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## Mayor: All quiet on the Downey Studios front

■ Mayor raises concerns over lack of filming at Downey Studios.

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—In Tuesday's regular City Council meeting, Mayor Meredith Perkins noted that "There seems to be nothing going on at the Downey Studios nowadays," certainly as far as making movies is concerned—not like in previous months when its sound stages were visibly humming with film-related activity.

"I think it is headed in another direction," he said, in subsequent remarks. "And I wish I knew what that direction is."

The mayor said a meeting circa last January-February was arranged between him and two of the principal owners for a possible explanatory session, but only one showed up, and nothing specific or revelatory was discussed.

Perkins voiced concerns that the uncertainty or lack of specificity about the studios' plans, at least at this point in time, could have a deleterious impact—economic or otherwise—on the city.

In other action, the Council:

•After a public hearing, approved the assessment of a lien to recover

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## Kaiser scores high on HMO report card

For the sixth year in a row, Kaiser Permanente received the most stars in the HMO Quality Report from the California Office of the Patient Advocate (OPA). Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region and Northern California Region were the only two health plans to earn six stars of a possible eight in the overall ratings of the just released 2006 OPA Healthcare Quality Report Card.

The two Kaiser Permanente regions also led the way in clinical quality. The Northern California Region scored 26 of a possible 32 stars, followed closely by Southern California with 24 stars—the only two health plans to earn 20 stars or more in the eight clinical measures cited by the OPA.

For example, Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region was top rated for breast cancer screening—providing mammograms to 84 percent of its female members between the ages of 52 and 69. "This is an example of what our dedicated physicians and other members of the health care team can do to improve health," said Jeffrey Weisz, M.D., executive medical director and chairman of the board of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. "We've focused our efforts on reaching out to women by phone, through the mail and in person to remind them that it is time to have a mammogram. We're confident that we're saving lives."

In other clinical quality areas, Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region was top rated in three of five measures for diabetic

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**FITNESS FUN**—A Gaudin School Elementary fitness club held a fundraiser at Rubio's Restaurant last week, complete with music and entertainment by the school's students. Downey city councilman Kirk Cartozian, above, was just one of many city officials who showed up to support the event. See Letters to the Editor, page 5.



JENNIFER DEKAY-GIVENS – A 1990 graduate of Downey High School, she will take over as owner/publisher Oct. 1.

## Hospital does well in medical staff survey

By Sheila Holliday,

Downey Regional Medical Center

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center received gratifying results in a survey of its medical staff perceptions of the hospital. This baseline survey conducted by NRC-Picker as part of the hospital's ongoing "Total Quality Management" (TQM) quality improvement initiative showed overwhelming support for Downey Regional.

Compared to the average level of medical staff approval of their hospitals across the country of around 70 percent, Downey Regional's overall approval rating exceeded 83 percent—a very positive initial level of support.

"The survey is a rich source of data for our TQM process which we will use to engage the physicians in programs to make the hospital better," commented COO Rob Fuller. "While there are areas for improvement, and lots of work ahead of us, it is exciting to see that our starting point is so positive," stated Fuller.

Areas that the hospital's physician staff see as strong include the quality improvement programs, collaboration among nurses and doctors, Radiology, the Emergency Room, the Cath Lab, and overall quality and satisfaction with nursing.

The survey of the medical staff is one of the three major survey sets that are being compiled to assist in the TQM process. The physicians will be surveyed annually; patients are surveyed monthly and employees will be surveyed at least annually.

The first employee survey is set to go out in a few weeks. The surveys all request the 'customers' opinions about the quality of services at the hospital, and delve into very specific issues about communications, education, customer service, emotional support, cleanliness of the facility, timeliness of service, and a myriad of other matters all relating to hospital operations.

The survey results are tabulated and shared with department managers and employees who are members of one or more of the various TQM councils. Each council is given a mission to analyze operations in a particular area in light of the survey data.

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## Guided tours at Arc open house Oct. 6

**DOWNEY**—Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens), 12049 Woodruff Ave., invites the public to its Open House Friday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring tours of its 24 programs and services throughout the day. Arc's Open Air Boutique will feature items from Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores.

Arc associates will give guided tours so the public can meet Arc consumers and students and review the many services offered.

The Arc provides services to over 400 individuals with developmental disabilities including Adult Special Classes with Downey Adult School, Southeast Industries Packaging and Assembly plant, Arc's new Seniors program, Day programs and much more.

For information, call (562) 803-4606.

## The Downey Patriot sold to familiar face

■ Jennifer DeKay-Givens, former Miss Downey Princess, takes over as owner/publisher.

By Eric Pierce

**DOWNEY** – Four and a half years after The Downey Patriot published its first edition, the local community newspaper has been sold.

Effective Oct. 1, The Downey Patriot will be owned and published by Jennifer DeKay-Givens, a local product who graduated from Downey High School and even served as a princess on the Miss Downey Court. DeKay-Givens served as the Patriot's business manager since the paper's inception.

"The paper will meet the same standards that had been set since our first edition in 2002," said DeKay-Givens, who earned a degree in Communications from Cal State Fullerton. "Our paper has steadily improved through the years and I want to continue that improvement for the community."

Current owner and publisher, John Adams, will remain on staff as Editor Emeritus, DeKay-Givens said.

"From the moment I knew that Jennifer was interested in buying the paper, all the other potential buyers were ruled out," said Adams, a newspaper veteran since his days at the San Francisco Chronicle. "She's a product of the Downey Unified School District education and is keenly in touch with the community."

"She can carry on the Patriot."

The Patriot staff will remain largely intact, with no layoffs planned, DeKay-Givens said. Eric Pierce has been promoted to City Editor while Henry Veneracion will handle feature and human interest stories.

Jerry Brady, the Patriot's longtime advertising director, retired this week. DeKay-Givens will assume his duties.

Adams started The Downey Patriot in 2002 after the Downey Eagle, where he served as editor, ceased operations. The Patriot was similar in style and design to the Eagle, even employing the same distributing and printing companies.

Incidentally, DeKay-Givens played softball as a child with Tanya Andrews, daughter of Jerry Andrews, publisher of the Downey Eagle.

The Patriot set up their first office inside a dusty old locker room on the campus of Downey Adult School; two years later, they made the move to a more professional office building adjacent to the Downey YMCA, where they still reside to this day.

DeKay-Givens was raised in Downey, attending Good Shepherd Lutheran School, East Middle School and Downey High School. She was a princess on the Miss Downey Court from 1990-92.

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NOT MUCH RIGHT NOW – The dusty construction site on Imperial Highway will soon be home to a new 657,000 square-foot medical complex.

## Kaiser facility one step closer to reality

■ Final steel beam is lowered on new medical complex still two years away.

**DOWNEY** – The Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center on Imperial Highway, still more than two years away from completion, reached an important milestone this week.

The final six-ton steel beam was lowered onto the 657,047 square-foot hospital tower Wednesday. McCarthy Building Companies dropped the last remaining beam.

"We are excited to reach this phase of the construction project," Martin Gilbert, M.D., area medical director for Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center, said. "Our Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center has done an outstanding job serving the needs of our patients. However, stricter earthquake standards combined with a growing patient population and continuing advances in medical science require us to build a new medical center that will meet the future health needs of our patients."

The hospital, scheduled to open winter 2008-09, will include a new full-service inpatient facility with 352 beds, emergency department, and 82 departments with subspecialty services, including cardiology, neurology, nuclear medicine, oncology, surgery and surgical urgent care, among others.

### Discounted mammograms next month

**DOWNEY**—Screening mammograms will be offered at Downey Regional Medical Center for \$71 by appointment when scheduled through October and November.

The discount is available for all women ages 40 and older without a prior history of breast abnormalities or surgeries.

To schedule a discounted mammogram, call (562) 904-5555 for a discount coupon and appointment.

### Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Union High School class of 1953 will hold a 53rd anniversary picnic at the La Mirada Regional Park Saturday, Sept. 30. It will be a Bring-Your-Own no-host event.

For information, call (562) 923-0544 or e-mail duhs53@gmail.com

## Temple sponsoring Mexican Riviera cruise

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is sponsoring a trip to the Mexican Riviera January 6-13, 2007 aboard the cruise ship, "MS Oosterdam."

Amenities on board include: nightly shows, lectures, games, movies, art auction, swimming, aside from the fine dining that usually distinguishes such cruises. Other options are a computer room, library, and a card room, as well as dancing in the night clubs.

Paid reservations should be made early to reserve the best cabins.

For information/reservations, call Tracie at (714) 236-4242.



**HUSBAND AND WIFE** – Art and Rose Carpenter are both members of Pro Networkers of Downey. The group meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe, Brookshire at Firestone, to network and exchange business leads. He represents Rich and Thin International while her business is Carpenter Realty. For information on Pro Networkers call Harry Sacks at 319-1063.



**KEEP DOWNEY BEAUTIFUL** – Partnered with Heal the Bay Sept. 16 as volunteers came out and cleaned up Lakewood Boulevard from Florence to the 5 Freeway, removing 500 pounds of trash. Stonewood Center donated gift certificates that were raffled off at the end of the cleanup. The next cleanup is scheduled for Oct. 21 from 9 to 10 a.m., with volunteers meeting at the SavOn parking lot on Firestone Blvd.

### Viking Sports Reunion set Nov. 3

**DOWNEY**—A "Viking Sports Reunion" celebrating the 50th anniversary of Downey's 1956 championship title game against Anaheim at the Los Angeles Coliseum, will be held Nov. 3 at the Embassy Suites.

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**AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS** – Four women each received \$1000 scholarships at the last meeting of the American Association of University Women. The recipients, Nazia Bergum, Halsum Park, Jasmine Navarette and Veronica Andrade, have all graduated from Cerritos College and enrolled in four-year universities to continue their education. The donations were made possible by Dr. Mary Stauffer and AAUW members.

## Symphonic music served to 3rd graders

**DOWNEY**—All 3rd graders in Downey Unified will be treated to a performance by the Downey Symphony Orchestra on Oct. 25 at the Downey Theater. The expectation is that the program will provide the young students with a thrilling experience, and even spark an interest in pursuing a symphonic music career.

The Downey Savings Bank is donating funds to the Downey Symphonic Society's "Music in the Schools" program to make the event possible.

During the concert, the Downey Symphony Orchestra will explain musical terms and concepts before students listen to the pieces of music, each of which includes an exciting story. Teachers will prepare students for the performance using study materials provided by the Downey Symphonic Society.

## Chamber 'mixer & business expo'

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce presents its Mixer & Business Expo "Golden Gala" Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 5:30-8 p.m. at host Downey Regional Medical Center Medical Plaza, 11480 Brookshire Ave., Downey.

The Chamber says the expo provides a great opportunity to "network with other businesses, get business leads, tell your company story, display your product or service, or otherwise reach more prospective clients." Tables are still available for the purpose.

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## Contributions sought for city's recycling calendar

■ Art contest for students emphasizes oil recycling and its positive effects.

**DOWNEY**—Fundraising for the city of Downey's 2007 Used Oil Recycling School Calendar Artwork Contest has begun. The annual event includes Used Oil Recycling presentations to 5th grade students, who are encouraged to enter the competition.

In addition to receiving prizes, winners will have their artwork featured in the calendar.

The calendar contest is co-sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), whose funds pay for calendar development and publication (about 99 percent of the calendar cost). The balance of funds comes from sundry contributors, to defray the cost of awards and prizes.

According to Kathy Simmons, Integrated Waste Coordinator for the city, the calendar is "one of the most effective means to raise awareness among our school youth and adults about the problems of used oil dumping within our city. Do-It-Yourselfers across the nation dump more than 200 million gallons of used oil into the trash, into storm drains, and into backyards, where it can migrate to fresh water and ocean water sources. A single gallon of used oil can pollute a million gallons of water."

To help address the problem, the city of Downey, with the aid of CIWMB, has set up a network of collection centers for the safe collection and recycling of used oil.

The city's Used Oil Recycling School Calendar is distributed throughout the city as well as to the staff and students at the schools. The calendar sends a strong message that, in Simmons' words, "our environment is worth preserving."

For more information/to pledge a contribution, contact the city's Used Oil Consultant, Kevin Sales of KJServices Environmental Consulting, (562) 944-4766, or Simmons, (562) 904-7103.

## Prayer Breakfast to feature police chief

**DOWNEY** – The 21st annual Downey Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, the city's version of the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C., will be held Nov. 9 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The speaker at this year's meeting will be Chief Rick Hicks of the Cypress Police Department. Born and raised in Southern California, Hicks served 22 years as a member of the Santa Ana Police Department, the last 12 as lieutenant.

He joined the Cypress PD in 2001 and was appointed Chief in 2003.

Hicks has served as a faculty member at Cal State Long Beach and Golden West College, teaching Ethics and Values. He wrote the Basic Academy 80-hour "Community Orientated Policing & Problem Solving" curriculum.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are \$15 and the community is invited. The breakfast buffet opens at 6:30 a.m.

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**STAR POWER** – Actress Cheryl Hines, Emmy-nominated star of the sitcom *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and United Cerebral Palsy Board Trustee, discussed with U.S. Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard employment, housing, education, and health care for people with disabilities. Hines, who has a nephew with cerebral palsy, works on behalf of United Cerebral Palsy and many of its affiliates across the country to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities.

## COUNCIL

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expenses incurred by the city in the abatement of the public nuisance at 8150 Gallatin Road;

- Set a public hearing for Oct. 10, to consider adopting a resolution approving an amendment to the present City-County agreement, which will raise hazardous materials penalty fees, for the administration of the Unified Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Regulatory Program;

- Adopted a resolution approving the relocation plan for Lakewood Boulevard improvements (Phase 1C);

- Received and filed the Used Oil Block Grant annual report;

- Proclaimed Sept. 22-28 Childhood Injury Prevention Week;

- Proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month; and

- Presented the Mayor's Soaring Eagle Award to Downey High grad Sandy Romsri, part-time ASPIRE Recreation Coordinator while she pursues a degree on Radio-TV at Cal State Fullerton.

The next regular meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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# Q&A with the Patriot's new owner/publisher

By Eric Pierce

Jennifer DeKay-Givens will take the reins as owner and publisher of The Downey Patriot on October 1, taking over for John Adams who will assume the role of Editor Emeritus.

Jennifer took some time recently to answer a few questions regarding the future of the newspaper.

**Question: Why did you decide to buy the Downey Patriot?**

**Answer:** The reason I decided to purchase the Downey Patriot is simple...I love the newspaper and I love the community. I've lived in Downey since birth, attended Downey schools (Good Shepherd Lutheran, East Middle School, Downey High School), played softball with Downey Ponytail and the Downey YMCA. I was a Princess on the Miss Downey Court in 1990 and 1991. I couldn't imagine a better place for me!

**Q: Will there be any noticeable changes to the Patriot?**

**A:** "Why fix what's not broken" that's my motto! I believe that The Downey Patriot is a vital source of news and community events. That should not and will not change. If anything, I would like to include more events and community news.

**Q: What makes you qualified to run the Downey Patriot?**

**A:** First and foremost I am extremely familiar with the Community. I have a Paralegal Certificate and a BA in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations. I have worked in entertainment for Baywatch and Spelling Communications, in two Downey law firms - Law Offices of Richard D. Salyer and Law Offices of Larry W. Weaver and at DirecTV.

These opportunities have provided with knowledge in legal, sales, marketing and publicity. That combined with a great staff makes a perfect mix!

**Q: Should readers be worried that you have no prior newspaper experience?**

**A:** Absolutely not. Whenever the word "change" is mentioned, the first emotion felt is usually apprehensiveness. The Downey Patriot readers should rest assured knowing that with this change, The Downey Patriot will continue to strive for excellence, maintaining the standards that John Adams has achieved.

**Q: Will there be any layoffs as a result of your ownership?**

**A:** Too early to tell - most likely not

**Q: What was your reaction when Jerry Brady, the Patriot's long-time advertising director, announced his retirement?**

**A:** I have known Jerry Brady for YEARS! We have attended the same church since I was born. In fact, he served as an Elder during my Confirmation. I have been honored to work with Jerry, he has taught me valuable lessons and shared his insight on his success.

**Q: How will the Downey Patriot's relationship with the community change?**

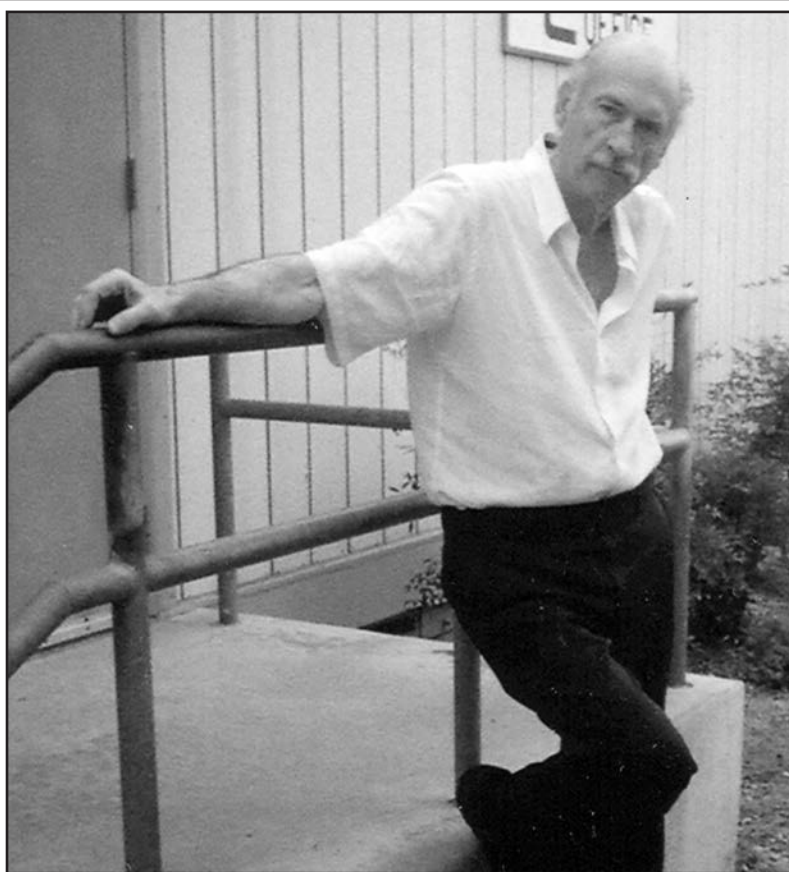
**A:** The Downey Patriots relationship with the community will continue to become stronger.

**Q: Has your family been supportive of your new responsibilities?**

**A:** I am very fortunate to have been blessed with outstanding mentors; my parents for teaching me to be confident, stand straight, smile, and not to quit. "Rub some dirt in it and get back in the ballgame". They also instilled integrity, honesty, truthfulness and thoughtfulness.

Rick and Cheryl, they were my second set of parents, and my friends. The Givens Family provided me profound advice and wisdom when it came to owning a company.

Last but not least, my husband Scott. I could not wish for a better partner in life and in business.



**JOHN ADAMS** - After launching The Downey Patriot in 2002, thus providing Downey with an independent source of news, he has sold the paper. He will, however, remain on staff as Editor Emeritus.

## PATRIOT

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Her first job was as a clerk at Penguin Frozen Yogurt on Lakewood Blvd. and Gallatin Ave.

After graduating from Downey, she attended Cerritos College - earning her paralegal certificate - before transferring to Cal State Fullerton. She spent the last nine years as an executive at DirecTV.

"I met John as a princess in 1990 and realized if I wanted to get my picture in the paper, I needed to know John," recalled DeKay-Givens. "For the next two years, John became my best friend. I looked for him at the concerts in the park and hounded him before he even got out of his car."

The strategy worked: a January 2, 1992 edition of the News Tribune, then Downey's sole weekly newspaper which John edited, featured her on the cover.

"I know the paper is a vital source of news to the community, and I see it continuing," DeKay-Givens said. "I would love to increase circulation and readership and I would love to make the paper available to everyone. I want to be Downey's source for sports news, business news and community news."

"We have a great staff right now. It's just going to take baby steps."

### Business guide on city's website

**DOWNEY** - The City of Downey website, [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org), offers a step-by-step guide on starting a business in this city.

The guide provides general information, from choosing a name to specific required permits and licenses. The guide is free.

### Candidates forum for local city council

**DOWNEY** - Candidates for Downey City Council have been invited by Citizens for Downey to a candidates forum Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Rio Hondo Country Club. The forum starts at 7:15 a.m. and is open to all citizens.

Candidates scheduled to take part include Robert Rubio and Mario Guerra (District 2) and Anne M. Bayer (District 4). Bayer is running unopposed.

A breakfast buffet will be available starting at 7 a.m.

## The Poets' Corner

### What is Beautiful?

What is beautiful?  
Is it the appearance or image?  
Does it matter? Or is it important?

What is beautiful?  
Is it how people look at you??  
Is it how people think about you?  
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But how do you know your answer is true?

There's no answer but an explanation.  
It doesn't matter how you look.  
It doesn't matter how thin you are.

What is beautiful?  
Does it matter to you, how beautiful you are?  
That's my question, is it, or not?

To me, beauty is in you.  
It does matter how you act.  
It matters how kind you are.

That is beautiful.

It is how you treat people right.  
It is how you treat the home.  
People will see the beauty in you.

That is beautiful.  
—Lucy Davies,  
Downey

Poems may be submitted by writing to The Downey Patriot, 11525 Downey Avenue, Suite A, Downey, CA 90241



**OPENING INVOCATION** - Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe invited Downey Police Chaplain Mario Guerra to open the County Board of Supervisors meeting last week with an invocation. Guerra invited Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins and councilman Kirk Cartozian to attend and join him at the podium. Guerra was also presented with a certificate by the supervisor for his service to the community.

### Temple to celebrate 'Sukkot' festival

**DOWNEY** - The Fall Festival of 'Sukkot'—considered a time of joy and the most important festival of the agricultural and spiritual year in the Jewish calendar, coming just after the Days of Awe (the period from Rosh Hashanna, the Jewish New Year and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement)—is being celebrated at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey on Oct. 6.

Everyone is invited to bring a dairy/'parev' potluck dinner/dish to eat in the 'Sukkah' (outdoors in the courtyard) which will be covered with palm fronds. Dinner is at 6 p.m.

Following dinner, Sukkot Service will be held at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Rabbi Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

### CPR training taught at DRMC Oct. 3

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., will present an Adult CPR class Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. The class, taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor, will teach community members how to recognize and respond to four life-threatening emergencies.

The cost is \$25, or \$40 per couple, and registration is required. For more information, call 904-5580.

### Rotary/YMCA pancake breakfast Oct. 7

**DOWNEY**—The 58th annual Rotary/YMCA Pancake Breakfast takes place Saturday Oct. 7 at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Avenue, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Donation is \$5 per ticket, and tickets can be purchased at the YMCA before Oct. 7 or on the day of the event. For information, call 862-4201.

### Soroptimist holding annual yard sale

**DOWNEY**—Soroptimist International of Downey is having their annual yard sale today and tomorrow, Sept. 29-30, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 7821 Baysinger (corner of Rives and Florence). Funds raised will support local scholarships for women and youth.

To donate items, call (310) 717-3637.

### OLPH carnival scheduled Oct. 20-22

**DOWNEY** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will hold their annual community carnival from Oct. 20-22, with ride and raffle tickets going on sale Oct. 2.

A noted community event for over 20 years, the carnival will feature live entertainment, games, rides and food.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is at 10441 S. Downey Avenue. For information, call (562) 869-0963.

### Calling Downey High '56 class alumni

**DOWNEY**—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Fri.-Sun., October 6-8. Alumni are asked to call (949) 472-4616 for details.



### Celebrate the Beauty of a Woman's Body

**DOWNEY** - Licensed skincare specialist Ruth Cagle has joined the staff at Johnny & Co. Ruth has over 18 years combined of medical and professional experience. She will be offering natural skin care products and services in a nice, relaxing environment to help you melt away the stresses of the world.

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- Member - Downey Historical Society
- Member - Project Area Committee (PAC), City of Bell Gardens
- Past President, Rio Hondo Rotary Club - serving Bell Gardens and Commerce
- Past President, 3 term Board of Director of Rio Hondo Boys and Girls Club
- Member - Advisory Board of The Southeast Salvation Army
- Parish Member, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Downey 1985-1995
- Parish Member, St. Marianne's, Pico Rivera 1996 to Present
- Member of several committees at the Montebello Unified School District
- Served on Miss Bell Gardens and Miss Commerce Committees
- Instructor, "Adelante Joven" a Pregnancy Prevention Program for young men within the schools of the Montebello Unified School District

## Dropout dilemma

By John Adams

Despite countless and continuing efforts to remedy the problem, the California school system has not found a way to reduce the high rate of dropouts.

Surveys show that the dropout rate today is 30 percent state-wide. That's about the same as it was in the 1970s when educational reforms were instituted.

And 30 percent is an across the board figure for districts throughout California. What's more, things are even bleaker when groups such as African American and Latinos indicate dropout rates of up to 50 percent.

Studies indicate the added seriousness of dropout rates. The failure to graduate from high school results in an average reduction in lifetime earnings to just 65 percent of what one would expect if he or she stayed and got their diploma.

Also to be considered are the hard societal facts that we are continually being warned of the globalization of workplace and movement of jobs overseas. The Internet allows this globalization of jobs when international competition for work becomes more a question of any job at all, rather than salaries. In the Downey Unified School District, Darrell Jackson and his 10-20 Club work to turn at-risk youths back into the system so they have a second chance. He and the club are funded jointly by the school district and the City of Downey.

But there is nothing like the club on the state level. Legislators must stop trying to sweep the high dropout rate under the rug, and take real action.

## Residents band against eminent domain threat

By Aostara Kaye,

Chairman, Downey Redevelopment PAC

The Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee, a citizen advisory panel, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library. The public is invited to attend.

If you live, run a business, or otherwise own property in what is known as the Redevelopment Project Area, the property you rely on is vulnerable. The City of Downey long ago declared your property to be blighted and can now seize it any time under the power of eminent domain, forcing you to find a new home or to relocate your business. Think of how this would affect you.

Traditionally, the government only invoked eminent domain to secure public infrastructure – to lay roads, construct power plants, and establish schools. However, you may have heard of a recent Supreme Court case, *Kelo vs. City of New London*, in which the majority upheld that eminent domain's practice could be expanded to include economic development.

This means that the City can seize blighted property (like your home or business) and transfer it to another private owner for the purposes of economic improvement and increased tax revenues. For example: tearing down your home to build a larger one, or closing your business to move in a larger competitor. Take note of the subjective nature of this arrangement: "blight" and "improvement" are matters of opinion. Your property may be attractive and clean, but it is legally regarded as blighted.

With the wide latitude of "economic improvement," eminent domain could be exercised without limit, enabling myriad forms of abuse. Imagine the implications of a city whose government can take property from one private citizen and provide it to another: a city where developers can coerce property owners to sell well below market value; a city whose officials can enrich friends and business contacts; a city that amasses bigger budgets by preying on its citizens; a city that can dictate how much money its citizens should earn and how much wealth they should own.

So who is stopping this from happening? We are – the Downey Redevelopment PAC.

In 1987, the residents, business owners, and property owners in the Redevelopment Project Area negotiated with the City of Downey to remove eminent domain from the redevelopment plan. This was achieved through a California redevelopment law that provides for these individuals to form and maintain a Project Area Committee (PAC) as a guardian of their interests. The resulting body is *not* a City agency; it is composed entirely of citizens from the Project Area who answer only to their fellow constituents and to state law.

So long as we, the PAC, remain in existence, we can continue to fight against the threat of eminent domain while advising the City Council on the fair and proper course of redevelopment planning. But to do this, we need the support and membership of the community – you.

Every year, the PAC holds an Annual Meeting to elect new representatives from the Project Area. These members are selected from four categories to represent their respective interests: Homeowners, Tenants, Business Owners and Community Organizations.

We invite all interested citizens to attend this year's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library and to take part in this election, either to voice your concerns, to learn more about redevelopment, or to apply for membership. Candidates



must be from the Project Area but need not be property owners; renters are equally affected and welcome. If you are considering membership in the PAC, you can be comforted that it is a light commitment. We meet only once a month for 1 to 1 ½ hours, but that has been enough to keep eminent domain out of Downey for almost 20 years. But you must attend this meeting to join.

Please come, even if you are unsure about joining – the PAC membership and your fellow citizens still seek your opinion as an affected, interested party in the Project Area, and it is possible to observe our meetings and join the committee at a later date. Concerned citizens from outside the Project Area are also welcome to attend and give input, although they cannot serve as members on the committee unless as a representative from another party.

While eminent domain has expired from the redevelopment plan, it can be reinstated at any time by the City Council – the security of your property may hinge on only three votes! Do you trust the City Government to choose you welfare over their budgets?

Come to the Cormack Room in the Downey City Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and see how to protect your future.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Deterioration in service

Dear Editor:

More than a year ago I wrote a "Letter to the Editor" of The Downey Patriot complimenting the high quality of service provided by Downey Dial-A-Ride. I was pleased to see that letter printed in the paper. Soon after, I went before the Downey City Council to give my thanks and more compliments in person.

Unfortunately, in recent months, there has been a noticeable deterioration in the quality of this much-needed service. It has come to my attention that one of your best and most experienced drivers has had his hours reduced while less experienced and less efficient drivers have been assigned full schedules. I heard that his age was given as the reason. We all know that age discrimination is illegal in hiring, is it also illegal to use such criteria when setting schedules? This is just one of the things I think you should look into.

Another issue that I would like to bring to your attention is the long phone delays, which can cause next-day transportation requests to be missed altogether due to full busses. This issue and the current protocol forcing "non-medical" requests to be made the day before caused great difficulty to a blind friend who needed a ride to a one-time-only Braille Seminar. Surely, some extra consideration can be given to those people facing great handicaps and that must depend almost completely on your service.

Prior to Donna's retirement, Patty was her right-hand person and things seemed to go much better than they are right now. Many of us regular riders hoped Patty's years of experience and proven ability would have made her the logical choice as Donna's replacement. Although I am not related to Patty or even one of her friends, many others and I appreciated her personal touch and attention to our needs. Most if not all of us that rely on Dial-A-Ride also greatly appreciate our drivers and tell them so. We appreciate their politeness, gentle stops, and safe driving.

The problems we are facing now are phone delays, protocol issues as stated earlier, and other recent changes in what was once a better operating service. I look forward to the improvement you can bring about now that these issues have been brought to your attention.

—Rosamond H. Dick,  
Downey

#### Fitness fundraiser a success

Dear Editor,

I am writing to let you know that our event was a total success! (Gauldin Elementary fitness club fundraiser at Rubio's Restaurant)

We were very surprised that many of the local businesses located in the Downey Landing came to support us and even some of the employees from Rubio's Restaurant came to eat with their families on their day off.

One of our council members, Anne Marie Bayer, along with several other parents from our school, made a direct donation to our fitness club as well.

The mayor and all the councilmen from Downey were very impressed and offered their support to our school in any way that they could. I was so blown away because so many parents came together to show their support and several Gauldin School graduates from past years came to support our fitness club. (Council David Gafin graduated from Gauldin Elementary.)

Our Gauldin hula girls gave a spectacular performance for our guests and the kids and some parents joined in the fun by doing the Limbo.

Overall, it was a night that we as a community of Downey will never forget.

— Alex Gaytan,  
Downey

#### More on illegal immigration problem

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. G. Hortua's letter (The Downey Patriot, Sept. 15) on how the country is "highly profiting from cheap labor," the corporations that use them are, but the California taxpayers are shelling out \$10 billion a year in taxes for services used and abused by illegal immigrants.

As far as your statement that we have an "immigrant problem," the word "illegal" was conveniently left out. The agenda of both political parties also differ, the agenda of the Republican-led House bill is "security and enforcement" only. The Democratic-led Senate bill is "amnesty." Neither one will do the job alone.

The implication that anyone against illegal immigration is "xenophobic, prejudiced, and racist," as stated in his letter, is absurd. I am proud to be a first-generation American, my family immigrated here as well – they did it legally.

—K. Reitmayer,  
Downey

#### 'Giving U.S. away'

Dear Editor:

Recently my son joined thousands whose jobs were outsourced to India, and soon they will be joined by the thousands of Ford Motors workers, Boeing Aircraft workers and some 78 million baby boomers who will be retiring—as many as 8,000 per day.

How many of these people be able to continue paying some \$7,500 plus a year to co-pay insurance companies like Blue Cross, and how will these companies be able to continue operating for the rest of us? In as little as one year we have a serious problem looming that has no solution: millions of U.S. workers without co-pay insurance, and the millions of illegal immigrants demanding free medical, will close many of our hospitals.

Virtually everything we use comes from another country; will we be forced to go to other countries for medical?

—J. Hawkins,  
Downey

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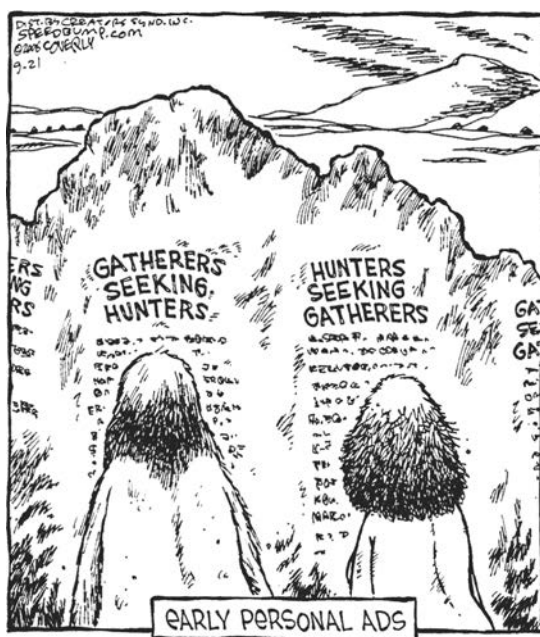
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For September

**Fri. Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m.:** **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.  
**Sat. Sept. 30, 7:30 a.m.:** **Annual Harvest Festival** with a rummage sale, baked goods and a variety of food booths at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave. For information call 861-9777.

### 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.  
**12 p.m.:** Exchange Club of Downey, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.  
**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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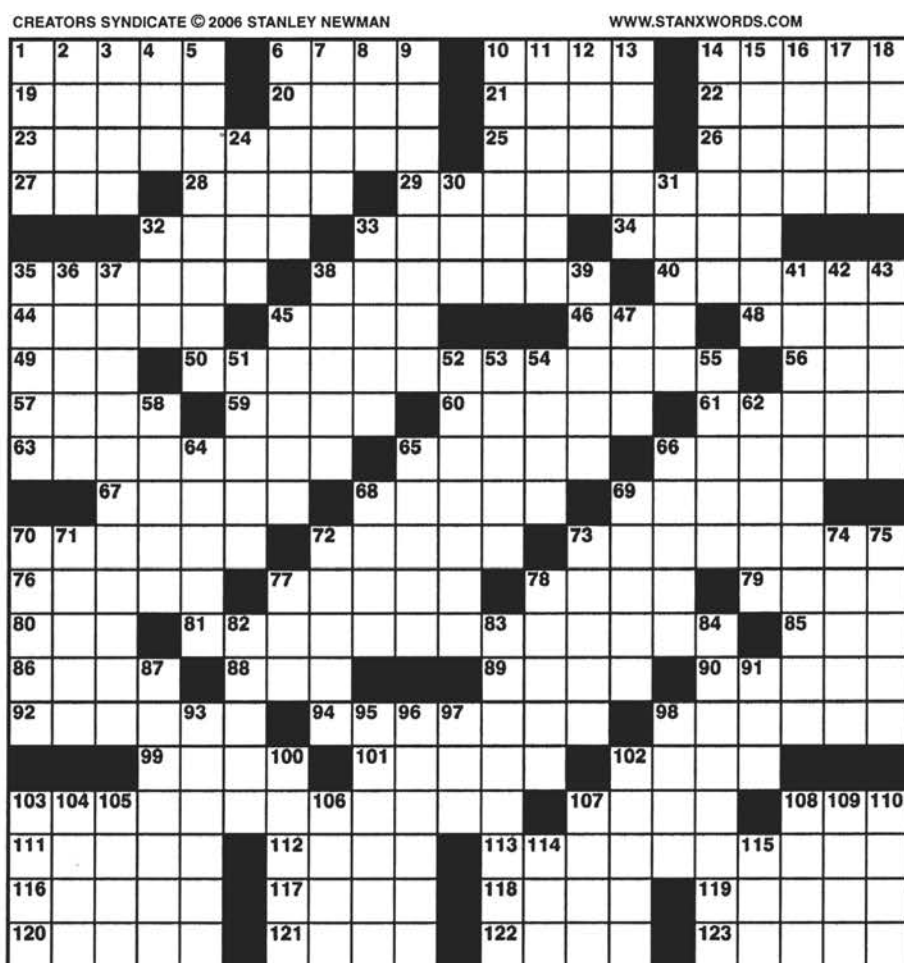
**September 29, 1829:** The Metropolitan Police Service, the largest police force in the United Kingdom serving Greater London, is established by Sir Robert Peel. (Hence the force's nickname of "Bobbies.")  
**1954:** CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) is established at a convention featuring 12 different member nations. CERN gained worldwide infamy with the success of Dan Brown's novel, "Angels & Demons."  
**1988:** The Space Shuttle *Discovery* launches on its "Return to Flight" mission, NASA's first shuttle launch since the *Challenger* disaster two years prior.  
**2002:** Nintendo releases the Nintendo 64 game console in North America.

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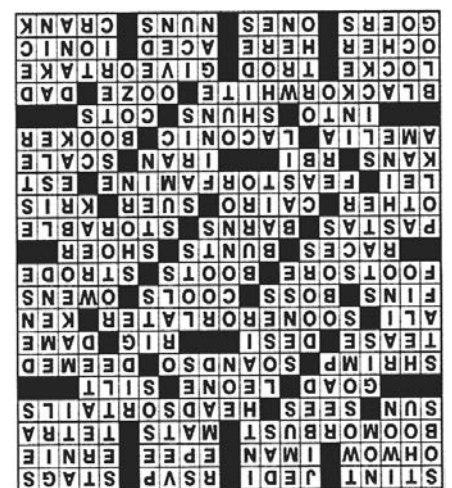
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 by Frances Burton

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Somalian-born supermodel MIAN (20 Across) is married to British rock singer David Bowie. Sergio LEONE (33 Across) directed such westerns as "A Fistful of Dollars" and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." Author Agatha Christie (48 Across) was made a DAME Commander of the British Empire in 1971.



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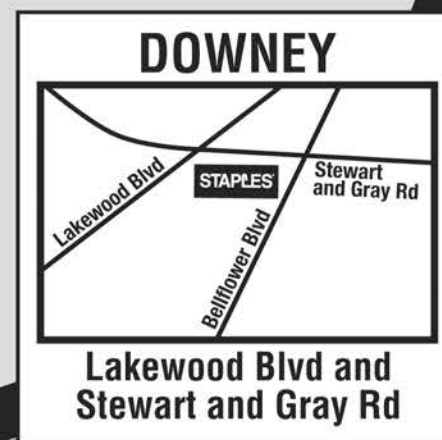
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## Celebrate and save at our big birthday party!

Fun. Food. A free gift for the first 300 customers. Plus, 12% off just about anything. It's all to thank you for making our first year a success. So, come for a cupcake, put on your party hat and catch the birthday spirit. It just wouldn't be a party without you.

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## 49ers open ice hockey season tonight at home

■ Long Beach State will try to improve on last year's 16-16-1 record.

**LONG BEACH** – The Long Beach State 49ers open the 2006-07 ice hockey season tonight, Sept. 27, against the Arizona State University Sun Devils at the Glacial Garden Skating Arena in Lakewood.

Last season the 49ers swept all four games from the Sun Devils, taking two at home and two in Phoenix.

John Cacciatore enters his sixth year as head coach and general manager of the 49ers. Under Cacciatore last year, the 49ers finished nationally in the top 30 out of 155 teams in Division I of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. Long Beach qualified for the 2006 Western Regional Tournament as the no. 8 seed.

Although the 49ers lost in the first round in the tournament to the University of Denver, they rebounded the following night to beat Utah State. Long Beach finished with an overall record of 16-16-1.

Junior goaltender Frank Mitrano will start at goalie for the 49ers Friday. Mike Bergman will start Saturday.


Other key returning players include defensive captain Jason Hastings, whose slapshots led all 49er defencemen in scoring. Center Brian Horwitz is a prime candidate to lead the division in scoring this season: he was fourth in overall points scored in the Western Region but also sixth in most penalty minutes.

Four-year captain and center Gene Schneider is expected to return in late October after recovering from surgery to repair a separated shoulder.

General admission tickets for Fridays and Saturdays games are \$5 or \$2 for students with Cal State Long Beach I.D. Children under the age of 5 are free. Game time is 9 p.m.

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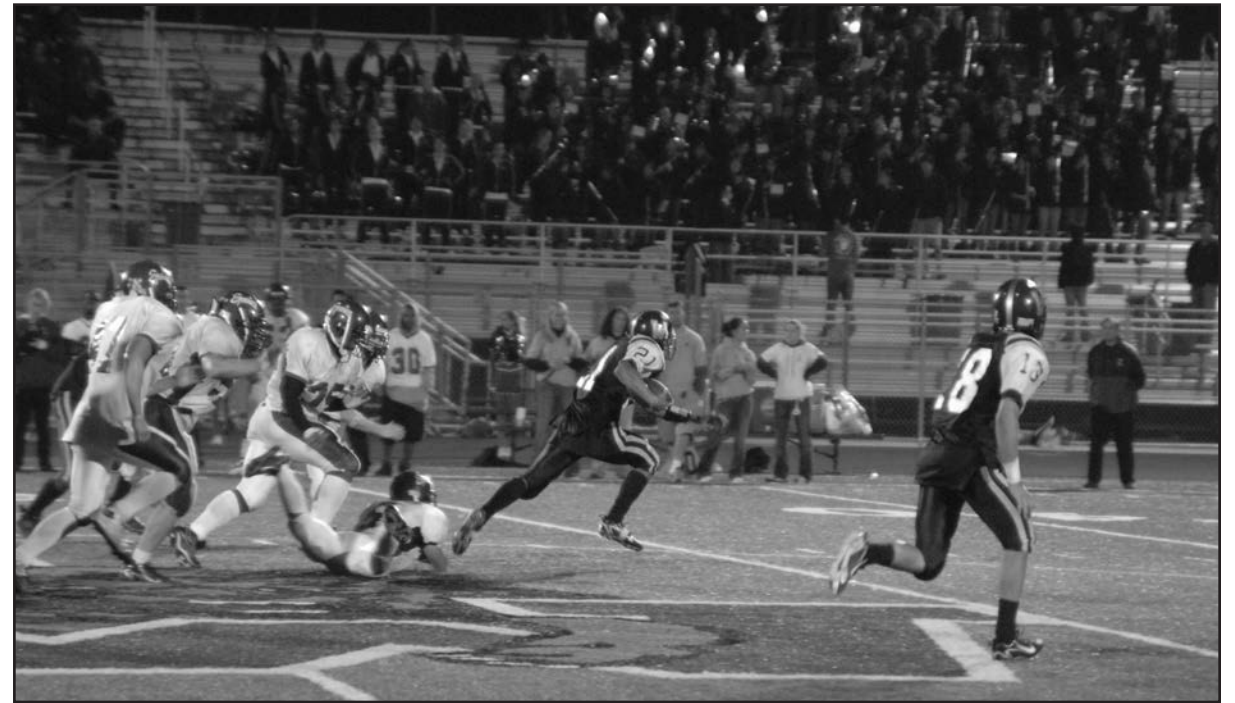
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## Finding the open Green

Warren rallies behind running back Jose Green to come from behind and beat South Torrance, 14-7. La Serna up next.



GREEN PASTURES – Warren's Jose Green, above, breaks free on his way to a fourth quarter touchdown. Below, Scott Ramirez (5) celebrates Warren's victory. Photos by Art Montoya

## Ground game solid in Warren victory

By Eric Pierce

**DOWNEY** – It was a solid running game that put Warren in a position to win but a daring eight-yard pass play that eventually won it for them.

Quarterback Alfonso Gonzalez found receiver Josh Blinzer in the end zone with 46 seconds left to play as Warren rallied for a 14-7 victory last week over South Torrance. The win was Warren's second consecutive and gives them momentum as they travel to face La Serna tonight in a game to be played at Cal High in Whittier.

Warren running back Jose Green carried most of the Bears' offensive load last week, rushing for 157 yards and a score. His fourth quarter touchdown made it 14-7.

Green led Warren on a 57-yard march down the field on their next possession, at one point carrying the ball nine consecutive times. His rushing took Warren all the way to the seven yard line and helped to set up Gonzalez's winning TD pass.



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## Mary Wilson tapped for 31st Charter Ball

■ Known for her work on The Supremes, the hall of fame member will headline gala event.

By Sheila Holliday,  
Downey Regional Medical Center

**DOWNEY**—Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member Mary Wilson will headline at the 31st annual Charter Ball on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa.

Wilson is best known as a member of the early and most influential girl groups of all times, Motown's soul and pop group, The Supremes. She was the only member to remain in the group from its founding in 1959 through its conclusion in 1977. During those years, The Supremes recorded twelve U.S. No. 1 hit records.

In 1964, "Where Did Our Love Go" hit the top spot of the Billboard Hot 100, and that same year "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop! In The Name of Love," and "Back In My Arms Again" were #1 hits. In the period of 1965 to 1969, The Supremes recorded seven more #1 hits: "I Hear A Symphony," "You Can't Hurry Love," "You Keep Me Hangin' On," "The Happening," "Love Is Here and Now You're Gone," "Love Child," and "Someday We'll Be Together."

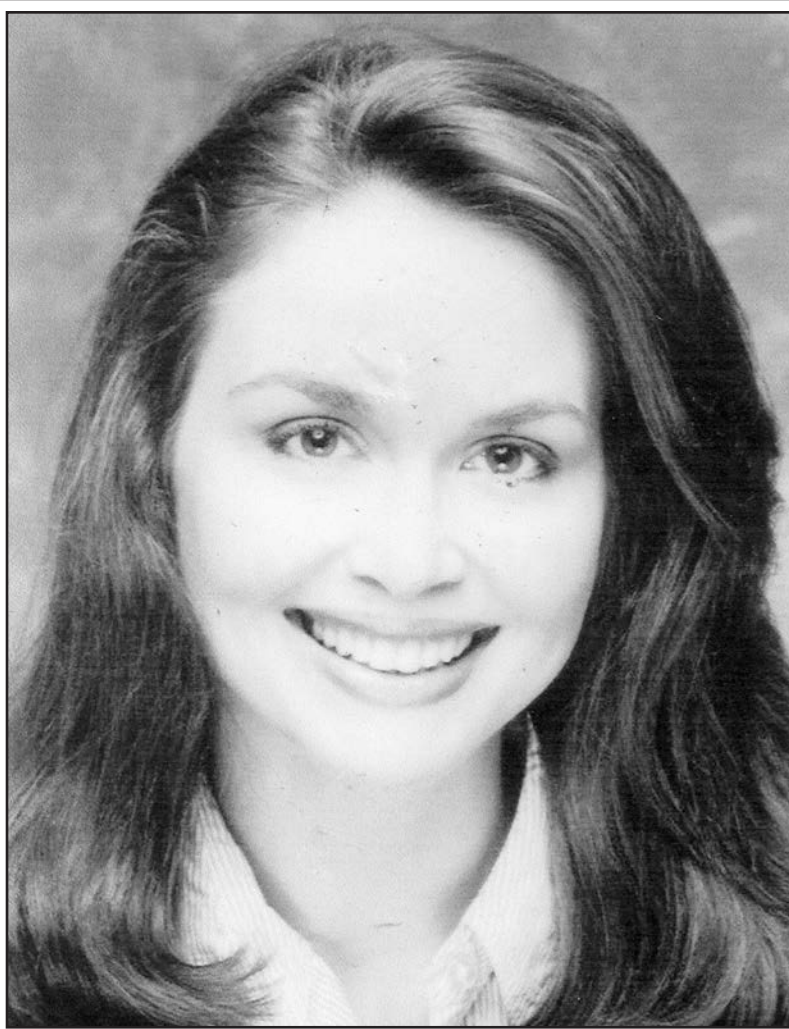
The Supreme known for the twinkle in her eyes and a voice made of velvet, Mary Wilson has taken her R&B, pop and soul classics around the globe. She sang for former President Bill Clinton at the millennium celebration at the White House, and in 2004 she performed for ABC's Motown 45th Anniversary Special. A new Mary Wilson CD is expected out later this year.

Widely regarded as a musical living legend, Wilson recently said, "I have a lot yet to do with my life as an entertainer." True to her word, she toured in Europe this past summer, and this fall is singing in Indiana, Missouri, Illinois and South Dakota before heading to California to perform exclusively at the Charter Ball on Nov. 4. From their tables or the dance floor, guests will hear her croon classic torch songs, Supremes' standards, and modern greats with emotion and fire.

Charter Ball is presented by the Memorial Trust Foundation, the fundraising arm of Downey Regional Medical Center. The gala will also feature an auction and gourmet meal, and presentations of two couples being honored for significant community achievements.

Proceeds from this year's Charter Ball are earmarked for the DRMC "Rise to the Challenge" Capital Campaign to build a new Patient Care Tower.

For reservations, call 904-5055.



**OPENING SOON** – Cynthia Marty will star as Sarah Brown in the upcoming production of "Guys and Dolls" at the Downey Theater as presented by the Downey Civic Light Opera. A film, television and regional theater favorite, she will be remembered for her portrayal of Mrs. Molloy in the recent "Hello Dolly" on the Downey stage. "Guys and Dolls" plays Oct. 5 through 22. For tickets and information, call 923-1714.

## CSULB Symphony season starts Oct. 3

**LONG BEACH**—The first concert of CSU-Long Beach Symphony Orchestra's 2006-07 season, "Things Borrowed and New," is slated for 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30 at the Gerald Daniel Recital Hall-A100. It will be conducted by John A. Carnahan.

The program will include: Johannes Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture, Op. 80*, Rimsky-Korsakoff's *Capriccio Espanol, Op. 34*, Edvard Grieg's *Two Melodies, Op. 53*, and Michal Daugherty's *Red Cape Tango*.

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## Noon funeral mass for Joseph O'Leary

**DOWNEY**—A funeral mass will be held at noon tomorrow, Sept. 30 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey for longtime Downey resident Joseph O'Leary, who was born Oct. 28, 1922 in Pittsburgh, PA, and passed away in Downey on Sept. 23.

Interment will be private. Services have been entrusted to the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

His parents were Joseph and Sarah O'Leary.

He is survived by his brother, James O'Leary; his sister, Rosemary O'Leary of Pittsburgh, PA; his son, Robert O'Leary; his daughter, Nancy Gibson; and grandchildren, Travis, Brian, and Keira Gibson.

## Clifford M. Emmons services at Miller-Mies

**DOWNEY**—Clifford M. Emmons, a 53-year Downey resident, died Sept. 25 at the age of 85.

Born in Dix, Nebraska, he was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Services will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Emmons is survived by his daughter, Margaret Bartha; son, Joseph M. Emmons; grandson, Joseph Emmons; granddaughter, Veta Gashgai; and three great grandchildren.



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF DOWNEY**—Recently installed their new Board of Directors for 2006-07 at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Installed were, left to right, seated: Beverly Mathis, President, and Sue Potter, President-Elect; standing: Linda Haines, Director; Carol Rowland, Treasurer; Pat Heineke, Director; Dorothy Pemberton, Asst. Treasurer; and Ellie Eck, Parliamentarian. Not pictured: Monica Goel-Hornberger, Vice-President; Judy McDonnell, Recording Secretary; and Jan Scott, Corresponding Secretary.

## Bocce player/proponent Perry Michienzi was 82

**DOWNEY**—Perry Michienzi, a longtime Downey resident and the leading bocce proponent here, has died. He had been living in Indio and, prior to that, in Olean, when he died Sept. 10 after a long illness at Manor Care in Palm Desert. He was 82.

Born June 14, 1924 in Austin, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Joseph and Angeline Deacon Michienzi.

He was a veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He was a recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

He started playing bocce at age five and started the original bocce club. He was known as Mr. Bocce in California and around the bocce leagues throughout the United States. He taught bocce in several places in California.

Michienzi is survived by a daughter, Michele Squire, and son-in-law David Squire, and three grandchildren residing in West Seneca, New York; a sister, Margaret Sinicropi of La Quinta; a brother, Thomas (Rose) Mizhienzi, and sister, Frances (William) Johnston, both of Olean; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Joyce (Samuelson) Michienzi; sons, Mark Michienzi and Bruce Michienzi; and three brothers, John Michienzi, Frank Michienzi, and Anthony Michienzi.

A funeral mass was held at St. Francis of Assisi in La Quinta on September 22. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of FitzHenry Mortuary.

## Al Jacques was involved at local YMCA branch

**DOWNEY**—Longtime Downey resident Albert "Al" Benjamin Jacques, who was born Oct. 17, 1932 in Charleston, South Carolina and worked on various projects with Rockwell International for 30 years, then compiled a laudable record of service with the Downey YMCA, has passed away.

He died on Sept. 24, leaving behind his wife, Letha; children, Laura (Dave) Boyer, and Jon (Tammy) Deschamp; and grandchildren, Jessica, Kevin, Kari, and Jennifer.

His immediate family included brothers, Carl, Edward, and Frank, and sisters, Betty and Doris. At North Charleston High, he ran track and played baseball. Voted the "most talented," he was inducted into its Hall of Fame. Joining the Navy in 1952, he served as a fire control technician on the heavy cruiser, USS Helena, during the Korean War. While in the Navy, he met his future wife, Letha Marie Harbison, in Long Beach. They were married in 1956.

Jacques worked for Douglas Aircraft prior to Rockwell International, where he worked on the Apollo Program and on the Space Shuttle as a Cost Analyst. While at Douglas, he went to Compton Junior College for his A.A. degree.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Cal State Long Beach in 1976. In the same year, he joined the Downey Y's Men Club, a service organization that lends support to the community through the YMCA.

Among the many projects he was involved with, none engaged his energies more through the succeeding years, including after his retirement, than his work on the annual YMCA Christmas Tree Lot. He served as the club president for three terms.

He also served Y's Men International as a Regional Director, Area Director, and International Service Director for the Brotherhood Fund. He also served as United States Area President from 2000-2001, and was an International Council Member from 2000-2002.

In 1995, the "Al Jacques Award" was established for clubs that contributed more than \$2,500 per year to the Brotherhood Fund. His time with Y's Men allowed him to travel many places around the world.

He was recipient in 1999 of the prestigious Downey Family YMCA "Distinguished Service Award," whose list of honorees includes Ed Sussman, Tod Corrin, Rosemary Ferraro, Barbara Briley Beard, Lorine Parks, Phil Presicci, Steve Roberson, and M. D. "Hop" Morrison.

Services are Friday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave.

## Pastor & Wife's appreciation services

**DOWNEY**—The Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship in Downey will be celebrating their Pastor & Wife, Bishop Leon & Jacqueline Martin's, 32nd Appreciation Service in the pastoral ministry beginning Oct. 1 at 3:30 p.m. and continuing on Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m., and ending on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Participating are Pastor Charles Smith of Shackelford Miracle Temple, Bishop Napoleon Rhodes of New Jerusalem Christian Fellowship, Apostle Kenneth Green, Sr. of Messiah Full Gospel Bible Fellowship, Dr. Zebedee Jackson of New Jerusalem Christian Center and other pastors from the surrounding cities. For information/transportation, call (562) 806-9890.

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## Church to celebrate Downey homecoming

**DOWNEY** – Forty years ago – on October 9, 1966 – the people of Downey Memorial Christian Church dedicated their new sanctuary on Florence Avenue. On October 8, present and former members will observe the 40th anniversary of that event with a special Homecoming worship service and potluck lunch.

Austin Coe, minister at the time, will share his reflections and remembrances during the 10:30 a.m. service.

A cornerstone box that was sealed at the church 40 years ago will be opened as part of the Homecoming festivities.

Starting next spring, the church will mark its yearlong Jubilee (50th Anniversary) celebration.

Downey Memorial Christian Church is located at 8441 E. Florence Avenue in Downey. The public is invited to the event.

## Downey Christian Women's Club meets

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Christian Women's Club next meets at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 11 at Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Drive in Downey. Speaker is Lisa Patterson, who will talk on "How Life Can go from Pieces to Purpose."

The buffet luncheon's theme is "Country Fair" with a Silent Auction as a special feature. Beverly Madru is providing the music.

The meeting is open to both men and women, and is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Reservations are requested by the Monday before the luncheon, and may be made by calling Ginnie, 927-8488, or Delores, 868-7135. Luncheon is \$12.

## HMO

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patients and in two mental health measures.

Kaiser Permanente's diabetic patients were most likely to receive eye exams to watch for a disease that can cause blindness, to receive kidney function tests to watch for signs of kidney damage and to have their blood sugar monitored appropriately.

The OPA measures also rated Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region highest for providing anti-depressants for patients who need them.

"It takes diligence, caring and concern to achieve these results," said Benjamin Chu, M.D., president of Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region. "Our task now is to continue our efforts to improve care and to help our patients to live healthy lives. We think reports such as this provide valuable information for health care consumers."



**KIWANIS DONATION** - Henry Ikemoto (left), a Lifetime Member of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, accepted a donation on behalf of the Salvation Army. Kiwanis president Bob Belcher presented the award.

## 'College Night' open to local high school kids

**NORWALK**—Cerritos College will hosts the University Mega Fair and College Night 2006 on Tuesday, October 3, in partnership with ABC, Bellflower, Downey, and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School Districts.

The yearly event draws more than 2,000 high school students, parents, and high school faculty and staff.

The University Mega Fair will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Falcon Square; College Night 2006 will be held 7 to 9 p.m. in the college's gymnasium. Admission to the event is free, and parking will be free in Lot C-1 after 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Monica Acuna at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2285 or macuna@cerritos.edu, or visit [www.cerritos.edu/collegenight](http://www.cerritos.edu/collegenight). A map of the campus is available at [www.cerritos.edu/guide](http://www.cerritos.edu/guide).

## L.B. Playhouse presents 'The Heiress'

**LONG BEACH**—"The Heiress," a play by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, is scheduled to run at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach, Oct. 13-Nov. 18.

The play takes place in New York in the 1850s, and the basic story tells of a shy and plain young girl, Catherine Sloper, who falls desperately in love with a delightful young fortune hunter. Catherine's lack of worldliness prevents her from realizing that the young man proposing to her is not entirely drawn to her by her charm.

Catherine's father, a successful doctor, sees through the fortune hunter and forbids the marriage, but his daughter proposes an elopement which fails to materialize because the young man knows most of her expected fortune will go elsewhere if he marries her. Catherine retires into a little world of her own. But the fortune hunter turns up once more and again proposes to her.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$18 for seniors, and student prices are \$10 and Saturday with valid student ID. For information, call the Box Office at (562) 494-1014, option 1.

Regular Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m.

## Barbara Leigh is OASIS feature

**DOWNEY**—Popular songstress and storyteller Barbara Leigh will be the featured speaker at the Oct. 2 meeting of OASIS at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center.

The OASIS program, under the direction of Harriett Paine, will meet at the community center during October while cafeteria renovations at Downey Adult School are completed.

The class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m. and dinner tickets can be purchased up until 3:45 p.m. The program starts at 4.

The dinner menu includes vegetable soup with brown rice, chicken fettuccini, normandy vegetables, caesar salad, potato roll, strawberry gelatin with fruit cocktail, milk and coffee.

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# Pushkin's life, work explored at festival

**LONG BEACH**—A four-day festival celebrating the life and work of 19th century poet Alexander Pushkin will be held at the Karl Anatol Center in Cal State Long Beach Oct. 5-8.

Pushkin is credited by many literary critics with revolutionizing Russian literature and ushering in its modern period. It is said that, with his lyricism and revolutionary use of the vernacular in his plays and poems, he inspired generations of Russian writers. Pushkin died in 1837.

A.S. Pushkin Festival co-chairman Alexander Yahontov said the Russian literary genius created the Russian language as we know it today. It is the hope of festival organizers, he said, that the students at Cal State Long Beach and the city's general population will get a glimpse at least of Russian literature and interested enough to explore its richness.

The festival includes appearances by Russian celebrities, film showings, recitals, songs and discussions.



**LOCAL CANCER ADVOCATES**—Visiting Washington, D.C. recently to see Cong. Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) seeking support for a legislative agenda, "Congressional Cancer Promise," to improve the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer, include representatives from Downey, Huntington Park, Walnut Park, Bellflower and Cudahy. Downey's Gabriela Hurtado-Gutierrez is at extreme right.

## Local health advocates lobby Congress

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) thanked local cancer advocates from her district for traveling recently to the nation's capital to garner support for a legislative agenda to improve the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer.

During the meeting, the congresswoman signed the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's "Congressional Cancer Promise." The Promise asks members of Congress to support increased funding for cancer research at the National Cancer Institute and for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

The program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings and treatment to low-income, uninsured women. The Congressional Cancer Promise also seeks support for Patient Navigators, a health service that helps patients navigate the health care system to find quality cancer screening, treatment and care in their area.

In addition, the Promise legislative agenda seeks to make cancer screenings more accessible to Medicare beneficiaries and would also eliminate their co-pays for breast and colorectal screenings. Nearly three quarters of all cancer deaths occur in the 65 and over population.

# Better get auto insurance soon or else, warns DMV

**SACRAMENTO**—Californians who operate their vehicles without auto insurance could have their vehicle registrations suspended effective Oct. 1 as part of new legislation designed to reduce the risk of economic losses sustained as the result of collisions involving uninsured motorists.

The legislation, signed in 2004 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to notify a customer about possible vehicle registration suspension if their insurance company fails to provide proof of insurance within 30 days of a vehicle's initial registration with the department, or within 45 days once DMV has been notified by an insurance carrier about a policy cancellation.

"This new law is intended to protect Californians by reducing the number of uninsured vehicles on our roads," said Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency during a news conference this week at the DMV South Sacramento Field Office. "Each year thousands of collisions occur involving uninsured vehicle owners." McPeak was joined by State Senator Jackie Speier, who authored the law, and George Valverde, Director of the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

"SB 1500 requires insurers to electronically transmit insurance verifications to the DMV and it directs the DMV to notify a vehicle owner if the vehicle is not insured," said Director Valverde. "Beginning Oct. 1, we'll be in a position to identify vehicles that are uninsured and begin the process of notifying motorists of the need to get their vehicle insured."

Since July 1, 2006, law enforcement agencies have been able to electronically verify if any private-use vehicle is properly insured by accessing the department's vehicle registration database. DMV statistics show that there are more than 23 million licensed drivers in California who operate almost 30 million vehicles.

DMV statistics show that 1.4 million drivers have been convicted since 2001 for driving without proper insurance coverage.

## SURVEY

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For instance, it was recently noted that patients believed communications with them while they were inpatients were good. But our survey scores showed that there were a few other hospitals in the State with better scores. DRMC was above average, but had a ways to go to beat the best practices level in some of these areas.

Armed with that information that there is room for improvement, councils meet on a regular basis to 'brainstorm' how they can change what is done or how to do something in order to meet the patients' needs better. Research into best practices is done, and the councils evaluate the suggestions of the employees for change, prioritize them, and will ultimately formulate implementation plans.

Once the implementation plans are reviewed and approved by one of the oversight councils, the 'unit-based' councils will go forward and implement the changes suggested by the employees.

Results will then be analyzed in new surveys taken after the changes were implemented, compared to its prior scores and to State 'best practices' scores to see if improvements were made in meeting patients' (and physicians' and other employees') needs. This will be a continuous cycle of surveying customers, comparing results to best-practices, implementing changes, and re-surveying that comprises the TQM process.

"The purpose of the TQM process is to make the changes needed to better meet patients', physicians', and employees' needs," stated Fuller. "The result of TQM processes is that those organizations that truly enact the TQM process and focus on customer needs and make the changes necessary to meet those needs, will become the leading competitor in their fields. This has been proven over and over in the American economy, in everything from restaurants to major computer, television, and automobile companies."



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## Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee

### Annual Meeting & General Election - October 3, 2006

The Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at the Downey City Library, Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA at 6:30 p.m.

The PAC serves as the means through which the Community can participate with the Community Development Commission (CDC) in the planning and implementation of neighborhood revitalization programs.

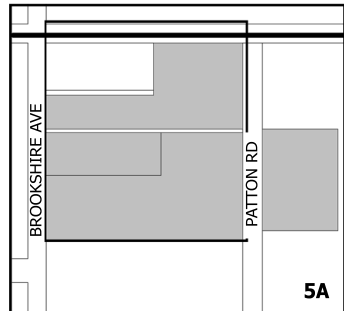
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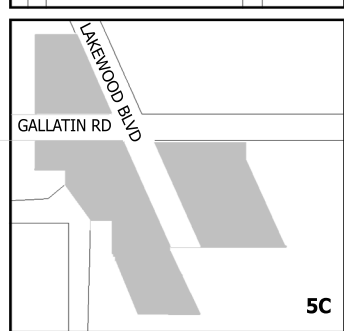
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**Word of MOUTH**  
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

According to various health professionals, prescribing the antibiotic amoxicillin to treat ear infections in young children may not be as effective as some might believe. And there is recent research that provides another potential reason to sidestep the use of amoxicillin in young children. According to researchers, children who take amoxicillin between the ages of one and three years of age have an elevated risk of developing fluorosis. This condition is characterized by teeth whose enamel becomes more porous, which results in staining and discoloration. While the cause of the problem has yet to be identified, this finding presents sufficient reason to give careful consideration to prescribing the medication for young children.

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## Cost of not closing can be very expensive

By Cathleen Carr

Everyone knows buying a home is expensive. But *not* buying a house can run into quite a few dollars as well. When the property deal falls through the price of bowing out of a home purchase can be high. A lot of little expenses and fees that homebuyers encounter on the path to closing still must be paid even if the deal falls through. Those expenses can add up to shockingly high amounts. Many of the expenses cannot be transferred to another purchase.

When buyers bid on homes, the offers they make come with the understanding that contingencies written into the contracts will be satisfied. A house must pass an inspection, for example, or a buyer's financing package must come through. If those things don't happen, the deal dies, but the expenses accrued do not go away.

### What you'll still have to pay

**Inspection fees:** One of the prime reasons home sales break down is that inspections turn up unforeseen problems. Usually, a seller will try to accommodate a buyer in order to get the house sold, but sometimes the problems can't be negotiated away. The inspector's fee can run anywhere from about \$250 for a small job to \$1,000 or more for a big one, and is generally the responsibility of the buyer.

**Title search:** Generally speaking, title insurers undertake title searches and they often absorb the search cost if a home purchase is cancelled, according to Jim Maher, executive vice-president of the American Land Title Association. There can, however, be cancellation fees that the buyer has to pay. Whether these fees apply and how high they can run varies from state to state.

**Survey:** Surveys can find encroachments on the property or other problems that buyers may want to know about before they take possession. The property survey is often ordered by somebody else in the chain, usually the buyer's attorney or the lender, but it's the buyer who gets the bill. If any discrepancies that arise cannot be corrected or the deal falls apart for other reasons, the surveyor must still be paid. That can amount to \$500 to \$1,500, or more for really big jobs.

**Attorney fees:** Many real estate attorneys work on a flat rate and sometimes those fees can be applied to another home purchase, provided it is made within a designated time period, say a year. Other attorneys charge an hourly rate, which means any labor spent on a deal that fails still has to be paid for by the buyer. That can easily run into the hundreds of dollars. If there is any hassle about terminating the contract, the fees can quickly hit four figures.

**Appraisal fee:** Many lenders insist an independent property appraisal be done before they approve the final loan, according to Moulton. It may be to protect the lender but it's the buyer who pays for it, typically \$300 or so.

**Financing costs:** Application fees can usually be applied to another purchase but the delay can, in the current rising rate environment, cost buyers dearly, in added interest on their mortgages. Buyers locked into a low rate can buy an extension. It costs about a half percent of the amount of the loan for an extra 30 days.

**Document preparation fees:** Mortgage lenders and title companies charge these to put together all the papers they need to go forward with the loan.

### Bottom line

Add it all up and the expense of canceling a home purchase can easily add up to several thousand dollars – and it's not even tax-deductible. There's no real solution to the costs associated with backing out of a deal. Making an offer on a home sends a big piece of machinery into motion and puts many different people to work. They have to be paid.

But buyers should calculate whether the costs of fixing whatever is wrong with the property adds up to a lot more money than it costs to back out of the deal – before they make the decision to walk away.

Cathleen Carr is the public relations director premierpropertyads.com



**BOB BELCHER** – Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis president Bob Belcher presented a \$1500.00 check to Jim Klosterman (left) of Downey Regional Medical Center in support of the Hospital Charter Ball and this year's Golden Anniversary event.

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The Diabetes Education instructor will teach how to manage diabetes by focusing on diet, medication, exercise and complications. Along with persons who have diabetes, a family member or friend is welcome to attend.

All classes are held at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

A \$10 registration fee for the series is required and is payable at the door on the first day of class. Enrollment is open to the general public, and a minimum of 10 people is needed to hold the class.

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Traditionally, real estate agents have emphasized their "selling" prowess as a reason for listing homes with them. Naturally, sellers want their home sold, and an agent who is a successful "salesperson" would appear to be the likely listing candidate. Today, agents can play a more important role by organizing and attracting the attention of other agents. You don't necessarily need an agent to "sell" your property - you need an agent to "cause" it to sell, and there's a big difference. Consider the odds. Say there are 200 active real estate agents working in your market. Would you rather have just one or all of them working to sell your home? When interviewing agents to list your home, ask how they intend to mobilize the entire realty community to show your home to their ready-and-waiting pool of buyers. Choose the right agent, and you will enjoy the best possible marketing efforts available, focusing on exposing your home to all buyers, not just a few. The more buyers who see your home, the sooner it will sell. The more buyers are competing for your home, the higher it will sell. In today's fiercely competitive market, it is imperative that your agent "markets" your home and not just "sells" it. Once you understand the difference and find an agent who follows that philosophy, you can just about begin packing!

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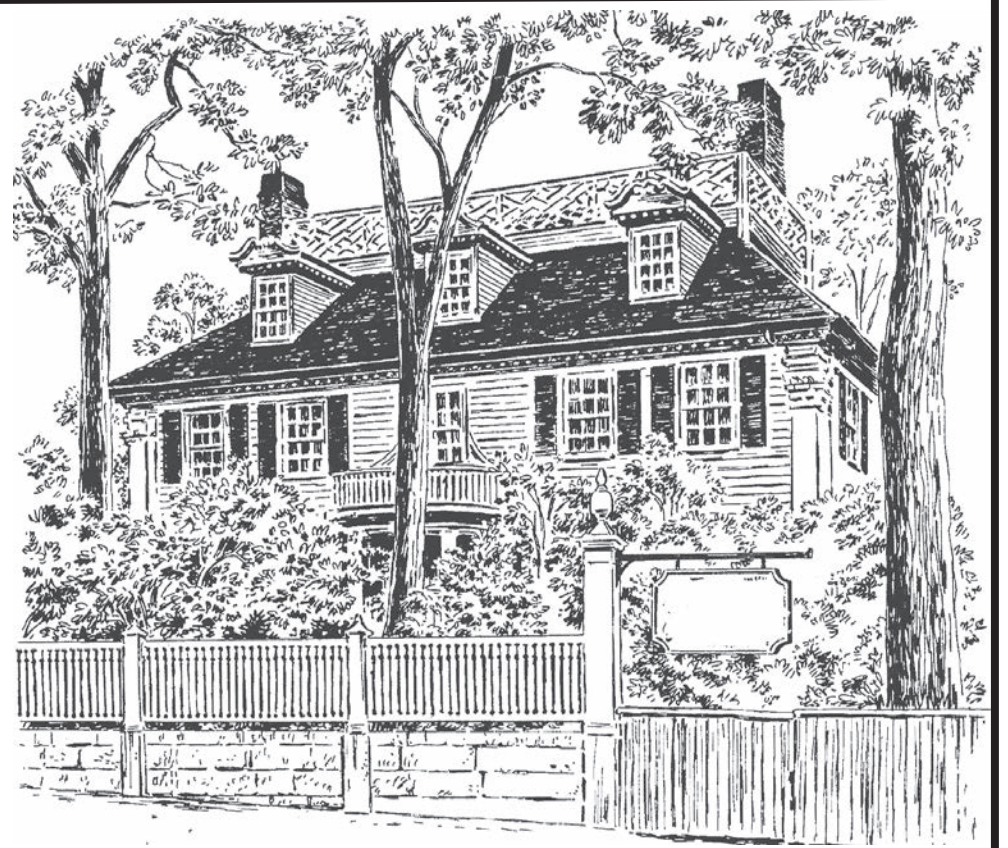
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 3 BD, 2.5 BA N. Downey home w/ large master BD w/ walk-in closet & beautiful bath, spacious living room w/ tile floor & crown molding, large family room w/ entertainment center, new grass & sprinklers in backyard w/ covered patio.  
**Price: \$599,900**

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**The Price is Right!**  
 3 BD, 1.5 BA N. Downey home featuring living room w/ fireplace, enclosed patio or den/office, updated kitchen w/ breakfast nook, 2 car detached garage & large backyard.  
**Price: \$619,950**

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**Quality & Elegance!!**  
 5 BD, 4 BA newly constructed home in N.E. Downey w/ marble flooring & granite counter tops in kitchen & baths. Vaulted ceiling in entry way.  
**Reduced to: \$1,249,950**  
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**Mini Mansion in North Downey!**  
 4 BD, 3.5 BA remodeled home w/ travertine floors, custom painted interior w/ molding, large master BD w/ bath, new kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances & granite counters.  
**Call to see this beauty listed at \$889,900**

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**Home Sweet Home!!**  
 3 BD, 1.5 BA Downey Home w/ updated kitchen, living room, hardwood floors, central airheat & master BD.  
 6,000 sq. ft. lot w/ covered patio  
**Price: \$559,900**

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**North Whittier-Must See!!**  
 3 BD, 2 BA home in a private area w/ remodeled kitchen, remodeled BA, spacious living room & dining area w/ fireplace (could be den.)  
**Price: \$665,000**

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**Entertainers Delight!**  
 5 BD, 4 BA remodeled 3,700 sq. ft. pool/spa home w/ living room w/ vaulted ceiling, family room w/ wet bar, kitchen, travertine flooring throughout, & master BD w/ fireplace.  
**Price: \$1,299,900**  
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**Smart Buy!**  
 3 BD, 2 BA N.E. Downey home w/ spacious BD, large living room w/ view of backyard, den w/ fireplace, central airheat 2 car detached garage.  
**Price: \$ 779,900**

**Wow! What A Value!**  
 3 BD, 1.5 BA N. Downey home w/ family room w/ hardwood floors, new central airheat, 2 car detached garage, large covered patio & spacious backyard.  
**Price: \$699,950**  
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**Pending**



**N.E. Downey Home!**  
 5 BD, 3 BA home w/ marble floors, open kitchen w/ granite & stainless steel appliances, formal dining room, master BD w/ fireplace & balcony.  
**Price: \$1,350,000**  
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**Great N.E. Downey Deal!**  
 2 BD, 1 BA home near Stonewood Mall w/ 2 car detached garage, bonus room, hardwood floors throughout & boasts big backyard.  
**Price: \$599,900**

**Warm & Cozy!**  
 3BD, 2 BA, home w/ hardwood floors in living room, new tile floor in kitchen, master BD w/ fireplace, detached bonus/storage room.  
**Price: \$569,900**

**Pending**



**Custom Built Beauty!**  
 3 BD, 2.5 BA, in N.W. Downey w/ detached guest house. Remodeled kitchen, newer dual-pane windows, & copper plumbing.  
**Price: \$800,000**  
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