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**LAST CHANCE** – The Navy Band Southwest Pops Wind Ensemble will close the summer concert season at Furman Park on Wednesday, Aug. 23. See page 7 for story.

## Dogs running wild on Downey streets

■ Residents claim loose dogs are terrorizing their neighborhood. Elderly woman has scars to prove it.

By Scott Cobos

**DOWNEY** – Ripping out a dog's insides and causing an elderly woman multiple injuries to her upper body, a wild pair of dogs attacked on Foster Road last month, the latest in a series of attacks neighbors say have gripped their neighborhood.

Mildred Mitchell, 78, sustained moderate injuries to her upper body when she was attacked by the dogs. She was treated for lacerations along her right arm and bruising all along her right side. She said she also received a tetanus shot, and is currently being checked and tested for further injuries.

Mitchell was taking her daughter's dog, Lucy, for a walk around 6 a.m. June 29 when she says two dogs blind-sided her.

"All of a sudden all hell broke loose," said Mitchell, a Downey resident since 1954. "I don't know where those dogs came from."

Mitchell, who says she was more worried about her dog's health rather than her own, picked up Lucy after the rottweiler and accompanying dog ripped open the small puppy's side and rear end.

She then proceeded to try and beat off the attackers with her remaining arm, struggling all the way.

"I just didn't have enough strength to do it all," Mitchell said as she started to break into tears.

Enter a trio of heroes.

Christian Krueger and Ashton Trujillo, students at Calvary Chapel High School, were out for a jog that morning when they spotted the roaming dogs. They tried yelling at Mitchell to warn her of the impending attack but were too late.

The teens quickly sprinted to Mitchell and began trying to beat off the dogs with their fists.

"I saw the little dog and it was bleeding so I ran and kicked the other dog right in the head as hard as I could and it wouldn't move at all," said Trujillo.

About this time, neighbor George Wolder noticed the commotion from down the street. He jumped in his car and raced over to aid in the rescue.

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## Robert Rubio running against 'formidable' foe

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—A Downey resident for over 25 years, Robert A. Rubio has declared his candidacy for the Downey City Council's District 2 seat soon to be vacated, due to term limits, by Mayor Meredith Perkins. He moved to the District 2 area three years ago.

Rubio, who ran Rubio & Chavira Wholesale Jewelers and Manufacturing, as president, in the city of Commerce with a partner for 20 years and has been the Chief Professional Officer of the Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club (which serves over 10 southeast cities including Downey) for the past 10 years, opposes another business owner and community leader, Mario Guerra. Guerra declared his candidacy earlier.

Rubio acknowledged Guerra is "a formidable foe," but he says he is not awed, because he, too, is an achiever. He says if he beats the odds stacked up against him, he aims to:

- Maintain and increase community service programs;
- Promote the downtown business community and "continue our Downey Landing development";
- Support Downey Fire and Police with state-of-the-art tools with which to combat identity theft especially; and otherwise secure resources "for the protection of our citizens"; and
- Maintain adequate schools (and schooling) for children.

Rubio was born and raised in Santa Fe Springs, graduating from Saint Marianne's School in 1961 (he is past president of the Saint Marianne's School Foundation and a foundation member for 10 years); he was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 1985-1995. He is past president of the Rio Hondo Rotary Club, of which he has been a member for 30 years (Rio Hondo Rotary covers Bell Gardens and Commerce).

He has served on various committees at the Montebello Unified School District, as District Chair of the Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholars Program; as president of the Rancho Downey Homeowners Association, member of Rotary District #5280 Charitable Giving Foundation for three years, past president of the Bell Gardens Association of Merchants and Commerce, and vice president of El Rancho San Antonio Historical Society.

He is currently a member of the Downey Historical Society, the Downey Rose Float Association, the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the Downey Sister Cities Association, and has been a member of the Project Area Committee (PAC) serving the city of Bell Gardens, and has served on both Miss Bell Gardens and Miss Commerce committees.

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## Osborn was truly man for all seasons

■ Conductor leaves behind a legacy of love, friendship and music.

By Joyce Sherwin

A few days ago someone remarked to me that we are often unaware of the range of a friend's influence and accomplishments until the impressive obituary appears in the papers.

This certainly may reflect the general knowledge of Thomas Osborn's contributions in his field of classical music. As conductor of the Downey Symphony for 18 years and director of the Music in the Schools programs, the Osborn presence in the Downey community goes deep.

But when I attended the Memorial Service for him, "A Celebration of Life," I heard confirmation of Tom the husband and father, the educator, the camper, the family cameraman, the traveler, hiker, singer, choral conductor, clarinetist, church deacon, and planner.

"I am humbled by the output of his life," one speaker said, "He contributed significantly in making the world a better place," said another. And, "He lived life to the fullest to the very end. Was he not an amazing gift..."

He was remembered for his readiness to help students and colleagues.

"He was a father figure to many. Open to all students who knew him as a strong family man. They could come and talk to him about anything. He had a big heart," said his brother Mashall, recalling that Tom was good at interacting with people from age five.

"When we were really little kids," daughters Carolyn Osborn and Dorothy related, "our dad was so involved in teaching classes all day and conducting musicals at night that we didn't see much of him, so Mother decided to take us to his rehearsals. By the time we were 10 and 11 we could help him with the orchestra's set-up. We painted scenery at the theaters, we learned you had to organize and prepare."

On summer vacations the family camped with a tent and trailer, then an RV, then a motor home. Carolyn and her dad hiked to the top of Yosemite's Half Dome. Later, the Osborns beamed happily from Christmas cards, photographed before the spectacular architecture of European capitals and countrysides.

Joyce Osborn, Tom's wife for 49 adventurous years, is a symphony violinist and teaches privately. She wanted to fill the celebration of Tom's life with music. Tom's music. A string quartet gently welcomed us as we signed guest books and found seats. Every musician appearing during the afternoon had played with Tom. Carolyn took up her violin in tribute to her father; a cellist broke my heart with the tenderness of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise; the choir from his church sang Brahms; and Patricia Massey... Patricia Massey is principal clarinet with the Downey Symphony. Tom's instrument. Has Mozart's Clarinet Quintet ever received so loving a performance as this one.

Then there are his friends. How Tom Osborn has friends.

You can begin with Downey's kindergarten children, who met him as narrator and performer with his quintet for Music in The Schools programs. For nine years, Tom visited every elementary school in the

Downey Unified School District, with a different musical emphasis each time. "Good morning, Tom!" the kids would call out. When kindergartners became third-graders, they received the full treatment: a trip to the Downey Theater for a concert by the entire orchestra. "Good morning, Tom!" Again in fifth grade, another such trip, the music now more sophisticated. Classical music became accessible, even fun to thousands of youngsters because of Tom. A conductor could be a real person.

Neighbor friends. With his friend, Ted, Tom walked every day, five mornings a week. When that was not enough, they walked six mornings a week, for 12 years. When people next door to the Osborns moved away one year, they told Joyce they would miss the whole family, but especially

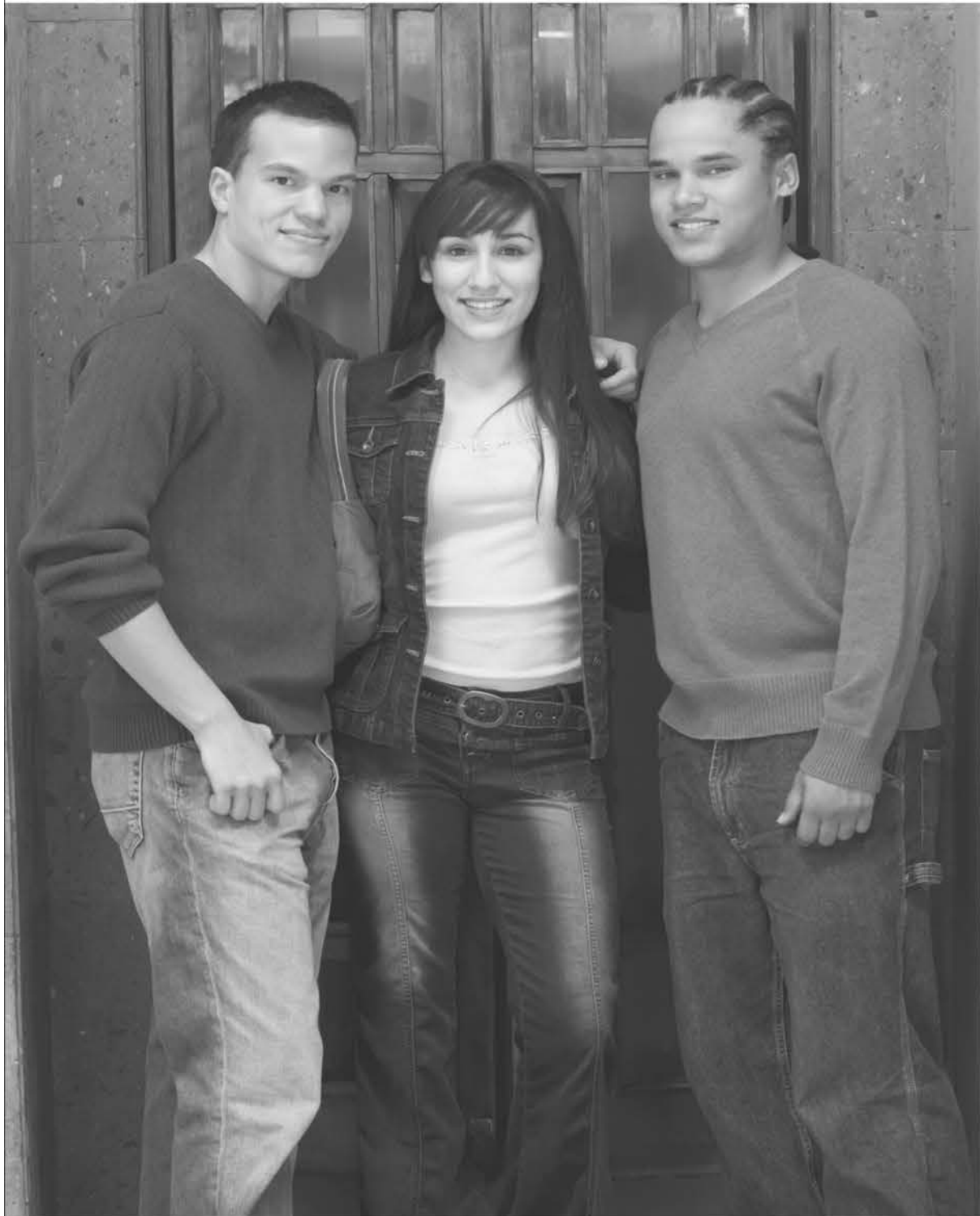
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**TRANSITION**—Carolyn Osborn, concertmaster of the Downey Symphony, donned her late father's traditional tall, striped hat and welcomed the city's elementary school children onto the conductor's platform to lead the musicians in the final selections of the orchestra's Concert in the Park on Aug. 9. Tom Osborn, for 18 years conductor of the Downey Symphony, died suddenly on July 30. His longtime friend, Richard Rintoul, professor of music at Cal State Long Beach and the Colburn School, rehearsed the orchestra and directed this concert. Before the performance, tributes to Tom Osborn were given by Symphony Board president Larry Lewis and by Civic Light Opera director Marsha Moode.

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## Help pick up street litter

**DOWNEY**—Downey residents are invited to help Keep Downey Beautiful, a volunteer organization that works to beautify the city, pick up trash tomorrow, Aug. 29.

The group will work from 9 to 10 a.m. after meeting in front of Old River Elementary School. No reservation is required, but be prepared to pick up litter.

Keep Downey Beautiful will provide trash bags, safety vests and gloves. But volunteers should wear old clothes and close toe shoes.

Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Keep Downey Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep California Beautiful.



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF DOWNEY**—Recently held a successful casino night to raise funds for local community organizations and their many scholarship programs for high school students and women re-entering the workplace. Pictured are members dressed in "Nifty Fifties" theme to celebrate Downey's 50th anniversary. For information on membership, call (310) 717-3637.

## Murder victim identified by police

**DOWNEY** – A woman allegedly stabbed to death in her Downey apartment last week by her ex-boyfriend has been identified as 22-year-old Judy Morales.

Police were called to the apartment unit at 11800 Old River School Road about 1 a.m. Friday morning after neighbors reportedly heard her screaming for help.

When police arrived, they say they found 21-year-old Marco Antonio Rodriguez on top of Morales, both bloody and suffering from stab wounds.

Police used a Taser device on Rodriguez during the arrest. Morales was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Rodriguez was suffering from what police called self-inflicted stab wounds and was treated at a hospital. He is expected to be charged with murder.

## Breastfeeding workshop at hospital

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center will host a breastfeeding workshop on Monday, Sept. 11 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The class will provide tips to help expectant mothers overcome problems and successfully breastfeed, thereby nourishing their babies and protecting them from illness.

For more information or to register, call the DRMC Department of Education at (562) 904-5580.

## RUBIO

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Rubio is FEMA-trained and is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee, to which he was appointed a Commissioner by Perkins a few years back.

As CPO of the Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club, known nationally as the Boys & Girls Club of America (which consists of some 3,900 clubs throughout the country), and the Rio Hondo Teen Center from 1996 to 2006, he has worked closely, and works, with hundreds of hopeful youth.

He has served three terms on its board and as president. He is currently an instructor as well of "Adelante Joven," a Pregnancy Prevention Program for young men within the schools of the Montebello Unified School District and also serves as Treasurer and Charitable Trustee to the Walter and Alma Peterson Support Foundation, an organization close to his heart (he is emceeding an upcoming gift transfer of the 100-year old Peterson Farm House to the El Rancho San Antonio Historical Society of Bell Gardens Saturday, Aug. 26). He is currently Assistant Governor to the #5280 Rotary District Governor.

One of three brothers who have served in the Armed Forces (he is the third of five brothers in all), he served in 1966-68 with the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division (his unit is now in Iraq) in Ashaffenburg, Germany as a Supply Sergeant. His father won the Purple Heart in WWII. Rubio's second wife, Robyn Kotani-Rubio, teaches 3rd grade and is vice principal at his alma mater, Saint Marianne's.

He plans to hold fundraiser-rallies for his campaign in the coming weeks—one at Sambi's of Tokyo, another at Frantone's, a third at Rio Hondo Event Center, and a fourth at Rubio's Restaurant at Downey Landing.

Ever since he moved to District 2, he says, a more intense concern for the betterment of his neighborhood and the community of Downey as a whole began to stir within him. This didn't surprise him much, he says, considering his continuing involvement with youth and education: he is constantly immersed in ideas like "values," "character development," "turning lives of at-risk kids around," "mentoring," "conflict resolution," and such.

Thus, "giving something back to the community"—even though this sounds like a clichéd mantra nowadays—really means something to him. After learning of citizens' complaints and concerns as he went the rounds soliciting pre-candidacy signatures, he says he decided to be "a part of the solution, and not part of the problem."

"I am going to be 60 in four months," he said. "It's a good time to enter local politics, to make a difference in my community."

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**DOWNEY'S ELITE**—The Nemesis Elite, Downey's fast-pitch softball team, beat out 87 other teams to win the ASA Western Nationals Class A Championship earlier this month. They'll compete in the national championships next summer.

## Residents invited on upcoming one-day trips

**DOWNEY**—Registration is now open for the Downey Adult School fall/winter tours, which feature one-day trips with Tour Director Harriett Paine. Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office, 12340 Woodruff Ave. or mailed upon request.

The tours at a glance:

- "Will Rogers State Park"—Sept. 21: Restoration is complete at Rogers' home and grounds; enjoy a docent tour; lunch at Gladstone's by the Sea, Malibu.
- Getty Villa - Newly Restored—Sept. 29: Tour and picnic box lunch at Getty Villa.
- Goldstone Deep Space Communication Center—Guided tour on Fort Irwin Military Base with lunch on base; Route 66 Museum Old Town, Victorville.
- Christmas Flowers, Goodies and Lights—Dec. 6: Roger's Gardens, Weidner's Poinsettia Gardens, Holiday luncheon at Lawry's Five Crowns and Del Mar Christmas Lights display.
- Disney Concert Hall - L.A. Master Chorale's "Shine"—Dinner at San Antonio Winery-Maddalena Restaurant; West Coast premiere of Reich's newest work, "Daniel Variations," and highly-acclaimed L.A. Master Chorale's "Shine."

Call (562) 940-6213 for more tour information.

## Cerritos College to mark 9-11

**NORWALK**—The Associated Students of Cerritos College will host a 9/11 remembrance event on Monday Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.

"Remembering 9/11" will feature readings, music, and a memory poster where attendees will be invited to write about their own memories of the tragedy that occurred five years ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

The event will be in the college's Burnight Theater, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

For information, call Holly Bagdanovich, Director of Student Activities at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2476 or at hbagdanovich@cerritos.edu.

## Nemesis softball team wins championship

■ Downey team earns shot at national championship next summer.

**DOWNEY**—Downey's Nemesis Elite girl's fast-pitch softball team went undefeated to win the ASA Western Nationals Class A Championship in the 14-and-under division held this month in Beaverton, Oregon. Nemesis played 10 games in the span of a week, outscoring their opponents 60 to 12.

Eighty-seven teams competed in the tournament.

As champions, they qualify for the 2007 16-and-under national championship to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota next summer.

The Nemesis Elite team is a collaborative effort of manager Sandy Grana, head coach Manny Garcia, and coach Charles Gregorio. Between them, the coaches emphasize academic success and help facilitate college exposure and scholarship opportunities.

To help pay for travel expenses, the team continually holds fundraisers and solicits donations from the community. For more information, visit [www.eteamz.active.com/nemesis-elite](http://www.eteamz.active.com/nemesis-elite).

## Reaching one's goal is seminar topic

**DOWNEY**—"The Secret to Reaching Any Goal...No Matter How Big!" is the title of a free seminar at Embassy Suites Hotel, 8425 Firestone Blvd. in Downey, conducted Thursday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon by Mike Baker.

Baker is president and CEO of MikeBakerOnline.com, a company specializing in the training and development of individuals and organizations, and he is a nationally recognized industry leader and peak performance consultant.

The seminar will deal with such topics as: how to create positive "impact" in your business; the four steps to achieve any dream; the power of belief; how to think positive in a negative world; attitude strategies to get people to do business with you; and understanding the most important, highest payoff task in building your business.

To register, call 1-800-560-9974, or visit [www.mikebakersonline.com/training](http://www.mikebakersonline.com/training).

## Downey Christian Club meets Sept. 13

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Christian Women's Club, which enjoys a buffet luncheon at their second Wednesday of each month's meetings (usually held at Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Drive), says men are also welcome to these meetings.

The next luncheon meeting is at 11:45 a.m. Sept. 13, with a presentation on "Fire Safety" by a representative from the Downey Fire Department as the special feature. Speaker is Luanne Hunt, whose topic is "How Broken Hearts are Mended by Unconditional Love."

Reservations are requested by the Monday before the luncheon, by calling either Ginnie, 927-8488, or Delores, 868-7135.



**IRONWOMEN**—Downey middle schoolers Samantha Mittleman, Ellen Michael, and Candice Saylor participated in the Stud Ironman competition held at Belmont Shores Aug. 1, consisting of two miles of swimming (including around the pier) and six miles of running along the beach. The girls finished the course under three hours, and have committed to do it again next year—this time intent on completing it in under two hours. They prepared for the big day by joining the Long Beach Jr. Life Guard Program for six weeks. Ironman competitions are becoming increasingly popular with competitions being held throughout the United States.



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## ATTACK

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Wielding the cane he uses to help him walk, he joined the teens in beating the dogs until they stopped attacking. A few minutes later, they finally did.

Krueger and Trujillo took hold of the badly battered dog and tried to calm Mitchell, clearly shaken from the attack.

"We saw the dog tore open," explained Trujillo. "There wasn't really a lot of blood, but it looked a lot worse than what it was. I didn't think the dog was going to survive, it lost a lot of tissue."

The next move by the teens was to get Mitchell and the dog back home. From there, the three of them, with Lucy, jumped in Mitchell's car and drove to the nearest pet medical center they could find.

The veterinarian present performed emergency surgery on Lucy, just enough to hold her together until they got her to an animal hospital better equipped to treat her injuries.

Lucy is now slowly recovering at home.

Wolder, the neighbor who helped beat off the dogs with his cane, suffered a heart attack Mitchell says was brought on by the stress of the attack. Wolder survived the scare and, after a brief stay at a local hospital, is now home resting.

The location of the dogs implicated in the attacks is presumably known. However, since *The Downey Patriot* cannot independently confirm the dogs' location, the newspaper is withholding the exact address.

Still, a local neighbor doesn't doubt the dogs next door to her were the ones who attacked Mitchell.

"I don't question the identification because these owners let the dogs run wild all the time," said Karen Heath, who said she allowed Mitchell into her backyard in order to look over her fence and identify the dogs.

According to Heath, the dogs are let loose into the neighborhood by the owners every morning around 6 a.m.

Local residents have also implicated the dogs in other incidents, including cornering people up and down the street, attacking a little girl, and running after cars.

Heath says she even witnessed her own son being cornered by the dogs. She said that her son was leaving for work in the morning when one of the dogs ran up to him and forced him on top of his car.

Residents said they have contacted the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEACA) many times about the dogs but are continually given the runaround. Mitchell says because her home lies on the border of Downey and Bellflower, authorities from both cities try to pass the responsibility to the other.

According to a SEACA representative, the agency is aware of the situation and patrols the neighborhood parks and visits the registered owners of the dogs on a daily basis.

Since the attack, the dogs themselves have come up missing, according to neighbors. The alleged dogs' owners reportedly told SEACA that the dogs were lured out of their yards by neighbors brandishing food. Since then, the owners said, the dogs are nowhere to be seen.

The suspected dogs' owners were not available for comment on this story.

## OSBORN

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Tom's operatic arias, sung full-voiced every morning in the shower.

New friends, old friends. This past July, Joyce and Tom went to the North Pole. "It was just an exhilarating trip," she says. "We were on a Russian nuclear ice-breaker and arrived at the Pole at 11:30 at night, brilliant sunshine everyone out on the deck cheering. With some new friends we went over the ice to the very point, formed a circle, and walked around all the time zones. A great trip. I've never laughed so much in my life."

When their plane arrived at LAX on July 30, Tom said he felt uncomfortable, sat down in the terminal, and was gone.

In the middle of everything, Joyce knew there were commitments to be handled. Downey's Symphonic Board immediately said yes to the summer concert in the park, scheduled for August 9th, but who would conduct? The family asked their old friend, Richard Rintoul, if he would rehearse the orchestra and do the performance. Richard Rintoul had one more week of teaching at Interlaken in the Midwest, but he came.

And Tom's friends on the Symphony Board are committed to the orchestra's coming season as Tom scheduled it, concerts in October and January and March. He was just launching enthusiastic plans for the orchestra's 50th anniversary year in 2007-08, and those too will continue. We cannot let him down.

Thank you Tom, for the riches you brought to all of us.

## New venue for DUHS '53 class reunion

**DOWNEY**—There's been a change of venue for the Downey Union High School class of 1953 reunion scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30.

The site has been moved to El Dorado Park East in Long Beach.

The class' 53rd anniversary picnic Sept. 30 is a Bring-Your-Own no-host affair. Anyone interested from nearby classes is also invited to attend.

For further information/location specifics, contact (562) 923-0544, or e-mail DUHS53@gmail.com.

## Warren Pep Squad plans reunion

**DOWNEY**—In celebration of Warren High School's 50th anniversary, the Warren Pep Squad is inviting all former cheerleaders, song leaders, and mascots to the homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 20.

A huge reunion is being planned next year for all the cheer squads from the past 50 years.

Contact Kellie Acosta at warrencheeralumni@yahoo.com or (562) 469-7001, ext. 87889 for more information.

## Temple Ner Tamid open house Aug. 27

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., invites everyone in the community to its Open House Sunday, Aug. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Visitors will be able to meet the synagogue's new Rabbi, Len Muroff, along with Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, Temple President Howard Brookfield, and members of the Board of Directors.

A Downey institution for more than 40 years, Temple Ner Tamid offers Jewish worship services, educational programs and social events throughout the year.

Temple Ner Tamid holds Shabbat services every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and is currently offering a course in basic Judaism on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

The synagogue is also preparing for the Jewish High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which begin Friday, Sept. 22.

For more information about the open house, the temple, or any of its programs, call 861-9276, or e-mail templenertamid1@juno.com.



**PATIENTS AND STAFF**—Of the DaVita Downey Dialysis Center welcome Cong. Lucille Roybal-Allard, center. From left: Albert Ho, Administrator Assistant; Kathy Tribe, DaVita patient; Libby Palencia, R.N., Facility Administrator; Elke Lienhop, RN-Clinical Services Specialist; Roybal-Allard; George Cruz, DaVita patient; Juhi Pithia, Register Dietician; Carol Farthing, RN, Director Clinical Services Specialist; Carolina Moreno, Caseworker; David Highfill, Master of Social Work; Gloria Ramos, Master of Social Work; and Michelle Rojas, RN.

## Roybal-Allard visits dialysis center

**DOWNEY**—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) recently visited with the patients and staff of the DaVita Downey Dialysis Center to learn more about dialysis and the individuals who suffer from chronic kidney failure. Dialysis filters substances from the blood that would normally be eliminated by a person's kidneys.

The congresswoman is a co-sponsor of the *Kidney Care Quality and Improvement Act* which would grant full Medicare coverage of dialysis access procedures and establish a demonstration project to increase public awareness and research about the illness.



**LOCAL VISIT**—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard hands out her constituent service brochures to seniors at the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center on Quill Drive, urging them to contact her district office at (213) 628-9230 should they need assistance resolving problems with federal agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The congresswoman also reminded the seniors that open enrollment for Medicare's new prescription drug plan begins Nov. 15 for coverage starting in 2007. This is also an opportunity for Medicare beneficiaries who enrolled in 2006 to switch plans if they wish. More information about Medicare's prescription drug coverage is available by contacting the Center for Health Care Rights in Los Angeles at 1-800-824-0780.

## Family Birth Center open for viewing

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center invites expectant parents to a "Stork Tour" from 10 am to noon on Monday, September 11, to learn more about the hospital's Family Birth Center.

The program will include an overview of important information, a tour and a question and answer period. The StorkTour is free.

For more information please call the DRMC Education department at (562) 904-5580.



**NEW EQUIPMENT**—On a tour through the operating room, Administrative Director of Surgical Services Ann Goad, extreme left, showed 2006 Golf Classic Chair Jim Rodriguez, Immediate Past MTF Chair Mario Guerra, and Executive VP of Fund Development Jim Klosterman, from left, two new sterilizers, including this one. Along the way they peeked in and were awestruck to witness a gall bladder procedure performed by Chief of Surgery Dr. Mark Minkes.

## DRMC obtains two new sterilizers

**DOWNEY**—Raising \$61,041 through the 21st annual Golf Classic held on June 5, the DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation (MTF) funded two new sterilizers (autoclaves) for the hospital's Operating Room Services.

The new sterilizers help ensure that sterile instruments are supplied in a timely manner. They replaced two 20-year old sterilizers that were frequently in need of repair. The devices each cost approximately \$30,000.

Last year, Downey Regional Medical Center provided surgical services for approximately 2,000 inpatients and 3,700 outpatients, for a total of more than 5,700 surgeries. With the high volume of patients at DRMC so far this year, hospital officials expect those numbers to grow.

## The Poets' Corner

Today I was looking in the back of my old closet  
Just cleaning away  
When I just happened to stumble across  
This dusty old memory.

It's one of those moments when your heart stops beating.  
When the world disappears and all you can think of  
Is that old dusty memory.  
When things were different,  
When we could find happiness in almost anything,  
\*

Cuz today I was just looking in the back of the closet of my mind,  
When I stumbled across this dusty old memory.

Remember the days, how they seemed so short,  
And boia the sky had no limits?  
Guess we thought we were the untouchables,  
But as Cassie says, "You don't know the truth in those words."  
I wonder how many dusty old memories she has  
Before her brother left for Nam.  
\*

Oh, yes, just today I stumbled across that dusty old memory,  
You know the one when you were still alive,  
And innocence was still in our hearts.  
Before this world turned that upside down  
When school was easy,  
And trees didn't get cut down.  
Before reality set in,  
Before...before  
Ummmmmmmm...  
Before....

Today I was looking in the back of my old closet,  
When I just happened to stumble across  
This dusty old memory.

—Amy Gebert,  
Downey

## Golf tournament to help in battle against cancer

**DOWNEY**—The four-man scramble Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, which will benefit the Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry for ovarian cancer research, has been scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. The event is open to men and women.

Entry fee is \$125, which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and awards dinner. The tournament features "The Mulligan Man"—Eric Tracy, the usual complement of long drive, putting, and hole-in-one contests, raffles, and silent and live auctions. The hole-in-one prize is a brand-new Toyota Camry.

Would-be participants are advised to sign up early as the tournament is limited to 144 golfers. Checks are payable to: Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, 86-Q Calle Aragon, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Contact: Charles Miller, (949) 588-5879 or (562) 896-5481.

## Input sought on textbook adoption

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Unified School District invites the public to examine the textbooks being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in the high school course, Advanced Placement Music Theory.

Copies of the book will be on display in the second floor lobby of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 14-Sept. 5.

The Board of Education's policy provides that everyone wishing to offer suggestions or criticism about the textbooks proposed for adoption must submit comments in writing to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the board meeting at which the books will be adopted.

Adoption will be recommended at the Sept. 19 meeting of the Board of Education.

## Women converge on Bicycle Casino

**BELL GARDENS**—More than 500 women will compete this weekend, Aug. 18-19, at an all-woman poker tournament at the Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens. Proceeds will benefit the Suan G. Komen Foundation, promoter of cancer research.

Winner of the tournament will earn a seat on the World Poker Tour's Ladies Night IV and compete against leading poker players for a show on the Travel Channel.

For information, call (562) 806-4646.

## Downey AARP seeks new members

**DOWNEY**—Downey AARP Chapter #262 invites you to its meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month to "enjoy interesting speakers and entertainers." Meetings are held at the Community/Senior Center at 7810 Quill Drive in Downey at 11:30 a.m.

For more detailed information, call Sally Jones at (562) 927-2201 or Dorothy Wilson at (562) 928-6935.

## E-waste to be collected at roundup

**DOWNEY**—E-waste has been added to the list of hazardous Household Waste to be handled free of charge at a hazardous waste roundup Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbus Continuation High School, located at 12330 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

Materials such as motor oil, paint, turpentine, dye based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides and garden herbicides can damage the environment if dumped or poured down the drain.

E-waste is any electric equipment near the end of its life, such as computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, fax machines, computers, keyboards and cellular phones.

Do not bring explosives, radioactive items or tires. Items should be in their original containers, placed in a cardboard box. Drive to the roundup site. You never have to leave your car.

The roundup is sponsored by the County in cooperation with the City of Downey and other area cities. For information call the County Public Works at 1-888-CLEANLA or the Sanitation District 1-800-238-0172.

## U.S. report card

By John Adams

John McNally has written a book that has shaken the establishment by its inference that standardized test scoring of exams and tests are being skewed.

McNally asserts that no assessment of contemporary American life that we get from the media, the government and policymakers comes close to approximating reality, which is all-too-often desperate, chaotic, precarious and bewildering. "The crazy thing about the Bush Administration," he says, "is that each worst case scenario that you imagine seems to come to fruition by the end of the month. When I was writing about a kind of domestic government espionage I was worried I was stretching credibility. But two years later...it's reality."

The book's message includes:

- What McNally's job as a standardized test scorer taught him about our government's "recalibration" of our personal information.
- What the government actually does with our standardized test results.
- Why he feels No Child Left Behind is an ill-conceived program destined for complete failure.
- Possible long-term solutions to the education problem in this country.

The book has received positive reviews from the Los Angeles Times and Washington Post. It is also a very funny read of fiction if one can separate its Swftian satire from its humorous allusions. "America's Report Card," John McNally, Free Press, New York, London, Toronto, Sydney.

## August observed as 'child support awareness month'

LOS ANGELES—In its continuing efforts to improve the collection of child support and customer service for residents of Los Angeles County, the L.A. County Child Support Services Department (CSSD) has scheduled an ambitious calendar of community outreach this month to build awareness in the county about its importance to constituent families and children.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had presented a resolution to CSSD earlier to help launch "Child Support Awareness Month" and help recognize the important work being done by the department.

The theme of L.A. County's observance this year is "Putting the Children First." CSSD staff has so far held two free workshops on child support for community organizations, churches, elected officials and the media, but a few more outreach programs remain on the schedule.

For instance, a Family Law Judgment Workshop is scheduled at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 18 at Norwalk Superior Court, to provide family law information to the community. Then there is a New Case Workshop tomorrow, Aug. 19, scheduled in Commerce to assist parents in opening a child support case. Another is a free workshop for escrow and title company professionals, scheduled for Aug. 30 in Los Angeles, on expediting child support demands during processing.

Meanwhile, the L.A. County Child Support Services has teamed up with a number of community-based organizations and government agencies to provide information on child support issues. These include the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, the Family Law Facilitator, the American Payroll Association, First AME Church, local schools and community organizations.

CSSD is also taking its message to the media with an appearance on KMEX-TV, Channel 34's "34 A Su Lado," a public affairs phone call-in in primetime on Aug. 23. To assist with public education, KTLA, Channel 5 will be running public service announcements on the importance of Child Support Awareness Month. Child Support Services also will be conducting an education campaign with ethnic media including Chinese, Cambodian and Korean language publications.

L.A. County CSSD is the largest locally-administered child support department in the country with 500,000 cases and collected a record \$505 million in support for children and families last year.

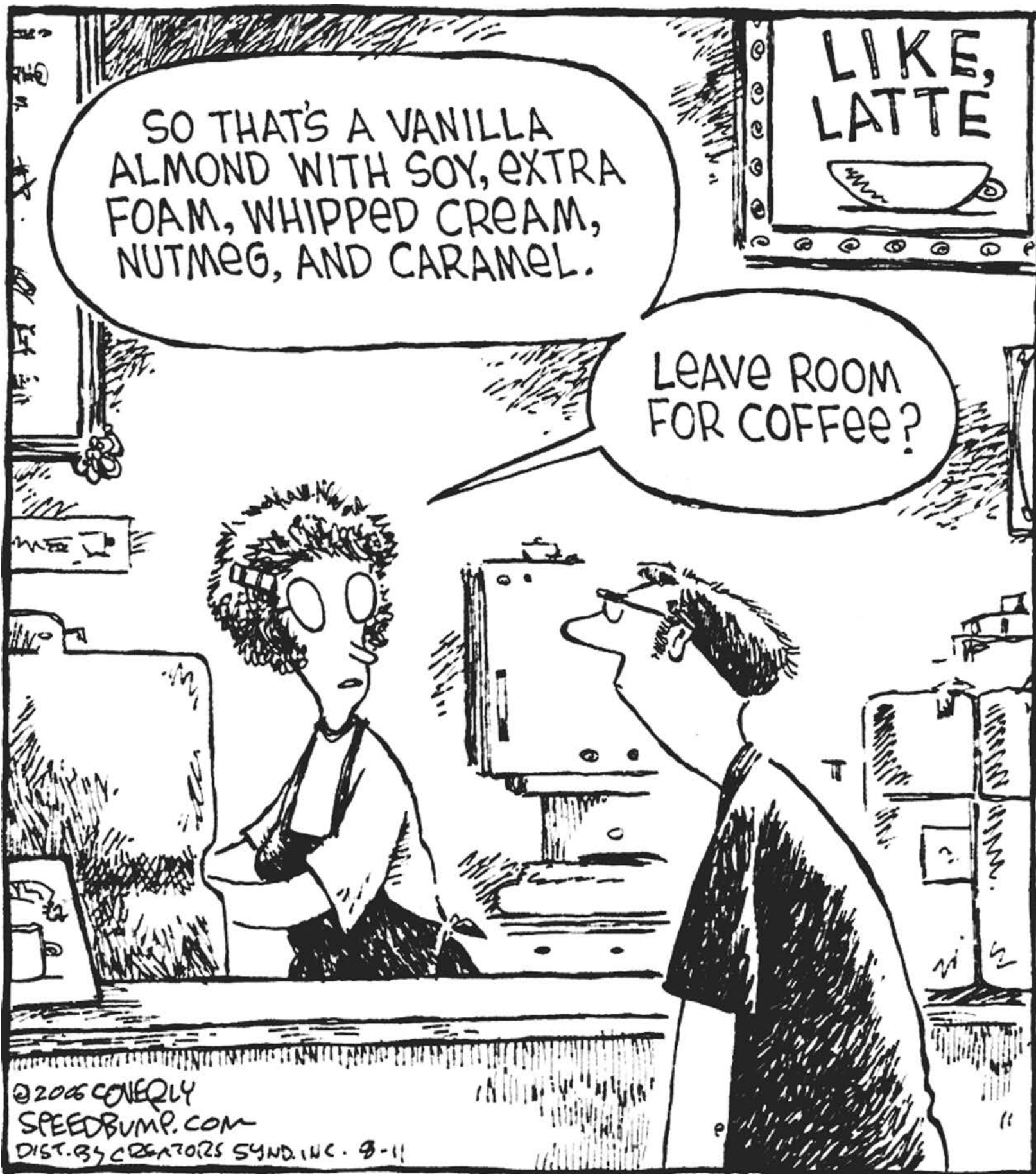
For more information about child support services, contact the department's Call Center at (323) 890-9800, or visit [www.childsupport.co.la.ca.us](http://www.childsupport.co.la.ca.us).

## Cardinal Mahoney to preside over mass

DOWNEY—St. Raymond's is inviting all past, present and future parishioners, and the entire Downey community, to its 50th anniversary celebration Sunday, Aug. 27. Its theme is "We Remember and We Celebrate."

St. Raymond's was founded in early September 1956 with Fr. Patrick Cleary as pastor. Current pastor is Fr. John Higgins, who, along with the 50th Anniversary Committee, have conducted many events this past year leading up to the 50th Anniversary Mass Sunday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m.

Presiding at this Jubilee Mass will be Cardinal Roger Mahoney. A special anniversary celebration will follow.



## Letters to the Editor:

### Realistic about mansionization

Dear Editor:

Mansionization is here to stay. As long as property taxes get to double and triple, it will never cease to exist.

The Almighty Dollar always wins.

The best-case scenario is a slowdown, and we all know it.

—Mike Sandoval,  
Downey

### Issue not dead yet

Dear Editor:

I thought I had sung my swan song on this stupid mansionization mess, but maybe I still have a few "notes" left to sing.

In the past few issues of *The Patriot*, I see the issue has surfaced again. Over the past 2 years there has been much in the paper about it – very little [of it] positive. It's obvious that most people who live close to these "big boxes" don't want them. At the City Council meetings the majority have spoken against them. The ones who want them are the contractors, real estate agents and those who have something to gain financially.

In one letter to *The Patriot*, there was a lady who was going to bring the City of Downey to its knees. I wish she had succeeded. It's obvious the city cares little about the people who live here, they prefer the ones who have money to invest that will benefit the city financially, then take the money and run. It matters little to them that people don't want to suffer the loss of privacy, the loss of an afternoon breeze or not being able to grow the flowers they like because the sun has been blocked off. These little "niceties" of life are unimportant to them, especially when money is involved.

To those who complain to the city, the only answer given them is to sue the owners of the property...doesn't that make for good neighbors? Actually one neighborhood did collect the money to hire an attorney, but it only resulted in the building process being sped up to finish more quickly. Who would trust our judicial process to rule on the codes or CR's and CCR's in favor of the homeowners? When CR's and CCR's are mentioned at the city, we're told it's not their responsibility. Just what is their responsibility? To do whatever they please, because it brings in money?

A few weeks ago I read in *The Patriot* what someone referred to as the "dirty little secret." Now let me tell you what the "dirty big secret" is! That is that the majority of these "mansions" are being built by unlicensed contractors or owner-builders. One such owner-builder built a \$1.5 million home without deducting Federal or State taxes, Social Security or Workmen's Comp. Supposedly it was built by friends and relatives. (I'd like to be friends with his relatives and friends.)

To those of you who really care about this, get a copy of the "Blueprint for Becoming a California Licensed Contractor – 2005 edition." I'll only give sketches of what it says. If you read it carefully, you'll see that the State laws aren't being enforced either. It tells who is exempt from the requirement of being licensed, that being work on a project for which the combined value of labor, materials and all other costs on one or more contracts is less than \$500 (owner-builder). There are also other applications to the \$500 limit, and that govern this exemption, i.e., the exemption is only valid if the structure is not intended to be offered for sale within one year of completion, how long a person has lived in the house, etc.

Now, here's the "kicker." We have Contractor's Licensing Board established statewide and Investigative Task Force (SWIFT) that focus on unlicensed contractors and the underground economy, to curtail illegal

contracting activities, these units conduct stings and sweeps which are publicized to insure maximum consumer education.

My question is, has anyone seen a list of the sweeps they have made? Is the State Licensing Board still active? Is the SWIFT team still in existence, do they all still collect a salary and for what? Another question, wouldn't one think that California being so deeply in debt, would be interested in collecting taxes on the largest industry in the state, that being building? I thought so, until I went to the offices of Sen. Lowenthal and Assemblyman Calderon, only to find out that neither of them have the slightest interest in this. The aide in Assemblyman Calderon's office said, "This is going on all over the state." I asked Sen. Lowenthal's aide to try to find a way so I didn't have to pay taxes either, but I haven't heard back from him yet, and it's been quite some time.

I guess what we just have to conclude is, "Don't expect your elected officials at any level of government to uphold and enforce the laws they themselves made.

The fact is that many of these "McMansions" are being built by money paid under the table. If someone gets hurt, they can always go to our local hospital and receive free treatment.

Frankly, I can't tell a nickel's worth of difference in the new codes they adopted and the old, except that now you must have enough space to walk between the houses. Still no privacy, no cool afternoon breeze and no sunlight for the roses to grow. Maybe that's asking too much.

Folks, we have an election coming up in November, not that it matters too much. I wish there would be a square on my ballot saying "None of the above."

Guess that's all for now, or until I go for my walk and see a moat and a drawbridge in front of one of these "castles."

Please check these codes and see if the mansion being built close to you complies with the Building Codes of the State of California.

—Elsa Van Leuven,  
Downey

### Fed up with construction

Dear editor:

Downey Landing "semi-opened" in December 2005. This is August 2006 and Lakewood Boulevard was just paved a couple weeks ago. The lines are still not painted to mark the lanes. Up until the paving (one lane at a time) the drive down this street was not unlike a bad country road with pot holes, rocks and dirt. Really not good for a cars paint job.

What is taking so long? Why are you not unwrapping the rest of those blue street lights? What is with the parking signs stapled to the trees between Stewart & Gray Rd and Imperial Highway? So attractive...

I have never seen a project being dragged out for so long. It's going on two years now. Enough! When traveling in the area, you can see a smattering of workers, but they do not seem to be accomplishing anything. That is because they are not. Please get this job done, cleaned up and get on to repairing and cleaning up other sore spots in Downey. Believe me, they are not hard to find.

Evidently the city planners all live in north Downey and are not aware of what is happening on the south side. Downey residents are still unhappy about the taking away of the left turn lane from Lakewood Boulevard to Clark Avenue.

In spite of the many protests, it seems the planners have decided they don't care what the people want.

Maybe it is time for a "field trip", guys.

--Janice Onken,  
Downey

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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For August

**Fri. Aug 18, 6:00 p.m.:** **Shabbat Under The Stars** outdoor barbeque with hamburgers, hotdogs or chicken followed by Shabbat services 7:30. Community welcome. At Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. For information call 861-9276.

**Wed. Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m.:** **United States Navy Band Southwest** plays at the annual Summer Twilight Concert Series. Food available for sale or attendees may bring their own picnic. At Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7230.

### City Meetings

**1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.:** **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.

**1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.:** **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.

**1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.:** **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.

**1st Thursday, 9 a.m.:** **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.

**2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.:** **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.

**2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.:** **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.

**3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.:** **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

**6:30 p.m.:** **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner**, mtg., for information call 426-6786.

**6:30 p.m.:** **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.

**1st Mon., 4 p.m.:** **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.

**1st Mon., 7 p.m.:** **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.

**2nd Mon., 11 a.m.:** **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.

**2nd Mon., 3 p.m.:** **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.

**4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

#### Tuesdays

**9 a.m.:** **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.

**9:30 a.m.:** **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

**9:30 a.m.:** **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.

**12 p.m.:** **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.

**6:00 p.m.:** **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 923-9464.

**7 p.m.:** **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.

**7 p.m.:** **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.

**7:30 p.m.:** **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.

**2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.:** **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.

**2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.:** **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.

**2nd Tues., 7 p.m.:** **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.

**3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.:** **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.

**Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.:** **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

#### Wednesdays

**7 a.m.:** **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.

**1 p.m.:** **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.

**1st Weds., 10 a.m.:** **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.

**1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.:** **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.

**1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.

**1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.

**2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.

**2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.

**2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.

**4th Weds., 12:00 noon:** **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.

**Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.:** **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

**7:30 a.m.:** **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.

**7:30 a.m.:** **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.

**12 p.m.:** **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.

**12 p.m.:** **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.

**12 p.m.:** **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.

**12:30 p.m.:** **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.

**6:30 p.m.:** **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.

**7 p.m.:** **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.

**4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.:** **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

**2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.:** **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

#### Fridays

**7:30 a.m.:** **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063

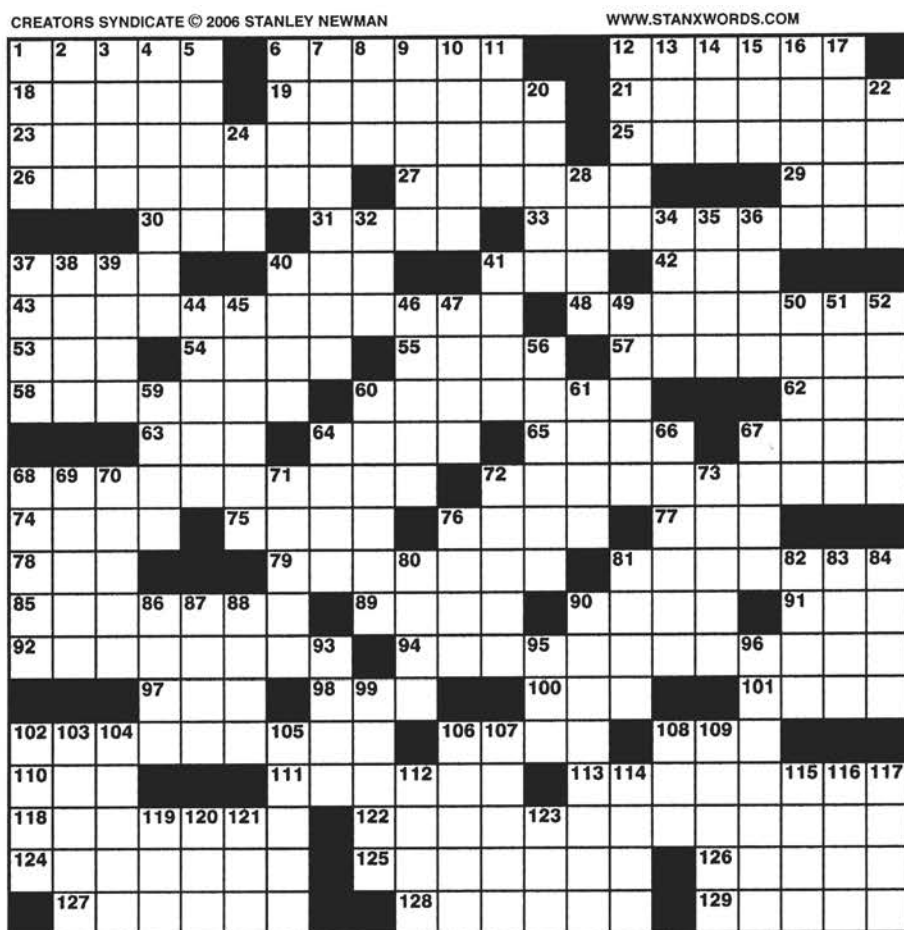
**3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.:** **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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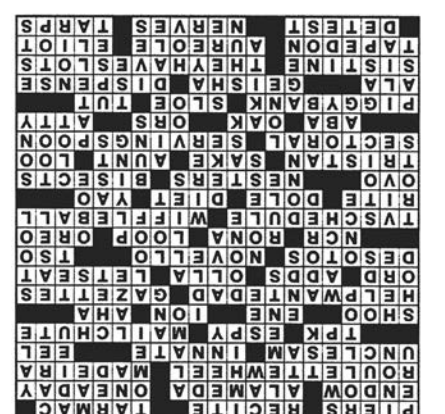
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Fort ORD (53 Across), crossword fans' favorite Army outpost, was closed in 1994, becoming the home of a branch of California State University. DE SOTOS (58 Across) were sold by Chrysler from 1928 to 1961. Lacto-OVO-vegetarians (78 Across) avoid animal products except for milk and eggs.



## Navy Band Ensemble closes summer concerts

**DOWNEY** – The Navy Band Southwest Pops Wind Ensemble will close the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey.

The concert is presented by the City of Downey Community Services Department and community donors.

The largest element of Navy Band Southwest is the 45-member "Southwest Pops" Concert Band. As a representative of the Commander, Rear Admiral Len R. Hering, Sr., Navy Region Southwest, this exceptional unit performs extensively throughout the Southwestern United States. The band traces its history back to 1923 when the Naval Training Center was commissioned in San Diego.

In addition to the standard repertoire associated with military bands, a concert will almost always include "Pops" selections. These selections range from patriotic favorites to the sounds of the big band era, to hits by current pop and country artists. The band also plays works from composers such as Sousa, Holst, and John Williams.

The ensemble prides itself in presenting a variety of music appropriate for audiences of all ages and tastes.

The group is very high in demand and has performed in conjunction with numerous community concert series events in San Francisco, Denver, Phoenix, Reno, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and, of course, San Diego. You may even catch them performing with the San Diego Symphony Summer Pops.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Commander "select" Dale Yager and Assistant Director, Master Chief Musician, Gordon P. Finlay, this ensemble has become a favorite throughout the southwest.

Downey veterans are invited to attend the concert and be recognized for their service to their country.

The Downey Museum of Art will be open before the concert and the Downey Rose Float Association will sell food. For more information on the concert, call the Community Services Department at 904-7230.

## Woman's Club Pechanga trip Sept. 11

**DOWNEY** – The Woman's Club of Downey will make a trip to the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula with proceeds to benefit their scholarship fund. The leaves at 8 a.m. and returns to Downey between 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Cost of each trip is \$6 for Woman's Club members, \$11 for non-members. Guests must be at least 21 years of age.

For reservations or more information, call Jeanine Keys at 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at 869-0377.



**BLAST INTO THE PAST** – The third annual Oldies Benefit Concert for the Downey Chamber of Commerce will feature Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries, a high energy premiere rock and roll band playing favorites of the 50's and 50's. Tickets are \$25 and are now available for the Sept. 16 concert at the Downey Theater. Call 923-2191 or they can be purchased at the Chamber office, 11131 Brookshire Ave.

## New musical comedy season set

**DOWNEY** – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the shows for the 2006-07 season.

They include "Guys and Dolls," Oct. 5 through 22; "The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd," Feb. 22 through March 11, 2007; and "Oliver," May 31 through June 17, 2007.

For special discount season ticket information call 923-1714.

## College to present concurrent theater

**NORWALK** – The Cerritos College Theater Arts Department will present concurrent productions of Shakespeare's, "Hamlet," and Tom Stoppard's, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead." Both productions, which open October 20, will consist of the same cast, set, and costumes, but will feature different directors.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead," is an existential comedy involving two minor characters in "Hamlet" and shows the play from their point of view.

John Zamora will direct "Hamlet," and Kevin Hoggard will direct "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead." Previously, Zamora has directed "A Piece Of My Heart" and "The Laramie Project," while Hoggard has directed "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner." He recently starred in "The Man of La Mancha."

Performance dates are October 20, 21, 27, 28 and November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 at 8 p.m.

For the individual plays, prices are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students with a current ID.

## Playhouse announces opening production

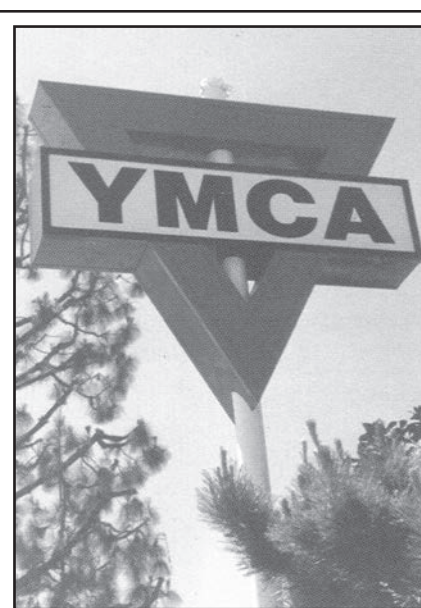
**LONG BEACH** – "Not Now Darling," a farce comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, opens the Long Beach Playhouse 2006-07 season on Friday, Sept. 22.

The production broke all box office records in London and Paris before moving to Broadway.

For information on single and season tickets, call (562) 494-1014. A total of seven plays make up this year's mainstage season.

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### Cerritos College student earns scholarship from Coca-Cola

**NORWALK** – Karen Woods, a student at Cerritos College, has received a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Woods, of Long Beach, is a court reporting student.

Through the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, the Foundation awards a total of 400 scholarships annually to students attending higher-education institutions granting two-year degrees. In April, one scholar from each state received a \$2,000 scholarship from Coca-Cola through the New Century Scholar Program of the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college scholastic honorary organization.

All recipients have demonstrated academic success and participated in community service within the past 12 months.

“The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program gives support and encouragement to an under-served population of college students,” said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundations.

“This program is an extension of our long-standing commitment to college education throughout the United States. These fine students, who often juggle school, work and family, continue to give back to their communities through volunteer service.”

The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation, which provides grants in support of human services initiatives.

Now in it's the 7th year of funding the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, the Foundation has provided \$2.8 million in scholarship awards to students.



**JUST FOR KICKS** – The Long Beach Soccer Club Girls U18 team, which includes five Downey girls, captured the championship of the Long Beach Pyramid Club held in July. The team went undefeated through their bracket and championship game. Goalkeeper Kristin Borzi, a member of Warren High School's varsity soccer team, recorded a complete shutout in the tournament. Front row, left to right: Janine Legaspi, Jaime Genzel, Allison Payne, Alana Brooks and Ashley Fugelsang. Second row: Elizabeth Gray, Natalie Koch, Kristin Borzi, Jessie McMaster and Kaitlynn Estes. Back row: Jaclyn White, Nicole Castillo, Coach Leo Figueroa, Nikki Bleidistel, Manager Tom Koch, Veronica Flook and Christina Terrazas. Not pictured are Lauren Terrazas and Samantha Castillo.

### Temple to honor rabbi, cantor with a dinner

■ Certification of cantor, along with arrival of new rabbi, brings cause for celebration.

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is having a special Shabbat catered dinner at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 to celebrate the certification of Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, who has been the Cantorial Intern for the past year, and the welcoming of Rabbi Len Muroff.

Rabbi Muroff is a native of Toronto, Canada, and graduated from the Joint Bachelor's Degree program at Columbia University, where he majored in political science, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he focused on Biblical Studies.

After earning a Master of Arts in Education at the University of Judaism in 1987 and ordination in 1992, he served congregations in Georgia and Boston before returning to California in 1998 with his family.

Besides serving at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino he has also served as the Assistant Dean of the Rabbinical School at the University of Judaism.

The catered dinner will consist of either brisket or poached salmon plus salad, red potatoes, vegetables, coffee or tea, fruit and cookies for dessert. Donation is \$16 for adults, and reservations are a must. Deadline for paid reservations is Monday, Aug. 21.

Temple Ner Tamid is also hosting an open house Sunday, Aug. 27, where visitors will be able to tour the synagogue's campus and meet its board of directors.

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### RECALDE - RAMIREZ NUPTIAL

Celina Ramirez and Pedro Recalde, both of Houston, were married Aug. 5, 2006, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria. The Rev. Ireneusz Ekiert officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ramirez of Victoria. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Francisco Jose Recalde of Downey, Calif.

The bride is 1994 graduate of Blomington High School, 1998 graduate of St. Mary's University with a bachelor of business administration degree in corporate finance and a 2001 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law with a doctorate of jurisprudence. She is a partner of the Ogletree Abbott Law Firm in Houston.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Warren High School in Downey, Calif., a 1999 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology, and a 2001 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse with a master of science degree in cardiac rehabilitation. He is attending the University of Houston-Clear Lake pursuing a dual master's program of business administration/healthcare administration. He is employed by St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital in the Texas Medical Center as an exercise physiologist.

Elizabeth Ramirez, sister of the bride, attended as matron of honor. Claudia Sanchez attended as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Anna-Melissa Cavazos, Sandra Chambers, Audrey Gidney, Jessica Prado and Patricia Reyes. Emma Bernstein, Raquel Mendoza, Jadin Moore and Claire Ramos attended as flower girls. Esteban Sullivan served as best man. Groomsmen were Edvin Arburua, Steve Allard, Sam Badianat, Brad Davis, Andres Martinez and Gerric Tetango. Ushers were Raul Recalde, Victor Recalde, and EiiJah Wolford. Acolytes were Jon-Anthony Cavazos and Derek Folkar.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Victoria Community Center Annex. Following wedding travel to Rio de Janeiro and Rio las Pedras, Brazil, the couple will reside in Houston.

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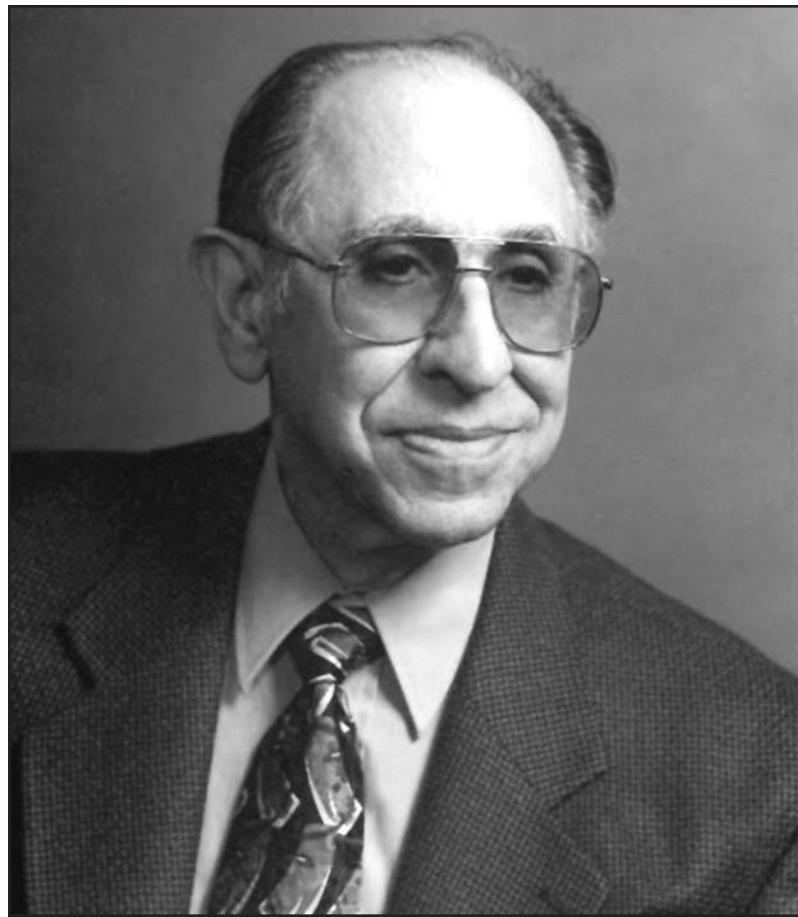
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**DR. ROBERT GENE SWYDEN**—Services for Dr. Robert Gene Swyden will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Chapel of Memories in Norwalk. He was a Family Practitioner in Bell and Downey.

## Services tomorrow for Dr. Robert Gene Swyden

**DOWNEY**—Services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Aug. 19 at the Chapel of Memories, 12626 Woods Ave. in Norwalk, for Dr. Robert Gene Swyden, who was a Family Practitioner in the cities of Bell and Downey for over 45 years.

Born Nov. 5, 1931 in Tipton, Oklahoma, he graduated from the Oklahoma University School of Medicine in 1955. He married Sara Swinney, and then served three years in the U.S. Army as a Captain; he was a commanding officer while stationed in Korea. The couple moved to Downey in 1959.

He was a member of the Elks for 40 years, as well as the Downey Chamber of Commerce, American Medical Association, Downey Regional Hospital Association, and St. Francis Hospital Association.

Dr. Swyden is survived by Sara, his wife of 51 years; son, Robert Jr.; and daughter, Lisa Lopez-Swyden.

### Previous obituaries available online

**DOWNEY** — Previously published obituaries can be found online in the Archives section of the Downey Patriot's website, [www.thedowneypatriot.com](http://www.thedowneypatriot.com).

## Michael Thomas Cerio dies in helicopter crash

**CALDWELL, IDAHO** — Michael Thomas Cerio, 57, of Caldwell, Idaho died Aug. 10 in a fatal helicopter crash while working as a professional photographer.

Cerio is a former resident of Downey.

He graduated college at the University of Southern California with a BS in Business and Marketing in 1971. He married his wife, Barbara Parsons, on Sept. 20, 1980. They had one son, Michael, the following year.

The family had lived in Meridian, Idaho for 10 years before recently moving to Caldwell.

Aside from his wife and son, Cerio is survived by his mother, Matilda Cerio; brother, Dan; sister, Janet; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held today, Aug. 18, in Caldwell with burial at Canyon Hill Cemetery.

The Mike Cerio Memorial Fund has been set up at US Bank for anyone wishing to contribute.

## Allan W. Turley, 73, worked for Boeing

**DOWNEY**—Allan W. Turley, born in Davenport, Iowa and a longtime resident of Downey, passed away at his home on Aug. 4. He was 73.

He was raised in Jacksonville, Illinois where he attended Illinois College for two years before transferring to MIT in Cambridge, MA where he received his master's degree in chemical engineering. He moved to California and has lived in Downey since 1972.

He had worked for many years at Boeing on the Space Shuttle program, and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Burial is in Tucson, Arizona, arrangements by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

He is survived by sister Trish Turley-Schweitzer (Russell) of Tucson; and nephews Jeff and Brad Werner of Tucson.

### Toy donations sought for animals

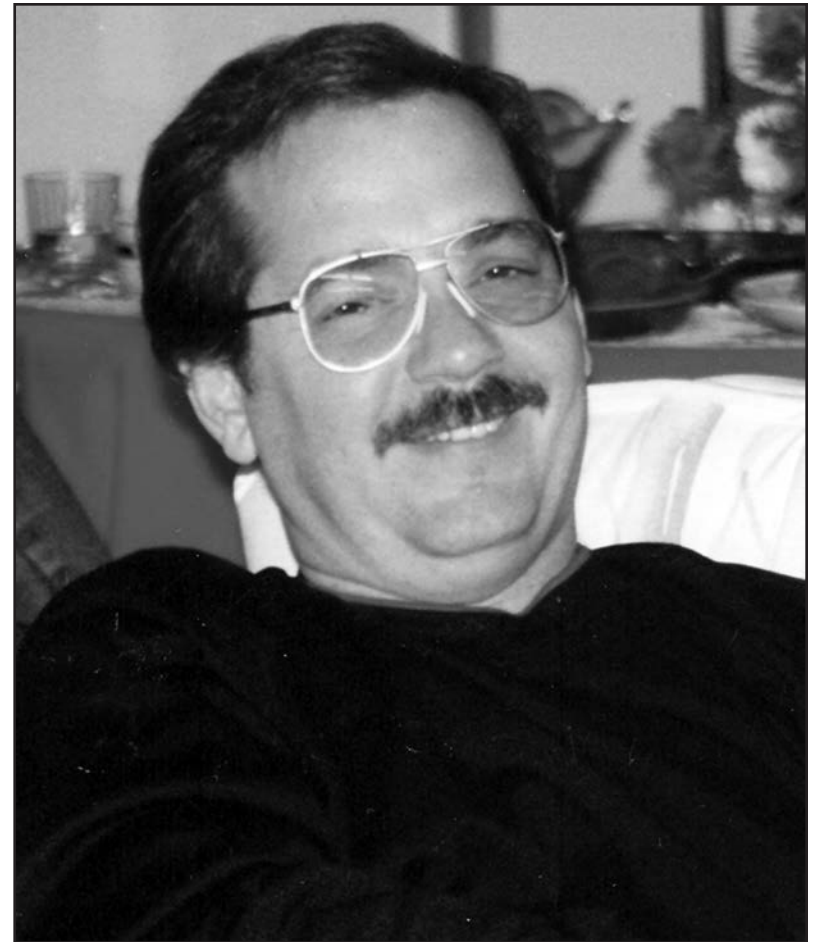
**DOWNEY** — The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAA-CA), 9777 Seaca St., is accepting donations of toys for their animal population, part of their ongoing program called Environmental Enrichment.

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### Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

**BELLFLOWER** — The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought.

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## Sunset Concerts at Skirball conclude with a pair of cultural performances

LOS ANGELES—Two free, Thursday-night performances are still left on the "Sunset Concerts 2006" program—highlighting musical traditions from around the world—offered till Aug. 24 by Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles (exit Skirball Center Drive off the 405).

On Thursday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m., Little Willie G, the onetime vocalist of the legendary R&B group, *Thee Midneters*, and who is regarded as the best singer to come out of East Los Angeles, takes the stage along with his nine-piece band, *Los Tamaleros*, to perform his acclaimed electro-acoustic music inspired by Mexican ballads, the blues, and his collaboration with Ry Cooder on their Grammy-nominated CD, *Chave Ravine* (2005).

The Malian Grammy Award nominee, Mamadou Diabate, performs next, on Thursday, Aug. 24 also at 8 p.m., ending the Sunset Concerts series which started July 20. Diabate is a virtuoso 'kora' player descended from a long line of Manding musician-storytellers. (The kora is a centuries-old, 21-string harp/flute from West Africa.)

Diabate's performance is based in the *keita* tradition, which stretches back to the 13th century when the Manding king Sunjata Keita consolidated the vast Empire of Mali which covers most of West Africa.

No reservations are required; seating is on a first-come first-served basis. There's a free tour of the galleries at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday nights. The Skirball galleries are and open during Sunset concerts until 10 p.m. For information, call (310) 440-4500 or visit [www.skirball.org](http://www.skirball.org).

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## OASIS program meets on campus every Monday

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.

Harriett Paine is the resource instructor for OASIS. Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

## Charter ball proceeds to benefit capital drive

DOWNEY—In support of Downey Regional Medical Center's plans to build a world-class Patient Care Tower on its campus, the DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation has announced that proceeds from the Nov. 4 Charter Ball are earmarked for it. The Foundation's "Rise to the Challenge" capital campaign aims to raise \$60 million.

Now in the design phase, the proposed state-of-the-art facility will further the hospital's mission of providing quality care, from preventive medicine to diagnostics, therapy and recovery services as well as dignified end-of-life care. Spacious private rooms will capture natural light and insulate patients from noise. Its homelike setting will not only house the latest medical technology, it will offer guests modern conveniences such as Internet and e-mail.

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DRMC's current facility opened in 1969. While it has been well-maintained and major refurbishments are even now underway, it does not comply with seismic laws that will be enacted in the next decade.

The 31st annual Charter Ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, and will feature Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member and former Supreme Mary Wilson. For reservations/information, call 904-5055.

## YMCA plans September events

DOWNEY—After giving two lectures in August for all staff and members, new Downey Family YMCA nutritionist Magnolia Hurtado is scheduled to conduct a six-week nutritional program in September for 25 families from the membership base, preschool, after school and Downey staff.

Also in September, the YMCA will start a pilot Youth Program—a combination of YMCA activities and lectures about nutrition from Hurtado—geared to grade 4-5 children. The program encourages them to change their eating habits as well, to working out at the Y through different activities. It is being finalized by the Healthy Lifestyles Committee.

In another development, the YMCA launches its "healthy kitchen" in a couple of months to "provide members and staff with healthy foods."

New programs, mainly for Downey's youth, have been added to the YMCA schedule, after an evaluation of members' needs. The programs started in July.

## Embroiderers' Guild meets Aug. 25

LONG BEACH—In its meeting Friday, Aug. 25 at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach, the Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. will have a study box and slides about the Overlord Embroidery—the 63-meter-long textile tribute to those that took part in "Operation Overlord," the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

The meeting/program is at 11:30 a.m.; social hour is at 10 a.m. Guests will be requested to pay a \$2 donation. Information: Vicki Young, (562) 421-6975.

## Leads Club opens new Downey chapter

DOWNEY – Ali Lassen's Leads Club is currently accepting applications of professional business people for their new Downey chapter, which meets every Thursday from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square, 7954 Imperial Hwy. in Downey.

Professional business people interested in joining should call Marla Rodriguez at (800) 767-7337 for more information.

## Questing Heirs genealogists meet

LONG BEACH—The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach's Sunday, Aug. 20 meeting at 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1900 E. Carson St. (one block west of Cherry Ave.) in Long Beach will feature a presentation by Joan Rambo entitled "Hidden Genealogy in the Huntington Beach Library Collection."

Questing Heirs is a member society of the California State Genealogical Alliance and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. For more information, call Jeannette Jones, (562) 421-5610, or visit [www.qhgs.info](http://www.qhgs.info).

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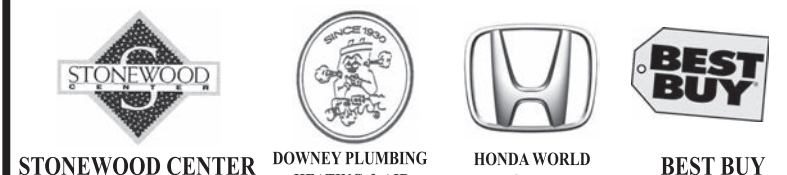


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The Index, which has tracked luxury homes since 1985, found:  
 • Los Angeles values rose 3.0 percent from the first quarter of 2006 to the second quarter and climbed 12.8 percent from a year ago. The average luxury home in Los Angeles is now a record \$2.36 million, up \$268,250 from a year ago.

• San Diego values grew 1.8 percent from the first quarter of 2006 to the second quarter of 2006 and were up 6.4 percent from a year ago. The average luxury home in San Diego is now a record \$2.14 million, up \$128,372 from a year ago.

• San Francisco Bay Area values increased 0.3 percent from the first quarter of 2006 to the second quarter of 2006 and gained 4.8 percent from a year ago. The average luxury home in San Francisco is now a record \$2.93 million, up \$134,978 from a year ago.

“Over the past year, the luxury home market in California has transitioned to a more normal, stable market in which properties sell at a more measured and less frenetic pace,” said Katherine August-deWilde, Chief Operating Officer of First Republic Bank. “Luxury home values continue to increase, but at a much slower rate due to rising inventory and interest rates. Homes are being priced more aggressively to sell because buyers have more options.”

## UCLA seeks smokers for national study

**WESTWOOD**—UCLA researchers seek smokers over age 18 for a national study using an experimental vaccine to help them quit smoking.

“Only 10 to 20 percent of smokers successfully quit, so new methods beyond the patch and nicotine gum are truly needed,” said Dr. Donald Tashkin, principal investigator and professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

The vaccine produces antibodies that bind to nicotine, and the resulting molecules are too large to reach the brain. This gradually reduces the satisfaction a smoker receives from cigarettes.

To qualify for the yearlong study, volunteers must be in general good health, smoke at least 15 cigarettes per day and want to quit. Participants who pass an initial screening visit will be assigned at random to receive one of several doses of the vaccine or a placebo. Volunteers will receive four to five injections over the course of the study.

Volunteers will keep an electronic daily diary, receive behavioral counseling sessions to help them quit and have regular physical exams, including blood tests.

Quitting is the single most effective disease-prevention strategy for smokers, experts say. Nationwide, more than 430,000 Americans die each year of smoking-related diseases, including heart disease, emphysema, chronic bronchitis and lung cancer.

Side effects of the vaccine may include fever, muscle aches, tiredness, headache, nausea or vomiting, all of which usually resolve within several days following an injection. In addition, there may be temporary local discomfort at the site of the injection. These side effects, however, appear to occur with similar frequency in people who receive the vaccine, called NicVAX, and people who receive a placebo.

The study is funded by Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, the company that makes NicVAX. For more information about the study, call (310) 825-3421.

## Nurses needed for disaster preparedness

**WHITTIER**—The Red Cross Rio Hondo Chapter in Whittier, which serves the communities of Bell Gardens, Downey, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and some unincorporated service areas, needs nurses to volunteer toward preparedness for a major disaster.

Free orientation classes will be provided; sessions are held every other month with a program (two CEU's may be earned). If you wish to help, you are urged to contact Rosina Smith, RN, NP (Disaster Health Services Lead) at (562) 864-7842, or leave a message for her at the Red Cross Chapter, (562) 945-3944.



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## Home and condo sales continue to rise

**DOWNEY** – Single family residence and condo sales in Downey for second quarter 2006 increased 10 percent from first quarter 2006, according to a sales report released this week by the Downey Association of Realtors.

The average sales price of a home was \$660,211, with average days on market being 51 days.

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Although many of the cookbooks have already been pre-ordered and sold, extra cookbooks are available for \$10 each. Guild members anticipate selling out the remaining supply within two months. If you missed the opportunity to order your cookbooks and wish to order a book or so for yourself or to give as a gift, call Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.

## Symphony promotes its free concerts

**WHITTIER**—With the announcement of its four free concerts lineup for this, its 33rd season—namely, Sept. 29 and Nov. 3, 2006, and March 2 and April 27, 2007—the Rio Hondo Symphony Guild at the same time made a pitch for its Friday Morning “Concert Preview Series,” which are held at the First Friends Church, 13205 Philadelphia St. in Whittier.

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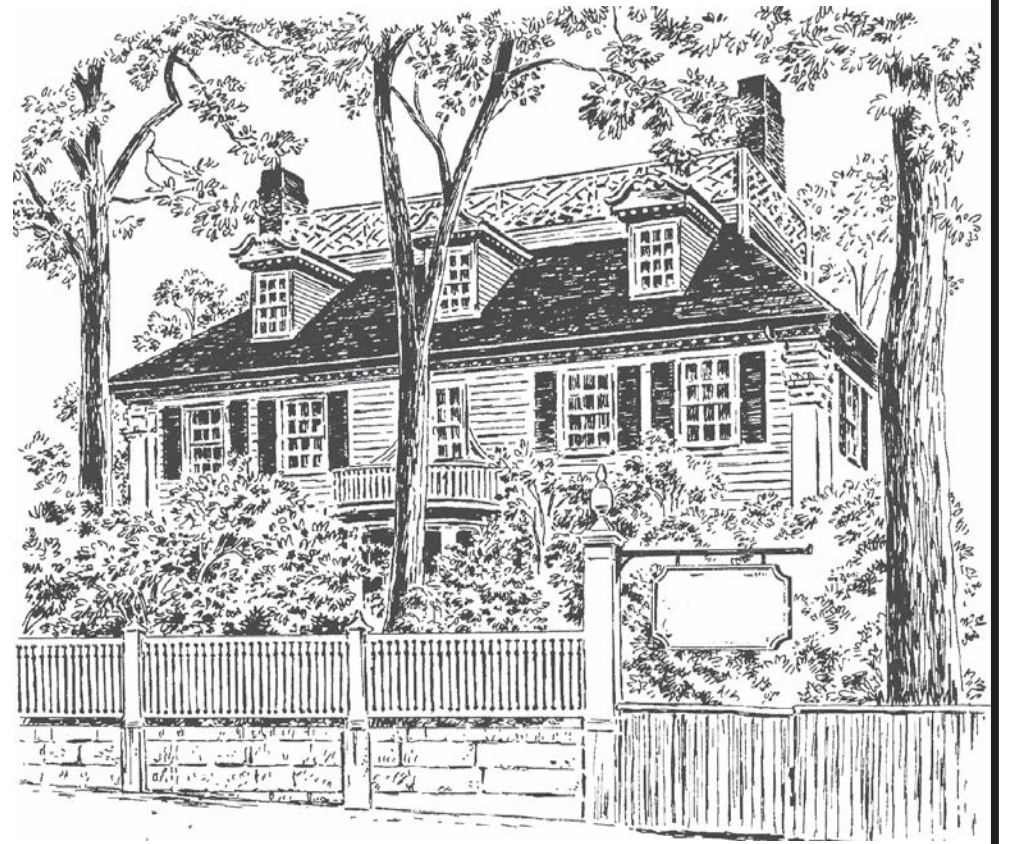
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3	1	1,380	Downey	\$599,000
4	3	2,441	Downey	\$749,000
3	1	3,000	Downey	\$1,069,000
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Daring 3 bedroom, 1 remodeled bath home in Lakewood w/ a spacious living room, lovely backyard w/ large patio & 2 car garage.  
**Priced @ \$499,900**



**Reduced Price!**  
**2 Lots!**

**Priced for a Quick Sale!**  
La Mirada home w/ 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, living room w/ fireplace, dining room, family room, central air/heat, patio, 1,610 sq. ft. of house on a 6,530 sq. ft. lot.  
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**Like To Entertain!**  
Charming Downey Home with 4 bedroom, 4 bath, Large formal dining room, living room, family room, bonus room upstairs, super large balcony overlooking backyard, 2,781 Sq. Ft. of house on a 9,515 Sq. Ft. lot.  
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**Build 2 Homes!!!**  
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**View! View!**  
4 bedroom, 3 baths, living room w/ fireplace, formal dining room, family room w/ marble fireplace, kitchen, 180 degree patio view of Friendly Hill Golf Course & much, much more!!!  
**Priced @ \$1,500,000**

**View! View!**  
4 bedroom, 3 baths, living room w/ fireplace, formal dining room, family room w/ marble fireplace, kitchen, 180 degree patio view of Friendly Hill Golf Course & much, much more!!!  
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**Location! Location! Location!!!**  
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**View! View!**  
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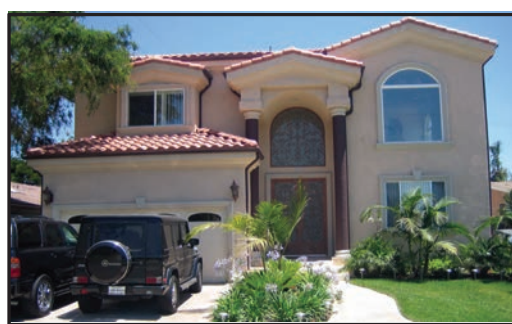


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**Custom Built Beauty!**

3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath home in Cherokee Estates with fireplaces in both the living room and family room, a remodeled kitchen with built-in stainless steel appliances, formal dining room, and large master bedroom with private bath. Home also features hardwood floors, newer copper plumbing, central air & heat, and crown molding. Property is set on a corner lot with a large backyard and covered patio. \$875,000.  
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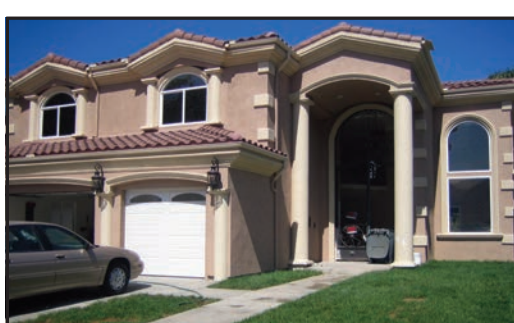
Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath North Downey pool home with a great floor plan including formal living room, family room with fireplace off kitchen, master bedroom with private bath, and inside laundry room. Other amenities: hardwood floors, central air/heat, and copper plumbing. Entertain guests in the backyard with a built-in BBQ, private grass area, and large pool. Bonus room with private bath is perfect for that overnight guest, mother-in-law, or just some extra storage! \$785,000.  
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**Great North East Downey Deal**

2 bed 1 bath home near Stonewood Mall with 2 car detached garage and bonus room. Home has hardwood floors throughout and property boasts a big backyard. Price \$599,900.  
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**New Construction in North Downey with Pool!**

5 bedroom, 3 bath home with marble floors, beautiful open kitchen with granite counter tops and new appliances, high vaulted ceilings in living room, formal dining room, office, 2 family rooms - 1 upstairs and 1 downstairs, and a wonderful master bedroom with fireplace, balcony, and large master bathroom with jetted tub and separate shower with travertine touches throughout. 1,349,950.  
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**NEW LISTING**

**Budget Beater!**

3 bedroom, 1 bath home with nice hardwood floors, large covered patio, 2 car attached garage, and spacious backyard. This home, with new stove and freshly painted exterior, is in move-in condition and a must see! Price: \$529,900  
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**Custom Built Beauty!**

Spacious 3 bed, 2.5 bath in N. W. Downey on a Large lot with detached guest house. Home has a remodeled kitchen, newer dual-plane windows, concrete tile roof and copper plumbing. Priced to sell at \$824,500.  
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**Bring Your Paintbrush!**

3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in North Downey on a large lot that needs a little TLC. Price: \$630,000.  
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Beautiful 5 bedroom 4 bath newly constructed home in the NE section of Downey. With marble flooring & granite counter tops in kitchen & baths, the seller spared no expense in delivering this lavish home. The floor plan has 1 bedroom down & 4 bedrooms upstairs & has a wonderful vaulted ceiling entry that will take your buyers breath away. This home combines modern features with a very traditional floor plan. \$1,299,900.  
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