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## Volunteers sought for Art Advisory panel

**DOWNEY**—The City Council, after deliberation, has approved the advertising for applicants to form an advisory group known as the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee, and scheduled the formal announcement of appointees for Feb. 28.

The advertising, to be placed at a local paper, is meant to reach as many qualified local citizens as possible who may be interested in serving on the advisory panel.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

On Nov. 22, the Council adopted an ordinance amending the Municipal Code under Building Regulations, and adding a new chapter entitled "Art in Public Places," with an "Art in Public Places Policy Manual."

The Ordinance is now in effect and it is time for appointment of members to the advisory group, at total of five, one each from each Council District, with terms concurrent to the council member appointing them.

The Policy Manual indicates that members must be resident voters with enthusiastic commitment to the betterment of the community, oriented toward service and sensitive to the needs of the people, and understand the committee's role as an advisor to the Council. They should have an education, experience and commitment to the visual arts, including sculpture.

In other action Tuesday the Council:

\*Received and filed a report on noncompliance with the City Municipal Code regarding fireworks sales permits.

\*Approved a resolution establishing benefits payable to employees in classified jobs including executive management, middle management and confidential/exempt employees and repealed prior resolutions. Adopted a resolution granting salary increases to specified employees.

\*Adopted a resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Downey City Employees Miscellaneous Unit.

\*Accepted a resolution approving the final tract map for subdivision of property at 9252—9282 Elm Vista Drive and accepted a commercial letter of credit as Surety.

\*Adopted a resolution approving the final subdivision map for property at 8341 and 8349 Fontana Street by approving an agreement with the subdivider and accepting a subdivision improvement performance bond as Surety.

\*Accepted a resolution finding the land generally referred to as the NASA Property Parcel 3 is environmentally safe and may be used as a city park.

\*Set a public hearing for Feb. 28 to receive negative comments on the 2006-07 Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment programs.

\*Set a public hearing for Feb. 28 on a code amendment to the Municipal Code on standards limiting the building of mansions on single family lots.

\*Held a public hearing and then approved the City of Downey's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan.

\*After a public hearing, amended the Municipal Code on design, placement and selection of fire protection devices.

\*Presented Distinguished Service Awards to Police Corporal Terry Goeckner and Officer Jose Gomez, and Letters of Commendation to Sgt. Alex Orazabal, Cpl. Leigh Lacy, dispatchers Rhonda Foster and Sheri Butler and the police chaplain, Deacon Mario Guerra, for their roles Nov. 22 in saving the life of a 2-year old youngster who, while visiting folks in Downey fell unnoticed into the home pool, and who everybody thought had drowned but would miraculously recover;

\*Presented Awards of Merit to Fire Captain David Calderwood, Fire Engineer Richard Vos, Firefighter Raul Ochoa, Firefighter/Paramedics Daniel Hurlock and Christopher Bohannon, and Communications Operators Eugenia Brnet and Mary Lou Perez, also for their equally vital roles in the above-mentioned incident.

\*Commended the work of Dr. Kare who was the attending physician at Downey Regional Medical Center's ER when the boy was brought in.

\*Presented the Mayor's Soaring Eagle Award to Jacqueline Antunez for her work as coordinator of the Aspire Program.

Councilman Rick Trejo enjoined city officials to perhaps lend a helping hand in guiding the elder members of the community through the MediCare maze.

Councilman Kirk Cartozian announced that the GOOD Luncheon emceed by Supervisor Don Knabe has been rescheduled to April 12 from April 5.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

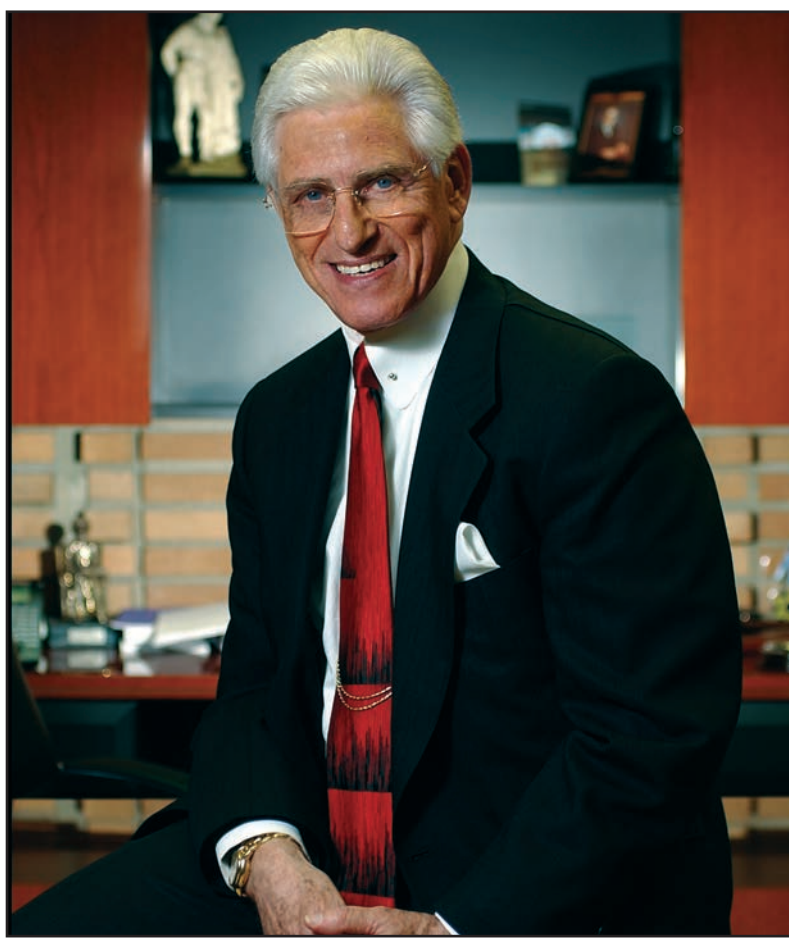
## Some lighter moments at a classical night

By Joyce Sherwin

The works chosen for this season's opening concert on Feb. 4 by the Downey Symphony Orchestra might sound like you're fit for a heavy evening. But as with the proverbial book cover, you can't begin to imagine, just by reading the title of the compositions, what high-spirited stuff awaits.

For instance, Conductor Thomas Osborn opens with J.S. Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3, in D-Major. Difficult, somber, too scholarly? Not on your life. It's filled with dance, and includes the wonderful movement

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**CAREMORE MEDICAL GROUP PRESIDENT – Sheldon Zinberg looks forward to future growth with the economic power JP Morgan brings to the table.**

## 5-year water runoff plan eye to the future

**DOWNEY**—The City Council, after a public hearing, has adopted a 2005 City of Downey Urban Water Management Plan to meet State requirements.

The California Water Code requires that all urban water suppliers providing water to more than 3,000 customers file an Urban Water Management Plan with the California Department of Water Resources every five years. Downey filed its report for 2000 in July of 2001. Thus 2005 is the five-year update of that 2000 plan.

Through fiscal 2025

The objective is to provide a description and evaluation of current and projected usage now through fiscal year 2024-25 of potable and recycled water and water conservation activities. The plan also covers population and housing trends, water reliability and planning for potential water shortages.

Downey's plan is based on population estimates of 111,607 now, growing to 114,734 by 2009, 119,137 by 2012, and 127,860 by 2024-25.

The city currently uses the Central Groundwater Basin as its primary source of drinking water, and owns water rights to pump 16,554 acre-feet of groundwater from the Central Basin yearly. Additional groundwater rights have been leased to ensure that drinking needs are met in a cost efficient manner.

Storage system

In order to meet future needs the City will implement a groundwater storage system to take advantage of the unused storage space in the Central Basin groundwater aquifers. The City will purchase water from around the area, then spread it at the Montebello Forebay Spreading Grounds where it will percolate into the Central Basin Aquifers. This water can then be used as a supplement to the City's supply.

The City also recognizes the need for recycled water to reduce

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**GWYNN GUSTAFSON – Joining the advertising staff of the Downey Patriot, this talented professional brings a wealth of experience to the company.**

## JP Morgan Partners acquires CareMore

**DOWNEY and NEW YORK**—The rumor of last week has been confirmed; financial goliath JP Morgan Partners (JPMP) a private equity affiliate of JP Morgan Chase & Co. announced last week that it has signed a definite agreement under which it will acquire substantially all of CareMore Medical Enterprises from the CareMore Medical Group and its other shareholders. JPMP is undertaking the transaction with Crystal Cove Partners, who will join the management of CareMore post transaction.

CareMore President Dr. Sheldon Zinberg told The Downey Patriot this week, "This transaction begins the next chapter in CareMore's remarkable history of caring for beneficiaries."

JP Morgan Partners has an estimated \$11 billion in capital.

Based in Downey, CareMore is a leading managed healthcare provider serving approximately 20,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

CareMore's health plans have been the recipient of several recent industry awards including HealthMetrix's Senior Gold Choice Award for best overall value in Los Angeles and Orange counties in 2005-06. CareMore's unique clinical approach, which is focused on the proactive identification and management of frail patients, preventive care programs and efficient cost management leads to superior care delivery.

Crystal Cove Partners, comprised of Alan Hoops, Leeba Lessin, and John Kao, has more than 30 years of experience in successfully establishing and/or running some of the industry's leading healthcare management companies, including PacifiCare and SecureHorizons.

JPMP teamed with Crystal Cove Partners to find a Medicare health plan designed to succeed with the environment created by the passage of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA). JPMP also works closely with its consulting partner, Nancy-Ann DeParle. Ms. DeParle was the former head of HCFA (now known as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and is currently Commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), which advises Congress on Medicare policy and payment issues. After evaluating a number of opportunities, the team identified CareMore as an ideal platform company. In the future, CareMore will seek to expand the scale of its unique clinical model through additional provider partnerships and health plan acquisitions.

Alan Hoops, co-founder and former Chairman and CEO of PacifiCare, will be the Company's new Chairman and CEO. Sheldon Zinberg, M.D., the founder and current Chairman and president of CareMore, will continue to work with the Company as Chairman Emeritus and as a member of the Board of Directors.

Hoops commented: "The founders of CareMore have built an enterprise designed around the needs of seniors, especially the most frail. I admire what CareMore has achieved and look forward to expanding on the strong foundation it has established."

"The JPMorgan Partners team is excited about this transaction. CareMore is a world-class health plan, and we intend to work with Alan Hoops, his team and the management team at CareMore to execute a plan to grow CareMore and make it even more successful in the future," said Stephen Murray, General Partner of JP Morgan Partners.

Dr. Zinberg added: "This transaction begins the next chapter in CareMore's remarkable history of caring for Medicare beneficiaries. The CareMore team is excited about this new partnership and the opportunities it offers to continue to enhance the company's industry-leading and cost-effective clinical care while growing outside our traditional operating areas."

## Gustafson joins ad staff at Downey Patriot

By Jerry Brady,  
Advertising Director, The Downey Patriot

Born in Oregon and raised in South Gate, Gwynn Gustafson has lived in Downey for over 30 years where she bought a home and raised her family. Fifteen years ago Gwynn met her husband, Bob, while attending a Classic Car Show Fund Raising event on the Warren High School Campus.

Gwynn's career pursuits included banking (Downey branches of Wells Fargo Bank and Bank of America) and business administration before she found the path to a career in advertising. She spent over 20 years working for the Herald Community Newspaper Group (the offices were once in Downey), Orange Coast Daily Pilot and the Los Angeles Independent Newspaper Group; where she was an active member of the Wilshire Chamber of Commerce, serving on their Board of Directors, and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. She was a recipient of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Award; recognizing "...excellence as a woman business executive in Hollywood."

During this time as Major/National Accounts Manager, Gwynn handled over \$1,000,000 a year in advertising business from dozens of independent retailers as well as retail giants such as JC Penney, Radio Shack and Toys R Us.

Gwynn found her career turning once again, after earning a Degree in General Business, when she started her own company, Co-Op Cache Consulting, so that she could focus her talents working directly with retailers, presenting the value of newspaper advertising, creating advertising graphics and working with the store owners on special event advertising such as Grand Openings and Anniversaries.

Gwynn has been very active in the Downey Chamber of Commerce,

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**'WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY' AWARDEES**—Julie Waters, Victoria Carvajal, Lena Wilson, Rita Simmons and Victoria Valencia, each of whom is either pursuing an AA or BA degree at a local college, are pictured with Ellie Eck, Downey Soroptimists president, along with Jean Brazelton, Lorine Parks and Joyce Prokop, who facilitated the awards.

**'Women's opportunity awards' presented**

**DOWNEY**—Soroptimist International of Downey recently presented its "Women's Opportunity Awards" to five women, heads of households, who have returned to college to better their employment opportunities.

Each fall, Soroptimists of Downey and Soroptimists throughout the world solicit applications for this award to assist women in their quest to further their education by helping with school expenses. Interested women are urged to check with counselors at their colleges for consideration.

**Moravian Church to sell enchiladas**

**DOWNEY** – The Women of the Moravian Church of Downey will be holding their annual enchilada sale Saturday, Jan. 28.

The enchiladas come two to a pan and are suitable for freezing. Meat and cheese combination enchiladas are \$4.50 a pan and cheese only \$4.75 a pan. They may be picked up at the church between noon and 5 p.m.

The Moravian Church is located at 10337 Old River School Rd. Orders may be placed by calling 927-0718.

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**Downey spy suspect still in FBI custody**

**SANTA ANA**—A judge has denied a request to free a 65-year-old Chinese American man who lives in Downey arrested in October with attempting to steal documents of a highly classified nature pertaining to silent submarine operation were found on his home computer.

Judge Cormac J. Carney said it troubled him what Chi Mak meant to do with the highly sensitive information.

The FBI arrested Mak in October on charges of conspiracy to steal the documents. His wife and brother were charged with failing to register as foreign agents.

**OLPH annual wine tasting fundraiser**

**DOWNEY**—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School invites the community to its annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 25 from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. The event will be held at the school hall located at 10441 South Downey Ave. in Downey.

In addition to enjoying great wines, the event will feature hors d'ouevres, gourmet beer, carbonated beverages and other drinks. According to organizers, the event affords a great opportunity to get to know others in the community while supporting a worthy cause.

Funds raised at the event will benefit the school's programs and students. A \$30 donation to the fundraiser will admit one adult to the event; a \$50 donation will admit one couple. For ticket information, call the school office at 869-9969.

**Children invited to join paint class**

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey Community Services Department offers drawing and painting classes for children ages 7-14 starting 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.

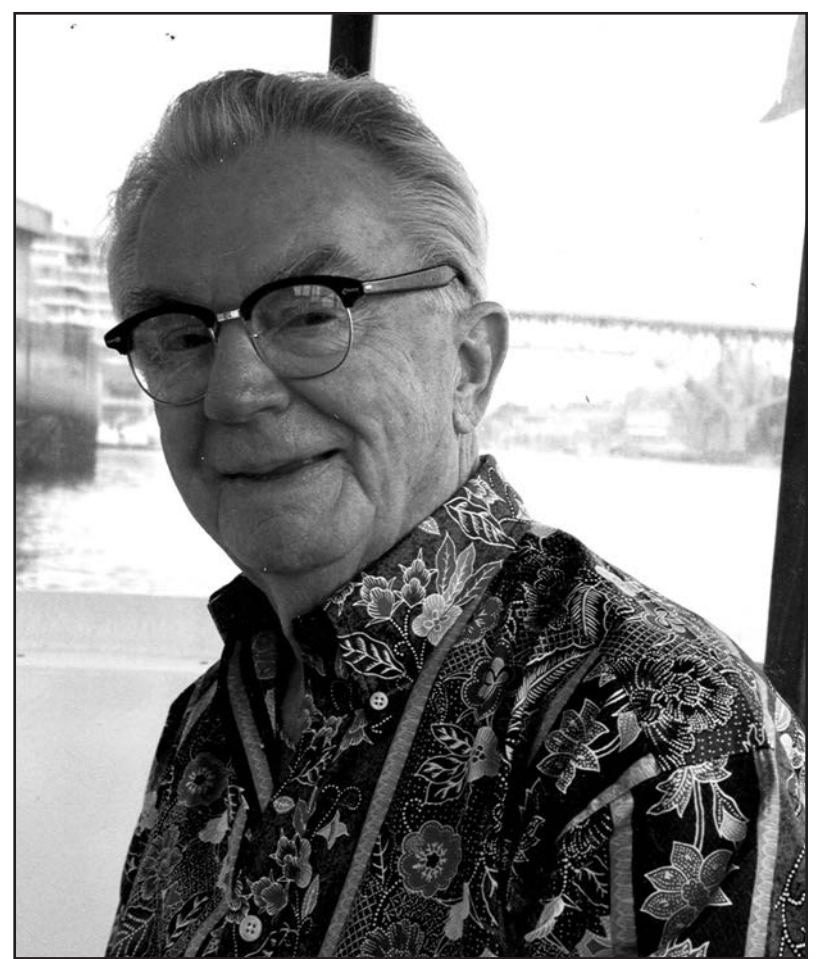
Fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. To register, call 904-7238.

**Library offers SAT pre-test workshop**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers a free SAT Pre-test workshop Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Cormack Room, aimed to help students ages 13-19 gain skills and experience in taking the SAT exam for college entrance.

Workshop participants will have the opportunity to take a practice test supervised by a proctor. Students should arrive 15 minutes early and bring a calculator and two #2 pencils. No other materials will be permitted at the workshop.

Space is limited for this event. To register, contact the Adult Information desk, 904-7360, ext. 32.



**THE LIFE OF CLIFF PRATT**—Will be celebrated at the Long Beach Yacht Club Feb. 10. A Downey resident for many years, he died Jan. 19.

**Cliff Pratt's life celebrated Feb. 10**

**DOWNEY**—Longtime Downey resident Cliff Pratt, who was born in Watts in 1916, moved to Downey in the '50s, and was a member of the Lynwood Rotary Club for 44 years with perfect attendance, passed away on Jan. 19.

A celebration of his life will take place at the Long Beach Yacht Club from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. For directions, call (562) 598-9401.

The family requested that a donation to either the Lynwood Rotary Club or the Avalon Rotary on Catalina Island be made in lieu of flowers. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Gomez Pratt, and extended family.

**St. Raymond's kids hosting golf tourney**

**DOWNEY** – The class of 2006 from St. Raymond School in Downey will host a golf tournament Monday, Feb. 6 at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier.

The entry fee is \$140 per golfer and deadline to register is Jan. 27. Call Mario Mendoza at (323) 377-1535 to sign up.

**Christian club celebrates love Feb. 8**

**DOWNEY** – "Loving Hearts" is the theme of Downey Christian Women's Club's next meeting, Feb. 8, at Los Amigos Country Club.

Rose Cottage Glass will be the day's special feature and Cathy Pjontek will speak, her subject being "Walk This Way."

The meeting starts at 11:45 a.m. and the public, including men, are invited to attend. Cost is \$12 for the buffet lunch.

Reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at 927-8488 or Delores at 868-7135.

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"PACIFIC PARADISE" - The Downey Theater will air a film exploring the historical islands of Hawaii this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 seniors/students, and will be available at the door.

## Travelogue Series explores Hawaii

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Theater will present its sixth program of the 2005-06 Armchair Adventure Travelogue Series, "Hawaii - Pacific Paradise" filmed and narrated by Dennis Burkhardt, this Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m.

"Hawaii-Pacific Paradise" is an overview of all the islands that make up the 50th of our United States of America. Some of the locations covered in the film are the Iolani Royal Palace on Oahu, Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial. Waimea Canyon on Kauai (the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific"), the legacy of Father Damien on Molokai and Volcanoes National Park on the big island of Hawaii will also be explored.

Burkhardt has traveled all over the world attempting to capture the "special essence" that makes a country's culture or landscape unique. He joined the travelogue circuit in 1980 and has appeared on hundreds of stages across the country with his insightful programs. This will be the first time he has appeared in Downey.

Recent projects as director of photography include high definition programs for the Travel Channel in 2003, "Secrets of Glacier," "Secrets of Hawaii Volcanoes," "Secrets of Denali," and "Best of the National Parks." His dramatization of "Sacagawea" (Lewis and Clark) is a 2004 educational release for New Dimensions Media.

One of Burkhardt's areas of expertise is documenting national parks of the United States. He filmed two PBS Pledge Special programs about the national parks that were co-produced with Oregon Public Broadcasting: "Our National Parks - Sunrise to Sunset" and "The Four Seasons" were completed and released to PBS stations in 2000.

Tickets for "Hawaii - Pacific Paradise" may be purchased on the day of the show only at the Downey Theater Box Office beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Cash or check will be the only payment methods accepted.

For more information, call the Box Office at 861-8211.

Other films remaining in the Armchair Adventure Travelogue Series:

- Feb. 12 Cruising to Bermuda
- March 26 Natural Wonders of the East Coast
- April 9 Along the Continental Divide
- April 23 Inside Ireland

## OASIS class to feature line dance show

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday, Jan. 30 will feature a Country Line Dance Show led by instructor Sandy Hunstman. She teaches Country Line Dance for Health, which she says is a modern fun way of getting exercise and staying healthy.

The class opens at 3 p.m. for enrollment. A dinner ticket for \$3.50 may be purchased at this time. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. The program starts at 4 p.m.; a full course dinner is served at 5 p.m.

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

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## Western Yee-Haw gala Feb. 17 taking shape

By Rosalie Sciortino

**DOWNEY**—Preparations for the Western Yee-Haw gala, sponsored by the Downey Symphony Guild on Feb. 17 at the Woman's Clubhouse in Downey, are gaining momentum.

Now ready to divulge the special menu to be served that night, the group is pleased to announce the following robust chuck wagon feast: Succulent tri tip steak, cole slaw, potato salad, Betty's beans, hot biscuits, and a dessert to be announced.

The western motif will be evident throughout the evening, from table setting and decoration to entertainment including square dancers, poker tables, no host bar, and live and silent auctions.

Katie Hare of the Guild asks you to either "Saddle up ole Paint or mosey on down to the club house at 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey at 6 p.m. Please check yer shootin' irons at the door and be prepared for a rip-roarin' evening."

The whole program is geared to benefit Music in the Schools and the Downey Symphony. The \$65 per person charge is partially tax deductible. Reservations should be made on or before Saturday, Feb. 10 and mailed with payment to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Drive, Downey, CA 90240.

For additional information, call 869-2120 or 861-8507.

## Children's Choir making visit to First Christian

**DOWNEY**—As part of its 10-month concert tour of the United States, World Help presents the *Children of the World* International Children's Choir Sunday, Jan. 29 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Downey First Christian Church. The choir is comprised of 17 orphaned and disadvantaged children from India, Nepal, Uganda, Brazil, and the Philippines. They have performed at places like Disney World, Lego Land and the Crystal Cathedral.

### Native dialects

The one-hour concert will feature several songs in both English and native dialects, as well as personal testimonies. Also part of the concert is a video presentation featuring footage of the children's home countries.

The children represent thousands of children in World Help's Child Sponsorship Program around the world who suffer hardship, hunger and disease. The purpose of *Children of the World* is to generate compassion and inspire individuals to get involved in the World Help Child Sponsorship Program, which hopes to help change the world ... one child at a time.



**MIRIAM NELSON**—Is delighted to be back a fourth time with the Downey Civic Light Opera where she choreographed "Annie Get Your Gun," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Good News!" She choreographed "The Bob Hope Show" and "The Colgate Comedy Hour" for NBC, as well as two Academy Award shows, two half-time Super Bowl shows, "Ziegfeld," a two-hour movie of the week (brought her an Emmy nomination), shows in Washington, D.C. for three Presidents, and three big shows at the Hollywood Bowl.

## 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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**Wednesday, February 8th**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Sizzler  
 10315 Lakewood Blvd.  
 Downey

**Monday, February 13th**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Szechwan  
 11010 Paramount Blvd.  
 Downey

**Thursday, February 16th**  
 3:00 p.m.  
 Mimi's Café  
 8455 E. Firestone Blvd.  
 Downey

**Monday, February 20th**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Szechwan  
 11010 Paramount Blvd.  
 Downey

**Wednesday, February 22nd**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Sizzler  
 10315 Lakewood Blvd.  
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Transportation <sup>3</sup>	\$0
12 Routine Podiatry Visits	\$0
100 Hrs. In-Home Assistance	\$0
80 Hrs. Respite Care	\$0
Diabetes Care, Insulin and Supplies	\$0
Deluxe Dental Package <sup>5</sup> (optional)	\$12.45 - \$14.95
Unlimited Generic Drug (30-Day)	\$0-5
Unlimited Brand Name Drugs (30-Day)	\$25

Members will receive a \$20 monthly (\$240 annual) Part B cash rebate. Call for details.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> All benefits are based on the 2006 Calendar Year. <sup>2</sup> \$50 copay on hospital emergency room visits (waived if admitted). <sup>3</sup> Unlimited non-emergency transportation to and from medical appointments within our service area. <sup>4</sup> CMA HMO and CVP members will qualify for rebate. <sup>5</sup> PPO Deluxe Dental Premium \$14.95. <sup>6</sup> PPO premium \$56.

California Health Plan is a state licensed provider sponsored organization (PSO) with a Medicare Advantage contract open to all Medicare beneficiaries with Medicare Parts A and B who reside within the designated service area. Members must pay Part B premiums and use contracted network providers for routine care. Limitations, co-payments and coinsurance will apply. Pharmacy benefits are limited to a Covered Medication list which is subject to change. Contact California Health Plan for details. A sales representative will be present with information and Individual Election Forms.

## Gustafson

serving on the Board of Directors and Chamber committees for the annual Street Faire and Oldies Concert Fund Raising Events. She also participates regularly in the Downey Chamber of Commerce Rise 'N Shine networking breakfasts and the weekly meeting of ProNetworkers-Downey.

In The Downey Patriot's many pursuits to bring you, the reader, the best community newspaper, with great stories and advertising offers, we now introduce to you Gwynn Gustafson, the new Downey Patriot Major Accounts Manager.

Gwynn Gustafson will be a definite asset to our staff as she brings decades of talent and ideas that will offer wonderful enhancements to your hometown newspaper.

You can reach Gwynn at Co-Op Cache Consulting 562-869-5366, by E-mail at [info@coopcache.com](mailto:info@coopcache.com), visiting the website [www.coopcache.com](http://www.coopcache.com) or leaving a message at The Downey Patriot.

## Water

demands for potable water sources. Demand for recycled water in Downey has increased since it first became available here in 1992. The plan is to promote it even more.

### Water conservation

To help reduce reliance on California's future water supplies the Water Code requires all urban water suppliers to provide an analysis of 14 specific demand management/water conservation measures. Being a signatory of the California Urban Water Conservation Council, the City of Downey has fulfilled this requirement by implementing the council's best management practices. These include residential plumbing retrofit and rebate programs.

### Water shortage contingency plan

The UWMP details a four-stage water shortage contingency plan. The plan includes both voluntary and mandatory rationing which are to be implemented depending on the causes, severity and anticipated duration of the shortage. Implementation of the shortage contingency during a declared water shortage emergency requires council approval before any stage of the plan is declared effective. Central Basin pumping rights have never been reduced or restricted during any drought.

## Symphony

known as the "Air for the G String." That's the one whose opening measures cause sighs of recognition and delight in audiences around the world. So graceful. You have most likely heard it many times over the air. How interesting to hear it performed live.

And you might think music written in memory of six comrades killed in World War I, "The Tomb of Couperin," would be mournful or angry, but composer Maurice Ravel "Delighted in paradoxes" as the program notes state, and this work typifies the famous French flair for elegance and brilliance. It dances too.

### Centerpiece

The evening's centerpiece features four principal players from within the orchestra in Franz Joseph Haydn's "Sinfonie Concertante." Now stifle your yawns and hear what words describe this offering, again from the program notes: "As if he were impatient to let his soloists shine, Haydn has them pick up the thread of conversation almost at once...and the conversation never flags. It is witty, charming, ingenious...Just when things sound as if they might be getting serious, the solo violin proposes a cream-puff theme. It is a delicious trifle that cannot be made to sound important even when it is echoed with the sonority of the full orchestra. Importance, however, is the last thing on Haydn's mind."

Sounds like great fun, and it's brought to us live, front-stage, by soloists we have seen in our fine orchestra over many seasons.

### Giggling allowed

Lastly on the program we come to Serge Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony." If you know it, you're already smiling. If you don't yet know it, please be advised that appreciative giggling and other outbursts of delight are strictly permitted. Prokofiev, as a student at the conservatory, was always breaking the rules, writing music with "wrong" rhythms and harmonies, a bad boy. But he surprised everyone with this, his first symphony, written in the style of Papa Haydn. (Remember him from the previous paragraphs?) Though the "Classical" is an affectionate homage, you just know Prokofiev's mouth is twitching as he writes.

It all comes to you Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. in the Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Parking is free, and Tom Osborn's preview discussion, to clue you in further on the music, begins at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$25, and may be purchased by phone (562) 403-2944, or at the theater box office on Feb. 4 before concert time.

## Learn English close to your home

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School is offering free English classes and free babysitting to anyone who wants to learn English. The classes are held in the mornings at four different school sites:

Imperial Elementary	Mon-Fri	8:45 - 11:45
West Middle School	Mon-Fri	8:30 - 11:30
Alameda Elementary	Mon & Wed	8:00 - 11:30
Rio Hondo Elementary	Tue, Thu, Fri	8:00 - 11:30

Students may enroll anytime; all levels of English instruction are offered. Students need to go to one of the above school sites and ask the front office where the CBET classroom is located.

For information, call Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, (562) 940-6200.

## Free bus trip to Festival of Books

**DOWNEY**—Good news for those who enjoy great books, best-selling authors, good food and entertainment—the Friends of the Downey City Library are sponsoring a free bus trip to the UCLA Festival of Books Saturday, April 29.

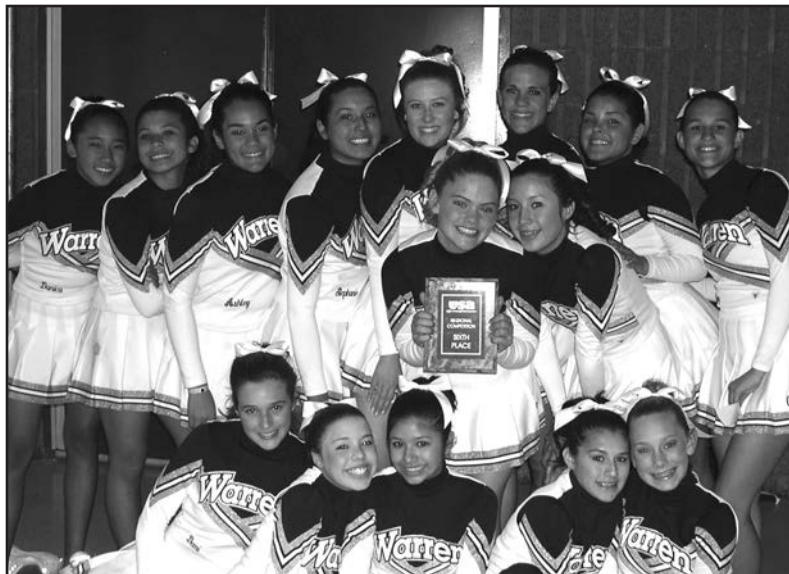
The festival offers lectures, book reviews, storytelling and writing workshops by over 400 authors. Also featured will be book signings by some of today's leading authors. In addition, there will be poetry readings, as well as cooking demonstrations.

The trip would be ideal for book lovers who want to avoid the hassle of driving and parking on the Westwood campus. The bus will leave the city of Downey parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. and arrive back in Downey at 5 p.m. Bus transportation and festival admission are free, but some events require advance tickets.

For reservations, contact the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



**ECSTATIC WARREN HIGH VARSITY CHEER SQUAD**—Finish first at recent USA Regionals. They'll be competing next at the USA Nationals at Anaheim Convention Center March 16-18.



**THE WARREN HIGH JV CHEER SQUAD**—Display their 6th place award at recent USA Regional Competition. It's on to the USA Nationals in March.

## Warren cheer squads in USA Nationals

**DOWNEY**—As a result of their fine performances at the USA (Cheer Squad) Regional Competition held at Esperanza High School in Anaheim on Jan. 21, both the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheer squads from Warren High School have received bids to the USA Nationals scheduled March 16-18 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

At the regionals in which the girls competed against other teams from around the Southern California area, The Warren Varsity squad took 1st place in their division, while the Junior Varsity squad took 6th place in theirs.

The Varsity captains are Cindy Ananias, Alicia Martinez and Megan Port. The Junior Varsity captains are Jillian Monico and Kristina Stromen. Head coach is Kellie Acosta, with Summer Parsley serving as assistant coach.

## Warren Pep Squad mini clinic tomorrow

**DOWNEY**—A Pep Squad Mini Clinic for girls ages 5-13 is being held tomorrow, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Warren Football Stadium.

The girls will learn a dance, cheers, and much more. The participants will also be invited to cheer at a varsity basketball game Feb. 3 at Warren High. One participant ticket and one adult ticket to the game are included in the cost of \$25.

Sign up in advance with any WHS cheerleader, or on the morning of the event.

## Women invited to heart disease seminar

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., hosts a seminar for women on "Heart Disease and Stroke" Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9-11 a.m. Dr. Laura Sullivan, a board-certified internal medicine physician, will speak on "Warning Signs for a Heart Attack," while Deborah Massaglia, president of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, will share facts on stroke-warning signs and risk awareness.

Surveys conducted by the American Heart Association show that while awareness has increased, less than half of the women surveyed knew that cardiovascular disease, including stroke, is the leading cause of death in women. One out of two women over age 40 will develop cardiovascular disease.

When considered separately from cardiovascular disease, stroke ranks as the third leading cause of death in the U.S. Each year, 46,000 more women than men have a stroke.

Registration is required for this free community event. For information about Stroke Awareness Days, call 904-5162.

## Tours offered by Downey Adult School

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School offers the following one-day Great Western Tours led by Harriett Paine: *Sweet Shops Tour*—featuring a Curt Tucker Adventure and lunch at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant, Feb. 21; *Taste of Hollywood—Fashion, Food, & Shopping*—stops at Fashion Institute of Design and Biltmore Hotel, March 1; and *Spring Festival of Flowers at Descanso Gardens*—featuring a Tram Tour and lunch, March 22.

Now open, registration should be made at the Downey Adult School office, 12340 Woodruff Ave. Information: 940-6213.

## Healthy Heart Nutrition class at DRMC

**DOWNEY**—February is National Heart Month, and the community is invited to a Healthy Heart Nutrition Class Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

People who have high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend. The class is free but space is limited and registration is required by calling the DRMC Department of Education, 904-5580.

These classes are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

## The poets' corner

### The Star

The circle  
Sometimes the circle of life has points

A star fell into the back yard last night  
After all it was Christmas and it was bright  
And there was a miracle around it all  
It missed the power lines leading to the wall  
Maybe the rain helped guide it down  
Imagine that in this small town  
This star may make history  
Then I turned it over and solved the mystery  
Happy Birthday it read  
Made in China it said  
That made no difference to me  
The truth was plain to see  
It will fit nicely at the top of my Christmas tree

---Will Ferguson,  
Downey

## Arc sets its sights on 'Arc Walk' March 25

**DOWNEY**—The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, takes place Saturday, March 25 at Downey's Stonewood Center near the Acapulco Restaurant.

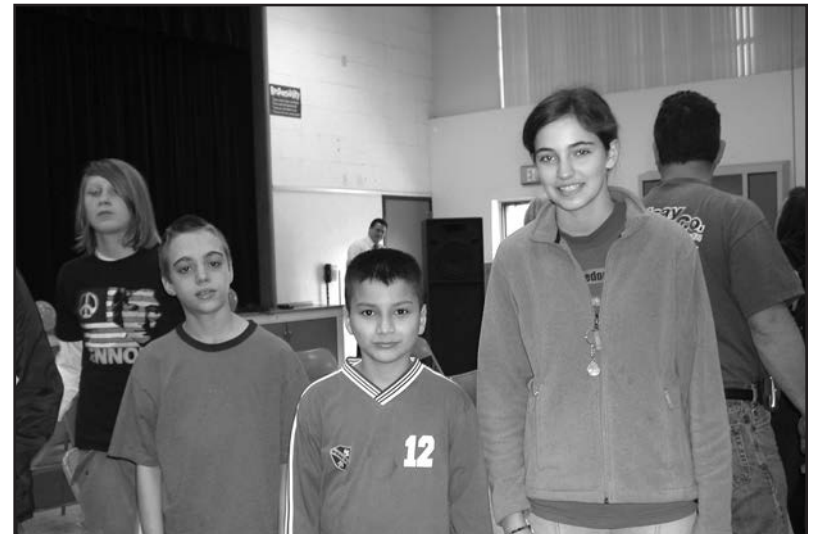
The Arc (formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens) has seen its annual event grow from 220 walkers in 1997 to more than 2,000 in 2005. In 9 years it has raised more than \$450,000 to help those with developmental disabilities in Arc's 24 programs and services.

The Arc is still soliciting Corporate Sponsors who last year numbered 37. The event provides them with a great opportunity for business promotion while helping a wonderful cause. For more than 50 years the Arc has provided employment, educational and advocacy services to men and women and children with mental retardation—at no charge.

Registration forms are available and some great teams from businesses, churches, schools and families are expected to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the largest registered team, the most sponsorship money raised and other honors.

The event features a marching band, clowns, balloons and more. It includes two walking courses—a one-mile and a three-mile course.

Registration is \$10 and children under 10 are free. For information/registration, call (562) 803-4606, or email [arckmac@aol.com](mailto:arckmac@aol.com).



**SMART KIDS**—Eight-grader Amy Gebert won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee. If one of the top 100 finishers of a written exam, Amy will be eligible to compete in the state Bee March 31.

## 8th grader wins school's National Geographic Bee

**DOWNEY**—West Middle School 8th grader Amy Gebert has won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 12 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 18th annual National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and JPMorgan Chase & Co., a leading global financial services firm with assets of \$1.2 trillion and operations in more than 50 countries.

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 14, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Amy, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee March 31.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 23 and 24. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.

"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 24. The program will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.

Anyone can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee), which poses five new questions a day from previous National Geographic Bees. The GeoBee Challenge board game is sold at Target stores nationwide. The board game won the prestigious Parents' Choice Award.

The National Geographic society is one of the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organizations. The 117-year-old Society reflects the world through magazines, television programs, films, radio, books, videos, maps, interactive media and merchandise. National Geographic magazine, the official journal of the Society, is read by about 40 million people each month in every country of the world. The National Geographic Channel reaches more than 230 million households in 27 languages in 153 countries. National Geographic has funded more than 8,000 scientific research projects and supports an education program combating geographic illiteracy.

## Protestors need to rethink choice of props

By Eric Pierce

Far be it from me, an advocate of free speech working at a newspaper no less, to impede on the rights of gatherers exercising their First Amendment rights.

But at some point there has to be a respect for public decency.

I'm referring to the demonstrators gathered outside the offices of Planned Parenthood in Downey this weekend, who callously displayed a grisly photo of what looked to be a recently aborted fetus. The large bloody photograph was clearly visible to passing motorists on Firestone Boulevard. But that was the point.

No matter what position you take on the issue of abortion, points can be made without subjecting unknowing passerby's to images some may deem offensive. These images do nothing but add a shock value to the demonstration that outsiders will inevitably grow to resent.

I applaud anyone who is so passionate an issue he or she will spend hours speaking out on that perceived injustice. But as the community respects your right to gather, please respect the community's right to be shielded from obscene images in public places.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Quotas and screening important

Dear Editor:

A wise man once said, "Unless a country can control its borders, it will soon have no country," as Muslims showed by taking over the governments of Holland and Spain.

Regarding M. Ontiveros' article, "Issues touch raw nerve," (*The Downey Patriot*, 1/20/06) I sympathize with Mexicans coming here illegally to escape persecution and poverty, and but for the grace of God it could be me and my family. As proof that their sheer numbers have, in fact, overwhelmed our system, at Downey's schools Mexican students outnumber all others by as much as 20 to 1. Some 84 hospitals closed last year due to non-payment by illegal Mexicans demanding free medical. Doctors and nurses are quitting the profession due to non-payment that is causing a serious shortage, according to my doctors. Due to our inability to check large numbers at the border, it has been reported that diseases we had once conquered, such as malaria and TB, are coming back with a vengeance, and the L.A. police say 80 percent of L.A.'s two most violent gangs are illegal Mexicans.

Regarding jobs, with an abundance of cheap immigrant labor Walmart, and Target especially, are setting two dangerous trends: wherever they open they wipe out the good-paying union jobs of competitors, and suppliers, by buying 90 percent of the products they sell from foreign countries that use cheap labor, and by hiring low-income workers, many of whom are part-time to avoid having to pay for their insurance, leaving the worker at risk in case of serious illness.

Ontiveros is correct—in years past Irishmen and Jews landed in New York in quantity, but they entered by quotas and were properly screened. Let's address the problem here and now by enforcing quotas, and screening everyone coming across the border. Who knows, we might stop a terrorist bent on another 9/11 bombing.

—J. Hawkins,  
Downey

#### Offers solution to 'illegals' problem

Dear Editor:

The best way to slow down "the illegals" who come here is to cut off all the benefits they receive instead of rolling out the red carpet for them. The young girls get pregnant at 16-17, have a "Jackpot baby," go on welfare, raise a whole slew of them, and retire. Let them raise their own on their own.

When you hear politicians talk about amnesty, beware! When they are legalized, this opens up a new door called "chain-migration," which allows them to take in their families—parents, sisters, brothers—that turns into a never-ending problem.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is pro-"illegals." She uses coded words like "unauthorized migrants," "earned transition" (amnesty) and stable economy (cheap labor).

Write and complain to your elected officials, call, e-mail, and put the heat on them.

—Edward Sverchek,  
Bell

#### Alternative solution offered

Dear Editor:

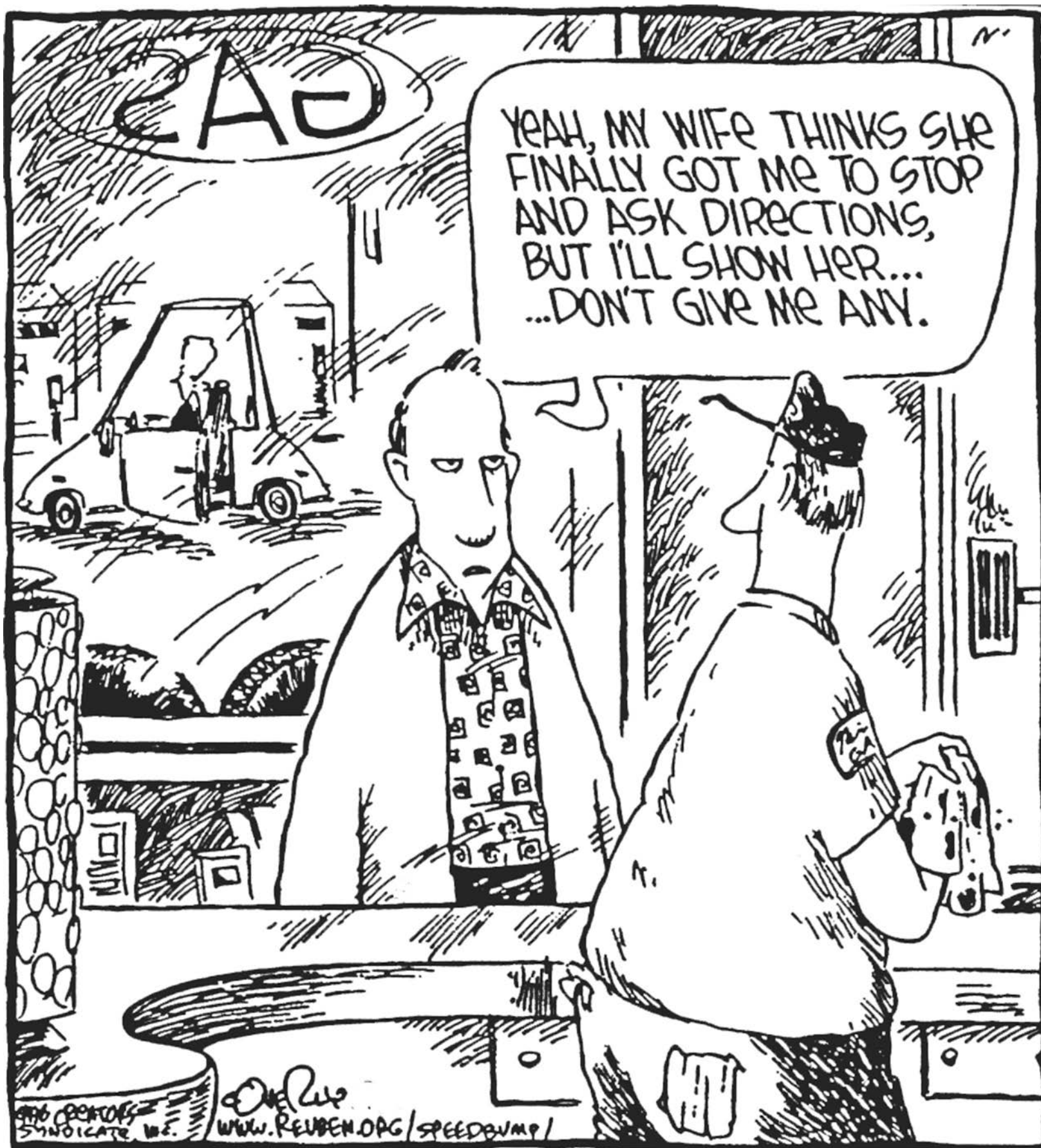
The only reason illegal immigrants are here in such mass numbers is because Americans allow it.

America could control the border the way we want to, if we want. Russia did an excellent job on the Berlin Wall, didn't they?

We could stop [the flow of illegal immigrants] to a small trickle if we wanted to. But Americans really don't want to, do they?

Maybe we should ask Russia to help us build a wall—like the Berlin Wall.

—Mike Sandoval,  
Downey



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### McCahill St. residents decry situation

Dear Editor:

The Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee exists to monitor and advise on the design and implementation of redevelopment projects in the city of Downey. Our primary purpose in doing so is to defend the existing residents and property holders of Downey from exploitation or neglect in the name of redevelopment. When such a situation arises, we feel obligated to communicate to both the city government and the greater community of Downey the need for fair and urgent remedy in accordance with our mutual property rights.

We, the PAC, therefore note that such a situation has developed during the street-widening construction underway at the intersection of Lakewood and Firestone. Due to mounting complaints voiced by the citizens of McCahill Street—a neighborhood adjacent to this construction and represented by the PAC—we wish to share their concerns and our findings on the subject. Specifically, we find as unsatisfactory the negative impacts that the Lakewood/Firestone construction has had on the residents of McCahill, and that the following conditions are incompatible with the City's responsibilities and/or legal codes:

- \*The indefinite parking and storage of heavy construction equipment in a residential/commercial neighborhood not zoned for industrial use.

- \*Visual blight, code violations and environment issues (including dust, mud, noise, damage to interior and exterior of homes) resulting from the storage and operations of such equipment.

- \*The obstruction of ingress and egress to McCahill, safety issues, and congested traffic due to eastbound Firestone narrowing from three lanes to two between Nash Avenue and Lakewood Blvd. (i.e., the Citibank's property).

- \*The disruption of street cleaning services, despite numerous complaints to Downey Public Works.

- \*Damage to street paving and walkways on both Nash and McCahill.

- \*An overall detriment to the property values and the quality of life of the residents of McCahill Street.

The residents of this neighborhood have been patient and understanding, but these issues have been ongoing since early in the summer of 2005 and have shown no sign of determinable resolution.

Consequently, the PAC believes that the continuing burden inflicted by the Firestone construction upon the residents of McCahill to be unacceptable and incongruent with redevelopment's mission. We remind the City that the purpose of redevelopment is to improve Downey's neighborhoods, not diminish them. It is for these reasons that the PAC requests that city officials pay immediate attention to this situation, and that the enumerated complaints be rectified in a timely fashion.

—Project Area Committee,  
Downey

#### Newcomer walks District

**DOWNEY**—College teacher and Whittier city councilman Owen Newcomer, a candidate for the 58th Assembly District seat representing an area that includes part of Downey, is systematically walking the 24,000 houses in the district.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez said, "As a college teacher of U.S. Government, and the author of a book, "Governing California and Los Angeles," combined with his 16 years of local elected office experience, Owen Newcomer is most qualified for the 58th Assembly District. This election will not be much different than his previous successful elections."

## Downey hacker faces as much as 25 years

**LOS ANGELES**—In the first prosecution of its kind in the nation, a well-known member of the "botmaster underground" pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges related to his profitable use of "botnets"—armies of compromised computers—which were used to launch destructive attacks, to send huge quantities of spam across the Internet and to receive surreptitious installations of adware.

Jeanson James Ancheta, 20, of Downey, appeared Wednesday, Jan. 25 before United States District Judge R. Gary Klausner and entered guilty pleas to charges of conspiring to violate the Computer Fraud Abuse Act, conspiring to violate the CAN-SPAM Act, causing damage to computers used by the federal government in national defense, and accessing protected computers. Ancheta admitted to using computer servers he controlled to transmit malicious code over the Internet to scan for and exploit vulnerable computers. Ancheta caused thousands of the compromised computers to be directed to a channel in Internet Relay Chat which he controlled, to scan for other computers vulnerable to similar infection, and to remain "zombies" vulnerable to further unauthorized access.

Ancheta further admitted that, in more than 30 separate transactions, he earned about \$3,000 by selling access to his botnets to other computer users for the purpose of launching distributed denial of services (DDOS) attacks and sending unsolicited commercial email, commonly called spam. He acknowledged specifically discussing with those who leased his botnets the nature and extent of DDOS attacks or proxy spamming they were interested in conducting. Ancheta suggested the number of bots or proxies they would need to achieve results by spamming. And he advised them on how to properly retain and repair and strengthen their purchased armies.

He admitted generating roughly \$60,000 in advertising affiliate proceeds by directing more than 400,000 infected computers that were part of his botnet armies to other servers he controlled where modified adware would surreptitiously download onto the zombies.

He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Klausner on May 1. Maximum sentence is 25 years.


## Research scorches use of self-tanning salons

According to a 2005 survey conducted by the American Academy of Dermatology, 92 percent of the respondents understood that getting a tan from the sun is dangerous. Yet, 65 percent said that they think they look better when they have a tan.

In a quest to get a "sunless" tan, almost 30 million Americans visit indoor tanning salons each year. On an average day, more than 1 million Americans visit tanning salons. Of these, more than 70 percent are Caucasian girls and women between the ages of 16 and 49. More than 25 percent of teen girls have used tanning salons three or more times in their lives.

While many people believe that tanning at a tanning salon is a safer alternative to sunbathing, this is not the case, according to an article published in the December 2005 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*.

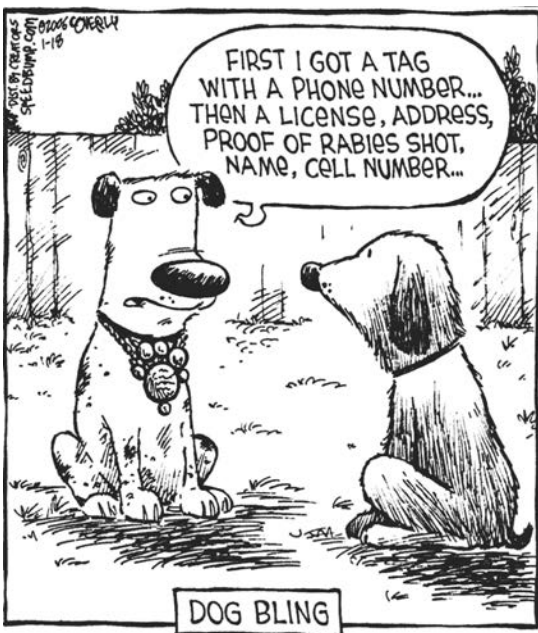
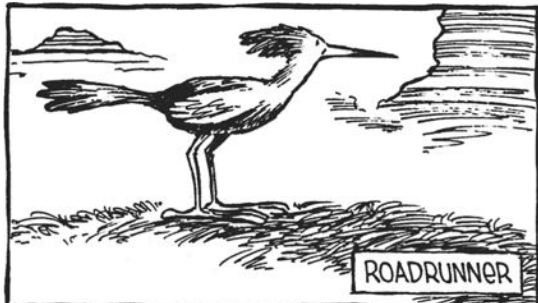
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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

Sun. Jan. 29, 2:30 p.m.: "Hawaii Paradise" travelogue filmed and narrated by Dennis Burkhart as part of the Armchair Adventure series at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call 861-8211.  
Sun. Jan. 29, 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  
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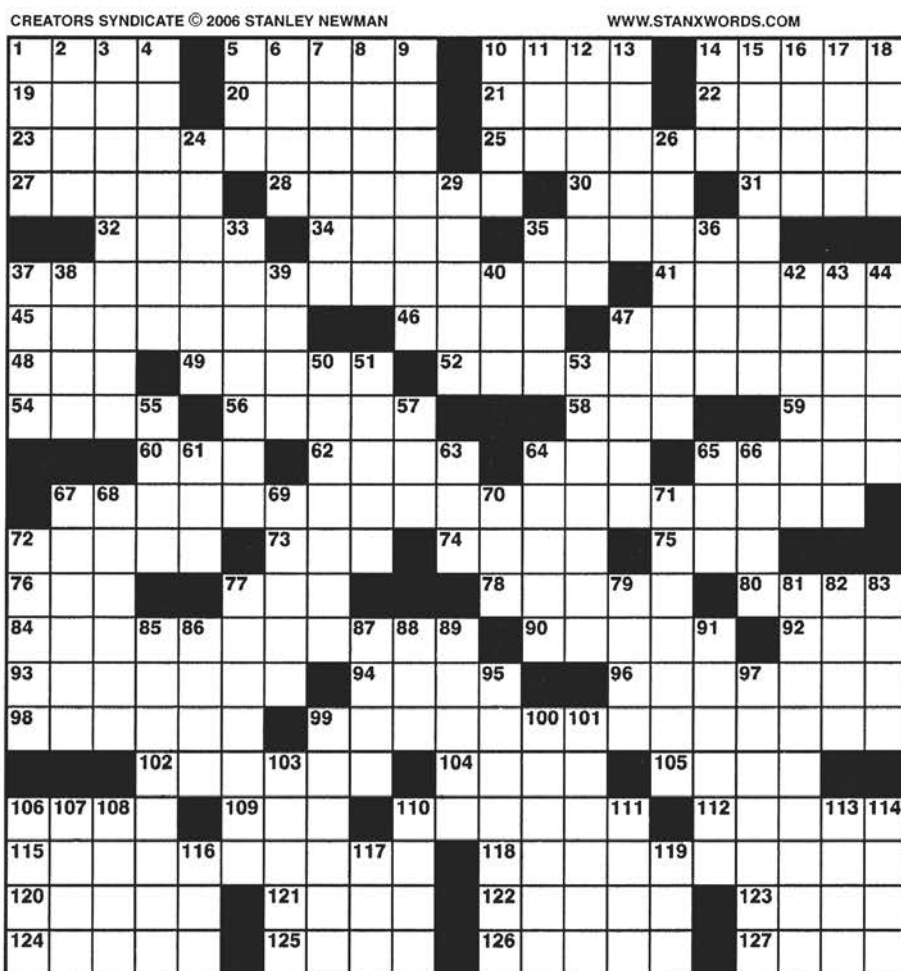
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## L. B. Studio Theater's '06-'07 season

**LONG BEACH**—The Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach, will stage 8 productions for its 2006-2007 season, its 40th.

The world premiere of *The Quality of Light*, the story of a middle-aged, divorced American woman, Claire, who has come to Saint Paul de Vence (above cote d'Azur, in the South of France) to try to reclaim her life several months after the suicide of her teenaged son, is the first offering, running March 17-April 22;

A comedy, *Sylvia*, which is scheduled April 28-June 3, is about Greg and Kate who have moved to Manhattan after 22 years of child raising in the suburbs. Into their life arrives Sylvia, a dog he found in the park "or that has found him." Sylvia then becomes a "major bone of contention between husband and wife";

Described as a comic thriller, "*Postmortem*," runs next from June 9-July 15. The play is about William Gillette, actor and playwright, who suspects someone—one of his guests at his home—is out to murder him and proceeds to try to solve the case himself a la Sherlock Holmes;

Next is presented "*Diva Dish with Luke Yankee*," a loving tribute by the son of Academy Award-winning actress Eileen Heckart, who shares first-hand, never-before-heard show business anecdotes, rare stills and video footage on "divas" ranging from Marilyn Monroe, Marlene Dietrich, Paul Newman, Martha Stewart, Lyndon Johnson, and over fifty others. It will run from July 21-Aug. 26;

"*Driving Miss Daisy*," winner of the 188 Pulitzer Prize, the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play, and an Academy Award-winning film, runs Sept. 17-Oct. 7;

"*The Heiress*" comes next, from Oct. 13-Nov. 18. Suggested by Henry James' novel, *Washington Square*, the play is set in 1850s New York about a shy and plain young girl, Catherine Sloper, who falls desperately in love with a delightful young fortune hunter;

"*Scotland Road*," set in the last decade of the 20th century, is next, running from Nov. 24-Dec. 16, that begins when a beautiful young woman in 19th century clothing is found floating on an iceberg in the middle of the North Atlantic;

The last presentation of the season is "*Tracers*," from Jan. 19-March 3, 2007, a "powerful, unsettling and ultimately devastating" account of the Vietnam War, written (and first performed by) men who were there, and who then realize that their lives will be forever affected by the horrors that they have witnessed "and been a part of"

For single and season ticket information, call the Playhouse Box Office at (562) 494-1014. Box Office hours are 3-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 3:30-8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Parking is free. The Long Beach Playhouse is celebrating its 77th year of operation.



**STREET FAIR** — Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank in Downey is chairperson of the 13th annual Downey Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, which will take place on Brookshire Ave. on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring entertainment, a food court, a kid's zone and business and craft booths, sponsorships are available. For information, call the Chamber at 923-2191.

## Symphony Guild annual 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.

## 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.

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## 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.

### 'A Tale of Charles Dickens' over 89.3

**LOS ANGELES**—L.A. Theatre Works' *The Play's the Thing* is airing the world premiere of "A Tale of Charles Dickens" tomorrow, Jan. 21 from 10 p.m.-midnight on 89.3 KPCC.

Starring members of L.A.'s critically-acclaimed Antaeus Company, the radio play dramatizes London in the 1830s – the most colorful and chaotic city in the world – and young journalist Charles Dickens as he uncovers a dark conspiracy of arson and murder. It is a fanciful look at the man before he became the iconic author he's known today.

Airings of *The Play's the Thing* are streamed live on the KPCC website (www.kpcc.org) for one week following each broadcast so that people worldwide can hear the show. *The Play's the Thing* broadcasts are heard on many other public radio stations nationwide and abroad.

### Hearing Loss Group meets monthly

**LAKEWOOD**—The Hearing Loss Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Ave. in Lakewood. Information: (562) 429-7099 or (562) 433-6509.

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**DOWNEY'S BRITNEY VANCE (15)** – Scored two goals and had one assist as Downey High School shutout Lynwood's girls soccer team 4-0. Senior Jennifer Powell also scored two goals for the Vikings. Downey was scheduled for an afternoon game against Warren Thursday; results were not available as of press time.

### Baseball team holding golf tournament

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School's baseball program is holding its 12th Annual Buck Taylor Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course in Downey.

Under Coach Steve Fullerton, the baseball program has used this tournament to help raise money to upgrade uniforms, purchase modern field equipment and supply the players with better baseball gear.

Cost per player is \$85 which includes green fees and goodie bag. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 31.

Check-in is at 10 a.m. Feb. 7 and a putting contest will run from 10:10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. A longest drive contest will also be held.

Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100 which will include a sign of thanks for the support. The baseball program is also looking for donations of items that can be included in the goodie bag or raffled off.

To sign up or more information, call Steven West at (714) 715-6624 or Steve Fullerton at (562) 869-7306.

### '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.

## Rebates available for restaurant owners

**DOWNEY** – The Gas Company has announced a new set of rebates for the purchase of energy-efficient ovens, griddles, fryers and other commercial restaurant and food service equipment.

Restaurant appliance purchasers can visit The Gas Company's Food Service Equipment Center in Downey to view more than 150 pieces of new energy-efficient equipment from more than 60 different manufacturers.

"Any food service professional can make appointments to test the latest ovens, griddles, fryers and other equipment at no charge," said Mark Gaines, director of customer programs for The Gas Company.

All rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available. Customers can qualify for multiple rebates through multiple purchases.

The rebates are as follows for qualifying natural gas equipment: \$750 (pressureless steamers, combination ovens), \$500 (fryers, convection ovens), and \$125 (griddles).

The Food Service Equipment Center also offers seminars on the latest trends in the food service industry, as well as a Ventilation and Baking Lab for testing up to five different combinations of ventilation hoods.

### Rose Float now accepting float sketches

**DOWNEY**—Downey Rose Float Association is now accepting concept sketches for their next float.

The theme for the 2007 Rose Parade, as announced by the Tournament of Roses Parade Committee, is "Our Good Nature," in reference to the spectacular floristry of the floats and the natural materials used to cover them, not to mention the 'good' nature of the volunteers who work on the floats and the parade.

Sketches should be turned in on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper in black and white (no color), with no identifying marks on the front of the picture. Name and phone # should be placed on the back of the drawing.

Entries can be mailed to: DRFA, P.O. Box 401, Downey, CA 90241 or brought to the special meeting Feb. 2, where the new float will be picked. The meeting will be held at the Barbara Riley Center at 7 p.m. All mailed entries need to be postmarked by Jan. 30 to ensure timely arrival.

Contact Julie Swender, DRFA president, for more information at (562) 201-3367.

### Sanchez to speak at democratic meeting

**NORWALK**—Congresswoman Linda Sanchez will speak on "Taking Back the Congress & America in 2006" at the monthly meeting of the 56th Assembly District Democratic Committee Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant in Norwalk, corner of Imperial and Pioneer. Dinner/Social Hour is from 6-7 p.m.

All Democrats living in the 56th Assembly District are invited to come and meet the Congresswoman. The 56th District covers all or parts of Norwalk, Whittier, Artesia, Cerritos, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Santa Fe Springs and surrounding areas.

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# Cerritos College nurses keep it in the family

**NORWALK** — Marie was the one who started it. Now a nurse practitioner at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, Marie Mesina Eugenio, 29, got her start at Cerritos College and graduated as a registered nurse in 1999.

Along the way, Marie encouraged her mother Elizabeth to take an accounting class at Cerritos College with her. Before long, Elizabeth was working on an associate's degree in accounting, which she received in 2002. But her aspirations toward a flexible, fulfilling career led her to next investigate the college's competitive nursing program.

About this time, Elizabeth's two younger sons—Melvin, now 24, and Miles, now 22—were nearing graduation at Gahr High School. They, too, saw the many advantages of pursuing a career in nursing.

"After they graduated from high school, my brothers seemed to be undecided in choosing a major and a career path," said Marie. "When they saw how my career in nursing allowed me to pick and choose, they saw it as a big plus."

Marie went on to UCLA and graduated summa cum laude with her bachelor's degree in 2002 and earned a master's degree in 2004. She now focuses on internal medicine in her position at LAC-USC.

Then, in spring 2003, Elizabeth, Melvin and Miles Mesina—all of Artesia—followed Marie's example and joined a cohort of about 50 other students to begin working toward their RN degrees.

"At first, the instructors thought it best to have us in separate clinical groups," explained Elizabeth. "But after a while, they saw how well we worked in a class and that it wouldn't be a problem to have three people from the same family together."

Attending classes with her sons, Elizabeth said, was an all-around good experience.

Melvin and Miles agreed. "There's no real disadvantage," said Melvin. "We were, and still are, very supportive of one another."

Miles added, "Sometimes there were scheduling conflicts with using the car when we had rotations at separate hospitals, but other than that, it was a great experience."

"The combination of living near the college and taking classes together really helped us," said Melvin.

Elizabeth was known among classmates and professors in the program as "Mama Mesina" and said that her instructors "thrived" on letting her know when she had scored higher than her sons on various tests.

"We even adopted other classmates and were like one, big family," laughed Miles.

The Mesinas said that the question they most often received is whether they studied for classes together.

"The answer is, 'we didn't,'" said Elizabeth, "and that's because we all have our different ways of studying. Maybe sometimes we quizzed each other on the morning of a test, but that's about all."

In December 2005, Elizabeth, Melvin and Miles received their registered nursing degrees and attended a traditional Cerritos College nurses' pinning ceremony in which they and the rest of their graduating class were honored.

The Mesinas said they feel they are pretty much like other close-knit families who live near each other and talk frequently. Marie, who is married and lives in Cerritos, said she talks to her family every day.

With four members of the family (father and a younger brother bring



**THE MESINA FAMILY** — All earned their nursing degrees from Cerritos College.

the total to six) having experienced the nursing program at Cerritos College, one might think there would be a wide variety of opinions among the graduates on the overall learning experience. On the contrary, the family is in agreement in how pleased they were with the instruction.

"We were really all very happy with the education we got," said Marie. "The teachers were supportive and dedicated, and I think all of us plan to pursue even more education," said Elizabeth, laughing as she added, "I may be 70 years old by then, but it won't matter."

All of the Mesinas underscored the fact that Cerritos College's nursing program "isn't for slackers."

But Melvin said that it was the dedication to study that attracted him to the field.

"It's a life decision to go into nursing," he said. "But the real selling point for me was the flexibility of the hours that the career offers."

All three new grads are drawn to different specialties in the nursing field. Miles said he is drawn to the more intense environments of emergency or operating room nursing, while Melvin explained that it's hard for him to name just one area of interest.

Elizabeth is drawn to caring for older patients. She was recently hired at Anaheim Memorial Hospital to work in the cardiac observation unit.

Both Miles and Melvin said they might one day want to return to Cerritos College to teach about their profession.

"We've done our part," concluded Marie. "We've contributed two qualified males to the nursing profession—now see how they can use what they've learned."

For more information about the associate degree nursing degree program at Cerritos College, visit [www.cerritos.edu/nursing](http://www.cerritos.edu/nursing).

## Country line dancing class starting up

**DOWNEY** — The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a new class, Country Line Dancing, for all levels of experience, beginners through partner dancing.

The classes begin Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Golden Park. Beginners class runs from 6:30-7:15 p.m., intermediate from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and country partner dancing from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Fee is \$18 for six weeks of classes. To register, call 904-7238.

## Temple holding weekly Shabbat services

**DOWNEY**—Shabbat Services are held every Friday evening at 7:30 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow conducts the service with Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, and Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

Following the worship service Kiddush is held—wine and challah are included. Oneg follows, and refreshments prepared by the Temple's Sisterhood are served.

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## Genealogical group talking artifacts

**WHITTIER**—The monthly meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier, will have speaker Norma Keating sharing her interest in acquiring genealogical artifacts through eBay.com.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, WAGS holds its annual daylong seminar. Speaker is popular Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Department at the Dallas (Texas) Public Library and a nationally known genealogy authority, who has spoken at four previous WAGS seminars.

The Society welcomes visitors at these meetings. For information, call (562) 595-5431 or (626) 919-1713, or see <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>.

## Good Shepherd School now enrolling

**DOWNEY**—Good Shepherd School in Downey is now enrolling K-8 students for its 50th academic year in 2006-2007.

Good Shepherd provides a Christian education to the families of the Downey/Bellflower area, according to Nancy J. Rueter, principal.

The school, an educational ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, is located at 13200 Clark Ave., just south of the 105 Freeway. Call 803-4918 for a tour and more information.

## Floral painting demonstration at meeting

**BELLFLOWER**—Lea Myles will paint a floral as demonstrator at the Bellflower Art Association's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd.

The meeting is free to the public. For information, call (562) 925-1314.

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- The twentieth time, they see the ad, they buy what is being offered.

Original source of this information unknown.

## Producer, entertainer Bill Turner passes away

**DOWNEY** — Bill Turner passed away at his home in Downey on Jan. 20 after a prolonged battle with emphysema and congestive heart failure.

Born William Walter Ward on August 22, 1934 in Los Angeles, he adopted his mother's maiden name when he joined the Screen Actor's Guild and became known in the entertainment industry as Bill Turner. In his youth he ice skated for the Los Angeles Figure Club with the likes of Tab Hunter and Ronnie Robertson and was instructed by legendary figure skating coach Mabel Fairbanks, who went on to coach such skating champions as Tai Babalonia and Randy Gardner. After high school, Bill joined Ice Capades and also skated for Holiday on Ice and the Hollywood Ice Revue before settling here and opening the Downey School of Ice Skating. Among the skaters that he started on the road to becoming champions are Larry Dusich, Ken Shelley and JoJo Starbuck.

Turner produced the first ice shows on the Strip in Las Vegas in the 1960's and also produced ice shows in Hawaii. In the 1970's he created and staged the hit Canadian television show "Stars on Ice" that was hosted by Alex Trebek and syndicated worldwide. He worked on Toller Cranston's "The Ice Show" that played at the Palace Theater on Broadway. His concept for a presentation of the Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale "The Snow Queen" inspired Shelley Duvall to create "Faerie Tale Theatre" for Showtime and Turner assisted her on that series, as well as "Tall Tales and Legends".

With producing partner Larry Dusich, he produced and performed in the Hawaiian premiere of "The Rocky Horror Show" in Honolulu in the 1980's. Throughout his career as a producer and director, he never lost his love for performing. Locally, he appeared in "Harvey" with John Hume and starred in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at the Encore Playhouse. He also appeared in "Annie Get Your Gun" and "The Boy Friend" and directed "South Pacific" for the Downey Civic Light Opera.

Recently, he had returned to live in Downey and served on the Board of Directors of the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation.

Turner is survived by his mother, Jessie Ward. Memorial Services will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Downey on February 2 at 2 p.m. and at the Zephyr Theatre in Hollywood on February 26 at 11 a.m.

## Aeronautical engineer has name on the moon

**DOWNEY** — Thomas Shanahan Jr., whose nearly three decades of work at Rockwell International in Downey earned him the honor of having his name engraved on a plaque on the moon, died Jan. 12 in Illinois. He was 67.

Shanahan worked on the Apollo 13 moon mission as an aeronautical engineer and was instrumental in designing a toilet seat spacewomen can use privately in space.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Southern California, Shanahan spent 27 years at Rockwell. In addition to the Apollo 13, he worked on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Soyuz space programs.

He died in Oak Lawn, Illinois, after a battle with lung cancer.

Shanahan is survived by his wife, Marguerite "Peg"; daughter Jean Coleman; sons Thomas and Stephen; stepdaughter Colleen Padlock; stepson Raymond "Pat" Cox; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held in Oak Lawn and an interment in Long Beach.

## '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.

## Services held for Rosamond E. Malin

**DOWNEY**—Services were held yesterday, Jan. 26, at the Church of Our Fathers at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress for Rosamond E. Malin of Downey, who resided here 73 years.

Born April 29, 1908 in Los Angeles, she died on Jan. 20. She was 97.

She was raised in Long Beach and graduated from Poly High School. She and her husband moved in 1933 to Downey, where they built their home on Florence Ave., which was then a two-lane street called Easy Street. The unfinished house survived the 1933 earthquake.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, James Malin, in 1988 and her daughter, Robin Malin Katanjian, in 1973.

Surviving relatives include her grandson, Greg Katanjian; nieces Alice Brightenburg and Noreen Kirchoff; five grand nephews and nieces; six great-great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress.

## Dick Albrech services today at Zrelak Mortuary

**DOWNEY**—Services are scheduled for today, Jan. 27, at Downey Zrelak Mortuary for former Downey resident Dick Albrech, who died Sunday, Jan. 22. Services are at 3 p.m.

Albrech lived in Downey for 40 years before moving to Solvang, Calif.

Albrech's family requested donations be sent to Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Auxillary, P.O. Box 905, Solvang, CA 93464.

## Volunteers needed for Rancho Gift Shop


**DOWNEY**—The Rancho Gift Shop, a major source of income for the Amigos Fund which has provided funding for physical, social and recreational services forming the core of the rehabilitation process at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center since 1954, is in dire need of volunteers to work in the shop. It is located next to the historical Harriman building on the grounds of Rancho. It opened in 2002.

The Amigos Fund has dedicated itself to improving the lives of both inpatients and outpatients at Rancho. Served are adults and children with severe disability that follows spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke neurological disorders and birth defects.

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## Residents asked to drop off waste at roundup

**PICO RIVERA** – Los Angeles County residents can dispose of old electronic and household hazardous waste at the next Household Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup to be held at the Southern California Gas Company in Pico Rivera on March 18.

Residents can take up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste per vehicle to the roundup, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“The roundups offer Los Angeles County residents a convenient way to discard common household products that are hazardous to people, pets and the environment if not properly disposed of,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina. “This includes paint thinner, oil filters, brake fluid, transmission fluid, antifreeze, car batteries, and pool chemicals. Electronic waste – such as computer keyboards and cellular telephones – also is a growing problem, although many of these products can be reused, refurbished or recycled.”

Other items suitable for drop-off include VCRs, stereos, fax machines, paint, used motor oil, pesticides, aerosol cleaning products, lighter fluid and expired prescription drugs.

More than 80 percent of the household hazardous waste and 100 percent of the e-waste collected by the program is recycled.

## Real estate investment workshop Jan. 28

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey Community Services Department offers a Real Estate Workshop at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Participants will learn how to purchase, with little or no money down, property without having to qualify for a loan, get money for closing costs, fix-up expenses and even get money back at the closing.

This workshop is designed for the beginner to intermediate real estate investor. Fee for the course is \$49 per person or \$79 for two.

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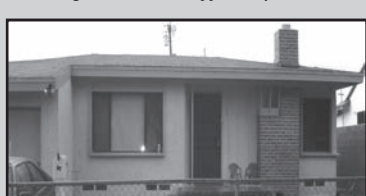
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## Orientation meeting for general contractors

**DOWNEY**—General contractors interested in being added to the City of Downey Housing Division’s bidders list must attend the annual orientation meeting Friday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Downey Room, Downey Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

The Housing Division is updating its list of general contractors interested in bidding on its Home Improvement Program projects for low to moderate income property owners. A typical project may include reroofing, kitchen and bathroom remodeling, restucco, plumbing repipe, window replacement and painting—with project costs not to exceed \$40,000.

Projects will involve treating areas identified as containing lead-based paint. These areas require treatment by licensed sub-contractors certified by the State Department of Health Services in the removal or stabilization of lead-based paint.

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**CITY of DOWNEY**

**Community Participation Meetings for CDBG and HOME Programs.**

The City of Downey has scheduled several meetings on the City's federal CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. The City is now working on the required Action Plan and Application for these federal grants. These meetings are provided to give those in attendance information on these federal programs, and allow an opportunity to provide input in the annual development process. Interested Downey residents and representatives of community groups are encouraged to attend and comment on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities and propose uses for either of these funding sources. The City estimates it will receive \$1,550,819 in CDBG and \$742,443 in HOME funds for this fiscal year.

**Community meetings will be held on:**

**Thursday, February 2nd:** Downey City Library Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue. **6:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, February 8th:** Golden Park Multi-Purpose Room, 8840 Golden Avenue **6:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, February 9th:** Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center 7810 Quill Dr., Gallatin Room **12:00 noon**

**A Public Hearing will be held on:**  
**Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m.:** Downey City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue

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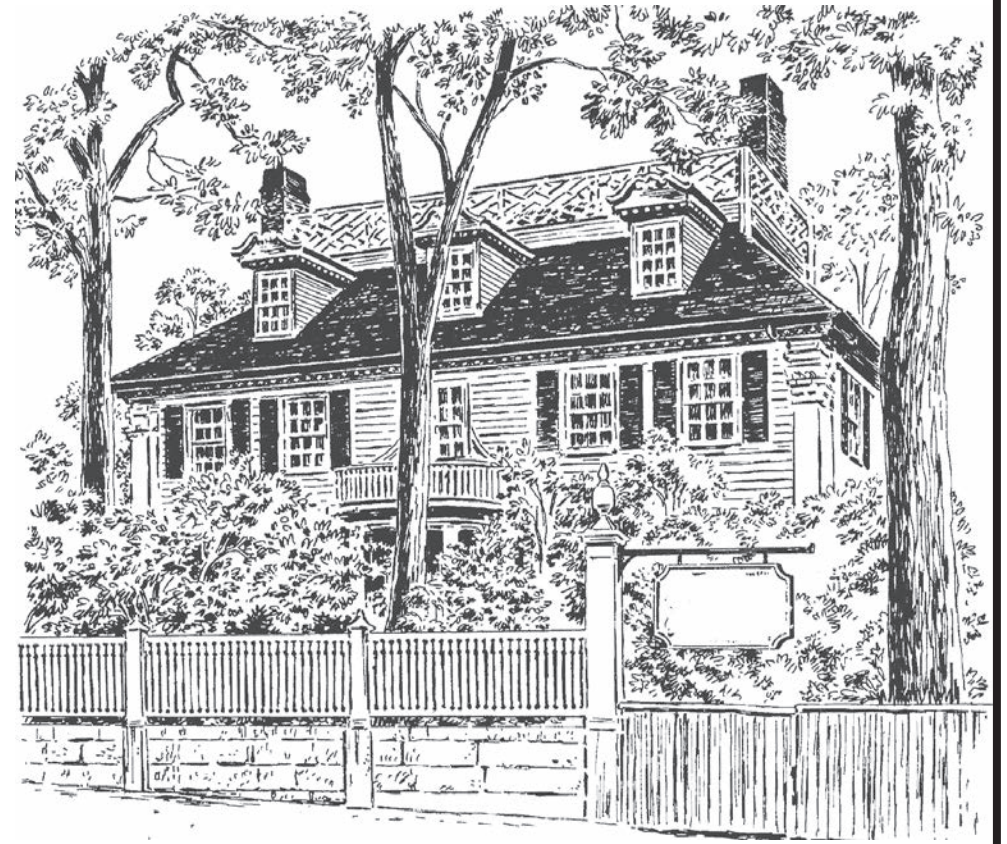
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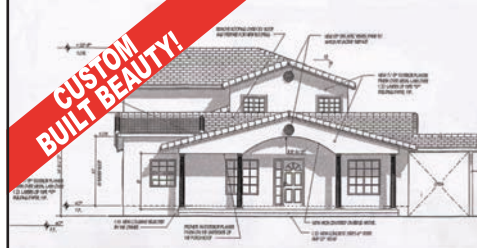
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