Thomas and the 48th Assembly District Empowerment Congress will host the 4th Annual Empowerment Summit entitled, "From Fine Print to Bottom Line: Shaping Our State Budget Priorities" at the Orthopedic Medical Magnet High School Jan. 21, beginning at 9 a.m.

The summit will closely examine the Governor's budget and its ramifications relative to local services.

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Dietz has testified and/or consulted in such notable cases as those involving John Hinckley, Jeffrey Dahmer, Susan Smith, the Menendez Brothers (retrial), the O.J. civil suit, John DePont, the New York Zodiac, the Prom Mom case, the Unabomber, the Andrea Yates case and Columbine High School, as well as workplace violence cases of every description. He has been the subject of profiles for "60 Minutes," The New Yorker, Psychology Today, the Los Angeles Times and "Biography." He has ongoing roles as technical adviser to the NBC series, "Law and Order" and "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," as well as on such films as "The Bodyguard," "Copycat," "Primal Fear" and "What Lies Beneath."

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## Futurist to address higher education issues

NORWALK—The Cerritos College's 50th Anniversary Steering Committee has invited noted futurist Jay J. Jamrog, executive director for the Human Resource Institute (HR) at the University of Tampa in St. Petersburg, Florida, to speak at the college Thursday, Jan. 26 in the Burnight Center at 11 a.m. about future trends, issues and related responses that bear on the college's future.

Jamrog will discuss how the war for talent during the latter half of the 1990s was not a short-term phenomenon but the beginning of a true long-term change in the labor force. He will provide an overview of how the combination of an improving economy, and demographic trends that predict labor shortages, skill deficits, and fewer knowledgeable workers has all the elements for a "perfect storm" that will cause significant changes in the way work is performed, who performs it and where, and the skill sets that will be required. The session will explore how educators can respond to the trends and labor force deficits by helping to shape the needed talent for the future.

Jamrog and his staff are currently following approximately 150 demographic, social, economic, technological, political, legal and management trends. There are over 100 major corporations supporting this research with annual grants.

Jamrog has a master's degree in business administration and taught labor relations in the School of Management at the University of Mass.

## Bill gives auto owners secure access

LOS ANGELES—Assemblymember Mark Ridley-Thomas (D-48, Los Angeles) has introduced Assembly Bill 714, which will require every motor vehicle manufacturer to provide consumers with secure access to vehicle codes for key duplication purposes, before the Transportation Committee. The bill thus seeks to provide faster service and significantly minimize potential harm to car owners. The bill's sponsor is the Auto Club of Northern California.

The bill now heads to the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions.

"Consumers should have the right to 24-hour access to the key code information that they purchased with their car. Consumers also have the right to roadside assistance that is as quick, safe, and inexpensive as possible," said Ridley-Thomas.

Currently, existing law imposes various disclosure requirements on auto manufacturers of which none provide the consumer with access to the codes needed to produce a spare auto key. While consumers can access their bank account, transfer money, change their banking password and even apply for a loan over the phone, they cannot access their own property information regarding their vehicle.

Supporters of AB 714 include the AAA, the Consumers Union and several chambers of commerce.

"The Auto Club believes that when a motorist buys a vehicle, he or she also buys everything needed to operate it, including all the information necessary to make a replacement key," said Alice Bisno, the Auto Club's vice president for legislative affairs. "Every auto manufacturer should provide vehicle owners with a secure way to obtain this information whenever owners need to obtain a replacement key."

In 2004 California AAA Auto Clubs received about 80,000 calls for locksmith service where consumer keys had been lost or stolen or where it was otherwise necessary to make a new key or where system reprogramming was required.

To keep track of the progress of AB 714 as it moves through the Legislature, log onto the Assemblymember's website at <http://democarats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a48/> for updates.

## Real estate investment workshop Jan. 28

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California Contractors State License Board

**Q:** I hired a contractor to remodel my bathroom and expected it to be finished while I was out of town. When I returned, the job was not completed and the contractor keeps stalling. I'm really frustrated. What should I do?

**A:** First of all, check your written contract. A home improvement contract must include, among other items, the approximate dates when the work will begin and be completed. For example, the contract should read "Begin approximately April 20 and end approximately April 30," not "Complete the job in 10 days." This eliminates the possibility that the contractor will take 10 days to finish the job but spread them out over the span of a year. The dates should be approximate since external factors such as the weather or a delay in materials shipments are beyond the control of the contractor.

Your home improvement contract must also include a description of what is a substantial commencement of work. Failure by the contractor, without lawful excuse, to substantially begin work within 20 days from the approximate start date is a violation of contractor law. In that case, the homeowner can postpone the next payment to the contractor for a period of time that is equivalent to the time between when substantial commencement was to have occurred and when it did occur.

You can allow the contractor to take more time to finish the project; however, get it in writing. Require that the contractor prepare a written change order specifying the new approximate completion date.

For more information about home improvement contracts, go to CSLB's Web site at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) and review the publication, "Home Improvement Contracts: Putting the Pieces Together."

**Q:** While replacing my roof, one of the roofing company's workers fell and injured himself. Am I responsible?

**A:** You shouldn't be, but you could end up paying if the injured worker isn't insured by his employer. The company that employs the roofer should be responsible for injuries its workers suffer while on the job. Businesses, including contracting companies such as the one you hired, must carry workers' compensation insurance for workers they employ. You can verify that the roofing contractor has workers' compensation insurance by going to [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) and checking the contractor's license. If the roofing company doesn't have workers' compensation insurance for the employee, the company is operating illegally and could be cited by the Contractors State License Board.

Workers' compensation insurance is a no-fault insurance plan purchased by the contractor and administered by the state. It limits the employer's liability, avoids costly lawsuits, and it guarantees that an injured worker receives prompt and complete medical treatment and specific benefits for job-related injury or illness, including rehabilitation if necessary.

In the end, if the roofer who was injured on your property is not insured, you could be asked to pay for it through your own homeowner's insurance policy.

To guard against such a scenario, before you hire a contracting company that employs workers, check the CSLB Web site to verify that the company's contractors license is current and active and that they carry workers' compensation insurance. Then ask to see the insurance certificate.

**Q:** My mother lives in a mobile home park for seniors. Someone came to her door stating that her roof needed to be fixed and offered to do the work. What should she do about these kinds of solicitors?

**A:** First of all, your mother shouldn't feel intimidated, but she should beware of door-to-door solicitors. If salespeople have come uninvited to her door, she is under no obligation to entertain their sales pitch. Solicitors in mobile home parks and communities for seniors are the source of many complaints to the CSLB. Some unscrupulous, unlicensed contractors target senior citizens for overpriced repairs that are unnecessary, and then they either do a shoddy job or never complete the work at all. They give phony names, telephone numbers and business addresses, so they can't be tracked down later.

Seniors are often targeted for a number of reasons: they have discretionary funds accumulated from a lifetime of saving; their homes are often old and in need of repair; they have a trusting nature; they often live alone and feel intimidated; and they hesitate to report fraud.

Crooked contractors will use high pressure or scare tactics to get a senior citizen's attention by claiming that the roof, plumbing or electrical system is faulty and dangerous and work must be done immediately. These fraudulent contractors often claim that they have just finished a painting or driveway repair job at a neighbor's house, have leftover material, and can give the homeowner a good deal — only if a decision is made immediately. Usually these claims are phony. All too often, they take the senior's money and run.

Anthony Elmo is the Chairman of the Contractors State License Board, and the Director of Building and Safety for the City of Temecula. The CSLB licenses and regulates California's 278,000 contractors annually.



**JOSEPH LANGKILDE** – A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, has been employed with Eagle Global Logistics and Robinson Helicopter. "I'm excited about helping clients with their real estate investments," stated Langkilde. "We are happy to welcome this dynamic man to the Century 21 Team," replied Angie Pierce, general manager. To contact Langkilde, call 927-2626.

## Staged play readings at Boston Court

**PASADENA**—Classic and Contemporary American Plays (C.C.A.P.) has moved this season to Boston Court Performing Arts Complex in Pasadena. C.C.A.P. features staged readings of plays by great American playwrights read by some of the most proclaimed artists of theater, film and TV.

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Open House Sat. 1 - 4 p.m.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Carol Pearce. Carol was our real estate agent during much of 2005 and helped us sell our mother's house. We found her to be extremely conscientious, ethical, capable and caring.

Carol was extremely conscientious. In selling our mother's house, she went way above the call of duty. She persevered with us through several months of decision-making, renovation and cleaning. Carol also made every effort to keep us informed on a regular basis; this was not easy as we all lived out of the area and there were three of us, but Carol was persistent and made sure that we were kept "in the loop". She called and emailed us frequently, even after hours and on the weekends. We appreciated the way she offered her professional opinion and organized much of the renovation on our mother's home and was even willing to supervise those workers we had hired ourselves. She was the ultimate professional.

Dealing with Carol was a real pleasure because of her strong sense of ethics. It was clear in our dealings with her that she believed in giving her clients the "straight scoop" and in being completely honest with all parties involved. She performed her work in a highly principled manner, following the law and regulations to the letter. It was such a relief to us knowing we had such an honest and trustworthy person in charge of selling our mother's home, especially since we lived some distance from the area. We felt as if we were being represented by a dear friend.

Carol is a very capable agent. In our many contacts, she demonstrated an extensive knowledge of real estate and was able to answer any and all questions we had. It was evident that she took great pride in keeping us abreast of the latest developments in the market and she was very skilled in marketing our mother's home. We were in great hands with Carol.

Last Carol was a very caring person. As we mentioned earlier, she went way above-and-beyond in her dealings with us, recommending from workmen to ways of finding a home for our mother's beloved cats. She was there for us every step of the way and any time we asked her to be there with us when a challenge came along, she was right by our side. We were not only impressed with her caring ways, but by also by the fact that she is president of the local Rotary Club and involved in rescuing stray animals.

All in all, we are proud to recommend Carol to anyone wishing to sell or buy property. She is extremely conscientious, ethical, capable and caring. She is the consummate professional.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Callan, Anita Melcombe and Suzanne Scholl



## DOWNEY - MOVE IN CONDITION

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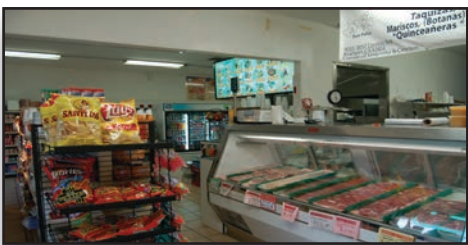
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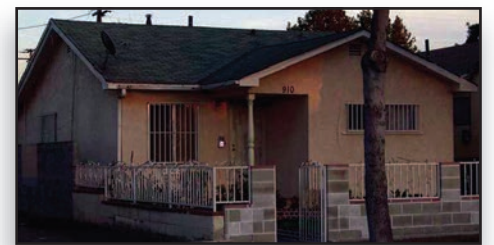
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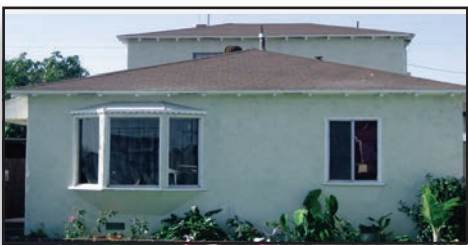
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF DOWNEY'S 2005 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Downey on the 24th day of January 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the proposed resolution for adoption of the City of Downey's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

At the above-mentioned public hearing all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed resolution.

Any further information about this project may be obtained by contacting City of Downey Public Works Department at 562-622-5438.

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Draft copies of the 2005 UWMP are available for review between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the City of Downey Public Works counter, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241 and at the Downey Public Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, during regular Library hours.

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**BEAUTIFUL POOL HOME!**

Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 3 bath home, located on a 9,520 square foot lot. This home features a large formal dining room, newly remodeled kitchen, family room, game room with wet bar and a beautiful sparkling pool.

For more information, please call Cesar Rivas @ (562) 879-1693.



**LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!**

Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring living room, family room/den, dining room, master suite, 2 car garage, park-like backyard with 1,578 square feet of living space on a 7,600 square foot lot.

For more details or price, please call Jose Garcia-Yanez @ 562-519-4010 or visit him at his website at [www.SoldByJose.com](http://www.SoldByJose.com).



**TWO ON A LOT!**

Large 2 unit lot with lots of potential. Front unit featuring 2 bedrooms and 1 bath and back unit featuring 3 bedroom and 1 bath. Great Upside!!

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**AFFORDABLE BUY!**

Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, two story home with 1,414 square feet of living space, under \$400,000! Palmdale

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**ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT**

Gorgeous 3,000 sq. ft. Spanish-style beauty on an 11,500 sq. ft. lot features 3 bed-dual private master suites, family rm, w/replace & step-down wet bar, library/office (could be 4th bed), cafe & formal dining rm., light & bright living rm., w/replace, 3 luxurious baths, skylights throughout, Amazing backyard whole pool & private spa w/cabana, custom built patios.

For more information and price, please call Mario Persico @ (562) 533-7433 or visit his website at [www.MarioPersico.com](http://www.MarioPersico.com)



**CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY!**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION N.E. DOWNEY!**

This gorgeous 3,202 sq. ft. custom built home features 5 bedrooms-including dual master suites, 4 full spa-like baths, exquisite custom kitchen, granite, marble and hardwood throughout, distinguished interior details, stunning heated pool and spa, custom built patio and BBQ, prestigious Downey schools. Priced to Sell at: \$1,295,000.

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**PRICED TO SELL!**

Custom Cherokee Estates home features 3 large bedrooms and 2 baths, Marble throughout the house, solid oak cabinets, and granite in kitchen. Bright open floor plan, step down living room, and high ceiling. Beautiful bar looking out to the pool. Don't need to preview-show & sell. Great Home! Great Price!

For more information & price, please call Christina Davilas @ 562-761-6080



**INVESTOR'S SPECIAL!**

4 UNITS! 1 Unik- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 3 units- 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 4,320 square feet of living space on a 8,563 square foot lot.

For more details, please call Frank Moreno @ 562-949-8139



**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!**

Invest in 10 acres of vacant land located in Lucerne Valley. Close to busy HWY 247. Asking price \$85,000.

Call for Mary Jane Lee for further details at 562-618-0390

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**89 HOMES SOLD IN 2005!**

**24 Hour Update**  
Downey Prices rise 24 Percent in 2005

Single family residences increased 24% and condominiums appreciated 29% from 4th quarter 2004 to 4th quarter 2005. The average SFR sales price was \$638,000 (\$398/sq.ft.) and the average CONDO sales price was \$397,000 (\$320/sq.ft.) in the last quarter of 2005. (Source SoCal MLS 1/3/06)



**JUST LISTED**

**Colonial Home in Orange Estates**

This North Downey home near Furman Park includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, guest house with kitchen and bath, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa. The home features an elegant formal living room, formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, a playroom, and a solarium. The master suite has a walk-in closet, retreat area, full bath, and fireplace.

Price: \$1,175,000. Check out the virtual tour at [www.MichaelBerdellis.com](http://www.MichaelBerdellis.com)

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**OPEN HOUSE**

**Lots For Your Money!**

Wonderful 3 bed, 1.75 bath home in Downey with spacious living room, formal dining area, kitchen with breakfast nook, and inside laundry room - all this on a spectacular 8980 sq ft lot at the end of a quiet-cul-de-sac. Home has copper plumbing, hardwood floors, newer electrical panel, freshly painted interior, and the seller is in the process of repainting the exterior as well. Property is close to Old River Elementary, West Middle School, and Warren High School. \$619,000.

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**New Construction in Northeast Downey.**

This 5 bedroom + office, 4 bath custom-built home is almost 4000 sq ft and is located on a 7548 sq ft lot. Features new kitchen and bathrooms, hardwood floors, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths, dual central air and heat, copper plumbing, recessed lighting, curved/textured-coated walls, and professionally landscaped front and back yard. The home includes a very large master bedroom with walk-in closet and private bathroom and includes a spacious family room. You won't want to miss this work-in-progress. (Completed by February 2006) Price: \$1,349,000

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**OPEN HOUSE**

**Spanish Style Beauty**

Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home rebuilt in 1993 in the wonderful NE section of Downey. The property has a 2 car det. garage and large pool-size yard that's perfect for entertaining. The custom-built home has an impressive living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room and den, and a downstairs master bedroom with large bathroom. The upstairs has another master bedroom, 2 other bedrooms with Jack-&-Jill bath, and bonus room. Priced at \$1,099,000.

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**SOLD**

**A-1 Neighborhood!**

3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home in the heart of Northeast Downey. Features a large living room and family room with views of the extra large pool, covered patio, and well-manicured backyard. The kitchen, breakfast area, and laundry room are also very spacious. The 2 car garage with automatic garage door opener has direct access into house. Priced at \$990,000. **SOLD IN 2 WEEKS - Michael can sell your home, too!** Call Michael for a free market evaluation!

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**This One's Hot**

3 Bedroom 2 Bath NW Downey home on a 13,800 sq.ft. lot. Interior features spacious bedrooms, formal dining room, living room with picture window, family room (optional 3rd bedroom) with fireplace, and forced air heating. Property includes a huge covered patio, breezeway, 2 car detached garage, and park-like backyard that has plenty of room to add on to the side of the property. Price: \$795,000

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**The Market is HOT!**



**New Listing!**

**A Smart Buy!**

This 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home features a spacious living room, dining room, family (could be 3rd bedroom), 2 ceiling fans, patio, 2 car garage, 1,505 sq. ft., 6,499 sq. ft. lot.

Priced at: \$499,900

Call For Appointment Today!



**New Listing!**

**Affordable Buy!**

Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in North Downey with 1,210 square feet of living space on a 5262 square foot lot. New roof, hardwood floors, large living room are just a few features of this great home.

Priced at: \$515,000

Call For Appointment Today!



**Just Listed!**

**Home Sweet Home!**

This 3 bedrooms, 1.75 bath Downey home features Spacious living room, dining room & master suite, hardwood floors & ceramic tile, covered patio & a 2 car garage all on a 6,384 square foot lot.

Priced at: \$649,900



**Price Reduced!**

**Warm & Friendly!**

Charming La Mirada home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, spacious family room, living room and dining room, separate kitchen eating area, lovely backyard with patio and lots of fruit trees! Great Home for Entertaining!

\$699,900



**New Listing!**

**VIEW! VIEW! VIEW!**

Gorgeous North Friendly Hills Home Features 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, family room with marble fireplace, spacious kitchen, patio with 180 degree view of city and Friendly Hills golf course. Too many features to mention... must see this one.

Priced at: \$1,500,000

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