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Schools to celebrate Red Ribbon Week

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has approved the celebration of Red Ribbon Week throughout the District for Oct. 25-29.

The school celebrates the resistance of youngsters to the influence of drugs, with a theme of "Choose To Be Drug Free—24 Hours a Day."

It has the support of Californians for Drug Free Youth, Inc., a statewide parent-community organization, the Office of the Governor, the Attorney General, State Department of Alcohol and Drug programs, the State Department of Education, the state PTA, over 100 statewide agencies, departments and organizations, with local support from Prudential 24-Hour Real Estate.

This massive commitment to a drug-free healthy lifestyle is demonstrated by the wearing of red ribbons during the week of events.

Thanks to Mel and Rita

The Board thanked Mel and Rita Berdelis of Prudential 24-Hour Real Estate for continued financial support of the event, noting drug abuse was a continued threat to America's youth.

In other action the school board:

*Presented the initial bargaining proposals in negotiations with the Downey Education Association/CTA/NEA for the 2004-07 Master agreement, and held a Public Hearing on same.

*Received the DUSD Actuarial Study of the Self-Insured Medical, Dental and Vision Plans as of June 30, 2004, prepared by the Epler Co.

*Approved the Unaudited Actual Financial Report for fiscal year 2003-04.

Testing Calendar

*Reviewed the proposed Test Administration Calendar for the 2004-05 school year.

*Reviewed proposed revisions to BP4145 and AR 4145, Early Retirement Benefit Plan.

*Reviewed initial proposals for BP 4166, AR 4166, BP 5273 and AR 5273, Employee Use of Technology.

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Remember John Hume on Sunday

DOWNEY—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation invites you to join them in remembering and celebrating the life of John Hume, who passed away one year ago. An informal gathering will be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Moravian Church's Hove Hall, 10337 Old River School Road (at Irvinggrove) in Downey.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP Pauline Hume at (562) 869-0422.

History

John Hume began the Downey Children's Theater in 1955. For the next 25 years it proved an overwhelming force for good in the City of Downey and its surrounding communities, and grew to include the Downey Civic Light Opera, Teen Theater, Adult Theater, Reader's Theater Experimental Theater, Proscenium Club, and Marionette Theater, offering performing and technical theater opportunities for the entire community. The Children's Theater also presented in-school drama workshops. In 1970, after a nine-year planning process, the Downey Theater was dedicated. The 748-seat state-of-the-art theater was spearheaded, researched and built by John Hume, using no taxpayer monies. In addition to exciting performances by the Children's Theater and Civic Light Opera, and important city and park and recreation events, the theater became home to the Downey Symphony, and offered a first class venue for Warren and Downey concerts, dance school recitals, independent productions,

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SERTOMA CLUB ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER – The Sertoma Club of Downey (SERvice to MANKind) is sponsoring one performance of the Will Rogers Follies at the Downey Theatre Oct. 17. Pictured is Sertoma Vice President Pat McCool (left) with producer Marsha Moode. For tickets, priced at \$32 each, call 862-0922



KIDS AT HEART –Dr. Mary Stauffer looks on as Mayor Kirk Cartozian teaches her the art of "Dance Revolution" during the official unveiling of Downey YMCA's Teen Zone earlier this week.

Darrell J. George bound for Duarte

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Darrell J. George, Community Development Director for the City of Downey, says he has a few projects to mop up before he reports to his new post as the new City Manager of Duarte Oct. 18. George will be replacing the incumbent Duarte City Manager who is retiring after 17 years on the job.

The city projects George mentioned are mostly on the Firestone Blvd. corridor, such as the 9066 Firestone Blvd. property, the Citi Bank corner property, and the corner property on Brookshire and Firestone. At the same time he says he is helping lay out the foundation for an improved Permit Process for the city. But he says most everything he has been involved in here are either "pretty much done deals" or already "on stream."

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School Board lauds fine youth programs

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Comments by members of the Board of the Downey Unified School District ranged Tuesday from appreciation of the beautiful new Teen Zone which was unveiled by the Downey YMCA Monday, to congratulations to Darrell Jackson whose 10-20 Club which works to combat gangs and drug inroads recently won a federal grant for \$98,000 in funding.

The Board also expressed thanks for the continued support from Mel and Rita Berdelis for Red Ribbon Week which works to suppress gangs and drugs.

Linda Kennedy

The Board also noted the recent retirement of school administrator Linda Kennedy and wished local sports teams well in their new seasons. Tod Corrin noted the opening of the Teen Zone at the YMCA, which he said was a beautiful new facility with equipment much like that at West Middle School. Cheryl Andresen agreed.

Barbara Samperi said she enjoyed the retirement party of the City Councilman Meredith Perkins last Saturday, and congratulated Darrell Jackson on the recent funding grant for his 10-20 Club efforts.

Mission Statement

The Board's William Gutierrez complimented Superintendent Wendy Doty for including the District's recently composed Mission Statement on the back of the agenda. And Gutierrez also wished the sports teams well in their new season.

Donald La Plante and Corrin both expressed displeasure with federal and state mandates which leave school district's little leeway in determining what is good for them, as in Food Services.

Spiraling construction costs

Doty said she will report in October on the effect of spiraling building costs on the modernization work currently underway at the schools. Board President Mark Morris thanked the many District personnel who turned out at a recent blood drive.

And a speaker from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office urged local students to enter the National Arts Contest sponsored by her office.

Another speaker from the audience, Juan Carlos Avillos, invited all to a program Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower, a workshop offering information on how to qualify for a free college education at the U.S. Service Academies, with the commitment to serve five years as a commissioned officer. Boardmember Betty Ferraro was absent Tuesday.

YMCA unveils Teen Zone with interactive games

'Dance Revolution,' boxing

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — As Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian slipped on the boxing gloves and proceeded to pound on his menacing on-screen opponent with the furor only a man in the midst of a campaign election could deliver, onlookers glanced curiously at each other.

"Remind me never to meet you in a dark alley!" somebody joked at the mayor. Cartozian probably didn't even hear it, he was too busy scoring a TKO.

Interactive boxing, where players slug weighted gloves at a video arcade, is just one of the machines housed inside the Downey YMCA Teen Zone, unveiled this week in an official grand opening ceremony. The room's purpose is to encourage exercise among children and teenagers, albeit deceptively.

"The secret is that they don't know that they are working out," said George Saikali, executive director of the Y. "The kids are playing their games, pedaling on the bicycles and dancing, and when they're done they're covered in sweat. It's a great workout."

Teen Zone, reminiscent of an arcade with its neon lights and boisterous atmosphere, also features "Dance Revolution" units, a game where players move their feet to synchronized dance steps.

See **TEEN ZONE**, page 3

Diana Ono DUSD Teacher of the Year

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District Board of Education recognized and honored Diana Ono, English Language Development and School Improvement (SI) Resource Teacher at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, as the Downey Unified School District Teacher of the year, at the Sept. 22 meeting.

As the District's selected "Teacher of the Year," Ms. Ono is representing Downey Unified as the nominee in the highly competitive Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year 2004-05 program. The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) recently selected her as one of the semifinalists. As a semifinalist, she has completed the additional application response and the panel interview; the finalists will be announced at the end of the week. The winners (finalists) of the LACOE Teachers of the Year 2004-05 will represent Los Angeles County in the California Teachers of the Year competition. Downey Unified is hopeful and optimistic that Ono will emerge as a LACOE finalist.

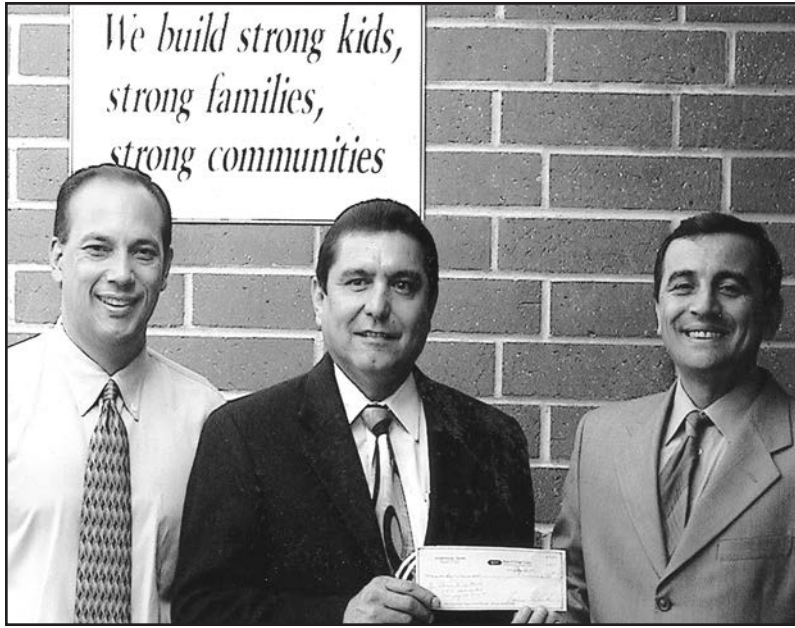
DUSD teacher since 1976

Ono has been a teacher in Downey Unified since 1976. Prior to her assignments at Rio San Gabriel in 1998, she served as the SI Resource Teacher at both Lewis Elementary and Carpenter Elementary Schools. During her teaching career, she has also taught grades 1-5, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students, at-risk students, Computer Lab, and Library. Downey's remarkable teacher has been previously recognized through numerous service awards (4 PTA Honorary or Continuing Service

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR—Diana Ono (second from left) is honored at Tuesday's School Board meeting as the District Teacher of the Year. From left, Superintendent Wendy Doty, Ono, Denise Takano, Director of Elementary Education, and Board President Mark Morris.



FULL SUPPORT – Local businessman Ernie Garcia recently contributed \$1,000 to the Downey Family YMCA for its efforts to fight the obesity epidemic among youth. Pictured from left are Willie Gutierrez, Ernie Garcia and George Saikali.

Harvest Festival at Methodist

DOWNEY—Downey United Methodist Church will host its annual Harvest Festival Oct. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church located at 10801 Downey Ave.

Admission is free to the big rummage sale, white elephant, baked goods and wide variety of foods that are all offered. The Downey Police will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with free fingerprinting for children.

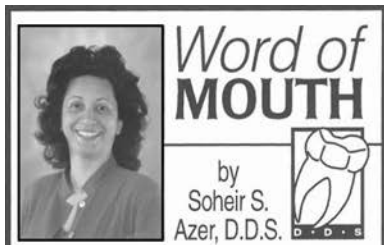
For information, call the church at (562) 861-9777.

Rotary and YMCA pancake breakfast

DOWNEY – Tickets are now on sale for the 56th annual Rotary Club of Downey sponsored YMCA pancake breakfast, Saturday, Oct. 16 at Downey High School.

Tickets to the breakfast are \$4 and all proceeds benefit the Downey Family YMCA Scholarship Fund.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call George Saikali, Executive Director of the YMCA, at 862-4201 or Orlandus Waters, Rotary Club of Downey, 904-4287.



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

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Vector control specialist speaks on West Nile

DOWNEY – Looking to deepen the community's knowledge of West Nile Virus, Downey Regional Medical Center hosted a Los Angeles County Vector Control speaker on Sept. 17, who spoke on the origins of the virus and ways to quell possible breeding grounds.

Medical entomologist Minoo Maden explained the West Nile Virus was first isolated in the West Nile region of Uganda in 1937. It came to the U.S. about five years ago, spreading quickly from the East to West Coast. There is presently no cure or vaccine for the virus.

Mosquitoes, primary carriers of West Nile Virus, also transport St. Louis encephalitis, Western equine encephalitis (affecting horses), malaria and heartworm (affecting dogs and cats). Daytime biting mosquitoes are less dangerous than mosquitoes that bite at dawn and dusk, Maden said. Birds do not transmit West Nile Virus to people.

Symptoms from West Nile Virus, which include flu-like characteristics and last from three weeks to a month, usually appear 5-15 days after being bitten, though 80 percent of people infected show no symptoms. A person is immune for life after successfully warding off the virus, Maden said.

Vector Control continuously covers the Los Angeles Basin, but Maden says their biggest concern is the breeding potential in people's back yards. Just one cup of standing water can produce up to 500 mosquitoes.

Ride on Downey float up for auction

DOWNEY – Downey Rose Float Association is again offering somebody a chance to ride their float as it travels down Colorado Boulevard in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade.

The group is holding a silent auction that runs through the next two months. The winner wins a prime seat on their float, "Together With Nature," designed by Jared Sweeney.

Opening bid starts at \$1,000. To participate in the auction, mail all sealed bids to: DRFA, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241, Attn: Float Seat. The bids will be opened on December 1 and Downey Rose Float President, Gary DeRemer, will notify the winner on that day.

For more information, contact DeRemer at (562) 260-8503.

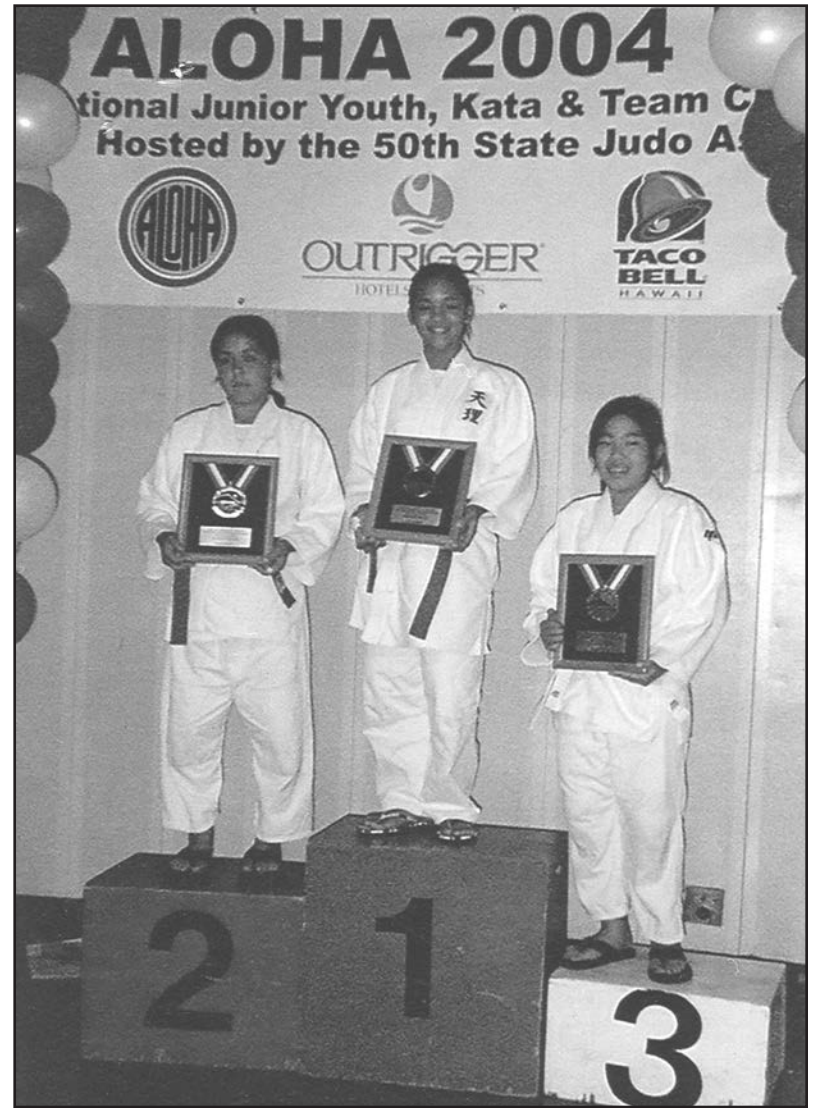
Churchill graduates from ROTC course

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Daniel P. Churchill, son of Brett L. and Kathy M. Churchill of Downey and a Downey High alumnus, has graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington.

Grief support group at First Baptist

DOWNEY—New Hope Grief Support Community, which provides grief support programs for those who have suffered loss through the death of a loved one, is currently conducting an Adult Grief Support Group program at the First Baptist Church of Downey. The program began yesterday and is led by Nancy Fitts. It is held at 7 p.m. in Room 119.

For information/registration, call (562) 429-0075.



JUDO TALENT—Keiko Estrada, a 7th grader at West Middle School, takes 1st place in the recent Junior National Judo Tournament held in Hawaii.

West Middle student 1st in judo tourney

DOWNEY—Twelve-year old Keiko Laurna Welsh Estrada of Downey, a 7th grader at West Middle School, recently took first place in her age and weight category in the Junior National Judo Tournament held in Hawaii.

Keiko is the 4th generation, and the only girl in the Taketani family (whose members include her grandfather Kenji Taketani, a 6th degree judo black belt, and a cousin, Nathan Taketani, a 1st degree black belt) to take up the sport.

Since starting in the sport at the Tenri Dojo in February, 2003, she has entered 14 tournaments, losing only once, and has accumulated 11 first-place medals/trophies, including a first place in the CJI State Tournament held in Fresno this year, and the first place in the USJF Junior National held in Hawaii.

Deadline looms for Mr. Downey sign-ups

DOWNEY – Applications will be accepted until Oct. 4 for the 2005 Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey competition.

Contestants should be between the ages of 16-23 for Mr. Downey and 5-8 for Little Mr. Downey. They may have never been married or fathered a child, never been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony and must either live, work or attend school in Downey.

Applications may be obtained at locations throughout the city, including Johnny & Co, Downey City Library, Gold N' Baked Hams, Downey Rent-A-Tux, Downey Chamber of Commerce and local high schools. The form is also available online at www.downeyrose.org.

Mail completed applications, along with a \$15 application fee, to: DRFA, Mr. Downey & Little Mr. Downey Competition, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241.

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First Presbyterian has special series

DOWNEY – When First Presbyterian Church of Downey launches its “40 Days of Purpose Program” Sept. 25, it will join a worldwide network of over 10,000 churches simultaneously offering this important series which focuses on the question, “What on earth am I here for?”

Centered on the nationally renowned and best-selling book, “The Purpose Driven Life,” by Rick Warren, participants will enjoy six weekly video lessons in home setting throughout the community. Knowing God’s purpose for creating you will, according to the author, “reduce your stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions, and give new meaning to your life.”

“We are expecting 400 people to join us in experiencing this ‘life changing program’ which has been adopted by churches in all 50 states and 62 countries representing 66 different denominations,” Pastor Candie Blankman of First Presbyterian said. “It’s not too late to sign up.”

The hardcover book and personal study guide will be sold to attendees for \$12. There is no obligation beyond this purchase. The program is non-denominational and also offered in Spanish. For more information contact the local church at 861-6752.

TEEN ZONE

Another game requires a player to navigate a river by physically “rowing” their canoe. For the more extreme variety, kids can hop on a stationary “dirt bike” and pump their feet as they field up-hill obstacles.

Use of the facility is reserved for younger crowds, though Saikali said portions of the room may be opened up during daytime hours for adults. Older members would probably appreciate riding one of the 20 or so stationary bicycles as they travel through a simulated city on a huge projection screen.

Coloring the walls of Teen Zone are murals of astronauts and space life, a throwback to Downey’s rich astronomical history. A pool table with neon balls rests in the middle of the room and a soft-tipped dartboard hangs in a corner.

The Downey YMCA is the only location in Southern California to feature a Teen Zone.

Sertoma sponsoring theater performance

DOWNEY – The Sertoma Club of Downey, a non-profit organization supporting hearing/speech impaired children and adults, will sponsor a performance of the Will Rogers Follies, to be played Oct. 17 at the Downey Theater.

The fundraising performance will begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$32 and the public is invited to attend.

For tickets, call Sertoma Vice President Pat McCool at 862-0922.

Library activates automated renewal line

DOWNEY – Now available at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., is its automated Customer Service line, to assist patrons with a touch-tone phone. Library cardholders may call 869-5723.



THUMBS UP! – The membership events committee for the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s upcoming “Wonder of Elvis” benefit concert get together with the star of the show, Mark W. Curran (center), to discuss the event which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Tickets are \$30 and available by calling 923-2191. Pictured are (from left) Steve Roberson, Century 21 Real Estate; Joan Warner – Plettinck, executive director of the Chamber; Curran; Jerry Brady, president of the Chamber and advertising director of the Downey Patriot; and Matt Knox, Stormforce Marketing.

Square dancing taught here

DOWNEY—The Downey Chapter of the Bachelors ‘n’ Bachelorettes Square Dance Club is starting its annual beginners class of square dancing Monday, Oct. 4, with open enrollment on Oct. 4, 11, and 18 from 7:30-10 p.m. Singles, as well as couples, are welcome. Classes will run approximately 26 weeks. They will be held at the Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave. in Downey. Line dancing will also be taught, from 7-7:30 p.m., for those who wish to learn.

Cost is \$4 per person per session, \$2.50 for children ages 8-16; they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call 943-5735 or (323) 721-1550.

‘Sukkot’ festival celebrated Sept. 29

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will celebrate the Fall Festival of Sukkot Wednesday, Sept. 29. Everyone is invited to bring a *Dairy/Parev* potluck dinner to eat on the Sukkah, which is outdoors in the courtyard, and will be covered with palm fronds and decorated by the Sunday School students. Dinner is at 6 p.m.

There will also be a Sukkot Service Thursday morning, Sept. 31, at 10 a.m. For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Downey parks said safe this fall

DOWNEY—An array of after-school activities for the youth will be offered by the city’s Community Services Department at the local parks this fall, providing “A Safe Place to Play.” The free youth program will be available from 3-6 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks.

Activities offered each day include: Homework Help Monday through Thursday (Thursdays there is a craft activity as well), Lanyards, tennis, baseball and Dodgeball.

The Fall Community Services Guide, available at the Downey City Library, Community Services Department and at the local parks, provides a comprehensive listing of both fun-filled youth and adult activities. For more information, call the Community Services Department, 904-7238.

Adult Education sessions at Temple

DOWNEY—The “interesting and thought-provoking” Adult Education Study sessions conducted by Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., are continuing and they are open to the entire community. They are led by the Temple’s Spiritual Leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe.

The evening class starts Monday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. First topic: “Contemporary Issues & Jewish Responses.”

The afternoon class starts Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m., and will look at the “Psalms.”

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Letters to the Editor:

City Manager speaks out

Dear Editor:

I have been Downey's City Manager for the past 15 years, which represents over 30 percent of the City's history. Many successful accomplishments have occurred during my time with the City including: opening of our Community Pool; construction of the Barbara Riley Community/Senior Center; public improvements to Downtown Downey; construction of the Downey Depot Transportation Center; enclosure and expansion of Stonewood Mall; design and completion of the LACDA Flood Control Project; construction of our Skateboard Park; complete remodel of Rio Hondo Golf Course; construction of Dr. Gary McCaughan Gymnasium; construction of our Senior Citizen Housing Project; opening of the Kirkorian Theatres; construction of the Downtown Parking Structure; construction of our new Golf Clubhouse; start of construction on the \$500 million Kaiser Hospital/Medical Office Complex; start of construction on the 75 acre Downey Studios' Project; and start of construction on the 34 acre Downey Landing Retail Center.

The City has been successful during the past 15 years because of the teamwork between our elected officials, who set policy, and the city's fine staff, who implements policy. Downey's successes have made us the envy of our surrounding cities. The City, however, will only remain successful if this teamwork continues.

I serve at the pleasure of the City Council. I would be honored to continue serving as Downey's City Manager. However, if the Council wants to make a change to a new city Manager, as a professional, I will accept their decision without rancor. I only ask that the City Council honor the severance provisions of my contract that I signed in good faith with them.

—Gerald M. Caton,
Downey City Manager

Let's stop 'ugliness'

Dear Editor:

In response to recent news reports and letters, I have the following reaction.

I DO NOT believe the City Manager manipulated a local Council watcher/gadfly to attack our current Mayor regarding events last summer.

1) Said Council watcher has reported numerous elected officials, community leaders, city employees, etc., to the district attorney's office during the past 20-plus years. This is simply part of his M.O.

I was personally the recipient of such reporting during my 12 1/2 years on the Downey City Council.

2) I do not believe the Mayor did anything illegal when accepting his Council stipend last summer. I'm certain the City Attorney can verify this.

Let's stop this ugliness.

—Diane Boggs,
Past Downey Mayor and Council Member

GEORGE

He says he couldn't believe his luck when the NASA property deal pretty much fell in his lap. But it did, and it represents "a crowning glory" in a career that spans productive stints in Santa Monica ("The Third Street Promenade was my baby") and Pomona, before he was lured to Downey "to rejuvenate the economic development and redevelopment components of the city."

He says it's his feeling that "We've done just that during these last 5 years" and it'll be fun watching how especially the NASA property project progresses.

The Duarte job was not something he actively pursued, he said, but once he realized it would be some sort of "a pinnacle" in a career in city government, he just couldn't turn away from something that was rich in potential and opportunity.

Even Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian said, "It is a big promotion for him, and certainly a big step forward." George says his other colleagues have echoed the same sentiment.

He says he very much enjoys a challenge, and he considers the Duarte job as welcome a challenge as any he has faced, adding: "I will bring the same passion I brought here to developing Duarte's potential."

He has been dealing with economic development and redevelopment issues ever since, and of course he has accumulated a rich fund of expertise in these areas that include planning and housing.

George is married with three children. He has a masters in Urban and Regional Planning from USC. His last day in Downey is Oct. 15.

HUME

travel film series, School District programs, religious services, meetings, conventions and organization fundraisers.

Sunday

At the Sunday gathering honoring the memory of John Hume, information about the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF) will be available. The JHPAF is a newly established non-profit corporation which seeks to renew, promote and continue the vision of John Hume: that the performing arts can be an invaluable tool to teach children values and responsibility, inspire creativity, and promote friendship and fun.

For information about the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, contact P.O. Box 224, Downey, CA 90241, or visit the website at www.johnhume.org.



'No' to Measure A

Dear Editor:

Chief Finch has joined the disingenuous crowd of 'tax-and-spend' elected and appointed officials in Los Angeles County. Last week he attempted to obtain the support of the City Council of Downey to support a tax initiative placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors.

Not long ago, Los Angeles County taxpayers were duped into passing a half-cent tax under Prop. 172. The proposition claimed that the tax would put more cops on the streets. Surprise!—we are saddled with the half-cent sales tax but we never saw an increase of police on our street.

The chief failed to advise Downey residents that this is a sales tax for Los Angeles County, not the County of Orange where the majority of our city management team lives. He also failed to inform us that the Board of Supervisors has already begun to siphon off the tax dollars for other programs not related to police work.

The truth is, we don't need more police officers in Downey, but more police officers doing police work on the street, not in some cushy administrative function that has no relationship to police work.

Chief Finch added the magical numbers of police to public ratio that Sheriff Baca and other police executives are using to convince the public that we need to add the half-cent tax. The chief claims that we have only 1 officer per 1,000 residents and that we ranked 67 out of 73 cities with a population of 75,000 or more. Again, he failed to tell us how we ranked as far as crime. The City of Los Angeles has 2.5 officers per 1,000 population and is crime-invested.

The truth is, there is no correlation between the number of officers and the crime rate of a community. There is a correlation between Measure A and taxes, and that is that each of us will be paying more taxes to live in Los Angeles County.

Downey remains a safe community because of the honest hard-working citizens who reside in our city. Neighbors looking out for neighbors are truly our salvation.

I strongly suggest that the residents of Downey cry out loud and clear to our City elected and appointed officials—We are tired of paying taxes, and tired of waste in government.

I for one will be voting against the tax, and I hope that each of you consider doing the same.

—Bob Feliciano,
Downey

Setting the record straight

Dear Editor:

I would like to set the record straight.

I see quotes such as "President Roosevelt and Congress created Social Security in 1935 to protect retired Americans from a poverty-ridden old age." This was only a fringe benefit. Social Security was established for the multitude of young unemployed to get the retirees' jobs. There simply were no job openings for the young people entering the work force.

I can clearly remember the stock market crash of 1929. All banks closed that day. The whole economy crashed. I can remember bread lines, yes, people standing in long lines just for bread for their families. Just a loaf of bread away from starvation. Very lean times for all. One of the major employers in Toledo, the Willis Overland Co., folded, and many others as well. There was massive unemployment. The government solution was to retire all [who were] over 65 and give the jobs to the younger people who were trying to feed their children save their homes and just maintain existence. Those over 65 usually had their children raised, their house paid for and rarely outgrew their clothes. Those over 65 were retired and given a survival pension.

This was so sudden they had not had a chance to save for an early and unexpected mandatory retirement.

—Mary Stauffer, MD,
Downey

Colorado calling!

Dear Editor:

As a former councilmember who retired four years ago to the western slope of Colorado, my husband Roger and I have continued to follow news of Downey through metro newspapers online and Patriot articles sent by friends. It was with pride that we read of the various new improvements within the City of Downey and the well-deserved respect Downey received from other cities surrounding it. With California's recent economy, it has not been easy to continue basic services and then add some pretty stupendous improvements—but Downey has done it.

What's not to like about multi-million dollar additions such as a new Kaiser Hospital; a million square foot TV and movie studio already adding to city coffers and esteem; a Space Learning Center and park on the drawing board; up-to-date retail and dining enhancements coming to Downey Landing; and a wonderful new country club renovation that will serve and beautify Downey for years to come. (Which, by the way, was strongly requested during my terms, but was not affordable at that time.) I am sure there is also a longer list of new retail, service and dining establishments that we have NOT heard about out here.

That's why I do not understand the current strife between councilmembers themselves, as well as the city management. Downey has it so GOOD! There will always be members of the community who do not like city policies or requirements. I have had a hard time believing that more citizen-friendly actions "our" previous council pushed for have deteriorated to the extreme the current mayor portrays. What I DO think is that Downey has a couple of rather green councilmembers who are being buffeted by political winds they have not learned to withstand, do not respect each other, and/or who would rather be in city management themselves.

Please don't throw away Downey's good name and standing by petty squabbles. Election time nears and, yes, a lot of garbage is flung around during these periods. That is unfortunate and hurtful, but a part of the public service gauntlet council hopefuls have to run. How about getting back to work and continuing the good record you have started. Thank you.

—Joyce Lawrence,
Former Downey councilmember
Dolores, CO.

Campaign sign flap

Dear Editor:

On a hot Tuesday afternoon last week, Mayor Kirk Cartozian and his parents walked Rives Avenue from Florence to Firestone, planting campaign signs on front lawns. Twenty-three in all, urging a vote to re-elect Cartozian in Downey's 5th District. They got permission from every household. Mine was one of them.

By next morning all the signs had been stolen, and of course my condolences went out immediately to his opponents.

Because no matter who swiped the signs, no matter who hatched such a pinhead idea, you wonder right away about the opponents and what they could be capable of. Or don't have control over. No matter who did it on whose behalf, you wonder. No matter who authorized it or condoned it or just winked at it, or didn't even know about it, you wonder about the opponents. They're in the old spotlight now and guilty or innocent, it must be uncomfortable.

Certainly no one worth a post on the City Council would allow a no-brainer raid like this one. But you wonder.

So anyhow, Mr. and Mrs. Cartozian, my thanks to you for bringing up a very good guy. I'm sorry about your sore feet, but if you don't mind, would you stop by once again and leave me four signs this time? Two for the front lawn, and two for display inside my windows, just in case. Kirk will have my vote in November because he works diligently for Downey, and because I trust his honesty and decency.

—Joyce Sherwin,
Downey

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RED RIBBON

*Adopted Resolution No. 200405-02, District Appropriations Subject to Limitations for 2004-05.
 *Heard a presentation from Denise Takano, Director of Elementary Education, to Diana Oono, Teacher of the Year of the LACOE Program.
 *Approved payment of expenses and registration fees for convention and conference attendance.
 *Ratified a general agreement with New Haven Youth and Family Services for the 2004-05 fiscal year.
 *Ratified a general agreement with Rossier Park Elementary School for the 2004-05 fiscal year.
 *Ratified payments for several special educational placements.
 *Approved revisions to AR 2460, Expulsions.
 *Approved revisions to AR 2541, Food Sales regulations.
 *Approved deletion of AR 5219, Separation from Service.
 *Ratified and approved specified Purchase Orders.
 *Awarded a bid for the purchase of Pre-Made Pizzas for the Food Services to Goody Pizza of Lakewood in the estimated annual amount of \$200,000, with the option to renew for up to three years, to be charged to Food Services.

*Awarded a bid for the purchase of Food Services Paper Products to ASR Food Distributors of Commerce in the amount of \$22,555 (bid items 17 and 18); P&R Paper Supply of Redlands in the sum of \$25,059 (bid items 2,4,5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 28, 39 and 40); Multi Pak Packaging of Anaheim in the sum of \$6,202 (bid items 3 and 7); and Team Distributions of Laguna Niguel in the sum of \$62,315 (bid items 1, 13, 20, 22, 24, 31, 33, 36 and 37), to be charged to Food Services.

*Awarded a bid for the purchase of Dry Refrigerated Food to be shared as specified by Art Candy & Beverage of Pico Rivera in the sum of \$7,241; Goldstar Foods of L.A. \$2,957; Newport Farms of Corona \$10,070; Campos Foods of City of Industry \$3,090; A&R Wholesale Distributors of Anaheim \$51,366; and Joseph Webb Foods of Fullerton \$35,459, to be charged to Food Services.

*Accepted as complete Roof Repair and Asbestos Abatement work by FC & Sons Roofing of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$2,300 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Whittier in the sum of \$67,439 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete fencing by McCullah Fence Co. of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$8,916 to be charged to the Bond and/or General Funds.

*Accepted as complete backhoe services work by Terra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$14,040 to be charged to the Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete concrete improvement and repair work by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$10,360 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete work on a number of bid packages including Jones & Wert Construction Specialties of Santa Fe Springs in the sum of \$90,633; Hana Construction of Paramount \$500,755; Crown sheet Metal of Baldwin Park \$102,000; Borbon Inc., of Buena Park \$55,903; Angeles Contractor of Garden Grove \$47,900; ISEC of Los Alamitos \$91,609; All Area Plumbing of Los Angeles \$172,565; Mek Air Tech Los Angeles \$139,420; Master K Electric of Northridge \$321,258; Nature Tech Landscaping of Riverside \$152,205, all to be charged to the Bond Funds.
 *Approved change order 3 for the Warren High Administration Building, Specialties Package 12 with ISEC of Los Alamitos in the sum of \$1,808 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 3 for Downey and Warren High School Stadiums, Structural Package with R & G Builders of Irvine in the deductive amount of \$4,164 to be credited to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 1 for Fire Protection work on Downey and Warren High School Stadiums, by Daart Engineering of San Bernardino in the sum of \$1,560 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 1 for Downey and Warren High Schools' New Stadiums interior and exterior finishes, asphalt paving in package 1 by Terra Pave of Whittier in the deductive sum of \$1,225 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 1 for Downey and Warren High School Stadiums interior-exterior finish and site work Lath, Plaster Drywall Work by Church and Larsen of Irwindale in the sum of \$101,566 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved change order 1 for the two stadiums painting bid package 11 with Robert J. Patterson Paint of San Juan Capistrano in the deductive amount of \$2,756 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved the adjustment of the Adult Education Budget to reflect decrease in income for specified programs.

*Approved the adjustment of the 2004-05 General Fund to reflect the increase in income from specified programs.

*Approved purchase of equipment as listed, in accordance with established policies.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey.



LOCAL DONATION – Massey Cadillac-Chevrolet's general manager Larry Py (right) recently donated \$1,500 to the San Antonio Guild women's group and their president, Sandy Burns. Also pictured is Chris Paz, general sales manager of the local auto dealerships.

Fail-Safe 4 Felines 'casino night' Oct. 1

DOWNEY—Fail-Safe 4 Felines hosts a Casino Night from 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at the Downey Woman's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

For tickets, call Sherry Jaeger at 928-5731.

TEACHER

Awards), the Masonic Lodge Number 220 "Teacher of the Year Award," and identification as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America." A good example of her many contributions to Downey included the before-school, parent-assisted tutoring program for students that she helped to develop 4 years ago. She continues to volunteer her time and expert services every morning teaching students that need support in reading.

Many exemplary traits

Denise Takano, Director of Elementary Education and one of her former principals, told the Board of Education that, in addition to being an excellent teacher for all types of students, Ono also serves as an exemplary teacher for teachers. Her highly-regarded teaching skills, combined with her positive attitude, supportive nature, passion for teaching and learning, vision, strong communication skills, and collaborative style have facilitated the many effective programs that are in existence for the students, staff, and parents at Rio San Gabriel School. Takano emphasized that Ono is loved by all segments of a school's population. It is obvious that thousands of children, hundreds of educators, and several schools have been positively influenced by this outstanding teacher.

Superintendent Wendy Doty commented that Downey Unified has many excellent teachers and that Diana Ono is an illustrious representative of the group. Dr. Doty proudly stated, "Our students and schools succeed because of inspirational teachers like her. She is a tireless individual that truly makes a significant difference. We're very proud of her."

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 When not too much was going on,
 And getting 'round was easier,
 Though the cool air was breezier.

I went from place to place with ease
 Among the tall and verdant trees,
 Or on the city's crowded streets,
 Or lounging in some empty seats.

Oh yes, I went from place to place
 With perfect ease in every case,
 Although no one to me then spoke,
 Somehow I then simply AWOKE.

—E.R. "Tony" Anthony,
Lakewood

Author to speak at library Oct. 11

DOWNEY—California historian and author Ronald Woolsey will speak and sign books at the Downey City Library Monday, Oct. 11 from 7-8 p.m. in the Cormack Room. Woolsey, a teacher and author of the critically acclaimed "Migrants West: Towards the Southern California Frontier," will discuss his latest biography, "Will Thrall and the San Gabriels: a Man to Match the Mountains."

The book documents the life of Will Thrall, who explored the San Gabriel Mountains from the 1880's until the 1960's. Thrall promoted conservation of mountain resources, worked on the Mount Lowe railroad and edited Trails Magazine. A weekly columnist for the Los Angeles Times, Thrall documented tent camps and historic cabins, identified geologic formations and discovered lost pioneer routes and Indian trails. Author Woolsey says, "To accomplish things that endure beyond a lifetime is what Will Thrall intended in his pursuit of the San Gabriels. I hope that my 8 years of study do justice to Thrall's 7 decades of mountain contributions." Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

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

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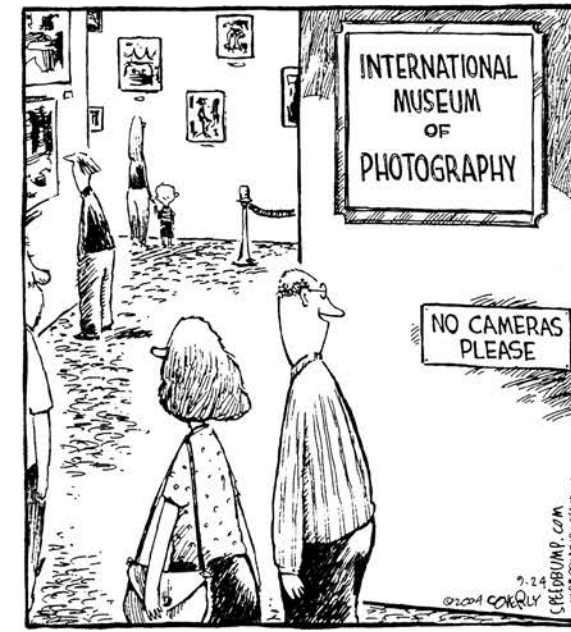
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Sat. Sept. 25, 10:00 a.m.: "Transformation Values" Walk at Downey Civic Center flag pole followed by picnic at Cornerstone Christian Center, 9001 Paramount Blvd. For information call 928-8651.
 Sun. Sept. 26, 6:00 p.m.: **Rob Syphax** entertains with acoustic guitar hits of the '60's and '70's at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, Barbara Riley Senior Center.
 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6 p.m.: **Downey Elk's bingo games**, at the Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Ave., for information call 803-3636.
 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 1st and 3rd Mons., 7 p.m.: **Downey Post 270**, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.
 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.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Exchange Club**, for information call Don at 927-5871.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Embassy Suites, for information call Dan Fox at 862-0744.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
 2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's Agape**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (562) 622-3785.
 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 the Nordic Fox, for information call (562) 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
 3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
 Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

12:10 p.m.: **Downey Lions Club**, at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Cafe, for information call 861-2899.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
 6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
 2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce**, for information call 867-1087.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 869-5444.
 2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
 3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
 9 a.m.: **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call Norm Sipple at 927-1431.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.
 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.

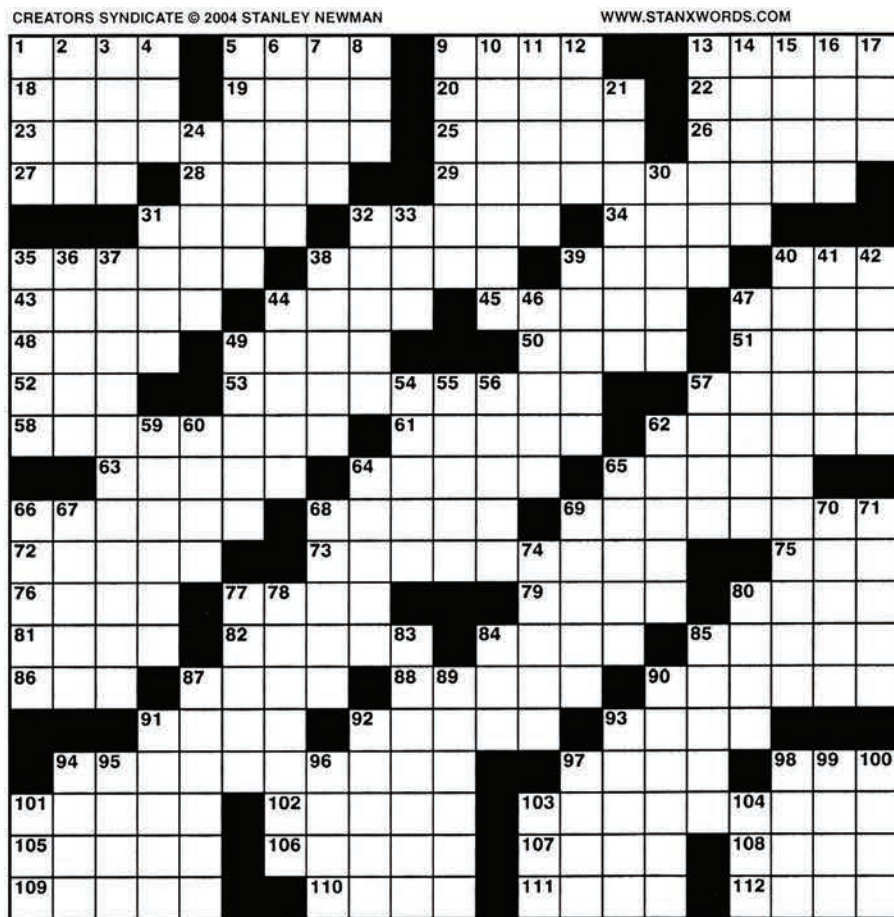
Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
 10 a.m.: **Compulsive Eaters Anonymous H.O.W.**, at 1st Christian Church. Call 884-5799.

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Elvis will be in the building Oct. 30

DOWNEY—Elvis Presley will come to Downey on Saturday, Oct. 30 when Cruisin' Oldies Concerts and the Downey Chamber of Commerce present "A Tribute to Oldies Rock and Roll" at the Downey Theater, with showtime starting at 7:30 p.m.

"We are excited to bring this event to Downey as our First Annual Concert Fundraiser," said Joanne Warner, executive director of the Chamber. "And we want the whole community to get involved as this is one of the best oldies shows we've seen that appeals to people of all ages." The concert will feature two acts, opening with "A Tribute to the Everly Brothers," starring Tome Haney and Goldrush, a popular local act that recreates an actual Everly Brothers concert. Some of the selections planned to be performed as of press time are "Wake Up Little Susie," "Cathy's Clown," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Bye Bye Love."

The headlining act is "The Wonder of Elvis," featuring Elvis Tribute Artist Mark W. Curran backed by his 7-piece band, which includes backup singers "The Memphis Soul Singers." Curran, a resident of Lakewood, has been performing area concerts for four years, and is considered one of the top West Coast Elvis impersonators.

He has appeared in Las Vegas, Hawaii, Japan and has been seen in numerous TV shows and commercials. His presentation will cover Elvis's career from 1955-1977.

"I really love bringing the music and character of Elvis to audiences of all ages," Curran said in a recent interview. "People from 8 to 80 love Elvis, and I do it in a way that involves the audience, because the emphasis is on fun."

The group will play many of Elvis's greatest hits, including "Hound Dog," "All Shook Up," "Love Me Tender," and "Heartbreak Hotel."

Curran has done many events for the Chamber and its members, including Century 21 My Real Estate, which will co-sponsor the show. Steve Roberson, president of My Real Estate, said "Mark's shows are always top-notch and of the highest musical caliber, and his voice and moves will make you think Elvis never left us. We strongly encourage people to attend this show and help us for a good cause."

Tickets for the event are \$30 and available by calling the Downey Chamber at 923-2191.

'Spotlight Awards' applications accepted

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HEADLINING—At this year's DRMC Charter Ball Oct. 30 will be Creedence Clearwater Revisited, the rock and roll group who will entertain with selections from the best-selling albums of the rock era.

'Music, food, and fun' at OASIS

DOWNEY—Bea Romano headlines "Willow Bend – Music of the Shaker Community," the Downey Adult School's OASIS program Monday Sept. 27 which offers the usual blend of musical performances, good food, and fun.

Romano, along with other talented musicians, will be playing the hammered dulcimer, fretted dulcimer, guitar, cello, mandolin, recorder and the wash tub bass. They will entertain with a variety of welcoming songs, dance tunes, worship melodies, as well as work and play music, with illuminating stories behind the tunes.

As usual, the class will open with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment at 3 p.m., with the Romano program at 4 p.m., followed by a healthful full-course diner at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets are only \$3.50.

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The 29th annual black-tie gala will feature the energetic, classic rock played by Creedence Clearwater Revisited, which has just released a double live album, "Recollection." The 22-track double CD was the result of public demand and features passionate, authoritative versions of classic Creedence Clearwater Revival hits such as "Susie Q," "Born on the Bayou," "Run through the Jungle," "Bad Moon Rising," "Fortunate son," and "Who'll Stop the Rain."

Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford's band features music from among the best-selling albums of the rock era. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame rhythm section from the legendary Creedence Clearwater Revival launched the Revisited project in 1995 to play live Creedence Clearwater revival hits. Revisited is now performing up to 100 shows a year at venues such as the Greek Theater in Los Angeles and has performed all over North America, Europe and Asia.

Another major highlight at the Ball will be to honor Ron and Kathy Kolar, major supporters of DRMC and Downey for many years. For tickets, call the Memorial Trust Foundation during regular business hours at 904-5055.

New theatre season at Long Beach

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage kicks off its 76th season with "The Solid Gold Cadillac," a comedy by Howard Teichmann and George S. Kaufman that runs from Sept. 24 thru Nov. 6. e staff. Tickets are available for \$12 each or two for \$20.

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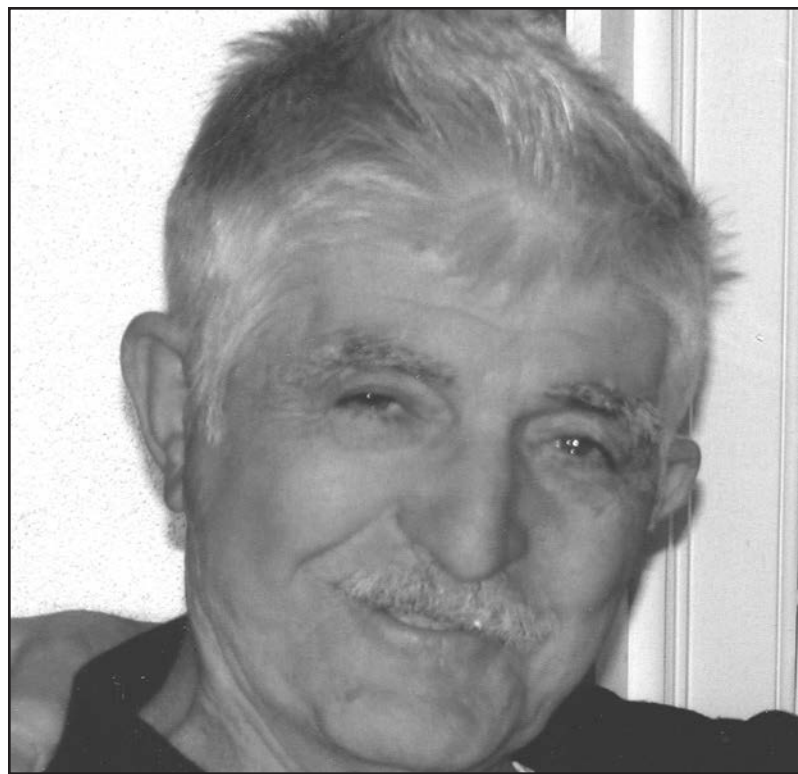
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31-YEAR RESIDENT - Had services Sept. 10

Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Ioffrida

DOWNEY—A Funeral Mass was held Sept. 10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Giuseppe Ioffrida, a 31-year resident of Downey who died of natural causes at Downey Regional Medical Center Sept. 6.

He was born Jan. 11, 1925 to parents Domenico and Filomena Ioffrida in Roggiano Gravina, Cosenza, Italy and was employed as a Handyman. He is survived by his wife Maria and daughters Antonietta and Emilia.

Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles. Arrangements were by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Zora R. Schaerrer services Sept. 2

DOWNEY—Services were held Sept. 2 at the Downey 4th Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she was a member, for longtime Downey resident Zora R. Schaerrer, who was born Dec. 7, 1911 in Knightville, Utah and died Aug. 27 in Downey. She was 92.

She and her husband Don Irving Schaerrer, who preceded her in death in 1996, were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Dec. 22, 1930.

She is survived by her sons D. Emron Schaerrer of North Carolina and Merrill L. Schaerrer of Downey; sister Erna Mayer of Utah, brother Lester O. Robbins, also of Utah; 8 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, with Allen-English Estrada Funeral Service/Bell Gardens assisting the family with arrangements.

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Memorial Services for Joseph Wilson Aysse

DOWNEY—Memorial Services were held Sept. 18 at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary for Joseph Wilson Aysse, who was born March 29, 1938 to parents Joseph and Freda Martha Chrislite Aysse and died Sept. 13 in Downey at the age of 66. Pastor Jeff Cox officiated.

He grew up in the New Caste, Pennsylvania area and moved to California in 1962, taking up residence in Bell. He moved to Downey in 1996.

He was president and co-owner of DAE Instruments and Service Inc, an electrical instrument company. He was in this field 37 years. He was also co-owner of Bonnie Brighten, a thoroughbred horse he raced at Santa Anita and Hollywood Race Tracks.

In his younger years, his enjoyment of the outdoors embraced fishing, hunting, and playing basketball, baseball and football. This love of sports led later into his being volunteer coach to many kids, mentoring and helping them achieve success in their sports and helping many of them go to college. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Rio Hondo Country Club.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sue Aysse of Downey; sons Mark Andrew (Belinda) Aysse of La Quinta and Matthew Allan Aysse of Downey; brother Lee Roy (Lucy) of New Castle, PA; and grandson Justin Andrew Aysse of Downey.

The family requested donations be made to the Warren High School Football Boosters Club, 8141 De Palma St., Downey, CA 90241 or to Youth Programs at Southland Christian Church, 6200 King Ave., Bell, CA 90201.

Funeral arrangements were by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Frances Cline Garcia-Gonzales was 79

DOWNEY—Frances Cline Garcia-Gonzales, 79, for 54 years a resident of Downey, was given a private burial Sept. 16 after she passed away at Garden Grove Medical Center Sept. 12.

She was a homemaker, born in Los Angeles July 23, 1925, and was a member of St. Raymond Catholic Church.

She is survived by daughters Lydia (Robert) Medel of Golden Shores, Arizona and Barbara (Larry) Tafoya of Garden Grove; son Marcus (Suzy) Garcia of Henderson, Nevada; 6 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; her sisters Lorraine Cabral of Nuevo, CA, Barbara Valera of Porterville and Christine Gonzales of Porterville; and brothers Frank Cline of Nuevo and Jess Gonzales of Porterville.

Arrangements were by Miller -Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Glen Reed Schaerrer was 53-year resident

DOWNEY—Graveside services were held Sept. 16 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier for Glen Reed Schaerrer, who was born Feb. 9, 1938 in Payson, Utah to Don Irving and Zora Schaerrer and died Sept. 11 in Downey at age 66.

He was a resident of Downey for 53 years and a member of the Downey 4th Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had served in the US Army.

He is survived by his brothers D. Emron of North Carolina and Merrill L. Schaerrer of Downey. Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife Patricia who died in 1992.

Assisting with funeral arrangements was Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Service/Bell Gardens.



MARIA ALVARADO SEPULVEDA—A resident of Downey for 40 years, died Sept. 11 at age 87. Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Havasu City, AZ, with burial at 1 p.m. Sat., Oct. 23 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

Services today for Maria A. Sepulveda

DOWNEY—Services will be held today, Sept. 24 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Havasu City, Arizona for Maria Alvarado Sepulveda, a 40-year resident of Downey who died Sept. 11.

A homemaker who had moved to Las Vegas, she was born Feb. 2, 1917 in El Paso, Texas.

Burial will be held Saturday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

She is survived by her brother Sam Alvarado of Tucson, AZ; sister Michaela Reza of Los Angeles; daughters Maria (Jim) Smith of Harbor City and Martha (Tom) Anderson of Las Vegas; 5 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 4 great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Felix and daughter Michele.

Rose Hills funeral for Elizabeth Rinne Frinier

DOWNEY—Funeral services and a reception were held Sept. 21 at Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary in Whittier for Elizabeth Lenora Rinne Frinier, who was born in Chicago to parents Frederick 'William' and Gertrude Bertha Ann Rinne, and died in Palos Verdes Sept. 17. She was 90.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Annette Monahan; sons Robert (Judy) Frinier and Richard (Catherine) Frinier; 3 grandchildren Darlene (Brian) Parizot, Denise (Johnny) Serene, and James (Amelia) Frinier; and 5 great grandchildren, Elaine and Alex Parizot, Ariel and Cassidy Serene and Nathan Frinier. She was predeceased by husband Bud, who passed away in 1987, after 49 years of marriage.

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MARITZA HURTADO—Has joined the real estate team at Century 21 My Real Estate in Downey after working for the state Child Support Service Department. She holds an AA degree in paralegal studies, also working as a paralegal intern. "Maritza has many strengths and enjoys working with people, so she will really be an asset," state Laurie MacIsaac, vice-president of relocation at the local firm. To reach her, call 927-2626.

Fire destroys building on Fontana

DOWNEY—A fire which firefighters believe may have been started by vagrants for warmth destroyed a small home which was the second structure on a lot in the 5300 block of Fontana Street.

The blaze was reported at 6:09 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20. Firefighters said the supposedly vacant structure was fully in flames when they arrived.

They managed to keep damage to an adjacent building to a minimum, but the 700-square foot building where the fire was apparently started was a complete loss, they said.

Cerritos College hosts job fair Sept. 30

NORWALK — Cerritos College will host a free job fair Thursday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on campus in Falcon Square East (outside, adjacent to the Student Center). The fair is open to the public and provides an opportunity for attendees to meet potential employers, search for jobs or internships and learn about various careers. Call 860-2451 ext. 2366.

Financial Partners hires Shipman

DOWNEY—Financial Partners Credit Union, a leading financial institution serving Southern California, has hired George Shipman to the post of senior vice president of lending.

The longtime veteran of the financial industry will be responsible for all credit union lending including mortgages and consumer loans.

"George Shipman is a smart, resourceful and dynamic lending manager whose expertise will be an asset to our credit union members," said Orlandus Waters, senior vice president/government and community relations, Financial Partners Credit Union. "We are pleased to have him on board."

Shipman began his career more than 30 years ago working as a mortgage banker at a financial institution in Orange County. In a career move, he migrated north and spent the past seven years employed by Washington State Employees Credit Union in Olympia, Wash. There he held two titles: vice president of mortgage lending, and executive vice president of the credit Union Service Organization, for which he was responsible for helping smaller credit unions with their lending needs.

"We welcome George back to Southern California," said "Waters. Financial Partners Credit Union is a full service financial organization, established in 1937 by the aerospace industry to provide a means for people to avoid paying the high interest rates of that time. It has since evolved into a leading Southern California credit union with more than 58,000 members and \$619 million in assets. Phone 800-950-7328.

Landscaping workshop at Riley Center

DOWNEY—The city's Department of Public Works presents its 2nd annual Landscaping Workshop - 'A Day with the Experts'— Saturday, Oct. 9 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

There will be presentations on landscape design by Graham Stanley, renowned landscape designer; on irrigation system design by a representative from Rain Bird Corporation; on composting by a representative from Rio Contractors; and on "Why Hire a Licensed Contractor?" by a representative from California Landscape Contractors Association.

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The governing board of Cerritos Community College District will hold a public hearing on the PROPOSED ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE 2004-05 YEAR prior to final adoption as required by Title 5, Division 6, Chapter 9, Subchapter 4, Section 58301.

The Public Hearing will be held at the CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD ROOM on OCTOBER 13, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting

The Proposed adopted Budget will be on file and available for public inspection at the following location(s) should members of the public wish to review the Budget prior to the Public Hearing.
Location: Cerritos Community College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk - President's Office and Vice President of Business Services Office;
Date/Time: Wednesday, October 6, through Wednesday, October 13, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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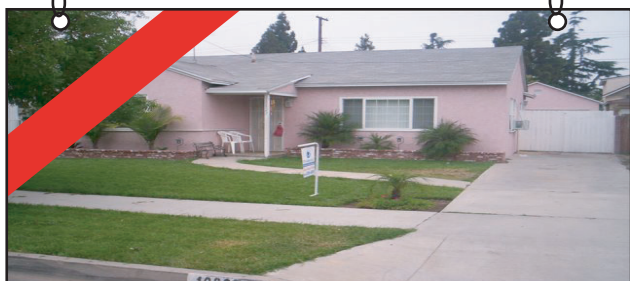
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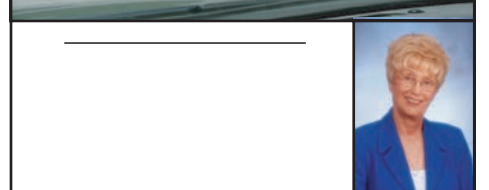
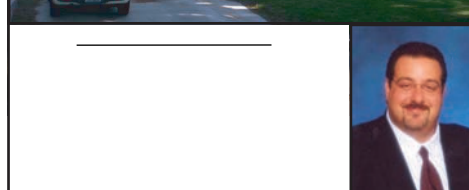
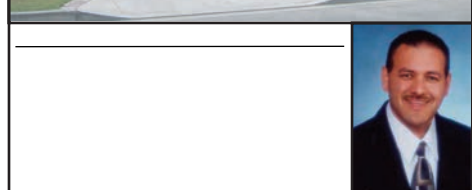
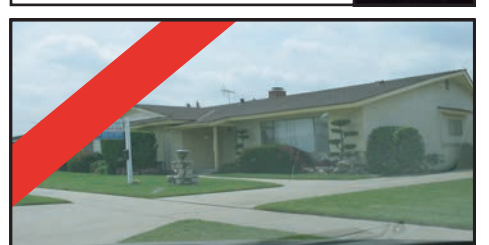
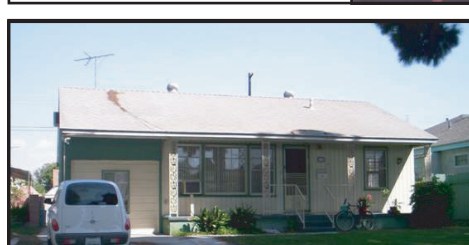
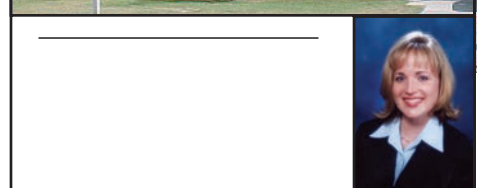
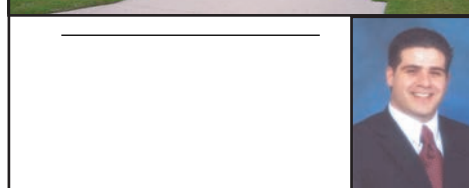
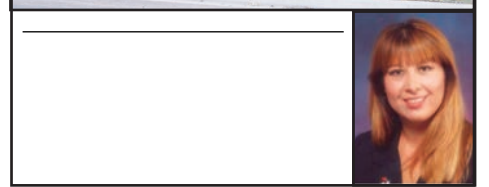
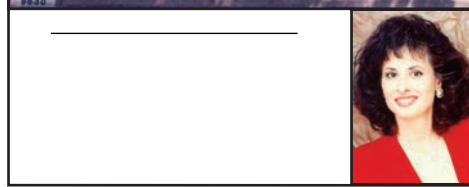
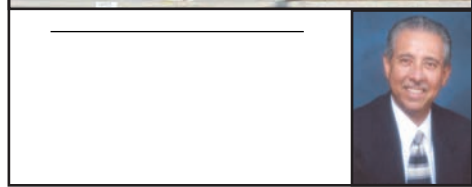
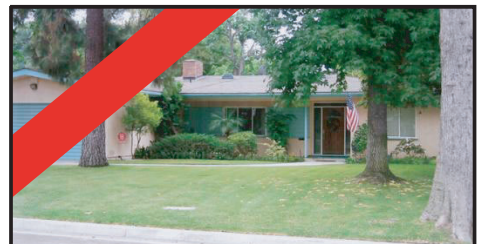
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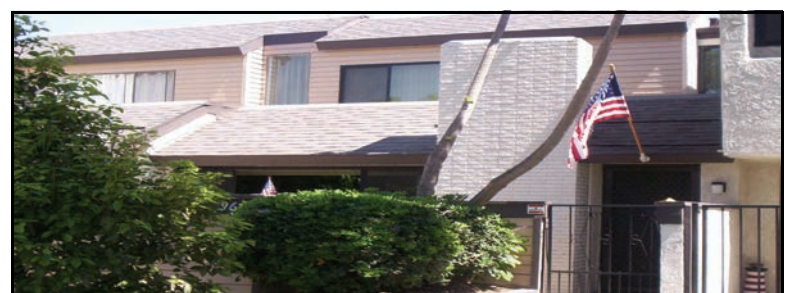
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