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Lobby for faster cargo, clean air

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A delegation of transportation leaders from the counties that make up the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) met with congressional representatives last week to advocate for its 2006 Census Program, a mutually agreed upon package of projects that prioritizes faster freight and clean air.

As a global gateway for freight Southern California feeds the national economy, but it receives an excessive amount of impact resulting from trade-related congestion and not enough federal funding. The delegation advocated for projects resulted from trader-related for projects that would maintain the balance between the demand for goods movement and the health of southern California's rapidly growing population.

"With recent announcements by President Bush in his State of the Union address and the ongoing goods movement efforts of the Schwarzenegger administration, the country has recognized the tremendous potential of an improved Southern California goods movement system on the national economy," said Port Hueneme Councilmember and SCAG President Toni Young. "Our delegation has presented a package of infrastructure projects that will enable our local and national economies to prosper."

The package of projects in the Consensus Program includes funding requests for:

- *Upgrades for the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Port Hueneme.
 - *Completion of the Alameda Corridor East Project.
 - *Completion and improvements to I-405 and I-5 HOV lanes.
 - *Connections to Orange/Riverside highways between the I-15 and SR-241, as well as SR-55 and SR-91.
 - *Extensions and Corridor Studies for Metro Gold Line Foothill and Metro Gold Line Eastside.
 - *Development of a "sealed corridor program" with grade separations and other hard barriers for the Metrolink Line between Los Angeles and Glendale.
 - *Construction of a Foothill Transit Park and Ride facility.
- "Our package was received by our congressional leaders, and we hope that our message will translate into dollars coming back to Southern California," said Yvonne B. Burke, Los Angeles County Supervisor, SCAG 1st Vice President and Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation authority (MTA) Boardmember.

DMOA director leads design panel

By Carmela Spencer

President, Board of Directors of New Museum Project

DOWNEY—Downey Museum of Art (DMOA) Director Kate Davies recently attended the California Association of Museums (CAM) annual conference in Monterey. CAM supports the important work of California's diverse museums through legislative advocacy, promotion and education. Museums, which include gardens and historic sites, add to the quality of life in our communities and support our schools' educational goals.

Director Davies is a member of the Board of Directors for CAM and is working to create a CAM Green Museum Initiative that will lead the way in greening California's diverse museums. She has also been a presenter at the last three conferences.

For the third year, Ms. Davies presented a panel session at the conference. This year's panel discussion topics were "Re-Imagining the Museum" and "Sustainability and Museums." Julie Packard, Executive Director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Janice Lyle of the Palms Springs Art Museum, were two of the speakers invited to the panel. Packard was also the conference keynote speaker.

Paul Nagashima, AIA of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassenbaum (HOK), first invited Kate to present the "DMOA New Museum & Ecological Building Project: Blueprint for Sustainability" on his panel at the 2003 CAM conference. HOK is considered the world's largest architectural firm and is completely dedicated to sustainable design. Also on the 2003 panel was Greg Reitz with the city of Santa Monica's Green Building Department. In 2003, when he first heard of DMOA's plan, Nagashima commended DMOA for its leadership vision in pursuing sustainability and sustainable design so deeply. He remains a supporter of the plan today as does Reitz.

Sustainable Design is also called ecological design, green building, and Environmental Design. It uses alternative energy, renewable resources, and other ecological elements in the design of a building to address such issues as energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor and outdoor air quality, forest stewardship, resource depletion, and other key environmental issues.

The envisioned New Museum and Center for Contemporary Art & Culture in Downey will be sustainably designed and ecologically built using straw bale, renewable resources, and alternative energy (solar/wind). The museum will also be an energy and sustainable design/living demonstration site where the public through interactive media and traditional exhibits can learn more about energy efficiency, water conservation, sustainable design and even organic gardening. Information they can use at home. The building itself will be an educational tool.

Sustainability is threaded throughout the New Museum from mission statement to business practices to building to café to programs. The program arm of the new project, The Art of Living Institute, will host lectures,

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DAY AT THE RACES – The Downey Newcomers are organizing a trip to Santa Anita Park on March 15. See story on page 3.

Dvorak, Brahms and Schumann March 25

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Downey's Symphony Orchestra will conclude its 48th season with a bang-up evening on Saturday, March 25, at 8 p.m. in the Downey Civic Theater.

In addition to a program that includes Dvorak's Serenade for Strings and two of Brahms' Hungarian Dances, the soloists are the orchestra's four horn players, in a wonderful Schumann work. How often do you get the chance to hear the famously difficult French horn played masterfully, front and center, times four?

Hume singing

Included on the program will be Downey's own Pauline Hume, winner of last year's Baton Auction, offering a variation on the annual event: she will sing, rather than conduct, and her solo is "Hello, Young Lovers," from the King and I.

The 2006 Baton Auction will be held, giving the winner a shining moment next spring in front of the orchestra.

And there is the post-concert reception in the patio, a gift to all concert-goers from the Symphony Guild. Excellent punch, trays heaped with irresistible cookies, and an opportunity to mingle with friends and members of the orchestra combining for a pleasurable conclusion to the concert.

Conductor Thomas Osborn presents a preview talk at 7:15, free to ticket holders. Tickets are \$20 and \$25, \$10 for students, available by telephone at (562) 403-2944 or at the box office from 6:30 on March 25. The theater is located at 8435 Firestone Blvd., at Brookshire, with ample free parking.



ZENZI DEVEREUX – Is retiring after 22 years with the Downey Chamber of Commerce. An open house will be held in her honor March 30.

Devereux farewell open house planned at chamber

DOWNEY – Zenzi Devereux is retiring from her position as office manager for the Downey Chamber of Commerce. She has served the chamber for the past 22 years.

An open house will be held in her honor at the chamber offices, 11131 Brookshire Ave., on Thursday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who wish to visit with her and say goodbye are encouraged to RSVP to 923-2191.

Board approves 3.5 percent raise

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has granted tentative approval to a revised pact with CSEA Unit II Chapter 746 which includes a 3.5 percent across the board wage increase.

The increase accompanies a health and welfare package in which the district pays 95 percent of the annual premium of employee and qualified dependents. Eligible employees must pay only for copays and/or deductible fees.

The district's self-insured drug-card program is expected to go into effect April 1, as recommended by the District Insurance committee.

Terms differ for employees hired Oct. 1, 2006 or after. The terms are good for two years as they are the result of a contract reopener agreement.

The School Board set what may be a modern record for itself by dealing with a short agenda in just 22 minutes Tuesday, spurred by the gavel of new Board President Donald La Plante.

In other action the School Board Tuesday:

*Accepted with gratitude gifts from the private sector, including \$800 in cash from the Historical Society of Southern California for the instructional program at Carpenter School; a cash donation of \$500 to be used for uniforms at the Carnival of Champions by Carpenter Elementary from Daniel J. McKenna III; a cash donation of \$2,100 for eyeglasses and eye care for needy students by the Ellen and Clarence Peterson Foundation; plus many smaller but no less-appreciated gifts.

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

*Ratified payments for Special Educational Placements.

*Ratified settlement of a Mediation Case for \$2,700.

*Approved revisions to AR 1105, Uniform Complaint procedures.

*Approved proposed changes to AR 1221, Use of School Facilities.

*Approved revisions to BP and AR 2108, Interdistrict Open Enrollment.

*Approved adoption of BP and AR 2630, Wellness.

*Approved revisions to AR 3126, Graduation.

*Ratified an agreement with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., for review and analysis of bond related expenditures for the fiscal year now ending.

*Approved change order 2, open purchase order for Snack Food Products with A & R wholesale of Anaheim in the increased sum of \$88,000 to be charged to the Food Services Fund.

*Approved change order 5, General Work on the Unsworth Elementary campus expansion by Tony Hayward of Monrovia in the sum of \$21,261 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved the adjustment of 2005-06 Adult Education Fund restricted budget to reflect an increase in fund balance.

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Bears set sights on league championship

Warren baseball preview

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – Warren Bears baseball is gearing up for another season as they look to replicate their success from last year and possibly make a run at a league title.

The Bears finished last year in second place in the San Gabriel Valley League, behind the Gahr Gladiators with an 17-11 overall record. Their record made them eligible for the Division III CIF playoffs where they advanced to the second round. The Bears' season came to an end after falling to Ocean View.

This year, they look to make a push to advance possibly farther than last year. They will be riding the backs of their returning varsity players. Warren has 13 seniors on the team, with only six returning players, two key players being senior third baseman Kyle Saul and senior pitcher Randy Penfold.

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Kidsday Hall of Fame deadline nears

DOWNEY—As the deadline for nominating outstanding young people (grades 1-12) to the Kidsday Hall of Fame approaches, the city's Community Services Department reminds community leaders, teachers, coaches and parents not to let this "perfect opportunity" to honor the extraordinary achievements of Downey's youth who are achieving academically, athletically or improving themselves and their community, pass by.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 20 by 5 p.m. Nominations forms are available at the Community Services Department at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

All nominees will be invited to the Kidsday Hall of Fame ceremony Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Downey Theatre.

For more information about the nomination process or the Hall of Fame ceremony, call 904-7238.

Local cantor to sing in concert

DOWNEY—Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill of Temple Ner Tamid in Downey will perform in a concert celebrating "The Many Faces of Israel" Sunday, March 26 at University Synagogue in Brentwood.

The program will feature cantors and youth choirs from congregations throughout Southern California and will present music that represents the land of Israel's past and present, from pioneer anthems to contemporary tunes. Performers include other members of the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) and youth choirs from several Reform synagogues.

Proceeds from the concert, which begins at 5 p.m., will support the ACC, an affiliate organization of the Union for Reform Judaism dedicated to the future of Jewish music. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$9 for children and students, and \$36 for preferred seating, and can be purchased through University Synagogue, (310) 472-1255 or e-mail cantorjay@unisyn.org.

Chamber mixer at the Elephant Bar

DOWNEY—A Downey Chamber of Commerce mixer will be hosted by SourceOne Office Products and The Elephant Bar & Restaurant from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, featuring giveaways, raffle prizes (including Lakers tickets, etc.), food and drinks. Both companies are relatively new to Downey.

It will be held at The Elephant Bar & Restaurant, 1002 Lakewood Blvd. (Downey Landing). Information: 923-2191.

Stroke Support Group at DRMC

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., welcomes stroke survivors and caregivers to its monthly Stroke Support Group meeting Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. To register/for more details, call Joanne at the Stroke Hotline, (562) 904-5162.

Bocce every Tuesday at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – Downey Bocce Club meets at Apollo Park for games on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Join the group by calling (714) 761-4439.



SILVER SPONSOR – Downey Rotary Club has signed on as a Silver Sponsor for this year's GOOD (Gangs Out of Downey) luncheon, to be held on April 12 at the Rio Hondo Events Center. Left to right: Darren Dunaway, Downey Rotary President-Elect; Dr. Wendy L. Doty, Downey Unified School District Superintendent and Rotarian; Brent Shubin, East Middle School Principal and GOOD President; Carol Pearce, Downey Rotary President; and Rotarian Stan Carmichael.

Arc Walk slated for March 25

DOWNEY – The Arc Walk for Independence, the signature event for Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, will be held Saturday, March 25 at Downey's Stonewood Center near the Acapulco Restaurant.

Phillip Palmer of KABC-7 will be the master of ceremonies for this year's event, which drew over 2,000 supporters last year. The Warren High School Marching Band and the Mayfair High School Jazz Band will also be featured. Acapulco Restaurant will serve a free breakfast to all participants who participate in the walk.

The event includes two walking courses, a one-mile and three-mile course. Registration fee is \$10 and children under 10 are free. The walk starts at 8 a.m. outside Acapulco Restaurant on Firestone Blvd. in Downey.

Wescom Credit Union is the Platinum/Host Sponsor for this year's event with a gift of over \$7,000.

"We appreciate the vital work that Arc does for people with disabilities and we are proud to be associated with this fine organization," said Wescom President/CEO Darren Williams.

Wescom Credit Union was named Arc's "Employer of the Year" in 2005 for their hiring of an individual with a developmental disability.

To register for the Walk, call 803-4606 or e-mail arcckmac@aol.com. On-site registration will also be available.

Spring Vacation Day Camp set April 17-21

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a Spring Vacation Day Camp for children ages 6-14 from April 17-21 at Wilderness Park, 19999 Little Lake Road.

The camp offers children the opportunity to meet new friends, build strong bodies and learn new activities while parents can feel comfortable their children are at a safe place to play. Camp will be conducted by trained personnel and the fee of \$75 includes materials, supplies, a daily lunch beverage and an excursion. Campers must bring their own sack lunch daily.

The fee is \$70 for an additional family member and extended care (7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) and/or 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. is \$35 for one child and \$30 for each additional child.

Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information and registration call (562) 904-7238.

Looking for Miss Downeys

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association is looking for former Miss Teen Downeys, Miss Downeys and former members of the courts for a reunion prior to the Miss Downey/Miss Teen Downey Pageant scheduled on Saturday, March 18.

If you are a former title holder, or if you know how the Association can get hold of former Miss Downeys or members of their courts, you are urged to call Julie Swender at (562) 833-3000 or Carrie Redfox at (562) 869-3698.



GRAND OPENING – The Children's Academy of Success recently celebrated their grand opening with the help of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

New preschool accepting enrollment

DOWNEY – The Children's Academy of Success, based out of Action Faith Ministries in Downey, recently celebrated their grand opening and is now accepting applications for enrollment.

"The Children's Academy of Success is no ordinary pre-school and it's definitely not a daycare," said preschool representative Monica Sanchez. "We use a blend of the world's most successful and scientifically-proven teaching methods, tailor made to suit each individual child's needs. Meanwhile, our warm and nurturing environment will instill discipline, structure and positive values while providing ample opportunities for childhood fun and exploration."

The preschool operates Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Bernie at 862-9518.



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Luncheon to highlight anti-gang activity

DOWNEY—Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), which has gained national recognition for its determined efforts to combat gang activity in the community of Downey, will hold its annual luncheon Wednesday, April 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey.

The luncheon, which is attended by well over 400 community leaders and supporters year after year, highlights the tremendous work being done by this community-based organization. GOOD has received the President's "Points of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

The special luncheon event costs \$25 per person, or \$250 for a table of \$10. In addition, sponsorships are available as follows: Platinum sponsor, for a donation of \$5,000 or more; Gold sponsor, \$2,000-\$4,999; Silver sponsor, \$1,000-\$1,999; and Bronze sponsor, \$500-\$999. All proceeds are used to fund anti-graffiti programs, programs for "at-risk" students, the 10/20 Club for gang suppression, camperships for troubled youth and the Community Policing in the Schools Program. The Downey Police, City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District are recipients of funds raised by GOOD.

For more information/to make reservations, contact Brent Shubin, East Middle School Principal/GOOD President at (562) 904-3586, ext. 4080; Barbara Lamberth, CEO, Downey Federal Credit Union at (562) 862-8141, ext. 223; or Stan Hanstad, Assistant Superintendent, Downey Unified School District, at (562) 469-6541.



STEVE ALLEN—Optimist Club of Downey, presents a check for \$1,000 to Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) President and East Middle School Principal Brent Shubin, right. The donation makes the Optimist Club a silver sponsor in support of the upcoming GOOD luncheon April 12 at the Rio Hondo Event Center. For information regarding GOOD or the luncheon, contact Stan Hanstad, Asst. DUSD Superintendent, at (562) 469-6541.

Newcomers plan day at Santa Anita

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers will be visiting Santa Anita Park on Wednesday, March 15 and the community is invited to participate.

Cost is \$34 per person, which includes admission, valet parking, program and a lunch off the menu. A carpool will form in the church parking lot at 8441 Florence Ave., across the street from Downey Savings, at 11 a.m.

For more information or to sign up, call Vickie Augimeri at 862-7562.

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FAT CHECK—Kaiser Permanente and the Downey Family YMCA have partnered to fight obesity among kids in Downey. Kaiser Permanente is funding a part-time nutritionist to educate YMCA members and the community at large about the importance of proper nutrition to their children's health and the most efficient way to prepare a healthy meal for the family. They donated \$27,000 to the cause. From left: George Saikali, Executive Director; Jaime Garcia, Public Affairs/Kaiser; Mayor Meredith Perkins; and Bob Winningham, Board Chair.

Toastmasters Club to have open house

DOWNEY – Toastmasters Club 587, a member club of Toastmasters International, was founded 35 years ago and is holding an open house on Tuesday, March 21 to celebrate. The event will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey, Room 116.

Hors d'oeuvres donated by Taro's Tapas, the new fine dining restaurant inside the Embassy Suites, will be served.

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Lewis Elementary students raise \$5,920

DOWNEY—Students at Lewis Elementary recently raised \$5,919.67 as they participated in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program, which raises funds to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma research, and for patient services.

Lewis Elementary's fundraising program ran for two weeks. The two classes that collected the most pennies and other spare change received a pizza party and lunch from the Olive Garden.

The students were visited by Madyson "Cookie" Sheehey, who is currently undergoing treatment for her leukemia, and whom the students regarded as their "honored hero." The Downey Mayor's office proclaimed Feb. 28 as "Cookie" Day at Lewis Elementary.

Also paying a visit to the students was Radio Disney. They danced with Cookie and even getting their principal, Lisa Rawlings, to join in a conga line.

Rives Mansion Spring tour

DOWNEY – The famed Rives Mansion will have a Spring tour conducted by the owner of the home on Saturday, March 11, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The large white house built in 1911 has changed very little in the ensuing years. The tour will be downstairs with information about the house and original furniture. After many requests from the public, the owner is opening the home for this event.

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DAVIES

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workshops and events on the topics of art, culture and ecology.

Kate in the last year has been working on partnerships to enhance the services to the community and the project. For instance, she has talked to TreePeople about their water conservation program using cisterns, and has recently attended a workgroup hosted by the Tom Bradley Foundation that suggested the New Museum could be an Emergency Preparedness Center in case of disaster based on its energy and communications self-sufficiency.

Cultural Alliance

She has also been in discussion to create a Cultural Alliance for Downey that would promote Downey Cultural attractions to attract cultural tourism which has proven to be a strong economic engine for cities. From the beginning, it has been planned for the New Museum to offer a community concierge that would provide visitors with a cultural map and calendar of events.

The plan calls for the New Museum to act as a village green by not only providing access to world-class art but also by providing a place to gather, to hold meetings, meet with friends, see a classic movie or a documentary, attend an Art of Living workshop, or hear a favorite author speak. A place that connects schools to the Museum and to on-line learning space. The website will also host a web radio program on eclectic music and also a program that talks with grass roots genius in fields of art, culture and ecology. Also, planned is a classroom link where students can study the progress of the building and learn about sustainability, design and art by talking with architects, artists, engineers and designers of the New Museum.

Expert advisors

DMOA from the inception of the idea to build a New Museum in 1998 has planned to build something that was sustainably designed and also operated as a sustainable design and alternative energy demonstration learning site. Some of the early advisors to the plan have included the Solar Living Center, one of the foremost education centers in the U.S. on sustainable design, Steve Strong/Solar Design, who designed the solar cube for the Discovery Center Santa Ana; and David Arkin, AIA who won the AIA COTE Award for environmental building and most recently a Sunset Magazine/AIA Honor Award.

The "Blueprint for Sustainability: NEW Museum & Ecological Building Project" was given an independent third party review last year by Sheila Campbell, CEO of Wild Blue Yonder, a creative consultancy firm, who has worked with corporations such as The World Bank and Business Week. Ms. Campbell, who has also worked with the Boston Museum of fine Arts on strategic planning, called the plan "brilliant."

The New Museum will be built at a new location in Downey and will serve not only as a new cultural center for Downey and the Southeast region but also as a Southern California Environmental Learning & Demonstration Site for sustainable living and livable communities.

Former Assemblywoman Sally Havice, a supporter of the plan, has called the New Museum "a visionary model for cities."
(Kate Davies, DMOA, can be reached at 562-861-0419).

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.

The shop is looking for anyone who can volunteer for a minimum of four hours each week. You may contact Marty Krumm, manager, at (562) 401-7667 or (562) 401-7218.

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TINY'S TROUPERS—Standing, from left, Lillian Booth, Beverly Lampi, Slim Tanner (who turned 90 on March 7), Helen Hansen, and Flora Deans. Seated is Tiny Todd.

OASIS presents Tiny's Troupers

DOWNEY—Highlighting the Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday, March 13 is a performance by Tiny's Troupers in an hour-long Las Vegas-type entertainment presentation, "It's Showtime." The beautifully-attired, tap dancing ladies sing, do comedy, and otherwise invite audience participation in OASIS' program portion which will begin promptly at 3:45 p.m.

The troupe has one male member—90-year-old Slim. The class opens for enrollment as usual at 3 p.m., with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. A full course dinner (\$3.50) is served at 5 p.m. Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to this class. For more information, call DAS, 940-6200.

Registrar-Recorder has new website

NORWALK—Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack announced a newly improved RR/CC departmental website has been launched March 1.

The RR/CC refashioned a new website look in compliance with the Board of Supervisors' request that each County department's website have a uniform and consistent look with that of the County design. At the same time, the RR/CC's site was modernized and streamlined to provide easy navigation to users with a simple and convenient way to access information and utilize services provided through the various departmental operations. "Our goal is for the user to ultimately find the website to be a valuable resource, one that is useful, informative, and easy to navigate," McCormack said.

As finding one's way around a website sometimes is sometimes not an easy task, the new website now offers a number of user friendly features to assist with locating the information needed. Some of these features include:

- *Convenient Drop Down Boxes – providing a menu listing of operations and services with links to specific pages that contain detailed information;
 - *Interactive Capabilities – enabling users to download forms, complete and file forms online, access related featured links, and find polling place and sample ballot information;
 - *A Technologically Advanced Search Engine – providing the user with a consortium of responses from which to choose based upon specific search terms or keywords the user enters;
 - *Quick Links – providing links to the most commonly accessed information; and
 - *A Contact Us list – providing a dropdown list to specific e-mail boxes of the various operations of the RR/CC to enable users to directly send public inquiries and receive more expedient responses to their inquiries.
- The RR/CC website is a work in progress. Information contained within the website, i.e., procedures to obtaining specific services from the RR/CC, or statistical information such as election results, or links to related sites, etc. are current when posted.

The poets' corner

A Sunny Respite

How pleasing to feel the warm sun rays
After the storms have blown away.
And view the mountains peaked with snow
Against the blue sky—oh how they glow!

The rain, of course, is mighty nice
When coming to us once or twice.
But continual drenching becomes a pain
So it's nice to have a day without rain!

— **Martha J. Morrissy.**

Downey

ABWA monthly meeting March 15

DOWNEY—The American Business Women's Association's (ABWA) monthly meeting Wednesday, March 15 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey, features travel industry guru Iris Messina as she shows how one can afford to take that once-in-a-lifetime cruise or ground vacation now.

Her topics include: information on traveling stylishly, economically and hassle-free; inside information on all travel issues from safety and security to how to find good food and great shopping; how to turn that dream vacation into a successful fundraiser for one's nonprofit group, church or organization; and other benefits of group travel.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30. For more information/for reservations, call Debbie Stuver, (562) 884-6429 by Sunday, March 12.

Women's History conference March 17

NORWALK—Cerritos College celebrates its 20th annual Women's History Month with an all-day conference Friday, March 17 with the theme, "Reflections: Textured Images, Textured Lives," which will pay tribute to the great achievements of women in history and the changing roles of women today. The celebration will be held from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk.

Guest speaker is Tiffani Thiessen, star of "Beverly Hill 90210" and whose 2004 film, "Just Pray," which she produced and directed, will be screened at the conference, followed by a discussion with Thiessen and the screenwriter, R. Dean Johnson.

Conference keynote speaker is Lydia Ruyle, who will discuss the goddess icons in many cultures around the world. Other special guests include Dr. Scott Coltrane, author of "Family Man: Fatherhood, Housework, and Gender Equity," and Dr. Mary Lynn-Brecht, researcher with the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Panel topics scheduled for the day include "Behind Closed Doors: Sex, Drugs, and Violence Against Women," "Who Pays? Men, Women and Money?," "Pushing the Stroller: Gender Roles and Parenting in the 21st Century" and "Divas and Jeffes: Gender Roles in the Media."
For information, visit www.cerritos.edu/whm, or call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2362.



'TEAM ANDY DAY'—About 60 community members, police officers and district staff crowded onto the second floor of the Gallegos Administration Center on "Team Andy Day" March 3 to show their "appreciation and love" for ailing Andy Harrod, center, who has been with DUSD 30 years, the last nine years with Pupil Services. Andy has also been for six years a board member of Downey Federal Credit Union.

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Teachers have options with tax deductions

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As the April 17 deadline to file tax returns approaches, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) encourages teachers, teachers' aides, principals and counselors to take advantage of a federal tax deduction for school supplies purchased with their own money.

The \$250 deduction — available to educators regardless of whether they itemize — can be taken by an educator for unreimbursed school-related expenses for items such as books, supplies, computer equipment, and other supplementary materials used in the classroom.

"I was pleased to vote for legislation to extend this tax break for the 2004 and 2005 tax years for our hard working teachers. This year, when the measure comes up for renewal, I will continue to work to make the deduction permanent, increase the amount, and expand it to cover professional development expenses," said Roybal-Allard. "It's unfortunate that teachers are often not provided with all the school supplies they need to effectively teach their students in the classroom. By making this tax deduction available, Congress is attempting to help the many caring teachers who use their own money to purchase necessities such as notebooks and pencils for their students. These educators are truly to be commended for their commitment to our children."

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

The tax deduction can be taken by both public and private school educators from kindergarten through 12th grade. To be eligible, the educator must work in a school for at least 900 hours in a school year. In addition, teachers must be prepared to show receipts for the eligible purchases. For more information about the school supply deduction, educators are encouraged to contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

SCAG seeks to involve native American tribes

LOS ANGELES—The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council approved the development of changes to the organization's bylaws to seek formal participation of Southern California's 16 Native American tribes in regional planning and policymaking. The action taken by SCAG's Regional Council represents a major milestone in efforts to enlist federally recognized Native American tribes in the regional planning process. If the bylaws changes are ultimately enacted, SCAG would become the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization to take the step of providing tribal governments with formal representation.

"Today's action represents a historic step by SCAG to formalize the role of tribal governments in Southern California's regional planning process," said Temecula Mayor and SCAG Immediate Past President Ron Roberts. "I look forward to continuing the dialogue with the various tribal governments in our region and finalizing the manner in which they formally participate in SCAG later this year."

Strategic Plan

In November 2002 SCAG adopted a Strategic Plan that included the goal of establishing a role for tribal governments in the regional planning process, including voting membership. Since 2003, SCAG has met with tribal government leaders and their representatives from the region's 16 tribal governments through a series of summit meetings. The summits were designed to explain SCAG's roles and responsibilities, encourage tribal governments to provide their input regarding the region's transportation plan, and to identify how the tribal governments may participate in the regional planning process. In June 2005, SCAG established a Tribal Government Relations Task Force to facilitate negotiations regarding the formal participation of tribal governments in the SCAG planning process.

"This is a historic development for tribal governments," said Lynn Valbuena, chairwoman of the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN). "We commend SCAG for its vision and recognition of Native American tribes as capable and committed governments."

Action taken

The SCAG Regional Council action taken on March 2 included the following:

- *Acknowledges the establishment of a new Tribal Government Regional Planning Board created by federally recognized tribes within the SCAG region for the purpose of selecting locally elected Tribal Government Council members to sit on SCAG's committees.

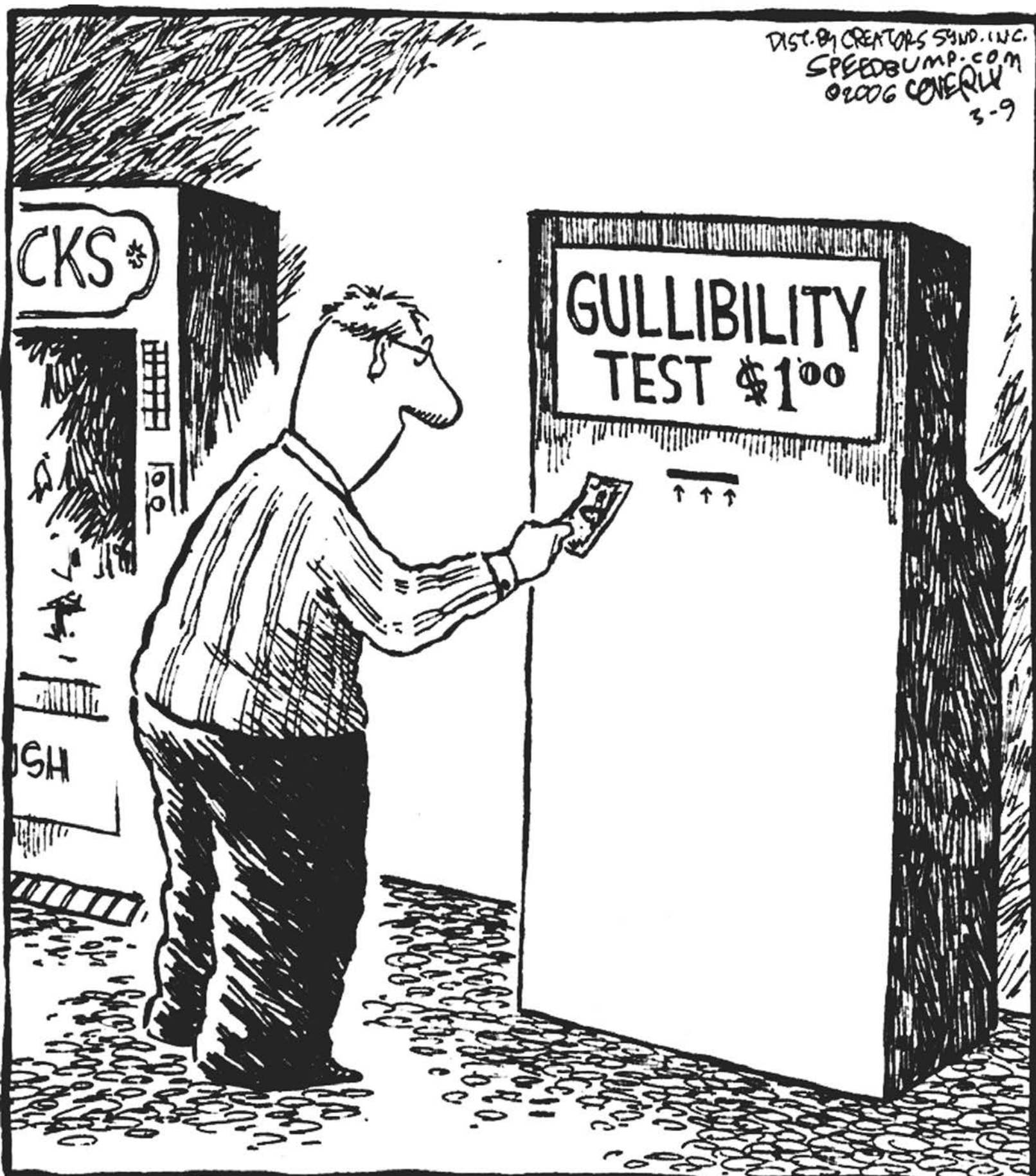
- *A locally elected member from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board would be elected to serve on the SCAG Regional Council and Administration Committee as a full voting member.

- *Two voting seats would be added to each of SCAG's policy committees (Transportation and Communications; Community, Economic and Human Development; Energy and Environment) and made available for locally elected Tribal Council members.

- *Tribal Council members would be permitted to participate as advisory members to the SCAG General Assembly.

- *Participating Tribal Council members would be subject to the same financial disclosure requirements currently applicable to Regional Council and policy committee members.

With the March 2 action, SCAG's Bylaws Committee will now be tasked with developing specific language to amend SCAG's bylaws, which will be considered for approval by SCAG's General Assembly in May 2006.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

San Antonio Guild benefits

Dear Editor:

One morning, in late September 2002, following a Rio Hondo PTA meeting, then PTA President, Stacy Brabant asked if I would be interested in having my home on the "Holiday Home Tour." When I asked Stacy what that was, she explained to me that The San Antonio Guild of Downey has an annual "Holiday Home Tour" to raise funds for Childrens Hospital, Los Angeles. As Stacy was very convincing and since it would help the children, I agreed. For the remainder of the year I decorated my home in every nook and cranny, crazily shopping for the perfect decorations. That year's end turned out to be one of my fondest memories. Following the tour I was invited to join the San Antonio Guild. Upon meeting most of the women in the group and seeing their hard work and dedication I gladly accepted.

Visiting Childrens Hospital and taking a tour of the hospital is mandatory for new members. Soon I realized why these women were so dedicated to working hard for this group. Walking down the corridors of the hospital, I saw bald headed children on foot down the halls with their IV poles trailing behind them, children in wheelchairs happily conversing with their nurses and parents cradling their babies with looks of fear in their eyes. By the end of the tour I realized how important this hospital and this organization was.

Since 1901, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles has dedicated itself to restoring the health and well being of seriously ill and injured children. From its earliest days Childrens Hospital LA has served the indigent children of our communities. In the first year the hospital saw 46 patients. Today CHLA treats nearly 56,000 patients a year in its Emergency Department alone. It admits 11,500 children a year to the hospital and more than 289,000 visits to its 29 out patient clinics. Childrens Hospital continues as one of America's premier teaching hospitals. In the fiscal year of 2003-2004, 1,453 patients from Downey were seen at this hospital.

The San Antonio Guild is one of 24 Associate Groups that raise monies solely for the Hospital's projects, which they deem necessary.

Georgia Soper started the San Antonio Guild in 1949. During the 50's the San Antonio Guild saw its heyday hosting the "Harvest Ball" including celebrities that honored their functions. Many articles were written in the LA Times about this group.

As the world changed so did the San Antonio Guild. According to Barbara Sterling, a member since 1977, the group had dwindled down to 7 members in the 70's. During the 1980's the group began to grow, inviting only hard working volunteers to join, such as Lois Brabant, Bonnie Presicci and Miriam Arey. In the 90's another growth spurt occurred fostering the annual "Fashion Show Luncheon" now held in May.

Today, the San Antonio Guild has approximately 40 members that include PTA presidents, school principals and teachers, nurses, businesswomen and stay at home moms. The guild's current president, Janet Molinaro, expressed "the San Antonio Guild is an important part of Downey's History that our community needs to preserve for the sake of the children." The San Antonio Guild's primary fundraisers are the "Holiday Home Tour" and the "Spring Fashion Show Luncheon." In addition the group sells Christmas cards August thru November each year and has an annual rummage sale.

For more information about the group and its activities you may call Janet Molinaro at 562-806-6767.

—Leora Leon,
Downey

Open letter re 'mansionization'

Dear Editor:

It's very important that Downey residents attend the Downey City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. held in Council Chambers. At the Feb. 14 Council meeting, concerned community members listened to a presentation by consultant Mark Brodeur of Downtown Solutions and his recommendations to the city. Many residents addressed the Council regarding the proposed recommendations. Council referred some of the recommendations to staff for further research and re-opening of this discussion at the March 14 council meeting.

It's your community and your City Council needs to see you and hear how much you care about Downey. It's so upsetting to watch a home with design and character fall into the hands of an investor, only to be replaced with bulk and mass for profit and with no regards for the longtime residents of Downey who have maintained the quality, character, aesthetics and a sense of community of the place.

—Dee De Young,
Downey

Volunteers needed for 'Relay for Life'

DOWNEY—Come June 10 and 11, more than 200 Downey residents are expected to take turns walking or running around a track in the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life*, a 24-hour event to raise funds in the fight against cancer even as it honors cancer survivors and remembers loved ones lost to the disease.

If you are interested or would like more information about the Relay or how you can get involved, call Bernice Madariaga at (562) 940-6213 or the Downey Rio Hondo Unit at (562) 776-0201.

SCHOOL BOARD

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- *Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Adult Education Fund unrestricted budget to reflect an increase in fund balance.

- *Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 Food Services Fund to reflect decreases in fund balance.

- *Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund Restricted budget to reflect the decrease in fund balance.

- *Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund unrestricted budget to reflect the decrease in fund balance.

- *Ratified the establishment and abolishment of several instructional assistant positions.

- *Adopted a resolution establishing the Week of the School.

- *Received the Second Period Interim Financial Report that states that as of Jan. 21, 2006, the District can meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the 2005-06 fiscal year.

- *Received and approved the administrative on developers fees for fiscal 2004-05.

- *Approved an amendment with the California School Employees Assoc., allowing a 3.5 percent wage increase.

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

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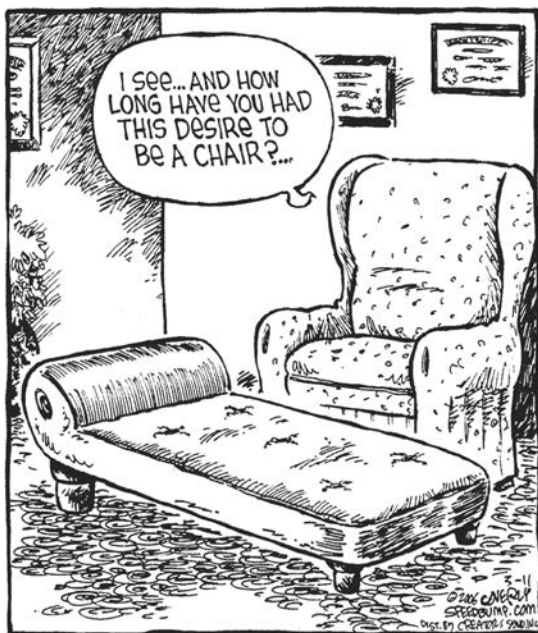
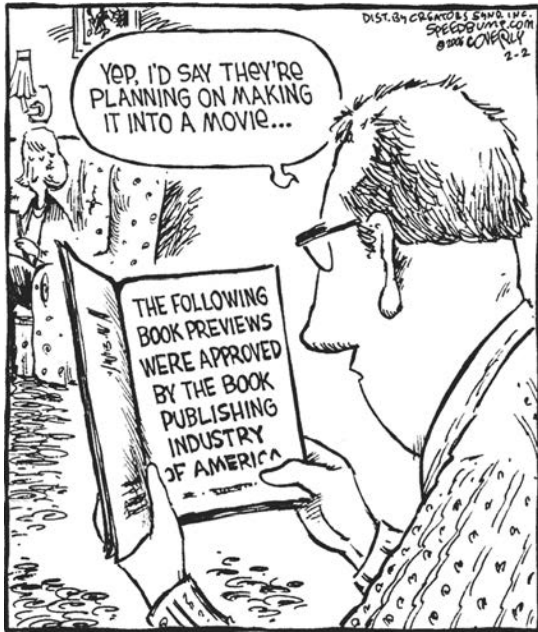
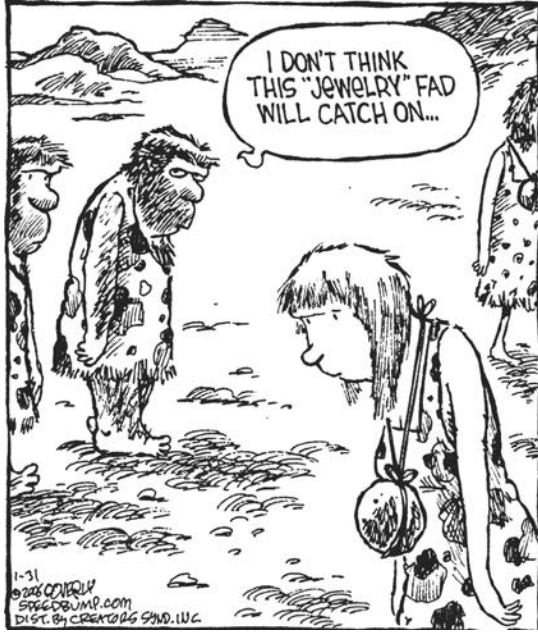
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Fri. Mar. 10, 8:00 p.m.: "Nonsense" musical comedy presented by Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. Also Saturday and Sunday. For tickets and information call 923-1714.
Sun. Mar. 12, 6:30 p.m.: Rob Syphax entertains with pop hits on acoustical guitar and vocals at 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 Carol Pearce at 622-1425.
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 C.C. 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.
12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 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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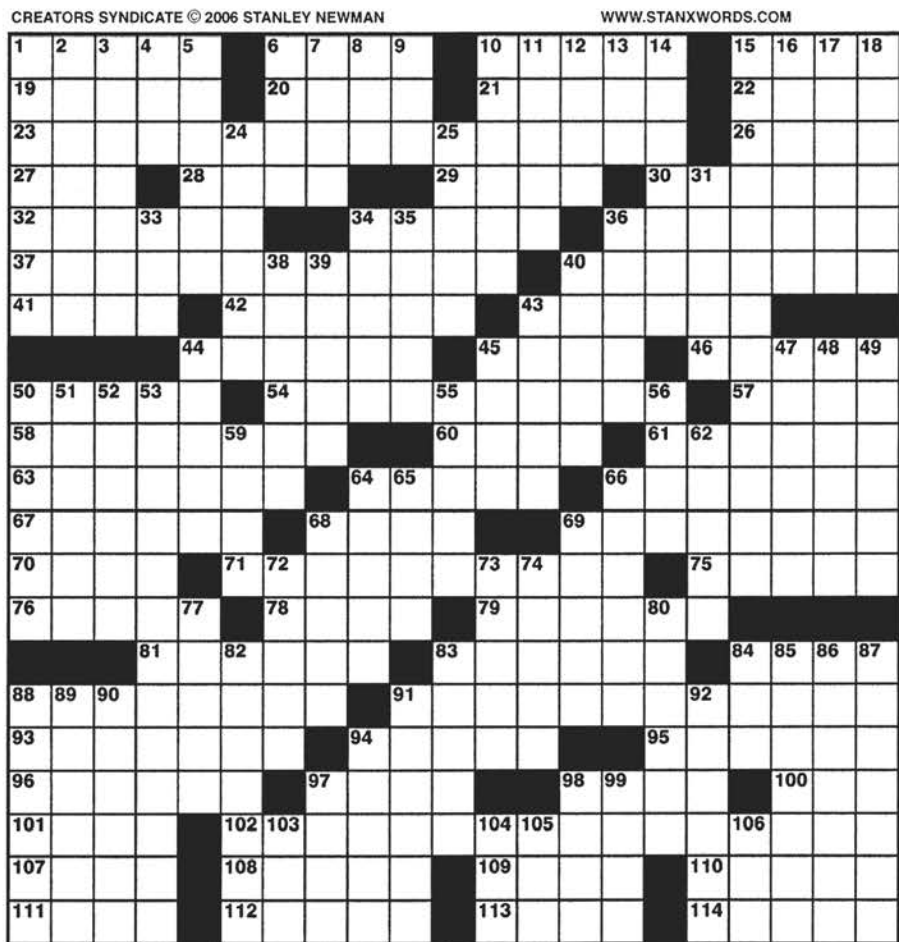
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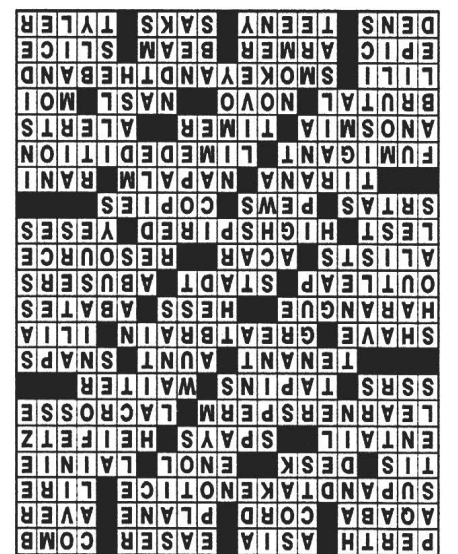
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PERTH (1 Across) is the capital and most populous city in Western Australia. As used at 10 Down, an EPONYM is a person for whom something is named. MRE (103 Down) is short for "meal, ready-to-eat."



L. B. Studio Theater's '06-'07 season schedule

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach, will stage eight 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 Venice (above cote d'Azur, in the South of France) to try to reclaim her life several months after the suicide of her teenage 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) 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.



FINAL WEEKEND – Members of the cast of "Nunsense" are prepared for the last performances of the hilarious musical comedy slated for this weekend live on stage at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. For information and tickets for this production of the Downey Civic Light Opera, call 923-1714.

Beverly Garland 1-woman show April 2

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, which is celebrating its 77th year of continuous operation, will present a one-woman show, "Beverly Garland's First 50 Years in Show Business" at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 on the Playhouse Mainstage.

She is appearing by special invitation. All proceeds realized from the special event will benefit various programs of the Long Beach Playhouse. Ticket prices are \$25. Performance includes a reception with Ms. Garland.

Box office hours are 3-6 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday and 3:30-8 p.m. Thursday thru Saturday. The Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, across from Recreation Park. Information (including ticket info): (562) 494-1014.

Great Western Tours includes Nevada trip

DOWNEY—On the current Great Western Tours schedule sponsored by Downey Adult School is an extended tour of Las Vegas and Lake Mead Tuesday-Thursday, April 18-20, which will take tour passengers to a springtime Lake Mead Cruise aboard the Desert Princess (the pride of the Lake Mead Cruise fleet), taking the group right along the top of Hoover Dam, topped off by a visit to the Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum, located in the historic Boulder Dam Hotel.

Hotel accommodations are at the 4-Diamond (AAA) Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino located in downtown Vegas. Tour escort is Harriett Paine.

The three-day, two-night (\$209 double per person/\$269 single) Nevada tour includes: transportation, two-nights hotel accommodations, one breakfast buffet, welcome cocktail, Lake Mead Cruise with boxed lunch, self-guided tour of Hoover Dam, admission to Boulder/Hoover Dam Museum, driver's gratuity, tax, and baggage handling.

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. Call 940-6213 for additional tour information.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought. The chorus has existed for more than 35 years singing favorite songs. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.

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St. Joseph's Table celebration at church

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, will sponsor their 24th annual "St. Joseph's Table" Sunday, March 19 in Msgr. Bob Gipson Hall.

The celebration schedule is as follows:

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Viewing
- 11 a.m. Liturgy celebration - Procession
- 12 p.m. Blessing of the Table
- 12:30-5 p.m. Pasta dinner

Italian Catholics in southern Italy started a tradition many centuries ago to publicly celebrate St. Joseph, their greatest saint and the husband of the Virgin Mary. On the eve of his feast day, March 19, bonfires would illuminate the squares and streets throughout Italy. The following day, a man, woman, and child, representing the holy family, would head a bell-ringing procession.

For information, contact Marguerite Ferraro, 869-7024.



LOIS BUCHANAN—Is coordinator of the 14th annual Interfaith, Multi-cultural Songfest offered free to the community by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints March 18.

Musical entertainment at Songfest 2006

DOWNEY—The 14th annual Interfaith, Multi-cultural Songfest sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held Saturday, March 18 at the church's south Downey facility at 12425 Orizaba Ave. (bet. Downey Ave. and Paramount Blvd. and immediately north of Imperial Elementary School). Prelude music will begin at 6:45 p.m., and the 9-act program of religious music will begin at 7 p.m.

Admission and parking are free.

"It is our pleasure to again offer an evening of music and togetherness to the people of Downey and neighboring communities," said Lois Buchanan, Community Relations Director for the Downey Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and coordinator of the event. "It is also a great opportunity to meet as friends from various religions and from different cultures to promote understanding and friendships. May we continue to build upon the love and respect for one another throughout our communities. Everyone is invited to this free evening of musical harmony."

For information, call (562) 861-8450.

Diabetes Health Fair at hospital

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, invites the community to a free Diabetes Health Fair to be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the lower level conference rooms.

Cardiologist Dr. Kaushai Tamboli will speak on "Diabetes and your Heart" at 9:30, followed by a GlaxoSmithKline representative's presentation on "Medicare Part D and the Value of Medicine" at 10:30. Endocrinologist Dr. David Berger will present "Diabetes Update" at 1 p.m.

From 9 to 11 a.m., visitors can receive free screenings for glaucoma, glucose, stroke and blood pressure. There will also be an "Ask the Doctor" opportunity.

Numerous area healthcare vendors will have tables at the Fair, including Abbot Diabetes Care, Alliance Pioneer Medical Group, Aventis, Bayer Healthcare, Downey Select IPA Medical Group, GlaxoSmithKline, LifeScan, Mini Pharmacy, Novo Nordisk, Pioneer Medical Group, Roche Diagnostics, Victory Drug and Surgical, and Zweber Pharmacy.

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WARREN

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Saul last year played as the centerpiece to the Bears' outfield. He roamed his newly acquired centerfield position all year long. This year, he'll be bringing his talent and athleticism back to the infield where he'll be looking to help lock down the hot corner. Saul originally played shortstop but then made the move to the outfield where he has been named to the All San Gabriel Valley League team back-to-back years.

Penfold is the only returning varsity pitcher this year. He will be expected to lead an inexperienced Bears' pitching staff. Last year, Penfold appeared in four games, and started three of them. He pitched a combined 15 innings, finishing last year with an overall 3-0 record recording a 0.93 ERA. With only a couple of other players pitching in a minimal amount of games at the varsity level, Penfold will be expected to carry most of the load. He will be filling the void left by Danny Dutch who graduated last year. Dutch led the pitching staff in wins, innings pitched, and strikeouts.

The Bear's defense is expected to be pretty strong this year with senior shortstop Chris Pascual anchoring the infield. Pascual has a good glove with a strong arm. He also covers a fair amount of ground. Pascual is a transfer student from Lynwood High School and because of CIF rules he had to play at the junior varsity level last year. This will be his first taste at the ever so important shortstop position up at the varsity level.

In the outfield, Penfold will be the captain when he's not pitching. He'll be replacing last year's centerfielder Saul who has to plug a hole for third baseman Scott Stroud who graduated last year.

"If we can field the ball and play catch, we'll be all right this year," Fullerton said.

Offense looks to be a key to the Bears' this year. They have a legitimate leadoff man, a crafty number two hitter, and a good amount of power being generated out of their 3-4-5 slots. Saul will be leading off for the Bears' where he led last year's team in practically every offensive category.

"He's a five star player," Fullerton said. "He can run, hit, hit for power, catch and throw. He's something special."

Saul led the team in steals where he swiped 21 bases. He also batted an astronomical average of .407 and slugged two homeruns which placed him up with the team leaders. Saul also demonstrated a disciplined eye by walking a team best 16 times.

"When he gets on base and he hits, we win games," said Fullerton.

Penfold will be batting behind him in the number two slot. Penfold carries the tools of a productive two hitter. He knows how to work the count, get on base, and most important to the team philosophy, move runners over by bunting the ball.

Marco Egurvide will be batting out of the clean up spot supplying the Bears' with power that they will more than gladly welcome. Last year, Egurvide batted .371 and knocked in 14 RBIs.

The Bears are currently playing in the Newport Elks Tournament. Their regular season schedule begins March 17 at Lynwood.

The Downey Patriot will preview Downey High School's baseball team next week.

Warren opens season versus Lynwood

DOWNEY – The Warren High School baseball team opens their 2006 season March 17 when they travel to Lynwood for a 3 p.m. game.

All Warren baseball games are scheduled for 3 p.m. start times, with the exception of the St. Paul Tournament April 15-19, which have not been announced.

Other notable games include back-to-back games against Downey, April 11 and 13, and April 25 against Gahr, their first game following a six-day rest.

Warren High School Baseball 2006 Schedule

March	14	at Lakewood (exhibition double-header)
	17	at Lynwood
	21	Downey
	24	at Gahr
	28	Dominguez
	31	at Paramount
April	4	Lynwood
	7	at Lynwood
	11	at Downey
	13	Downey
	15-19	at St. Paul Tournament
	25	Gahr
	28	at Gahr
May	2	at Dominguez
	5	Dominguez
	9	Paramount
	11	at Paramount

All games have a 3 p.m. start time.



SAN ANTONIO GUILD – Members of the San Antonio Guild of Downey are seen in front of the Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles. The local group raises funds for the hospital with various benefit events. For information on the San Antonio Guild, call Janet Molinaro at 806-6767.

Rise 'N Shine meets March 14

DOWNEY—Downey Chamber of Commerce members Richard Lee of 12 Daily Pro, George Papacalos of Kaiser Permanente and George Zoumberakis of Trilogy Financial Services are the scheduled speakers at the Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meeting Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: 923-2191.

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Mass held for Ray Cordero

DOWNEY—Services were held March 3 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for Ray Cordero, a 26-year resident of Downey who was born Dec. 10, 1915 in Chihuahua, Mexico and died at Downey Regional Medical Center on Feb. 23. He was 90.

Officiating at the mass was Fr. Mark Warnstedt. He was a member of OLPH and retired from Oscar Mayer. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Cordero; only daughter, Adeline (Frank) Manriquez; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. His grandson, Christopher, died in 2005.

Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello. Arrangements were by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month.

Tuesday meetings are held at 7 p.m. while Wednesday sessions meet at 1:30 p.m. Call 401-7991 for more information.

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BETTY CAROLYN KENLEY -- Died February 16.

Betty Carolyn Kenley ran for City Council

DOWNEY—Betty Carolyn Kenley, who was born June 24, 1925 in Los Angeles to Thelma and William Lang, has passed away. She died on Feb. 16 in Downey.

She attended Bell High School where she was a member of the marching band that played in the Rose Parade; she played the accordion.

She married Bruce Wade Kenley on Nov. 30, 1944 and received her cosmetology license from the State of California in 1960. She ran for the City Council in the seventies and was president of the League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Harrison and Nancy Kenley; her son, Scott Kenley; her brothers, William and Donald; and sister, Kaaren; nine grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Helping children develop early literacy

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., is holding a free class, "Every Child Ready to Read," Tuesday, March 14 from 10:40-11:10 a.m. in the Children's Room, for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy.

Instructor Claudia Dailey will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop early language skills through picture books. Register at the Adult desk or call 904-7360, ext. 23 for information.

Richard T. Flatley worked for Boeing

DOWNEY—Funeral services were held Saturday, March 4 at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home's Riverside Chapel in Loves Park, IL for Richard T. Flatley, who retired from McDonnell Douglas and Boeing after 38 years.

Born Feb. 15, 1933 to the late David J. and Anna (Malloy) Flatley, he passed away on March 1 at the Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was 73. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1952-1956.

He is survived by his wife, Paulette Flatley; children, Chief Petty Officer William J. (Donna) Flatley, USN (retired), Richard K. Flatley, Senior Chief Petty Officer Michael A. (Lisa) Flatley, USNR, Elizabeth A. (Tom) Flatley, and Captain Mary K. Flatley, USMC; stepchildren, Robbie (Hallie) Didier and Curt (Christine) Didier; grandchildren, Kirsten, Robert, Dannielle, Blake, Christopher, Donald and Justin; step-grandchildren, Caitlin and Nicholas; great grandchildren Lacey and Delainey; brothers, Joseph Flatley and Lawrence Flatley; sisters Rose Harkey, Catherine McConnell and Margaret (Dolly) Donegan.

Interment was at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Winnebago with military honors. Memorials were directed to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences: www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

Services held for Adele Marie Rousseve

DOWNEY—Services officiated by Fr. John Higgins were held on March 7 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church for Adele Marie Rousseve, who was born in Bloomington, CA and passed away in Norwalk on March 3.

A Downey resident for 43 years, she was a retired seamstress. She is survived by her brother, Norman (Hortensia) Rousseve; and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles. Miller-Mies handled arrangements.

Temple Ner Tamid study session

DOWNEY—Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow will hold a Study Session at 6 p.m. prior to services Friday, March 17 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

The community is welcome. There is no charge. Study Sessions will be held every month on a variety of subjects. "Shabbat Kee Tissa Parah" services follow at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Student Rabbi Milkow, Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, and Norberto Guinaldo at the organ. An "Oneg" is held after services, and delicious refreshments are served by the Temple's Sisterhood.

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

Downey Police and Fire bowling party

DOWNEY—The Downey Police and Fire Foundation invites the public as it hosts the annual Bowling Party fundraiser Sunday, March 26 at Del Rio Lanes, 7502 Florence Ave.

The foundation was founded for the protection of Downey police officers and firefighters injured in the line of duty. The foundation is also available to extend assistance to families and contract employees. Through employee contributions and civic donations the foundation awards scholarships to family members.

The \$20 adult and \$15 donation will provide two games of bowling, shoes, pizza, and soft drinks. The party starts at 2 p.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

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Real Estate 101

By Mike Heayn,
Washington Mutual

How can real estate make you independently wealthy? We'll get to that in a moment, but first what is real estate? Real estate or real property is defined as the air space above it and the ground space below it, along with any improvements, i.e., structures on the land. It is a tangible asset, something that has a physical existence.

In general, real estate is known as an illiquid asset, meaning that it is difficult and time-consuming to sell. However, at this time in Los Angeles, real estate tends to be more liquid because of the high demand. And with real estate, you can do something that you can't do with a lot of other assets - leverage it.

Leverage means using a small amount of money to control a much larger amount of money, in this case a real estate asset. For example, you could control a house worth \$100,000 with just a \$10,000 down payment. If the property appreciates or goes up in value, you make a larger return on your money. If the property goes up 10 percent in a year, its new value would be \$110,000, leaving you a profit of \$10,000 (in theory) if you were to sell at that time, thus doubling your money. Obviously, there are costs involved in selling real estate and we are not taking into account the interest payments from the mortgage or tax penalties, but this is one way real estate can make someone a lot of money over time. The other way real estate can make you money is through cash flow.

Positive cash flow is money that comes in each month from a performing asset. If you went out and bought a house for \$100,000 with \$10,000 down and decided to rent out the house for \$1,500 a month, you would make \$602 a month, \$7,224 a year, or a 72 percent return on your investment. The numbers are below:

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Insurance (On an estimate of \$.45 a square foot—about average for L.A. county—and assuming a house size of 2,000 square feet = \$900 annual premium) \$75

PMI - Private mortgage insurance (Needed if less than 20 percent down payment is put on a property and is needed for a home mortgage. PMI is for lenders and they usually require it to protect themselves from default) \$50

Expenses - (water, electricity, etc.) \$100
Total \$898

After about a year and a half - if the profit is kept - another house could be bought for \$100,000 with \$10,000 down and the whole process could be repeated.

Of course, this may not always be as easy or low risk as it sounds. There are risks involved; for example, if the tenants move out and the house is 100 percent vacant, you will have to cover the mortgage, tax and insurance costs. However, there is a way to mitigate or hedge your risk, and that is by buying several units on one parcel of land.

Multiple units mean there is more than 1 unit on a piece of land or parcel. This could be a duplex (two units), triplex (three units), or four-plex (four units). Up to four units is known as a residential property. Once a building hits five units or larger, it is known as a commercial property, at which point the financing or loan structure changes. More units can entail more responsibility, but also offer more protection against vacancy. For example, if you have a four-plex and one of the tenants leaves, you will only be losing 25 percent of your revenue, as opposed to the full 100 percent, therefore protecting yourself against a great deal of financial hardship.

Real estate can also serve as its own collateral. You can even use the money you're borrowing against the property, known as the equity to buy another property. Over time, you could buy several properties to the point where they are generating excess income each month. Using the example above, if you purchased four houses over six years and each property generated \$602 a month you would generate \$43,344 dollars a year. At that point you could start to purchase two houses, with 20 percent down on each, at one time, or move up and purchase several units on one property. Over time, with discipline, regardless of where values go, you could make a strong positive cash flow to live or retire on.

(Mike Heayn is a Multi-Family loan consultant who can be reached at (310) 264-1483 or e-mail michael.heayn@wamu.net. He is available to answer questions between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays).



PASTOR DAVID SARINANA - Will speak at Action Faith Ministries' business breakfast meeting March 15 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Business breakfast meeting March 15

Downey - Action Faith Ministries will be hosting a business breakfast meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Road. Pastor David Sarinana, owner of Century 21 A Better Service, will be speaking about "Developing a Royal Mindset."

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Rio Hondo Elementary	Tue, Thu, Fri	8:00 - 11:30

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

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

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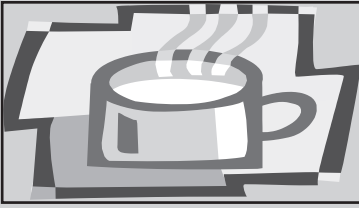
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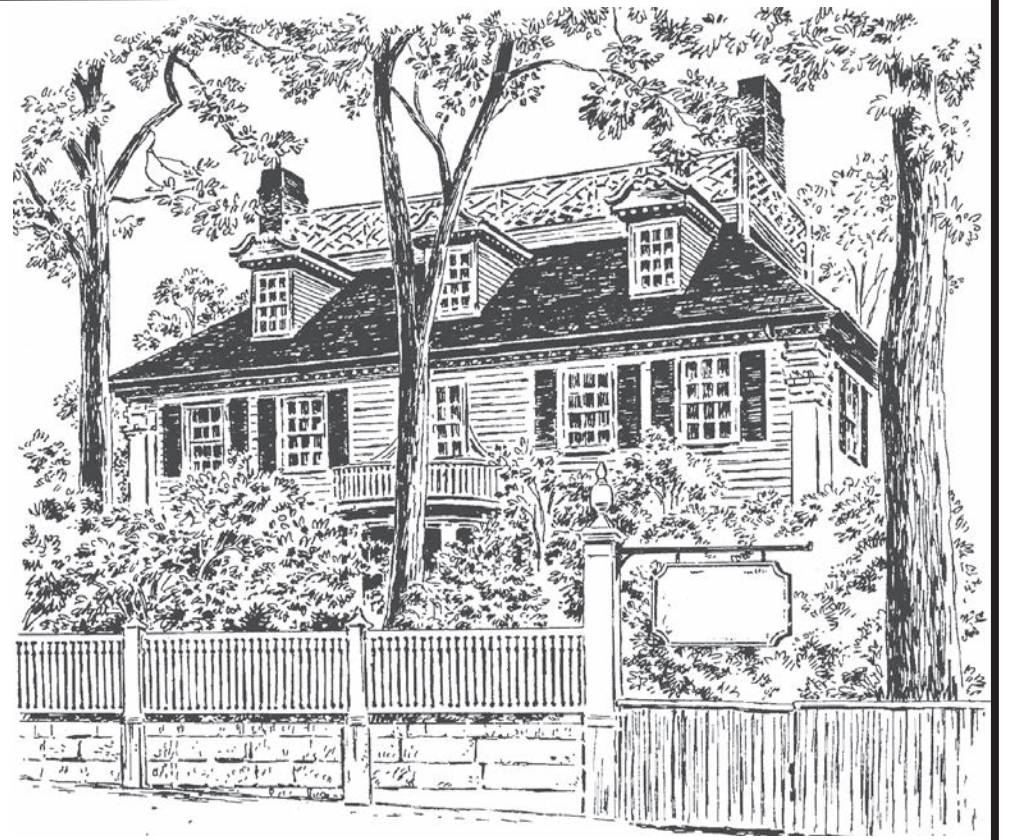
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SUPER CLEAN!
This super clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath Downey home features a family room w/ fireplace, lovely kitchen, large service porch and a 2 car detached garage, 1,686 square feet of living space, and new stucco, all on a 6,270 square foot lot. Priced at \$609,000.
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DOWNY CONDO!
This Beautiful Glenbrook North Town home features 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, a 2 car garage and a pool & spa.
For more details or price, please call Penny Watson @ 562-651-7070



ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT!
Must see this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Pico Rivera. Home features include a large family room, large living room, dining room, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, new windows, central air & heat, plus 4 year old pool and super large Jacuzzi. Priced @ \$639,900.
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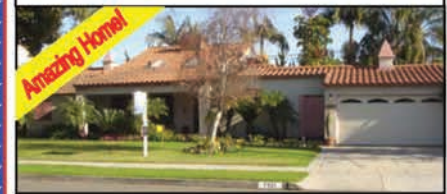
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A Must See!!! Priced to Sell at: \$825,000



This Entertainer's Delight is a Must See!!!
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 & MORE! A Must See!!! \$1,339,000



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.

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North East Downey
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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 12-4
Sophistication & Elegance
This elegant English Manor built in 1986 is located in prime North East Downey. The 4,206 sqft. home on a 10,000 sqft. lot features 5 bedrooms (3 master suites) 4 bathrooms, library, gourmet kitchen with subzero refrigerator and freezer, beautiful custom pool with spa and cascade and much, much more. Call Jose for a private showing of this magnificent estate.

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This Property is HOT! HOT! HOT!
Located in North Downey, this 881 sqft. home features 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom with an extra large 5,580 sqft. lot for lots of room to grow. Call Jose for more information.
Priced to sell at: \$474,900.

Being Built Just For YOU!
Located in North Downey this beautiful home features 5 large bedrooms and 4 bathrooms. The master suite is a dream with a large sitting area, walk-in closet and spa-like bathroom with spa tub. Gourmet kitchen with granite and top of the line stainless steel appliances. Large pool with cascade, great for entertaining. All this is waiting for you. Call Jose for more information.

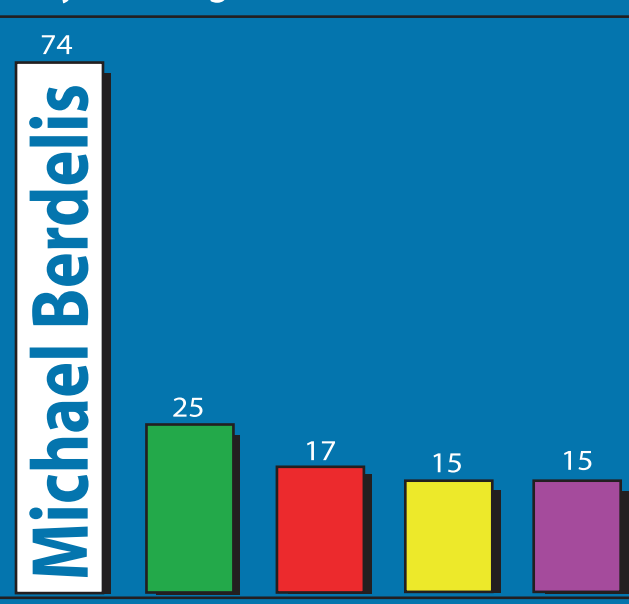
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Entertainer's Delight!
4 bedroom, 3 bath tri-level home with new tile flooring, new roof, remodeled master bathroom, new hardwood floors on stairs and upstairs, central air and heat, and freshly painted interior. Home has a step-down family room and downstairs bedroom, spacious living room, and 3 bedrooms (including the master) upstairs. The backyard has a great party atmosphere with a gated pool and separate grass area on the side. Price: \$995,000
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Light and Airy!
4 bedroom, 2 bath Downey home with 2 car attached garage, living room, family room with fireplace, and formal dining room. Home has a very open floor plan with tile floors, bright kitchen with tile counter tops, pantry, and inside laundry area in family room. The backyard has a covered patio and grass area. Price: \$699,000.
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Colonial Home in Orange Estates
This North Downey home near Furman Park includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, guest house with kitchen and bath, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa. The home features an elegant formal living room, formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, a playroom, and a solarium. The master suite has a walk-in closet, retreat area, full bath, and fireplace. Price: \$1,175,000
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Spanish Style Beauty
Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home rebuilt in 1993 in the wonderful NE section of Downey. The property has a 2 car det. garage and large pool-size yard that's perfect for entertaining. The custom-built home has an impressive living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room and den, and a downstairs master bedroom with large bathroom. The upstairs has another master bedroom, 2 other bedrooms with Jack-&-Jill bath, and bonus room (or 5th bedroom). Price: \$1,075,000.
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A Rare Find!
5 bedroom, 3 bath Downey home built in 2001 set on a very large 9,150 sq. ft. lot with covered patio and built in BBQ. The home opens into a large living room with a cathedral ceiling, marble floors, formal dining room with fireplace, remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops & built-in appliances & a cozy family room with fireplace. The master suite has a fireplace and a large bathroom with 2 showers & a separate tub. \$1,099,950.
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Mrs. Clean Lives Here
Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath NW Downey home on a large lot (8,270 sq. ft.) with a spacious living room & formal dining area, well-kept kitchen with breakfast area, and a cozy den with fireplace. Includes a master bedroom with lots of closet space & a private bathroom with skylight. Other amenities include hardwood floors under carpet, tile in kitchen, central air and heat, newer roof & attached bonus room. Price \$689,900
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Builder's Delight!
Large lot in Northeast Downey at almost 12,000 sq. ft. lot. 3 bed, 3 bath home consisting of a living room with fireplace, family room, master bedroom with retreat and private bath, and large covered patio. More importantly, there's plenty of room to add on to this expansive backyard. Price: \$799,000
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Nice Area! Nice Price!
4 bedroom, 2.75 bath pool home near Furman Park and Rio Hondo Elementary. The living room and family room with fireplaces & newer sliding doors overlooks the large covered patio, pool, and gazebo. Some of the amenities include solar heated pool, water softener, central air & heat, and hardwood floors. You won't find too many homes like this with it's large lot and circular driveway, a rare find in Orange Estates. Price: \$875,000
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It's Party Time!
5 bedroom, 3 bath, 3700 sq. ft. North Downey home built in 2006! Home includes granite counter tops & stainless steel appliances in kitchen and travertine flooring throughout spacious living room with high ceiling & formal dining room. The upstairs has a 2nd family room and master suite features retreat, balcony with view of pool/spa/BBQ, and modern full bathroom. Price \$1,349,000.
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