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## Symphony will tap itself for talent

By Joyce Sherwin

**DOWNEY**—For the next concert of the Downey Symphony, scheduled for tomorrow evening, Feb. 4 in the Downey Civic Theater, Conductor Thomas Osborn will present as soloists four principal musicians from the orchestra, Catherine Del Russo, on oboe; Duncan Massey, bassoon; Carolyn Osborn, violin; and Mary Anne Steinbergen, cello.

“All are terrific performers in their own right,” Osborn said, “And they deserve to have the spotlight in every way.”

That spotlight will shine in a work by Franz Joseph Haydn, his Sinfonia Concertante, written during an especially happy and successful time in Haydn’s life when his new compositions were sending Russian audiences into raptures. “This is wonderful work,” Osborn continues, our soloists play it beautifully. People will be thrilled to hear it.”

Credentials for these soloists would stretch from the theater’s stage to Row M at a minimum. All perform regularly with fine local orchestras from Santa Barbara to Riverside County.

They are active in recording studios in Los Angeles, film, TV and commercial work, or teach at Southern California universities and colleges, and all have played under Tom Osborn’s baton for years. What a treat it will be to watch those skillful hands bring music to life.

Also on the program, the second concert of the orchestra’s 48th season, are the Orchestral Suite No. 3 by J.S. Bach, Le Tombeau de Couperin by Maurice Ravel and the Classical Symphony of Serge Prokofiev.

Reserved seat tickets from \$10 to \$25 are available at theater box office before the 8 p.m. performance time. Free to ticket holders is Dr. Osborn’s preview discussion of the music of the evening which will precede the concert itself at 7:15 p.m. The Downey Theater is at 8435 Firestone Blvd., at the corner of Brookshire.



**SYMPHONY SOLOIST** – Carolyn Osborn on violin will be one of the soloists for the Downey Symphony Orchestra at the concert scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday), Feb. 4 at the Downey Theater.

## Rancho to stay open three more years

**DOWNEY** – Rancho Los Amigos Hospital will remain open for at least three more years, thanks to a settlement reached this week by Los Angeles County and plaintiffs who sued to keep the rehabilitation center from closing.

The county had sought to shut down the hospital, claiming the closure would save \$58.6 million annually, but a preliminary injunction upheld by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals two years ago barred the closure, ruling that services offered at Rancho were critical to patients and could not be had at other local hospitals.

“Plaintiffs presented ample evidence that rehabilitative services and treatment for complex and disabling medical conditions, such as paralysis and conditions associated with severe diabetes, cannot currently be provided effectively anywhere in the county system but Rancho,” Circuit Judge Harry Pregerson wrote in the appellate ruling.

Under terms of the settlement, the county can close Rancho after three years if it can prove existing Medi-Cal patients will still have access to needed care. In the meantime, the county must improve operations at the rehabilitation center to improve efficiency while making “good faith efforts to find another entity to assume Rancho’s operations,” according to court documents.

Plaintiffs can file another lawsuit against the county in three years.

Rancho Los Amigos serves an estimated 11,200 patients each year, most with long-term disabilities.

## Redistricting fairly is biggest challenge

By John Adams

They’ve tried every other means to draw fair and equitable districts for state leaders to represent—so should we show surprise when State Assemblymen Joe Caneliamilla (D-Pittsburgh), and Keith Richman (R-Northridge) announced last week that they have prepared a bill known as ACA 28, that they hope will establish a California Citizens Assembly and will allow the average citizen a significantly greater influence in the reform of state government.

Modeled after similar legislation in British Columbia, ACA 28 would enact the Citizens Assembly on Electrical Reform Act of 2006, which would establish a Citizens Assembly to evaluate potential reforms of the laws governing the electoral and campaign process for the Legislature and statewide elected officers.

### Low opinion of State governance

“The Legislature’s low public approval ratings reflect citizens’ frustrations with the partisan bickering, inactivity, and stalemate at the highest levels of state government. As a result, the state remains stagnant and unrepresentative,” Assemblyman Richman said. “State government is broken and serious reforms are needed before we can solve the specific problems that threaten our prosperity and quality of life such as education, housing, transportation, and healthcare.”

“Given the Legislature’s dysfunction and partisanship, change must start outside the traditional electoral models and outside the Capitol’s political self-interests. We need to create a movement of civic involvement to help fix California and modernize California’s governance,” Caneliamilla said.

### ACA guidelines include:

\*Establish a Citizens Assembly to study how California should elect the members of the Legislature and its elected executive officers. The body would evaluate potential reforms of the laws that govern elections and political campaigns in the state. The voters would ultimately decide if a Citizens Assembly should be established.

### Broad representation

\*Once the Citizens Assembly is approved by the electorate, the Citizens Assembly would be broadly representative of the adult population of California with respect to age, gender, socio-economic status, and geographic distribution based on voter registration.

\*A selection task force would be appointed by the Citizens Assembly and would appoint select the members of the Citizens Assembly. The task force would consist of six academic experts, two from the University of California, two from Cal State University and two from private universities in California. The members of the selection task force would serve without compensation.

## Downey Studios show off new offices

**DOWNEY** – More than 90 history buffs and interested persons visited the offices of the new motion pictures studios at Downey Landing last week, part of a visit organized by the Downey Historical Society.

Industrial Realty Group’s Vice President Tom Messmer, who manages Downey Studios, spoke to the group with special emphasis on the four “low truss” buildings that date back to the 1940s and have been turned into spacious offices and ancillary rooms. Messmer described the challenges involved in cleaning up the dust and debris of 70 years of aircraft-related work, especially the ceilings, which were mostly removed so that the architectural “marvel” of the trussed upper levels can be seen at all times.

The architecture and old, historical feel have made the new offices favorites among producers, who are known to take pool and ping-pong



**VOLUNTEERS**—With their trash bags at the Jan. 21 Treasure Island clean up.

## Clean up at Treasure Island by residents

**DOWNEY**—The residents of Treasure Island, located in the northwest quadrant of Downey, turned out in full force on Jan. 21 for their neighborhood’s clean up spearheaded by city representative, Carol Rowland, of Keep Downey Beautiful.

The residents were joined by other community volunteers, including participants from local high schools. Warren High was well represented by several of its school clubs. Also dirtying their hands were many of the entrants in the Miss Downey Pageant.

Volunteers started arriving as early as 8 a.m., were greeted by members of Unity In The Community (UITC), and gathered at the park’s south entrance. Early morning refreshments of donuts, coffee and hot apple cider provided by UITC jumpstarted energies. After all, the volunteers were to donate an hour of their time to the clean up effort.

Areas receiving special attention were those around the Foster Bridge, Treasure Island Park, and the tracks along the river bed.

Rowland afterwards thanked the residents and the volunteers for a job well done, but not before several prizes donated by various sponsors were raffled off. Nine-year-old Christopher Cabrera, just to cite one example, won a \$50 gift certificate from Stonewood Center.

The next neighborhood clean up is scheduled for Feb. 18.



**ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON** – Honoring longtime Downey Chamber of Commerce members last Friday, Jan. 27 at the 103rd Anniversary luncheon at Sambi’s Restaurant in Downey were (from left) Mayor Meredith Perkins, City Councilmen David Gafin and Kirk Cartozian, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Chamber President Steve Hoffman and Chamber Board Member Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente, corporate sponsor of the luncheon.

## Chamber honors longtime members

**DOWNEY** – Bank of America was honored as a 65-year member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber’s 103rd anniversary luncheon, held Jan. 27 at Sambi of Tokyo in Downey.

Other notable awardees were Southern California Edison and Leach Grain & Milling Co. (60 years), J.C. Penny and Downey Ford (55 years) and Neil’s Stationers (50 years).

Judge Leon Emerson, president of the Chamber in 1958, was one of nine other past presidents to attend the event, which presented plaques and certificates to longstanding members while recognizing new ones.

### Honorees

Kaiser Permanente sponsored the luncheon.

Honored at the luncheon, with total years of membership in parentheses, were: Bank of America (65); Leach Grain & Milling Co., Southern California Edison (60); Downey Ford, J.C. Penny (55); Neil’s Stationers (50); Pina Pizza House (40); Angelo, Inc., Edon Printing (35); Reynolds Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, State Farm Insurance – John Taormino (30); Downey Community Health Center, Empire Motel, League of Women Voters of Downey, State Farm Insurance – Stan Carmichael (25); Little John’s Bodyworks, Park Water Company, Press-Telegram, Guy S. Sterner, Fay Campbell, Downey Eye Care Center, Downey Sister Cities Assoc., E.D.M. Supplies, Friends of the Downey Library (20); Ray C. Andazola, E.A., Downey Federal Credit Union, HSS Electronic Security, Manor Insurance Agency, P.R. Productions, Pageantry Productions/Awards, Wescom Insurance Services, Wespac Business Systems, Zweber Apothecary (15); Accurate Security Center, By Design Hairstyling, C.T. Printing, Certified Phone Solutions Sales, Downey Seventh Day Adventist Church, Downey Wireless, Fed/Ex Kinko’s,

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### 2nd Century Foundation meets Mondays

**DOWNEY** – The 2nd Century Foundation meets the first Monday of every month at 4 p.m. at City Hall. For more information on joining, call 927-9790.

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**FOUR PRINCIPAL MUSICAL ARTISTS**—Will be featured as soloists by the Downey Symphony Orchestra in its concert tomorrow (Saturday, Feb. 4) at the Downey Theater. They are Catherine Del Russo, oboe; Duncan Massey, bassoon; Carolyn Osborn, violin; and Mary Anne Steinberger, cello.

We are adding new business updates daily

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### OASIS program meets on campus Mondays

**DOWNEY** – Downey Adult School's OASIS program (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meets every Monday for a dinner and educational presentation in the campus's cafeteria, with weekly topics ranging from legal and medical news to art appreciation.

Dinner tickets are \$3.50 but visitors can attend the program only at no charge. Programs begin at 4 p.m. but doors open an hour earlier.

Past program topics have included consumer issues, nutrition, cooking tips, financial advice, shopping ideas, travelogues, music programs and safe and fraud protection advice. There is a new speaker every week.

Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

### Youth hip-hop group performing at mall

**DOWNEY** – The JammX Kids, a hip-hop troop of nine multi-talented, multi-cultural kids ranging in age from 9-17, will visit Stonewood Center on Friday, Feb. 10 from 6-7:30 p.m.

The group promotes exercise among youth through dancing.

The JammX Kids will perform in the Robinsons-May Court.

### 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 is an educational ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Call 803-4918 for a tour and more information.

### Public hearing date corrected

A story in last week's Downey Patriot was incorrect in stating that a public hearing on a code amendment to the Municipal Code on standards limiting the building of mansions on single family lots was set for Feb. 28. The hearing will be held Feb. 14.

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**ELDER TROY DICORATO RETURNS**—Will deliver Mission Report on two years in Rochester, N.Y., on Feb. 19 at church.

## Elder Dicorato will return from Rochester

**DOWNEY**—Elder Troy Anthony Dicorato, a 2002 Warren High graduate, is returning from Rochester, N.Y. where he has been serving as a Missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for two years, teaching the church's principals.

### Playing ball

Elder Dicorato plans to continue his college education and play baseball. His love of the game started when he first played T-Ball, then participated in school sports and Little League, and played four years in Warren's baseball program. Los Angeles City College scouted and selected him to play in their program where he studied for a year and a half, before he was called to missionary service. He was also selected and played in the Southern California Collegiate All-Star Game that year.

His parents are Connie Dee Fogle and Michael Dicorato. Grandparents are Lois and Jim Buchanan and Joan Dicorato, all longtime residents of Downey.

### Mission Report

Elder Dicorato will give his Mission Report Sunday, Feb. 19 at 10:40 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 10511 Paramount Blvd., Downey.

All are welcome to attend.

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## TLC all-day fundraiser at Mimi's Cafe

**DOWNEY**—Downey Unified School District's TLC Center will have its third annual fundraiser all day Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Mimi's Cafe in Downey. Coupons are required to participate and are available by calling 904-3577.

All proceeds will be used to support the True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center which, now in its fifth year, assists families with insurance enrollments, health, dental, vision, counseling, tutoring needs and referrals to agencies within the community for families and children with critical needs.

## Travel group plans one 'sweet' day

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School's Great Western Tours will depart for its "Sweet Shops Tour," an exploration of famous chocolates and gourmet sweets, Tuesday, Feb. 21 with Curt Tucker as guide.

The tour will include a stop at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant for lunch. Cost for the one-day trip is \$72.

For reservations, call Bernice Madariaga at 940-6213.

## Keep Downey Beautiful meetings

**DOWNEY**—Keep Downey Beautiful holds their monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month at 3 p.m. at City Hall.

## 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.



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# Car dealers give college \$100,000

**NORWALK**—Cerritos College has announced it has received a \$100,000 donation from the Southland Motor Car Dealers Assoc. (SMCDA) toward realizing the vision of establishing a Southland Cerritos Center for Transportation Technologies.

A check was presented to the college Jan. 19 at SMCDA's annual meeting in Long Beach.

"This gift matches our 2005 donation of \$100,000 toward Cerritos College's development of automotive technology programs," said John Peterson of Cormier Chevrolet and SMCDA's president.

"Our dealers know firsthand that Cerritos College has the premier automotive technology program in the state. The recent agreement between Cerritos College and Northwood University adds even further value to the industry, which is looking for trained technicians to hire into high-growth, high-wage positions. We feel that the creation of an advanced center for transportation technologies and Cerritos College may well become the best private-public partnership facility in the country, and we want to support its growth," Peterson added.

## 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.

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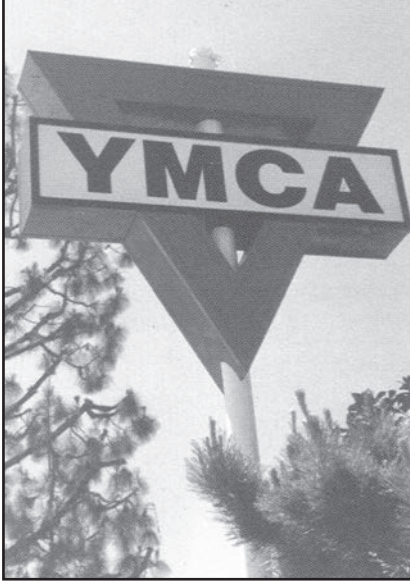
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**HISTORY BUFFS** – John Vincent, Downey City Councilwoman Anne Bayer, and Faye Campbell took in a visit to Downey Studios with Downey Historical Society. The group was offered the opportunity to hold their regular meetings at the new Downey Landing offices.

## Financial records OASIS topic Feb. 6

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday, Feb. 6 features professional financial organizer Barbara Langdorf, who will talk on *How to Organize Your Financial Records*.

The topic will address anxieties people experience whenever they open their mail ("Is this important? Do I need this? Should I keep it? Should I throw it away?...") and provide an organized approach to dealing with financial records.

The class will open for enrollment at 3 p.m., with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment; you can then purchase a dinner for \$3.50. There is no enrollment fee, and no registration. The program starts at 4 p.m. followed by a full course dinner at 5 p.m.

Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend the class. Instructor is Harriett Paine. Information: 940-6200.

## 'Taste of Hollywood' tour March 1

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School's Great Western Tours stops first at the Fashion Institute of Design when it goes on its "Taste of Hollywood" tour Wednesday, March 1.

After a one-hour guided tour of the institute's campus and another special one-hour guided tour of the Gallery of Academy Award Gowns, participants will visit the Biltmore Hotel, home of the first Academy Award events. Lunch at Smeraldi's Restaurant and shopping at It's a Wrap round out the tour.

Tour escort is Harriett Paine. Cost is \$49 per person. Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office, 12340 Woodruff Ave., or mailed upon request. Information: 940-6213.

## Chamber

Honda World Downey, Krikorian Premier Theaters, L.A. County Medical Assoc. Alliance-District, Norwalk-La Mirada Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Pieloon, Promise Land Mortgage Corp., The Olive Garden (10); A Touch of Classroom, Aerospace Legacy Foundation, Allstate Insurance Co. – John Hogan, Budget Blinds, Moises R. Carpio, MD, Century 21 Pro Realty & Investment, Elite Concrete Restoration & Waterproofing, EscrowNet, Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Master Bakery Cuban Café, Pin Roofing, Pioneer Medical Group, Pop's Café, Re/Max Online, STPC Partnership dba McDonalds, Skill Office Machines, State Farm Insurance – Adam Tafoya, Temple Ner Tamid (5).

Dignitaries in attendance included Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Mike Hollon, representative for Assemblyman Hector De La Torre. Former mayor Keith McCarthy also attended.

## The poets' corner

### Valentine's Day

On this day we express our LOVE  
As it spreads out like the wings of a Dove

All over America we show our color  
Reds and pinks are certainly no pallor

Saint Valentine must have had great grace  
As he showed it with his renowned faith

So as long as we have someone to LOVE  
He will shine down upon us from above

So on this day when we say I LOVE YOU  
It brings out the best of our hue!

—Don Davis,  
Downey



**IS THIS WHERE MY NAME TAG GOES?** – Robert Zavala of Freedom Vacations in Downey probably didn't think the photographer would take this picture, but Barbara Lamberth of Downey Federal Credit Union seems amused at the merriment which took place at last Friday's Downey Chamber of Commerce 103rd Anniversary Luncheon at Sambi's Restaurant.



**SECOND TERM PRESIDENT** – Downey Newcomers Club welcomed the New Year with a new slate of officers for 2006, which were introduced at a Jan. 9 luncheon at Sambi's. Barbara Emery (pictured) entered her second term as president. Downey Newcomers Club meets on the second Monday of each month. For information on joining the women's club, call Sally Arguello at 928-5602.

## Free bus trip to Festival of Books

**DOWNEY**—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.

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.

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## A 'miracle' on Boyson Street

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—There was no mistaking the excitement and the sense of pride in the voices of Police Chief Roy Campos and Fire Chief Mark Sauter at the start of the City Council meeting on Jan. 24 when they presented awards and recognized the contributions of various individuals in their respective departments in the case of Baby Bassam or, as the family calls him, Sam or B-Sam.

The word used to describe what happened to the 2-year-old baby the night of Nov. 23 is that it was a "miracle."

Following is a slightly edited formal account of what transpired, provided by the Downey Fire Department, buttressed by other bits and pieces of information from a variety of sources:

About 30 family members on Nov. 23 had gathered at the host's house in the 8500 block of Boyson St. for a pre-Thanksgiving family get-together. An uncle noticed the boy in the backyard pool, face up and half-submerged, and dove in to retrieve him. Although it is unknown exactly how long the boy was in the cold swimming pool, it was estimated he was in the water 5-8 minutes.

The 911 call was received by the Police Dept Communications Center operators shortly after 9 p.m. They immediately notified their patrol units in the area, and simultaneously called the Fire Department's Communications Center (this took 17 seconds). Fire Department resources were dispatched to the scene.

First to arrive on the scene (in less than 1-1/2 minutes) were the police officers, who began CPR on the young boy after taking him from the arms of the uncle. They then proceeded to the front of the house, all the while applying CPR.

The paramedics from Fire Station I arrived shortly thereafter (two-minute response time) and immediately took over patient care. The Engine Company from Fire Station II arrived less than 30 seconds after the paramedics. Together, the on-scene crews treated the young patient and loaded him onto the waiting paramedic squad. Two of the Engine Company personnel, one of the police officers and both paramedics all worked on the patient as he was being transported to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC). One of the other police officers broke traffic for the paramedic squad as it made the transport.

Due to communication problems (poor cell phone coverage) the paramedics were forced to wait until they were well on their way to DRMC before they were able to contact the latter regarding the incident and give them advance warning of their impending arrival. Upon arrival at DRMC, the paramedics transferred care of the patient to the waiting staff, but nevertheless continued to work alongside them.

Police Chaplain Mario Guerra arrived at DRMC after a few minutes. After several more minutes, with ER's Dr. Kare leading the resuscitation efforts on the boy, everybody looked at one another in desperation, apparently resigned to the thought that only prayers could save the boy now.

Miraculously, after over 30 minutes in full arrest, the boy's heart started to beat and a resultant blood pressure was measured!

He was then transferred to the Long Beach Memorial Hospital's (LBMH) pediatric unit later that evening.

After two weeks of apprehension and worry, the family received word that the boy was "fully recovered" from his critical injuries. Although in recovery mode, it is believed that the probability of brain damage in such cases is significant.

In citing the officers and other individuals, as well as the operational agencies, who had a hand in the timely rescue of the boy from certain death and their sustained efforts to revive and shepherd him on the road to recovery, Police Chief Campos and Fire Chief Sauter had only words of thanks and praise for their presence of mind and tremendous teamwork. In the words of the Fire Department, "the skills, efforts, coordination and speed [and quality] of response were incredible."

As reported last week in this paper, for their luminous and much-appreciated work, receiving honors were the following: Distinguished Service Awards to Police Corporal Terry Goeckner and Officer Jose Gomez ("The last time DSA awards were given out was 7 years ago"—Chief Campos), and Letters of Commendation to Police Sgt. Alex Orazabal, Police Corporal Leigh Lacy, Communications Dispatchers Rhonda Foster and Sheri Butler, and Police Chaplain/Deacon Mario Guerra; and Recognitions of Outstanding Service to Fire Captain David Calderwood, Fire Engineer Richard Vos, Firefighter Raul Ochoa, Firefighter/Paramedics Daniel Hurlock and Christopher Bohannon, and Communications Operators Eugenia Brunet and Mary Lou Perez.

In a subsequent Internet message to *The Patriot*, Deacon Guerra had this to say: "What has happened was really a miracle and, while not completely, totally recovered (I am not sure he ever will be), [the boy] has come a long way and his family is just grateful to have him alive." He adds: "Miracles happen because of faith, faith happens because of hope, and hope comes from love. These officers and all concerned displayed love for another human being and their actions were done with tremendous respect for life..."

### Police chief to address Downey citizens

**DOWNEY** — Residents will have an opportunity to hear and meet Downey's new Chief of Police Roy Campos when he addresses Citizens For Downey Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Rio Hondo Country Club.

The public meeting starts at 7 a.m. and a breakfast buffet will be available. No reservations are required.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Illegal immigration debate continues

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the inspiring letters from M. Ontiveros, with whom I completely agree on all issues about illegal immigration. I am also appalled at Mr. Montero's letter, "Cheap labor and illegal immigrants."

If you really want a boycott, Mr. Montero, why don't you do it right and start with some of the stores who sold you the clothes on your back? Clothing manufacturers from third world countries where the labels read 'Made in' Singapore, Malaysia, Honduras, Thailand, Pakistan, India, etc., have been known to occasionally exploit young children in sweat shops for a few measly pennies a day.

Why not boycott large American corporations that advertise on Spanish television channels, in Spanish newspapers? McDonald's, American Airlines, Bank of America, Disneyland, etc., make a huge effort to attract immigrants to their business, ever wonder why, Mr. Montero?

In the U.S., cheap labor is a necessity, Mr. Montero, and the reality is that somebody has to do it. I could not imagine any U.S. citizen who would say, "Hey, that illegal immigrant is taking over my job at the car wash or garment factory. That job pays minimum wage or less, with no benefits, but it was my dream job, and now that illegal immigrant is taking it over. My employment opportunities are ruined and all because of that illegal immigrant."

Give me a break. This country is made up of immigrants, many who have succeeded and others who are struggling to make ends meet. In my opinion, it is what keeps the economy going.

Meanwhile, in response to your letter about illegal immigration, Mr. Frank Myers, why do you say that immigrants come to this country and choose to live in the shadows like criminals? You make it sound so easy as if they can just enter legally and be entitled to all the benefits.

How do you propose they do that, Mr. Myers? If the applicant isn't somewhat "wealthy," they will never obtain a visa, simple as that. It's sad to know that your idea of a criminal is a family man trying to survive and just make an honest living. Unfortunately, discrimination still exists against Hispanic immigrants and even though the President says otherwise, ask yourself this, why are the Canadian borders not overmanned with Minutemen and U.S. border patrols?

—A. Cardenas,  
Downey

#### Thanks Columbus High students

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Downey Adult School, we would like to extend gratitude and thanks to the Columbus High School students for their thoughtful donation of toys to our ESL babysitting program. The Columbus ASB students who presented the toys to the children are examples of outstanding students who are contributing members to our school community and youth.

—Roger Brossmer,  
Principal, Downey Adult School

#### 'Picture worth a thousand words'

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Eric Pierce's horror upon viewing the bloody remains of an infant, a pre-born human being, on a sign, as he passed a pro-life demonstration in front of the Downey Planned Parenthood office recently.

Mr. Pierce takes issue with publicly displaying the result of just one abortion in order to wake up passersby to the indecent and grisly practice of dismembering and crushing the skull of an infant because of the so-called inconvenience that child is perceived to be. Mr. Pierce declares that this picture was disrespectful of public decency.

Mr. Pierce, I declare that this practice of ripping children from their mothers' womb is indeed indecent. Many points against this grisly practice are made with words and dialogue, but we all know that phrase, "A picture is a worth a thousand words." You worry that the public should be shielded from obscene images in public places. I worry that these little children are not shielded from the obscene practice of legalized murder.

Obviously, this display of an aborted child grabbed your attention! Had there been no such graphics displayed at this demonstration, you, as well as most everyone else, would have just breezed on past and not given the murder of 1.31 million pre-born babies every year a passing thought. I suppose, if this display horrified your sense of decency, you are certainly not obligated to look at it. You may avert your eyes. Hopefully, because you did not look away, maybe the picture of that defenseless child will stay with you and haunt you. Maybe God will allow that child's death work for good. Maybe that child's death will assure the survival of our nation's future citizens. There must be respect for their right to life. This will truly be public decency!

—Paula Mayfield,  
Downey

#### 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.

"This is one of our most popular workshops," said young Adult Librarian Julie Davis. " Teens get the skills and confidence they need to improve their SAT scores."

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

#### Nominations sought for 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.

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

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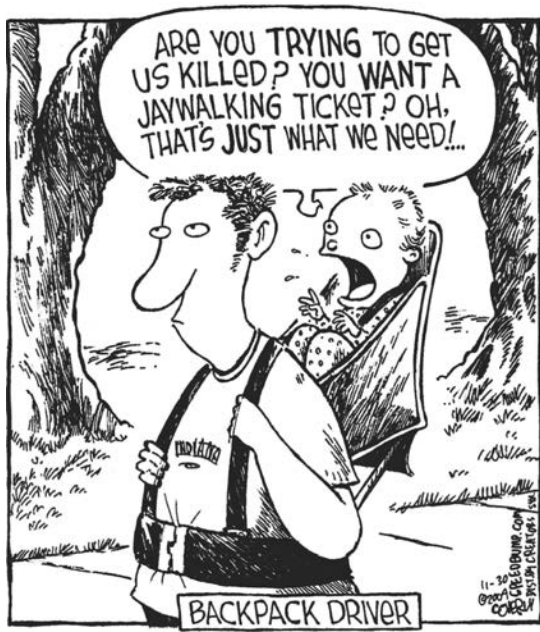
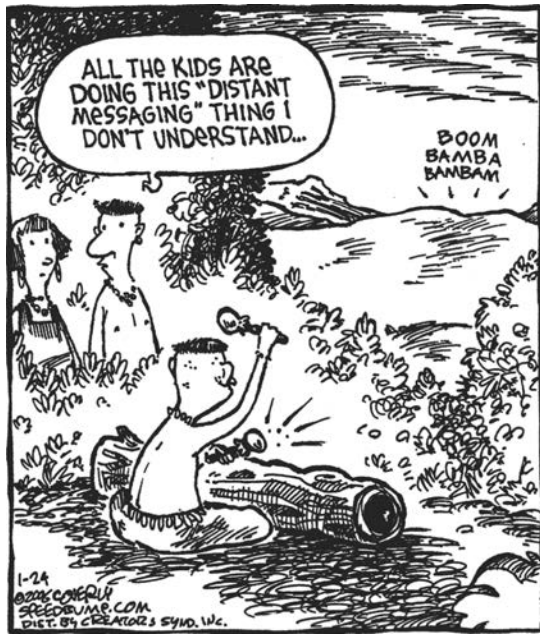




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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For February

Fri. Feb. 3, 4:00 p.m.: **Drawing and Painting for Kids** at the Barbara Riley Community Center, 7810 Quill Dr. For youngsters from 7 to 14 years. Fee for each course. For information call 904-7238.  
 Wed. Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m.: **Healthy Heart Nutrition Class** at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. Free, but registration required. Call 904-5580.

### 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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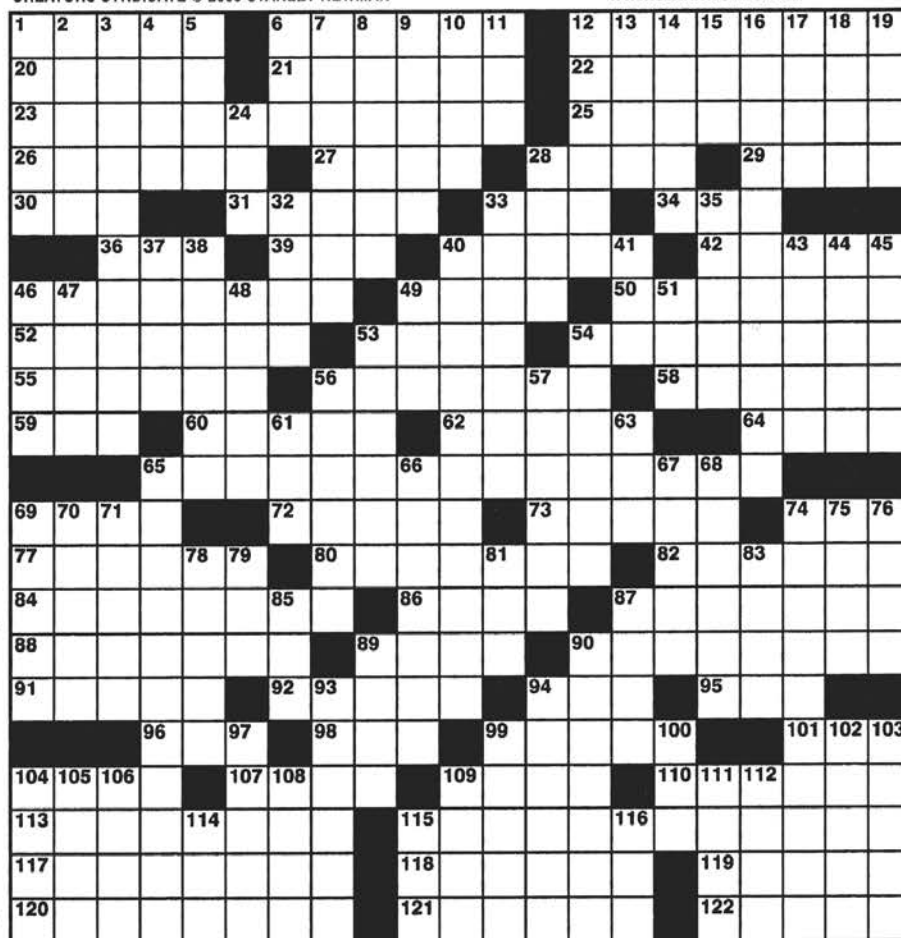
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18 DOWN COMPANY: Six answers with more than one thing in common  
 by Ann W. Masten

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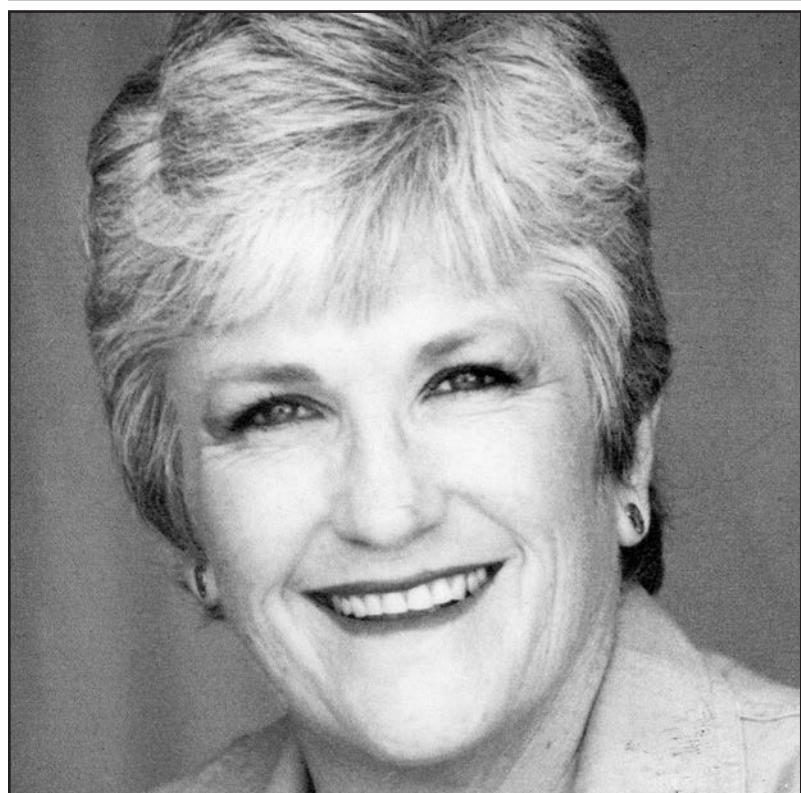
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14,000+-foot volcano Mount SHASTA (6 Across) is the second highest peak in the Cascade range, after Mount Rainier. The OSS Services, was established in 1942 to analyze intelligence for the military. Actor Michael CAINE (43 Down) was knighted in 2000 in his original name, Maurice Micklewhite.







**BRENDA COX** - Is making her second appearance with Downey Civic Light Opera in the upcoming production of "Nunsense" scheduled to open Feb. 23 at the Downey Theater. She appeared last season in "Bye Bye Birdie" and performed at CLO of South Bay, Musical Theater West, Music Theater of Wichita, and at Tuacahn in St. George, Utah. She spent three summers at Sacramento Music Circus doing several shows, and has been nominated three times for Robby Awards. For tickets and information, call 923-1714.

## 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.

## Polynesian dance classes sign-ups soon

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey community Services Department offers Polynesian Dance classes at the Apollo Dance Studio, 12540 Rives. Ave at Apollo Park, starting Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Courses offered include: Polynesian Dance/Hula for Beginners 5-11 years of age from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for those 12 years of age and older. Intermediate Classes will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for children 5 years of age and older.

Course fee is \$40 for 10 weeks. For information/to register, call 904-7238.

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### 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. Check-in is 10 a.m.

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.

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### Downey Youth Football chooses new officers

**DOWNEY** – Downey Youth Football (DYF) elected their new officers for 2006.

Reelected were Mike Baumann, First Vice President; Melynda Carrillo, Treasurer; Gabe Carrillo, Fundraising Coordinator; and Lisa Morales, Auxiliary Chairperson. Aglaee Diaz was newly elected as Athletic Director. All were voted for two-year terms.

The newly elected officers took their posts last month and will join current board members Maurice Cherry, Second Vice President; Marisol Magana, Secretary; and Kamela Cherry, Cheer Coordinator, all of whom are in the middle of their two-year term.

Louis Morales will be serving his eighth consecutive year as president of the group.

For more information on registration or coaching opportunities in football and cheerleading, call Louis Morales at 928-0655.



**CALVARY CHAPEL GRIZZLIES** – The 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team from Calvary Chapel School of Downey, under the coaching of Aleta Pesce and Ruth Hernandez, finished their season undefeated in the Orange County League. Pictured standing, left to right, is Karina De Villa, Amanda Hernandez, Kaila Ames, Hayley Pascual, Katie Draper, Chelsea Monge and Joanna Pesce. Kneeling: Centonia Darenburg, Marina Shelton and Crystal Williams. Floor: Serbrina Gonzales, Salome Green, Katie Draper and Jessica Webster.

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## Private gravesite service for Hartsell Otto Savage

**DOWNEY**—Hartsell Otto Savage, who was born the fifth of nine children in Warren, Arkansas and was a Downey resident for 43 years, died on Jan. 22, six weeks short of his 85th birthday.

A private gravesite service with a Navy Honor Guard was held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on Jan. 26, followed by a Celebration of Life service at the First Presbyterian Church of Downey.

Growing up during the Great Depression, he began supporting his family by working full-time when he was 13 until WWII came. He served as a Navy coxswain, driving an amphibious landing craft in the Pacific Theater.

On Aug. 14, 1947, he married Jeanette Perry in a small ceremony at her family's farm in Louisiana, and began married life in Bastrop, Louisiana, where the couple built a home and started a family.

In 1962, he and his young family moved to Downey, where he found work in the meat-cutting industry. He was employed first by Sav-Mor in Compton, and later by Albertson's Market in Downey where he worked until his retirement in 1986.

During the ensuing years he spent his time golfing with friends, vacationing with his wife and helping his children with numerous home improvement projects.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeannette, who taught at East Junior High and Downey High School for over 25 years; his sons Homer Savage of Mission Viejo, Dan Savage of Snohomish, WA and Dave Savage of Hawthorne; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

## Downey resident Norma V. Kennedy

**DOWNEY**—Services were held on Feb. 2 at the Downey 3rd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for longtime Downey resident Norma V. Kennedy, who was born in Iona, Idaho April 22, 1920 and died on Jan. 25 in Downey. She was 85.

She was, before retirement, employed by Sears & Roebuck as a chief operator and, before that, as an operator for the telephone company in Idaho. She was an active member of the Church of Latter-day Saints, Downey 3rd Ward, and was a past member of the Huntington Park Stake Relief Society Presidency (the church's women's organization). She served her church in various capacities.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Kennedy Neely; sisters LaFern Wilde, Lela Street and Marie Johnson; and granddaughter, Heather Neely. Her husband of 39 years, Howard, predeceased her in 1982.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Assisting the family was Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Service, Bell Gardens.



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CHARLES BOYLES

## Charles Boyles owned and bred race horses

**DOWNEY**—Memorial services for Charles Boyles of Downey were held Jan. 30 at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Born in Colombia, Mississippi on June 18, 1939 he had been a resident of the Los Angeles area since 1954. He died Jan. 24 at 66 from complications from lung cancer.

An avid quarter horse racing fan, he was a member of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association (PCQHRA) and served eight years on the board of directors. He was also a member of the American Quarter Horse Association. On the day of his death, he was honored with the Owner Special Achievement Award at the PCQHRA's banquet. Boyles and his partner, Jim Azevedo, who was also his son-in-law, were named owners of the year in 2002.

Finding Nemo, their recent champion, has won eight out of 11 races and was honored as the PCQHRA champion 2-year-old colt this year. Boyles, who began owning and breeding his own horses in 1993, recorded 265 wins with Azevedo.

Boyles was the president and CEO of two Orange County companies—Precision Fastener Tooling Inc., founded in 1980, and CJ Enterprises, founded in 1991.

Boyles is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marion; sons Charles Boyles III (Juliette) and Jason Boyles (Lindsey), all from Downey; daughter Denise Azevedo (Jim), Huntington Beach; brother Wayne (Frances); sisters-in-law Lois Watt and Joyce Glasnapp (Jerry); three grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Brothers-in-law Doyle Miller and Ronald Watt predeceased him.

## Bereavement seminars at First Christian

**DOWNEY**—Downey First Christian Church will present a bereavement seminar series titled "GriefShare" starting Sunday, March 5 and will continue for 13 weeks from 6-8 p.m. Sunday evenings.

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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,  
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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:

**Wednesday, February 8th:** Golden Park Multi-Purpose Room, 8840 Golden Avenue at 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

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Ed Velasco at (562) 904-7167.



## New Custom Built Home - Downey

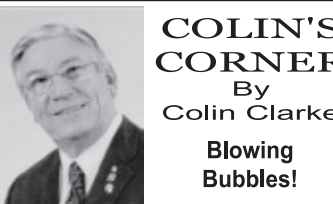
This custom built home with exquisite entry door opens into 3,260 sq. ft. of living space. Highlighted with travertine flooring throughout. It features 4 bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths with 2 master suites. The living room is warmed by a cozy fireplace. Top of the line appliances accents a family kitchen with a granite counter top cooking island. Nestled in the dining room corner is a full wetbar with 2 refrigerators and cocktail glass rack. The backyard boast an entertainment center complete with built-in BBQ burners, sink, and a sports bar. This fabulous home with many other features is offered at \$1,595,000. For your viewing pleasure, **OPEN HOUSE SAT. AND SUN. 1-4 P.M.** 10912 Ryeson St. Downey

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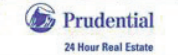
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This 3 bedrooms, 1.75 bath Downey home features Spacious living room, dining room & master suite, hardwood floors & ceramic tile, covered patio & a 2 car garage all on a 6,384 square foot lot.  
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**Warm & 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!  
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**The Price is Right!**  
This Huntington Park home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath with 956 square feet of living space on a 5,575 square foot lot. Don't Miss This One!  
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**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.  
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**Orange Estate Beauty!**  
This 3,000 sqft. Spanish-style beauty on an 11,500 sqft. lot features 3 beds-Dual Private Master Suites, family room w/ fireplace & step-down wet bar, library/office (could be 4th bedroom), formal dining room, bright living room w/ fireplace, 3 luxurious baths, several skylights throughout the home, AMAZING backyard featuring a huge pool and private spa with cabana, custom built patios.



**Coming Soon!**  
**New Construction in 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.**



**New Listing!**  
**Spacious and Charming North Downey Home!**  
This 5 bedroom, 3 bath home sits on a huge corner lot, features a private master suite & retreat w/ attached office/library, large walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub & glass shower. Also features a spacious family room w/ cathedral ceilings & fireplace, beautiful double door entry w/ custom glass, formal living & dining room w/ exquisite French doors & beveled windows to outside patio, bright kitchen, central air & heat, inside laundry and security system. Priced at: **\$825,000.**

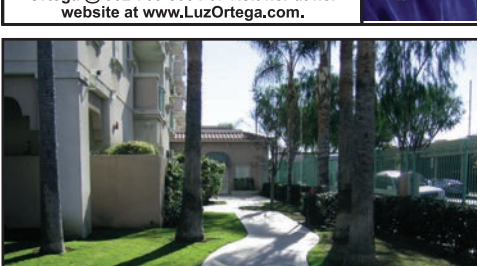
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2 Story home with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, formal dining room, rock fireplace in family room, 3 car garage, located in prestigious North Downey neighborhood!  
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Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with formal living and dining rooms. Large sunny kitchen, hardwood floors, plus a fabulous master retreat with rock fireplace and separate guest quarters, inside laundry, and bonus room.  
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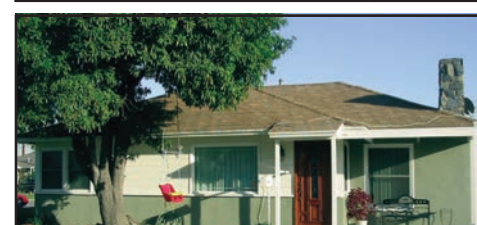


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This cozy 2 Bedroom, 2 bath condo features kitchen, living room, fresh paint, ceramic tile, 2 car garage and is 885 square feet. Close to Everything!!!  
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**\$499,900 POOL HOUSE!!!**  
Built in 1987 this beautiful home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, large formal dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook and is 1,290 square feet of living space with pool & waterfall.  
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