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**BRINGING CHEER** – The Los Angeles Laker Girls spent time with kids and patients at the annual Pediatric Carnival Day held recently at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. The Downey Fire Department, pictured above with Laker Girls, also attended the event with two fire trucks.

## Dr. Mary R. Stauffer: a profile in goodness

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—Her mind remains razor-sharp, her eyesight keen, her steely nerves intact. Sixty years of work as a lab technician, a research scientist and as a medical practitioner, the latter spanning 53 years here in Downey, have not slowed her down. Well before she retired from all this, in 1997, she started her foundation, “before Bill Gates, before Warren Buffett!”, she exclaimed. Besides managing her foundation full-time, she has become a publisher. At age 89, when most men go nodding by their TV set and dawdle, she greets the dawn with fresh curiosity and begins another round of purposeful doing. “Running a foundation and being a publisher is a big job,” she says.

She has touched the lives of many, giving money away (she prefers the word “investing”) especially to promising youth who, in their march towards college and full engagement with life, can use a lift or two. In turn, high school labs, buildings, donations of cardiac equipment bear her name. A street has been named after her. Accustomed to honors, she has always striven for excellence. She graduated first in her high school class, first in college (magna cum laude), first in medical school (Ohio State).

There is no wasted motion with Dr. Mary R. Stauffer, no pretense, no yielding to compromise. Her roots took care of that. A measure of her precocity—and the discipline imposed to channel it—is revealed in this story of her early years: “I was born at 9 a.m. on a Sunday. I was put in the church nursery almost immediately and seemed to grow up there. As soon as I was ‘potty trained’ I went to Sunday School at 9 a.m., and again at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. I attended church with my grandmother. My mother sang in the choir. My father and grandfather were the preachers at this large church in Toledo, Ohio—St. Paul’s Lutheran.

“When I was five, before I could read,” she goes on, “I was teaching Sunday School. After hearing the lesson at 9 a.m., I would prompt the teacher at 10 a.m., just in case she hesitated. One Sunday she said, ‘Would you like to teach?’ Not knowing it was veiled sarcasm, that this was just the polite way to say ‘shut up’ I popped up and replayed the lesson I had heard the hour before. The teacher remained—but just to take attendance, collect the offering and pass out the crayons.”

Growing up during the Depression made her appreciate the value of a dollar. Having had a good education, she wants others to get the same. “Education is the way to knowledge,” she has been quoted as saying, “and knowledge creates wisdom. And wisdom is the key to action.” She believes in work, play, the power of love, and the plenitude prayer brings—favorite themes of her grandfather’s sermons, and which he distilled in his book, “The Complete Life.” If she had her way, everybody in town should get a copy of the book. Right now, copies are being readied for distribution overseas to U.S. armed forces personnel.

Why did Dr. Stauffer, she with the educated heart, decide to “carve out a second career niche in public service (as a philanthropist)?” Because, she says, “I thought I could do a better job running a foundation, one that takes a lot of waste out of the equation and thus more cost effective, and one that’s locally beneficial.”

She is the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation’s CEO and COO. Among the foundation’s several projects is honoring students at Warren and Downey who attain 3.5 GPAs. She says her husband, Floyd, a retired doctor himself, is the program’s guiding spirit.

Staying active has kept her body sound, Dr. Stauffer said, adding, “I can’t imagine being retired, not doing something worthwhile.”

She and 14-year old granddaughter Jessica went to China in August: “We were the oldest and the youngest in the group, and we had the most fun! We went to Beijing, to Xian, we went up the Yangtze and saw the Three Gorges Dam. We even went to the resettlement village where we were serenaded by the displaced natives, they singing “Jingle Bells” in Chinese, we in English, but our voices blended and we somehow managed to sing in harmony. And when we visited the Great Wall, we not only looked (me for the third time) at it, we climbed it!” She advised: “One should go a-traveling when you’re young.”

“Downey is a wonderful city,” she says, “but if we want to make it better, why not try to make it better? But we must put shoulder to the wheel.”

The end is not in sight yet for Dr. Mary R. Stauffer. She still has “promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep.” But when that fateful day comes, I’m sure these words will be on everybody’s lips: “We are all the better for her having lived.”

## Sundberg named chair of YMCA campaign

■ Campaign group – 180 volunteers strong – sets goal of \$297,000 for the Downey YMCA.

**DOWNEY** – Susanne Sundberg, executive director of Human Services Association, has been named General Chair for the Downey YMCA Annual Support Campaign, heading a team of over 180 volunteer campaigners with a financial goal of \$297,000.

Assisting Sundberg in the campaign leadership are Dick Holmes, Debbie Hale, and Jim Derry, board solicitation campaign.

“The Downey Family YMCA has had the support of the entire community for many years,” Sundberg said. “I am confident that, with our enthusiastic volunteer campaigners, this campaign will be another great success.”

Said Steve Roberson, Board Chair: “With an ever increasing need for financial assistance, we are very blessed to have Susanne, Dick, Debbie and Jim to lead our efforts to strengthen our YMCA capabilities to not turn anyone away due to hardship.”



**CAMPAIGN TEAM** – Susanne Sundberg, second from left, was named General Chair of the YMCA Annual Support Campaign, a group trying to raise nearly \$300,000 for the local Y. Pictured with Sundberg are Steve Roberson, Debbie Hale, Dick Holmes and George Saikali.

## He’s come a long way from flipping burgers

■ Ernie Garcia, fresh off a delegation trip to Asia, has never forgotten his humble beginnings.

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident Ernie Garcia recently returned home from a 16-day trip to Asia with an official delegation including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, attending embassy briefings, networking events, and luncheons with overseas business leaders.

Garcia, owner of West Coast Metal Finishing, visited Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Guangzhou. Garcia even had the opportunity to tour Beijing National Stadium, a 100,000 seat stadium still under construction and anticipated to host the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Ernest “Ernie” Garcia

Ernest Garcia has come a long way from flipping burgers at Jack in the Box, deep within the rough neighborhoods of East Los Angeles. Born in General Hospital in 1955, “Ernie” as his friends and family call him, had a challenging childhood. Coming from a low-income household, Ernie started working at age 9 shining shoes on street corners in the heart of downtown L.A. The swarms of businessmen and women rushing in and out of buildings that seemingly scraped the sky intrigued young Ernie in an enormous way. One day he’d be there and there was no stopping him.

Years, along with the most random job titles, passed and Ernie found himself married with a son. In 1977, Ernie, his wife, Daisy, and baby, Ernest, purchased their first home in Downey. At the time Ernie was working at his birthplace of General Hospital as a custodian. On his days off he would run errands and perform other miscellaneous tasks at his father-in-law’s metal finishing business. He was starting to take on more responsibility and gain personal interest in the many facets of the company.

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## City Council reconsiders controversial zone change

■ Community members sway council to deny zone change to property behind Calvary Chapel.

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—Much discussion took place in a public hearing Tuesday mainly in opposition to a proposed amendment rezoning a 2.64-acre parcel of land behind Downey Calvary Chapel from a commercial and residential zone to manufacturing.

Under the proposed amendment, the property at 12850 Woodruff Avenue would be designated from Neighborhood Commercial and Medium Density Residential to General Manufacturing and rezoned from R-1 5,000 (Single Family Residential) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing).

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## Vio-Fonik jazz group at Downey Museum

**DOWNEY** – Harry Scorzo’s spring trio Vio-Fonik will perform at the Downey Museum of Art this Wednesday, Nov. 1. The group, accompanied by percussionist Chris Garcia, will kick off the museum’s ‘New Music’ series.

Scorzo (violin), Garcia, Robin Cecil (violin) and Alan Mautner (cello) will perform brand new works from their new CD, “Re-Inventing the Trio.” Vio-Fonik crosses genres of classical and jazz with Latino percussion in the mix.

Tickets are \$10 or \$5 for students and seniors and will be sold at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis. Two of the group’s CD’s will be available for \$10.

The Downey Museum of Art is located at 10419 Rives Avenue in Furman Park. Their phone number is (562) 861-0419.



**FIT AND FABULOUS** – The staff of Bally’s Total Fitness celebrated their official grand opening last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by various officials from the city and chamber of commerce. Radio station Que Buena broadcasted live from the event. Bally’s is located near the back of Downey Landing. Photo by R.D. Salyer

## Warren students place in top five percent

■ Wendy Kim, Esther Kim, Jennifer Chien and Doris Yu all named "Commended Students."

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School principal Eileen Wannett announced this week that four Warren students have been named Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Wendy Kim, Esther Kim, Jennifer Chien and Doris Yu placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who took the 2005 SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," the National Merit Scholarship Corporation said in a statement. "The young people being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program."

"We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and that they will continue to pursue scholastic excellence."

## Chevy Club raising money for charity

**DOWNEY** – The L.A. Classic Chevy Club is hosting their annual Christmas Party and Charity Fund Raising Raffle on Dec. 17 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, with money raised going towards the Exchange Club Family Support Center in Downey.

The Exchange Club works to strengthen families and prevent child abuse through parent-aide and parenting education services. They are a private nonprofit organization.

Donations of new unwrapped toys are being sought, which will be distributed by the club on Christmas Eve. Donations for the evening's raffle are also needed.

For more information, call (562) 904-9590 or visit [www.laccc.com](http://www.laccc.com).

## Juvenile court judge speaks to Kiwanis

**DOWNEY** – Downey Kiwanis Club recently hosted guest speaker Honorable Philip K. Mautino, Supervising Judge, Los Padrinos Juvenile Court. The presentation included statistics on the services provided through the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, including 21,000 new cases of delinquency each year and 17,000 new cases of dependency (including abandoned and abused children).

Mautino has served many years in his capacity as supervising judge, oftentimes seeking support from the community as funding declines. One operation needing support, according to the judge, is "Operation Read," which helps children with their reading struggles.

Used books and magazines are used by the kids as they learn to read. To donate reading material, call Grace Guerrero at (562) 940-8772.

Kiwanis Club of Downey meets at noon each Thursday at Rio Hondo Country Club and visitors are welcome. For membership information, call Roy Jimenez at (562) 923-0971.



**FUTURE POLITICIAN?** – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) thanked Nicholas Parmer of Downey recently for his work as an intern in her district office in downtown Los Angeles. As part of the congresswoman's internship program, Nicholas helps with drafting letters, data entry, research and basic clerical duties. He also accompanies staff to briefings and events throughout the 34th congressional district. A 1997 graduate of Pope Pius X High School (now called St. Matthias) and 2005 graduate of Loyola Marymount University, Nicholas said he hopes to one day work in government and possibly run for a public office. For information on internship opportunities in the congresswoman's district or Washington, D.C. offices, call Juan Carlos-Aviles at (213) 628-9230.

## Soroptimist plan November Oktoberfest

**DOWNEY** – Downey Soroptimist will hold their Oktoberfest fundraiser Nov. 7 at the Woman's Club of Downey from 1:30 to 6 p.m. The Express, a six-piece German/Bavarian band, will provide live musical entertainment.

Also to be enjoyed will be food, beer tasting, bingo, games of chance and a silent auction. Money raised will help provide scholarships and grants to youth, women and charitable organizations in the community.

A donation of \$40 per person or \$75 per couple is asked. For more information call Sue Potter at (562) 927-0013.

## Candidates sought for 2 Soroptimist awards

**DOWNEY**—Soroptimist International of Downey is seeking candidates for the Violet Richardson and Women's Opportunity Awards.

The Violet Richardson Award, named after the president of the first Soroptimist club in 1921, honors young women, between the ages of 14 and 17, for volunteer actions, such as fighting drugs, crime, and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty.

The Women's Opportunity Award (WOA) offers financial aid to help mature women who, suddenly faced with either having to enter the job market for the first time or returning to work after a long absence, need to obtain additional skills or training through education to update their employment capabilities.

### Violet Richardson Award

Both awards carry cash amounts. The winner of the Violet Richardson Award, which is given at the local level, gets several hundred dollars in cash and also becomes eligible for one of twenty-nine \$1,000 awards, with an equivalent amount in honor of the winner going to her volunteer organization. One finalist will be chosen from among the 29 winners for an additional award, including a contribution of \$2,500 to the finalist's volunteer organization.

The Downey winner of last year's award was Despina C. Niapas, a local high school student and a volunteer with several programs within the community.

Applications for the award program are available at the counselor's office at Downey High, Warren High, Columbus High, as well as at Pius X St. Matthias High, the public library, and several agencies where teens volunteer. You may also contact Patricia Kotze at (562) 776-1770.

Applications are due at Soroptimist of Downey by the end of November.

### Women's Opportunity Award (WOA)

Attached to Downey Soroptimist's WOA are \$500 scholarships, which are more of a support mechanism to help along the women who may need it, in the knowledge that although the challenges they will face are not insurmountable, still they can be easier to face through such help. The successful candidates will also be entered in Soroptimist Regional competition for even larger awards.

WOA candidates should be the head of their households and in the process of completing an undergraduate program or preparing to enter a vocational or technical training program.

Application forms for this award may be obtained by contacting Jean Brazelton at (562) 862-4768; leave your name, an address and telephone number, and an application will be mailed to you. Deadline for application submission is Nov. 22.

### What "Soroptimist" means

"Soroptimist" means "best for women" and is an international organization of business and professional women, founded in Oakland 75 years ago. Since 1921 Soroptimists have been bettering the status of women through grants, scholarships and other services.

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**GONE FISHING** – The City of Downey is hosting Youth Fishing Day on Nov. 4 at Wilderness Park. Designed for children ages 15 and under, the event typically draws hundreds of kids. The photo above is from last year.

## Food, clothing collected for Tijuana orphanage

**DOWNEY** – Griselda Ceballos, founder and chairman of the Hope to Hearts Foundation, is collecting basic amenities for orphans in Mexico. Red Carpet Heritage Realty is sponsoring the endeavor.



Ceballos

Food, clothing and school supplies will be donated to an orphanage in Tijuana called "Ciudad de los Niños" (City of the Children). The orphanage houses 35 children ages 6 months to 12 years and is solely supported by private funds.

Ceballos, co-chairman Pat Szmagaliski and other agents from the Red Carpet office are taking items to the orphanages this weekend. Although all items are appreciated, there is a list of specific items needed that can be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to people wanting to help. For more information, call Red Carpet Heritage Realty at (562) 923-5601.

Items can be dropped off at 8423 Florence Avenue in Downey.

## Items needed for troops overseas

**DOWNEY** – The U.S. Marine Career Center located across the street from Downey High School is collecting items to donate to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to things that might spread "holiday cheer," items needed include: socks, underwear, instant hot cocoa mix, coffee, gum, toothbrush and toothpaste (travel size), body wash (travel size), shampoo (travel size), and baby wipes.

## Stroke screening available Nov. 14

**DOWNEY** – Downey residents are invited to a stroke screening at the Light and Life Christian Fellowship in Downey on Nov. 14. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

Each screening costs 10 minutes or less to complete. Screenings, depending on the package, cost \$109 and \$129.

Pre-registration is required by calling (877) 237-1287.

## CERT conducting re-certification Nov. 4

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be conducting its annual re-certification on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the First Baptist Church of Downey from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call the Downey Fire Department Office of Public Education at (562) 904-7349.

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## Youth Fishing Day at Wilderness Park

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey and the California Department of Fish and Game are teaming up to provide children an opportunity to fish on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, at Wilderness Park in Downey.

Downey Youth Fishing Day is designed for kids 15 and under. The event is free and will consist of learning stations, safety procedures, safety tips and casting. Kids will also learn about different types of fish, what happens to the lake environment and how to be a responsible angler.

A supply of bait, fishing rods and reels will be available on loan in limited quantity. (A parent with I.D. is needed to check-out equipment.) Children with their own fishing rods are encouraged to take them. Junior fishing licenses will be given to every child who participates.

In addition to fishing, the police and fire departments will in attendance with their vehicles and free t-shirts will be given to the first 200 children. A demonstration of fly tying will be provided by the Fly Fishers Club and a breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage patties and a drink will be available for \$2 while supplies last.

Wilderness Park is at 10999 Little Lake Road. For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

## Rabbi discusses heaven and hell

**DOWNEY** – What is the Jewish concept of heaven and hell? Who gets in? Is there reincarnation?

The Ezra Center for Mature Adults will explore those questions when the group meets for their regular meeting Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Registration and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Stephen J. Einstein of Temple B'Nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley will present a two-hour program titled Heaven, Hell, Reincarnation, and The Afterlife. The community is invited to attend.

A catered kosher lunch will be served after the program at a cost of \$6 for Ezra members and \$7 for non-members.

For information, call Miriam Brookfield at (562) 943-3170.

## Masseuse to visit Temple Sisterhood

**DOWNEY** – Mimi Beckerman, a masseuse who practices Swedish, deep tissue, pregnancy, reflexology, aroma therapy and stone massages, will be the featured presenter when the Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey holds its regular monthly board and general meeting Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.

Beckerman will give her presentation after a potluck luncheon at noon. Two lucky people will be given hand massages and prizes will be raffled at the meeting.

Temple Ner Tamid is at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. For information regarding meetings or membership, call (562) 861-9276.



**HOLIDAY SPIRIT** – Friends of the Downey Library will hold their annual Open House and Holiday Marketplace on Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Downey Library. Carol Woods, above, shows some of the many items that will be available for purchase, including home-baked goods. All proceeds will go towards the library's programs and services. For more information call (562) 904-3760 ext. 30.



**NEW PRESIDENT** – The Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis has installed Bob Brazelton (left) as the new presiding president. Brazelton has been an active member of the Downey community, holding the position of city mayor and working for Treadway, Lumsdaine & Doyle for over 12 years. The installation also included awards given to Steve Roberson (right) for Kiwanian of the Year and to the club itself for Distinguished Club of the Year for 2004-2005. Claudia Parras (center) presented the awards.

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## Open House & Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, November 4, 2006  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Downey City Library  
11121 Brookshire Avenue

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One Day Only Raffle - Free Hot Wassail Punch  
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Downey City Council  
District 2  
Election Nov. 7

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Public Safety is my #1 priority and a vote for me will assure you that I am on the job.

# FAMILY NIGHT

## ~Pumpkin Carving~

Saturday, October 28th  
First Baptist Church of Downey  
Youth Patio  
6:00 pm

Bring Your Own Pumpkin and Safety Carvers!

**Everybody**  
is welcome to come down and carve a pumpkin as a family or individually to see who is more talented!  
We will be having a Pumpkin Carving demonstration for those of you who are first-timers & for those experts we will provide stencils to challenge you!

**Enter the Carving Contest!**  
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\*Pumpkins in the contest must be carved at the event.

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✓The Fire Department needs local support to get funding for the protection of our Businesses and Citizens in the event of a natural disaster.

✓Local government must support initiatives that are beneficial to our Business Community. As Councilman, will continue to encourage development throughout Downey, including Stonewood Center and Downey Landing.

✓I propose to acquire funding for after-school homework assistance and tutoring programs. Our children are held accountable through school testing from elementary through high school. It is our civic duty to invest in the leaders of tomorrow. After-school programs will help the process.

Local office is the most important seat that one can serve, because the decisions we make affect our families. I will be there for you! Your issues will be my issues.

Join the Committee to Elect Robert A. Rubio  
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## Mozart: 250 years of musical splendor

By JOYCE SHERWIN  
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

**DOWNEY** – What a guy, and what a birthday party. Hundreds of cities covering the entire planet Earth have joined in the celebration. It will take a whole year to hear all the toasts. And now it is the Downey Symphony's turn to say "Happy 250th birthday, Mozart!" in a performance this Saturday evening, October 28, at the Downey Civic Theatre.



Michael Arnold

Never have performers or audiences wearied of Mozart's genius, his freshness, his capacity to inform, and we can expect to be delighted and lifted by his music tomorrow.

Under the baton of guest conductor Steven Kerstein, the orchestra offers Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, and the Concerto for Clarinet, with soloist Michael Arnold. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 completes the program.

From a field of more than 100 applicants, Steven Kerstein was selected to appear with our orchestra as a guest conductor, following the sudden death of Thomas Osborn last July. Mr. Kerstein maintains a vigorous conducting schedule in the United States and abroad, and has established a national reputation for his work with the Burbank Philharmonic Orchestra and the West Los Angeles Symphony.

Michael Arnold is principal clarinet with five Southern California orchestras and is in demand as a solo artist. Local reviewers have written that he "rendered the audience awestruck," and "blew the crowd away with his unbelievable work." After a performance in Pasadena, the *Star News* reported that his "tone of golden warmth and gentle vibrato" was "a perfect match to Mozart's elegant emotions."

We are in for a treat. Tickets to the 8 p.m. performance are \$20 and \$25, available at the box office after 6 p.m. on Saturday night. Mr. Kerstein will give a half-hour talk about the evening's program beginning at 7:15 and across the courtyard, in the Embassy Suites Hotel, Tara's Tapas will give you a 15 percent discount on yummys and get you to the theater in time.

The Civic Theatre is located at 8435 Firestone Boulevard, surrounded by ample free parking.

This concert is supported by three local service organizations, Soroptimist, Kiwanis and Rotary, with great appreciation from the Symphony Board.

### Church holding holiday bazaar

**DOWNEY** – The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will be holding their annual holiday bazaar Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring a boutique, baked goods, handmade crafts, Moravian items, Christmas decorations, pumpkin pies and a grandma's collectible boutique.

A luncheon of soup, lasagna, salad and dessert will be available for \$5. The Moravian Church is located at 10337 Old River School Road in Downey. Call the church office at (562) 927-0718 for more information or to place an order for pumpkin pies.

### Bingo luncheon set by catholic group

**DOWNEY** – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond parish is having a bingo luncheon Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gibson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd., in Downey.

A donation of \$10 includes on bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will also be a raffle of a \$25 money tree and other prizes.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

## The Poets' Corner

### The Bird Feeder

A cup of bird seed every day  
Does much to chase the blues away,  
A ritual I practice now,  
The goal of which I can not say.

My flip-flops trail across the grass,  
I reach to fill the feeder's glass,  
A bird or two awaits nearby  
To be the first at dawn's repast.

Though sometimes in the morning rush  
That half a moment seems too much,  
A bit too useless anyway  
When faced with all the urban stuff.

And some perhaps would be put off  
By little problems that I cause,  
The splats of white along the fence  
Might well offend a refined sense.

How to explain that these small birds  
Can bring me comfort beyond words,  
Connected to a larger world  
Where things beyond ourselves unfold.

-- Frank Kearns,  
Downey

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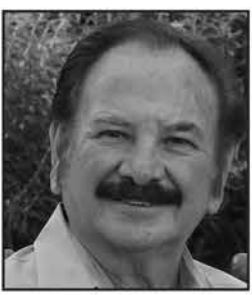
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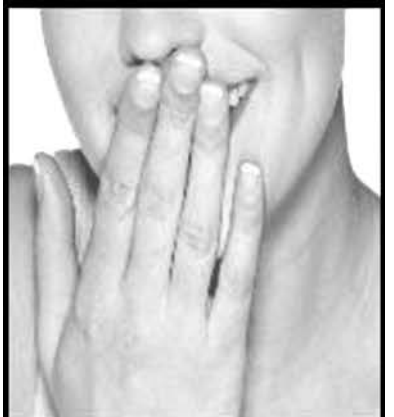
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# Time Traveler Early Americans were peaceful people

BY JOHN ADAMS  
EDITOR EMERITUS

The Indians who first occupied this area were Shoshoneans, cousins of the Comanches of the Great Plain and the Hopi farmers of the Arizona mesas.

Their ancestors had trekked across from Asia to North America by way of the Bering Straits.

When the European-American westward movement encountered them, they were referred to as "Diggers" because they often dug in the ground for edible roots. The Americans apparently failed to consider that they themselves rooted in the ground for leeks and potatoes.

The local enclave of "Diggers" was surrounded by a tribe known as the Hokans. To the south, near San Diego, were a separate tribe known as the Yuma. To the north, near Ventura, was another Hakan tribe known as the Chumash.

How the Shoshoneans settled on this prized piece of real estate is a mystery. They didn't seem to win it by warfare. But once here they were happy to stay. Their villages had such classic characteristics that anthropologists classify them as separate tribes.

On the arrival of the Franciscan Fathers, missions were established about a day's walk from each other. Eventually the tribes took on the names of the missions they were near. Those near the Mission San Gabriel were the Gabrielinos, those near the Mission San Juan Capistrano the Juaneros, those near Mission San Luis Rey the Luisenos, those near Mission San Fernando the Fernandinos.

The most interesting locally were the Gabrielinos. They seem to have noticed very early that the white man's coming was a cultural threat. They promptly drifted away before much of their lore could be recorded.

But the outer tribes held together long enough to provide more insight. In Juanero legend, the San Juan Capistrano tribe tells of its origin in the great village of Sehat in Gabrielino country. This was the area known as Los Nietos (Downey).

A Scots trapper named Hugo Reid married a Gabrielino woman and listed her village as "Carpenter's Farm" in 1837. He referred to Lemuel Carpenter who journeyed west from Kentucky and took a Spanish wife. Carpenter later acquired most of the huge Los Nietos Spanish Land Grant. The village that bore his name was swept away in the great flood of 1867.

The remains of Indian villages have been found where the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe rail road tracks cross, as well as Jaboneria on the west bank of the Rio Hondo River south of Telegraph Road. Other village remains are found near the old Pico Crossing of the San Gabriel River.

Gabrielino villages dotted much of the greater Los Angeles Basin. When Cabrillo arrived in San Pedro Bay in 1542 he called the land the "Bay of Smokes" because he saw so many village fires inland.

It was a good life for those early Indians. Father Geronimo Boscana who lived at Mission San Gabriel and Mission San Juan Capistrano from 1812 to 1831 compared their life to the legend of Creation and a Book of Genesis and Mosaic Law.

Close relatives in the tribes were not allowed to marry. The Chief's duty was benign. Gifts were brought to him which he in turn distributed to the poor and unfortunate. The respect he drew from the tribe was based on his condition of poverty. Since he gave away all he had he was allowed more than one wife to gather acorns for him. Other than this, it was a monogamous society.

## Waste roundup planned Oct. 28

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles residents can dispose of household hazardous waste including antifreeze, car batteries, used motor oil, paint, pesticides, and universal waste including household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and electronic waste (e-waste) such as TVs and monitors, computers, VCRs, stereos and cell phones at the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Roundup Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Road Maintenance Yard, 2120 E. 90th St.

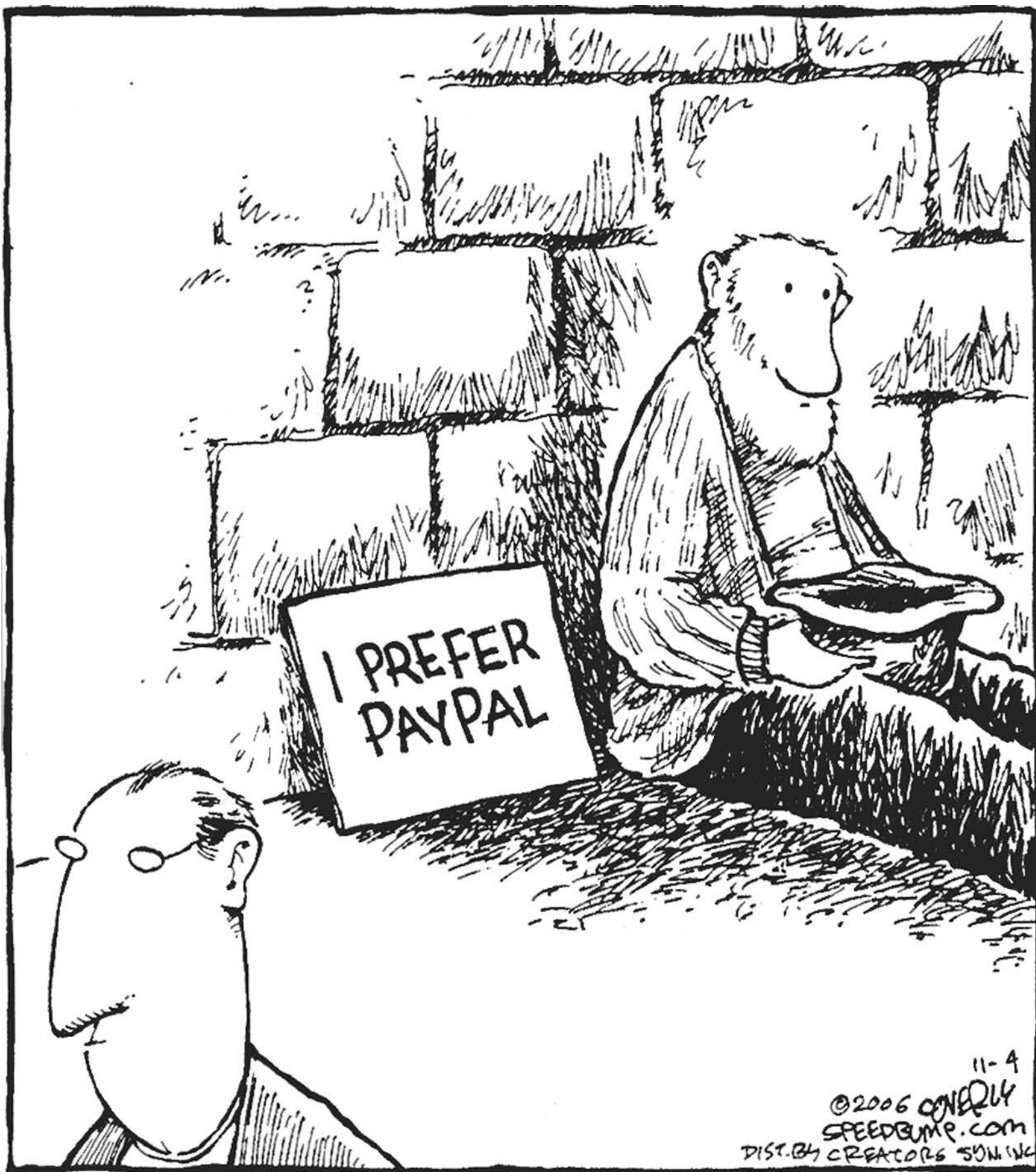
Residents can bring up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste per vehicle to the Roundup.

"The Roundups offer County of Los Angeles residents a convenient way to discard common household products, e-waste and universal waste such as household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs that are hazardous to people and the environment if not properly disposed of," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. "Also, electronic waste is a growing problem, even though many of these products can be recycled so they can be refurbished and reused."

"The improper disposal of household hazardous waste poses a public health threat," added Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina. "By participating in these free, convenient Roundups, we are able to help do our part to avoid serious pollution problems that could result if these items end up in our landfills or down our storm drains."

The Countywide Household Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup Program is sponsored by the County of Los Angeles and presented by the Department of Public Works and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in cooperation with the Community of Unincorporated Florence-Firestone and the neighboring cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Gardena, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate and Vernon.

Upcoming roundups are scheduled in Unincorporated South Whittier on Oct. 28, and in Bellflower on Nov. 4.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### 'Time Traveler' request

Dear editor,

As I consider you [John Adams] a legend in your own time, is there a possibility of the Patriot running the "Time Traveler" series of articles? It would give the community a glimpse back into Downey's fascinating past.

From start to finish, these stories by you are great. From John Downey through the turn of two centuries, this little city has helped transform our world. You have done Downey an insightful service unselfishly for so long. We all owe you a big "thanks."

Keep up the good work John.

— Larry Latimer,  
Aerospace Legacy Foundation

[Editor's note: As requested, The Downey Patriot will begin running the Time Traveler series, a sequence of stories detailing Downey's unique history which originally ran in the Downey Eagle starting in 1993. The first installment of the Time Traveler can be found in this issue.]

### Tongue-in-cheek poem not funny

Dear Editor:

My name is Amanda Thoreson and I have lived in Downey my entire life. I have held my head high in pride to serve as an ambassador of the city of Downey as Miss Teen Downey in 2003 and a member of the Miss Downey Court for 2005.

Every week I look forward to picking up the Patriot and reading about what's happening in my home town, but this week I was extremely disappointed. When coming across "The Poets' Corner" I was very upset at the fact that your own City Editor of the Patriot, Eric Pierce, published his own poem about growing up to be "The Pimp." This is no message that needs to be sent to children and absolutely no way to represent the city of Downey. The mere fact that he would like to have women around him as objects is completely repulsive.

But not only that, he turns around and writes about one of Downey's finest officer's tragic death and how respectful he was not to intrude on his funeral to obtain the details of the circumstances to how his death occurred. I do not feel that a boy that is going to write about his life's mission to become a pimp has any business addressing the news to this fine city.

I understand the freedom of speech we all possess, but there is a line to be drawn with decency in a public and professional form. Maybe Mr. Pierce needs to take a few journalism classes then report back when he has something respectful to write about.

— Amanda Thoreson,  
Downey

## Residents invited to join Downey Lions Club

**DOWNEY** – Since the club's chartering in 1943, Downey Lions Club and its members have worked on a variety of projects in the local community, ranging from being in charge of the Downey Holiday Parade to providing eye-glasses and hearing aides for the under-privileged.

The Lions Club invites residents interested in joining and helping the community to attend their regular meetings held the first and third Thursdays of every month at the Rio Hondo Golf Club at 6:30 p.m.

Information about Lions Club International is available at [www.lionclubs.org](http://www.lionclubs.org).

## Thinking long-term with gangs

Dear Editor:

I was quite interested in what Downey City Council candidates Robert Rubio and Mario Guerra had to say about the increasing gang presence in Downey (*The Downey Patriot*, 10/13/06).

As gang activity has increased in surrounding communities, it has had a negative impact on Downey. Mr. Rubio was quoted as saying about gang members, "We have to arrest them, arrest them, arrest them so they move to San Bernardino or somewhere." His solution seems to be just to drive them elsewhere, which may be why Downey has an increasing gang presence – they have come here from other communities.

While I agree with arresting those that break the law and letting gang members know we are serious about stopping their activities in our community, driving them into other communities seems to me to be a short-term solution. What's to stop them from eventually being driven back into Downey?

While getting gangs out of Downey is the goal, perhaps working with other communities on long-term strategies and solutions would be beneficial.

— Suzanne Dodd,  
Downey

## Tax aid program in danger of closing

**DOWNEY** – The AARP Tax Aide Program needs volunteers to help prepare income taxes and homeowners/renters tax rebates at the Downey Senior Center.

The program is in danger of shutting down because of a decrease in volunteers.

Participants need to work four to eight hours a week during the tax season. It's a volunteer program so no pay is provided, but certain expenses for transportation are reimbursed.

A week of tax training will be provided in January and volunteers will have access to on-site tax professionals at all times. Prior tax experience doing your own taxes is preferred but not required.

For more information, call Ted Baumann at (562) 861-6399.

## 'Megaconference' links colleges

**NORWALK** – History professor Dr. John Haas will present at Megaconference VIII on Thursday, Nov. 2. The Megaconference connects videoconferencing sites around the globe and boasts participation from more than 430 colleges, universities, and institutions from 31 countries and 39 states in the U.S.

Haas' presentation is entitled, "Building Bridges to the World: The Cerritos College Global Consortium One Year Later."

Other broadcast elements include presentations discussing and demonstrating how groups use videoconferencing for interactive meetings and lessons, engaging multiple sites and the audience; musical mini-concerts; and a global roll call in which all participants get a moment to say hello.

The Megaconference seeks to connect people anywhere on Earth, in order to further the use of videoconferencing in education and research. Everyone is invited to watch the Megaconference from the comfort of his or her own office, classroom or conference room.

Like any professional conference, presenters and audience members will discuss current trends and work. Unlike other conferences, hundreds of participants, from universities, K-12 schools, and organizations, will gather simultaneously from all continents of the world using advanced Internet videoconferencing networks.

For information on attending the free conference, contact Haas at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726.

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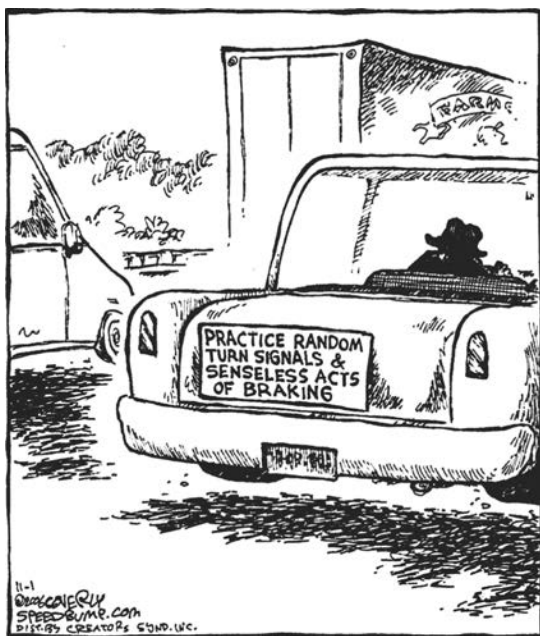
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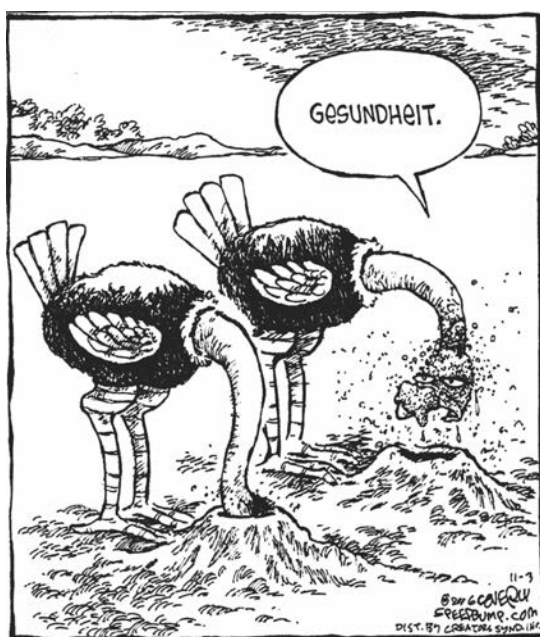
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## On This Day...

- October 27, 1838:** Missouri Governor Lilburn Boggs issues the Extermination Order, ordering all Mormons to leave the state. The order was not formally rescinded until 1976.
- 1904:** The first New York City subway opens.
- 1971:** The Democratic Republic of the Congo is renamed Zaire.
- 1997:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average drops 554.26 points, causing the New York Stock Exchange to close early. The market rebounded the next day, however, gaining 337.17 points.
- 2002:** The Anaheim Angels win the World Series, beating the San Francisco Giants in seven games.

## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For October

Sat. Oct. 28: **Downey Symphony** concert with Steven Kerstein as guest conductor. 8 p.m. (562) 403-2944.  
 Tues. Oct. 31: **Trick or treating** for preschool children at Downey Library, 10:30 a.m. (562) 904-7360, ext. 27.

### 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.

### THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)  
 WHAT COMES BEFORE: Introductory wordplay, in more ways than one  
 by Merle Baker

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Not in-house	1 Carol start
8 Cowboys' ties	2 Of an armbone
13 Distinctly imprinted	3 Tantalize
19 Went over, at the Olympics	4 Veteran sailors
20 John Wayne film of '62	5 "Dies ___" (Latin hymn)
21 No Exit playwright	6 Writer Earl ___ Biggers
22 For fun	7 Mayor author
23 Line on a weather map	8 Iraqi city
24 Positive aspects	9 Nebraska native
25 Excellent forecaster?	10 Popular pets, for short
28 "___ Tu" (1974 tune)	11 Divine revelation
29 Guantanamo locale	12 XM Radio alternative
30 Neighbor of Belg. and Ger.	
31 Come down	
35 Word form for "culture"	
37 Put some bags in a can?	
41 "___ compare thee..."	
45 "It's true!"	
47 Party accessory	
48 Judge Judy impersonator?	
52 Slovenly	
53 Well ventilated	
54 Oklahoma city	
55 Chip's cartoon chum	
57 Animation collectible	
58 Highly pleased with	
60 Square-dance movement	
63 Onetime autocrats	
65 Play an intro?	
69 Overly talkative	
72 California fossil site	
73 Major cold spells	
77 Q-U connectors	
78 Insignificant	
79 ___ Solemnis (Beethoven work)	
82 Part of some tennis scores	
83 Blake of Gunsmoke	
86 Bishop's appearance?	
90 Spider-Man star	
92 Chair repairer	
93 Most serious, as a felony	
94 Excuses for Dummies, e.g.?	
97 Garden tools	
99 Back talk	
100 Former Mideast initials	
101 Sort of peninsula	
102 Flight or floor follower	
106 Trying new pasta sauce?	
113 French physicist	
116 Mexican food	
117 Chitchat	
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Prehistoric fossils that have been found at the LA BREA Tar Pits (72 Across) include mammoths, mastodons and saber-toothed cats. How to tell apart Disney chipmunks Chip and Dale (55 Across): Chip while Dale has a red nose and two teeth. The Mohs scale classifies minerals based on hardness, from TALC (14 Down) to diamond.

## Law firm announces new addition

**DOWNEY** – Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, LLP, with offices in Downey, Irvine and Long Beach, has announced that Jennifer N. Sawday has joined its Downey office.

Sawday, formerly of Sawday and Drake, A Professional Corporation, brings experience in estate planning and probate practice.

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## SAG seeks homes for holiday tours

**DOWNEY** – San Antonio Guild of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is looking for homes for their annual Holiday Home Tour in December.

The San Antonio Guild (SAG) is one of 35 guilds of the hospital which raises funds for the hospital. Each year the group finds four homeowners who open their home for one day in December. Members staff the home and provide a guided tour.

Letters have already been sent to various homeowners in the area. SAG currently has two homes and is looking for two more.

To open your home and share your holiday decorations, call Dorothy Pemberton, Chairperson, at (310) 717-3637.

## Szabo to be recognized for work

**DOWNEY** – The second annual Margene Glenn Award, a recognition by the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation honoring outstanding volunteer service in the community, will be awarded to Arline Szabo at a ceremony Nov. 4 at Granata's Italian Villa.

Szabo was the first rehearsal accompanist and orchestra pianist for the Downey Children's Theater. She was known for including her husband, Joe, and children, Lowell, Valeen and Dale, in her work.

Attendees don't need to have known or worked with Szabo to attend. RSVP by calling (562) 869-0422 or e-mail friggie@adelphia.net.

## Fall Family Festival at United Methodist

**DOWNEY** – Downey United Methodist Church will host their Fall Family Festival featuring a haunted house, bouncer, face painting, crafts and more on Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Game booths, prizes and food will also be available. All games are free.

For more information, call Harmony Jackson, director of Children's Ministry, at (562) 861-9777.



**KEEPING DOWNEY CLEAN** – Thirty-nine volunteers showed up for Keep Downey Beautiful's monthly cleanup last Saturday, this time held at the corner of Paramount and Firestone Boulevards. The volunteers collected 41 bags of trash from the area. Pictured above are employees from Stonewood Center, who sponsor the cleanups. For information on helping in the future, call (562) 904-7159.

## Help needed for annual Thanksgiving dinner

**DOWNEY** – The Breath of God Christian Fellowship Church, in conjunction with the Aggressive Community Training and Services (ACTS) Foundation, is searching for volunteers to help work their annual Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, this year planned for Nov. 17 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Volunteers are also needed for the Thanksgiving Basket Project, when food baskets are distributed to needy families in Downey.

To volunteer or donate food items for the baskets, call the church office at (310) 767-9620. Donations can be made to Breath of God, P.O. Box 39903, Downey, CA 90239.

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by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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## Warren stays perfect, downs Gahr 35-19

BY SCOTT COBOS  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** -- With princes and princesses in the stands, the Warren Bears put on an entertaining show for their royalty as they defeated the Gahr Gladiators 35-19 last Friday night.

Trying to keep their league record unblemished, the Bears faced the task of silencing the much-improved Gladiators during their Homecoming Game. Gahr would not make it easy on the Bears as they proved they came to play, quickly scoring on their first drive, primarily attacking through the air.

"They are a very competitive program," said Warren Head Coach Jeff Welch after the game. "This isn't the same football team from years before. They have great athletes and are playing great football."

After the first two initial scores, which were only minutes into the game, it seemed as it might be a slugfest between the two teams. That was not the case as Warren would score only one more time during the first half on a 20-yard run by senior running back Keith Shetler. On the game, Shetler scored two touchdowns, carrying the ball 19 times for 97 yards rushing.

At the half, Warren led 14-7. Out came the cameras during the half-time show as a new Homecoming king and queen were selected. Fans should have kept their gear out as the second half started with an explosion.

With Gahr receiving, Warren kicker Alex Salcedo kicked the ball to Gahr's 5-yard line. The Gladiator kick returner grabbed the ball, dodged a few tackles then broke into the open field and ran for a 95-yard kickoff return.

Gahr, thinking they have recaptured some momentum, attempted their PAT but lined the kick into the left upright. With that said, it was Warren's turn to show some magic.

On the kickoff, Warren senior running back Jose Green caught the ball deep in Warren's territory, starting his ascent up the field at the 2-yard line. Seconds later, Green found his self all alone, running along the sidelines. Green would have his second touchdown of the game after a return of his own, one of the 98-yard sort.

Green on the night not only returned that ball for a touchdown, but also led the Bears on offense carrying the ball 22 times for 120 rushing yards.

Warren quarterback Alfonso Gonzalez also chipped in with a quiet yet efficient passing game, completing three of eight passes totaling 59 yards through the air.

It was the Bear's defense that would put Gahr on ice. Gahr sophomore quarterback Corey Nielsen replaced senior quarterback Jesse Figueroa in the second half after Figueroa's sub-par first half performance where he threw two interceptions. Figueroa would leave the game completing half



**CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS** – The Downey Razorbacks Junior Midgets celebrate their 46-16 victory over second place El Segundo last week. The win made the Junior Midgets conference champions.



**A LOT TO CHEER ABOUT** – Over 100 past and present Warren cheerleaders gathered for a reunion last week, shouting cheers and going through routines in the second half of the Warren football game.

of his passes throwing for only 47 yards, well below his average per game.

The game didn't get easier for Nielsen as he had his own struggles, completing only four of his 12 passing attempts. He was also picked off twice by the Bears. Nielsen threw for 36 yards on his portion of the night.

Warren continues their winning ways and stay undefeated in league play. The chemistry is really starting to show according to Welch.

"They are a close knit group of guys," he said. "It has been really fun coaching them."

Warren now travels down the street for what may be the biggest game of the year. They face their cross-town rivals, the Downey Vikings.

"Downey/Warren, it doesn't get any better," Welch said.

### Charity golf tournament benefits Arc

**DOWNEY**—Downey Rotary Club/Arc's upcoming Charity Golf Tournament, a shotgun scramble affair with lots of prizes up for grabs, is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Road. Check-in time is 9 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 11 a.m.

Prizes for a hole-in-one include \$50,000 and a car; the putting grand prize is \$200; the closest to the pin jackpot is \$100; there are many others.

The Downey Rotary Club is celebrating its 82nd "anniversary of service to the community" this year. Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens) continues to be committed to providing for people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to form and work towards goals—through training and education, based on their individual abilities.

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## Razorback season inches towards its conclusion

■ Razorback teams prepare themselves for upcoming playoffs with games at El Segundo.

BY MIKE BAUMANN  
DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Downey Razorbacks traveled to El Segundo last Saturday to play the Eagles in the Central Division of the Pacific Coast Conference.

The MityMite Red Razorbacks were stunned by first place El Segundo 26-0. The Eagles came out fast and within a couple of minutes had scored twice. The loss makes Downey's playoff chances still uncertain. Razorback MityMite White lost to Lawndale.

In seven games this season the Junior PeeWee Razorbacks have had difficulty scoring, however, Saturday a blocked punt put the Hogs in scoring position for Matthew Gonzales' short run for a 6-0 lead. Later in the game an Eagle fumble gave Downey another opportunity from the 8-yard line. Downey came up short, turning the ball over on the one. On the first Eagle play from scrimmage the runner was tackled for a safety. Downey went on to win 8-0.

One touchdown was all the PeeWee Razorbacks needed to beat the Eagles and keep their playoff chances alive. Robert Davalos' three-yard run and a two-point conversion by Agustin Barrajas put the Hogs ahead for good. David Saenz scored another TD, and Downey was victorious for the second week in a row.

Darius Powe took the opening kickoff and scampered 60 yards for the undefeated Jr. Midget Razorbacks. Two punishing runs by Shane Baumann, and a short TD plunge by Alex Solis put the Razorbacks on the scoreboard 6-0. El Segundo came right back driving the length of the field to go ahead of Downey 8-6. This was only the second time Downey has trailed this year, having posted four shutouts in six games.

Derek Smith took the Eagle kickoff and dashed up field to give the Razorbacks the ball in Eagle territory. An Andrew Magana screen pass to Ryan McFaddin put the Hogs ahead just that quickly. The Hogs then recovered an onside kick.

A Magana to Jabari Ruffin pass put the ball on the two yard line where Shane Baumann pounded it in for the score. A dazzling 30-yard run by fullback Marquis Mustin put the Hogs ahead 28-8. The half ended with a Derek Smith interception.

The second half opened with El Segundo driving. Eddy C Moreno ended their threat by intercepting at the 20 yard line. Magana once again hit McFaddin for a long gainer. His toss to Ruffin put Downey on top 34-8. Once again the Razorbacks were successful with the onside kick. Several Shane Baumann runs put the ball in position for Darius Powe's TD. El Segundo was successful on an onside kick, and drove down for the score. Downey's final scoring came after a long Darius Powe run and Shane Baumann's five-yard off tackle run. Final score, 46-16.

#### Midget Razorbacks

The Midget Razorbacks, many off which will be playing in area high schools next season, faced a strong, unbeaten Eagle team. Downey played a hard hitting football game, but eventually fell to El Segundo's superior speed and a number of strange bounces and calls which all seemed to all go in the Eagles favor.

The Eagles held the Hogs on their first series at the 50 yard line. A well executed QB option run put El Segundo ahead 6-0. The Hogs' double wing attack led by Sam Bettencourt moved the ball efficiently and slowly up the field with runs by Jason LogoLogo and Michael Teo. LogoLogo's 20-yard TD run put Downey ahead 7-6.

A questionable non-call, on fourth and one, put El Segundo ahead 14-7. Downey recovered what was thought to have been a fumble (could have been an incomplete pass) but the Eagles were given the play over and scored to lead 20-7.

Downey responded by driving for their second TD with Trevor Rodriguez's 55 yard run, making the score 20-14. El Segundo tossed a backward pass on the next series. The ball bounced several times and landed in the arms of the Eagle running back who scampered in for the touchdown.

#### Remaining schedule

The Razorbacks host Buena Park Saturday at Downey High School. Game times are: MM Red-9:30 a.m., Jr. PW-11:30 a.m., PW-1:30 p.m., Jr. M-3:30 p.m., M-5:30 p.m. MM White plays at Gardena High School.

These are the final games of the season for those teams which have not made the playoffs, so if you haven't seen the Hogs play this year, come on out.



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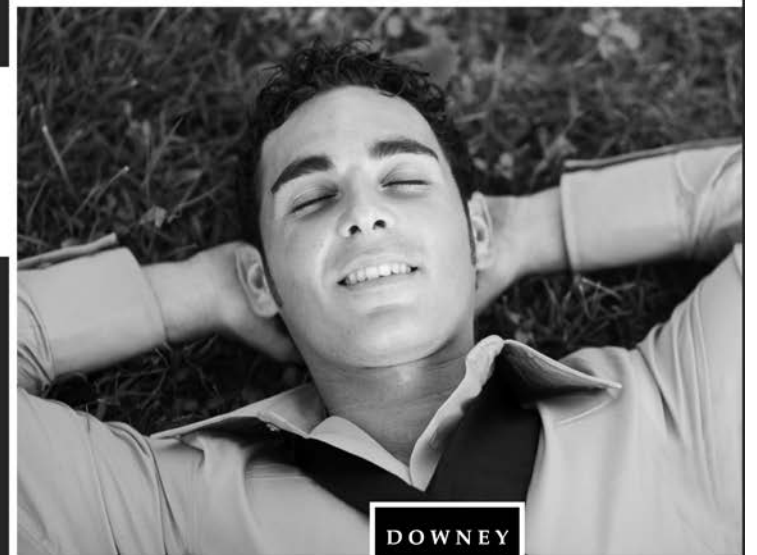
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3 Scott Miranda	CB, RB
4 Nick Hildreth	LB, RB
5 Giovanni Garcia	OLB, TE
6 Ryan Kirkpatrick	MLB, TE
7 Darren Tubbs	TB, OLB
8 Jonathan Mahoney	QB
9 Joe Wheeler	OLB, TE
10 Patrick Wright	CB, RB
11 Anthony Moreno	QB
13 Brandon Willis	CB, WR
15 David Mullins	WR, CB
20 Jaime Ochoa	LB, FB
22 Jeremiah Higgins	FS, TB
24 Ryan Ibarra	TB, CB
25 Favio Suastegui	WR, CB
28 Conrad Valdez	WR, CB
31 Tyler Lemmel	LB, FB
32 Joseph Diaz	OLB, RB
32 Joseph Diaz	OLB, FB
33 Bryan Manjarrez	FB, LB
34 Eric Hayes	TB, LB
35 Mojahed Abuhadba	WR, DB
40 John Lopez	RB, DB
42 Aaron Shaffer	LB, WR
44 Caleb Shifflett	FB, NG
45 Brian Sandoval	K, WR
48 Jose Romero	OLB, TE
51 Jonash Parker	LB, RB
53 Pete Lora	DE, G
55 Mario Sanchez	G, DE
61 Alejo Lopez	C, NG
63 Jose Reyes	T, DE
64 Edgar Velasquez	G, DE
65 Ulices Rivas	DL, G
66 Giovanni Sanchez	G, DE
67 Charlie Flemister	T, DE
71 Vincent Huitt	NG, C
74 Raul Chavez	G, DE
75 Jesse Nolan	T, DE
77 Fabian Correa	T, DE
80 Troy Fodor	TE, LB
81 Anosh Ali	FS, WR
83 Sean Wheeler	DE, TE
84 Jorge Monarrez	TE, LB
85 Joaquin Campos	TE, LB
89 Joseph Penny	WR, DB
98 Carlos Rodriguez	TE, G
99 Jonathan Maneafaiga	NG, T

## Youth basketball program at YMCA

**DOWNEY** – Registration for the upcoming Downey YMCA Jr. Lakers/Shooting Sparks youth basketball program begins Nov. 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. The program is for both boys and girls ages 5-13.

Children ages 5-7 will play on Friday evenings and kids ages 8-14 will play on weekends. All games will be played at the Downey YMCA.

For registration information, call Bill DeMedio, youth sports director at the YMCA, at (562) 862-4201.

# Vikings, cheese steaks and bears...oh my!

BY BROOKE KARLI  
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

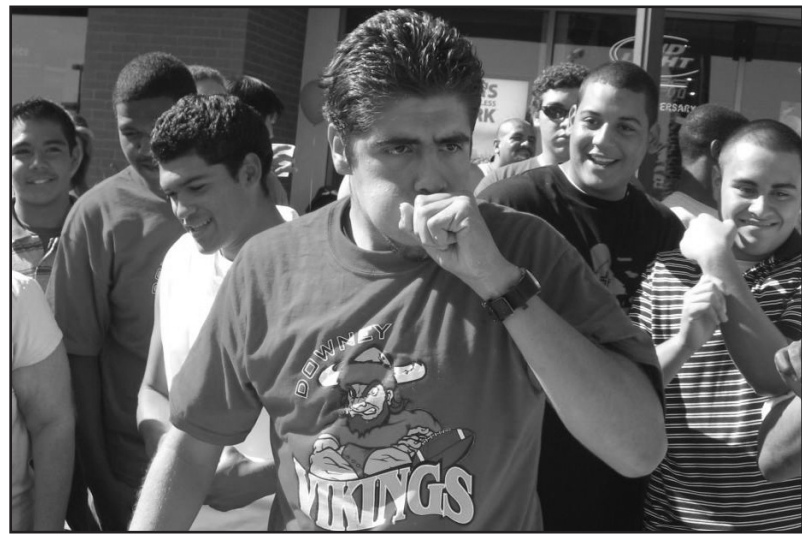
Some will bring foam fingers, glittering pom-poms and screaming horns. Others will wear paraphernalia – letterman's jackets, baseball caps, and my favorite, painted letters on bare chests. Either way, you will see a variety of school spirit at tonight's Downey/Warren football game.

In addition, both high schools have sparked the rivalry by holding spirit days and pep rallies all this week. But the competition itself started last Sunday when football players from each school went head-to-head in the 1st Annual Philly's Best Cheese Steak Bowl held at Philly's Best.

And what a contest it was! Fourteen players from each school competed to see who could eat baskets full of cheese steaks the fastest.

Round 1: Seven junior varsity players from each school shoved whatever they could into their mouths. Approximately seven minutes and two throw-up incidents later, Warren was announced the winner. All the while, parents, coaches, cheerleaders and bystanders rooted for their school of choice.

Now, the original plan was to have three rounds, one round representing each level of play – freshmen, junior varsity and varsity. The



**PERSONAL FOUL** – Downey players struggled to keep their cheese steaks down last Sunday, losing to Warren in the first annual Cheese Steak Bowl held at Philly's Best.

winner would be the school that won the most rounds. But because Warren varsity coaches asked their players not to participate, and Downey lost the first round, the second round became a must-win for the Vikings. If Warren won round two they would take home the trophy.

Round 2: A mix of varsity and freshmen players from Downey against freshmen players from Warren. This is where strategy came into play. One coach directed his team to, "Eat the meat first and then soak the bread in your cups of water so that it's easier to swallow," while another coach demanded to, "Just chew and swallow...

don't think about it!" A few minutes after time was started, Warren again beat Downey for another round win – and the title.

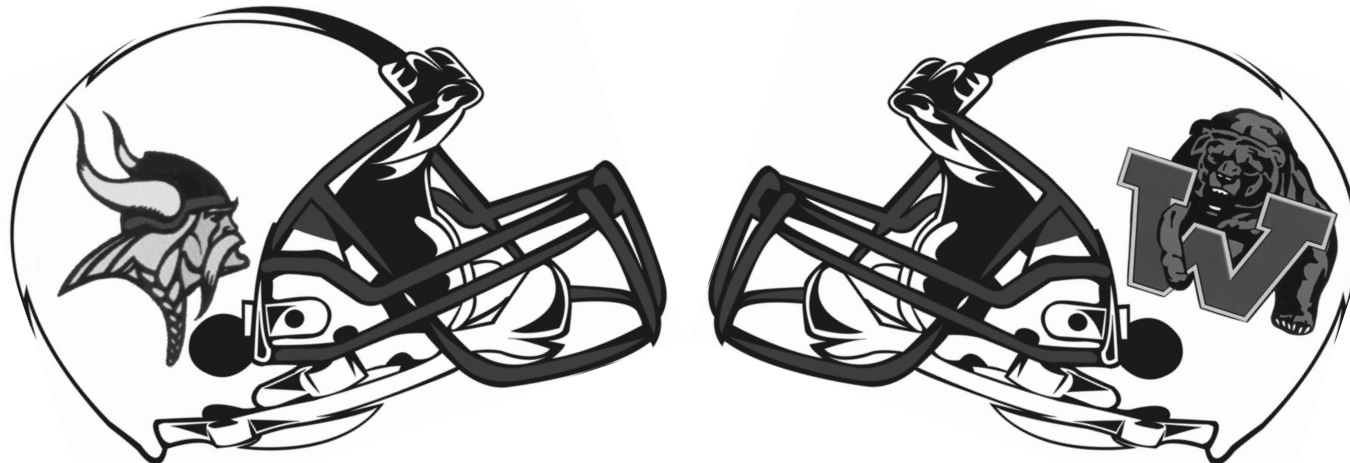
All this for the sake of taking home a cheesy trophy and having yet another victory to dangle over the opponents head. But more importantly, Philly's Best donated all proceeds received from 1 to 3 p.m. that day to both schools.

This event may have no reflection as to how the game will go tonight, but it is obvious that both schools have an appetite for victory.

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# Downey vs Warren

## The Rivalry Continues



BY SCOTT COBOS  
CONTRIBUTOR

**T**ime has run out. This year's much anticipated Downey/Warren football game will be played tonight at Allen Layne Stadium at Downey High School and with so much changing from year to year, *The Downey Patriot* compares the two teams. Last year, Downey went into Warren and beat the Bears, 35-14.

### Downey Vikings

**The Offense:** The Vikings offensive attack relies heavily on the ground. Running backs for the Vikings have carried the ball 315 times for 1,419 yards this year. The backs are averaging a little over four yards per carry. Leading the rushing attack is senior running back Darren Tubbs. If not for Tubbs, Downey's scoring opportunities would decrease immensely as their passing game is one of the weakest in the league. Quarterback Anthony Moreno has completed only 49 percent of all his passes, leaving the air game in question. The only reliable receiving option is wide receiver Joshua Higgins who leads the team in receptions and yards. Higgins has 17 receptions and 248 yards to show for his work on the ends. He is also the only receiver on the team to catch a touchdown pass.

**The Defense:** Downey's defensive line is strong enough to create opportunities to sack the quarterback and slow down the running game. So far this year, Downey has sacked the quarterback 12 times, an average of under 2 sacks a game. Leading the pass rush attack is lineman Vincent Huitt who has five sacks on the year. The biggest glaring weakness of Downey's defense is their secondary. Teams have found success in passing the ball against Downey's slow cornerbacks and safeties.

**The Good:** One name: Darren Tubbs. The senior running back has been all over the field this year for the Vikings, single-handedly carrying the offense for a team who isn't going to score many points. Tubbs leads the team in most offensive categories. He has carried the ball 186 times this year totaling 1,092 yards on the ground. He has also scored a team-high 11 touchdowns.

**The Bad:** Downey's secondary needs to find a way to keep wide receivers and tight ends in check. So far this year, the secondary has been burned for many big yardage plays, practically sucking the life out of any momentum Downey may have had. Because of this, the defense is on the field way too long, leaving the offense flat.

**The Ugly:** Quarterback Anthony Moreno has a quarterback rating of 47. He has only completed 49 percent of his passes and has thrown far more interceptions (7) than touchdowns (3). Moreno needs to be able to read defenses quickly and get rid of the ball. The longer he holds on to the ball, the less likely the ball will leave his hand.

**The Wild Card:** Hiding quietly in the shadow of Tubbs is running back Caleb Shifflett. Even though Shifflett is used more for short yardage plays, he does have the ability to grind out large runs by practically carrying the defense on his back. Shifflett has carried the ball 68 times for 272 yards this season. Look for him to supplement Tubbs' running game.

### Warren Bears

**The Offense:** Every year, Warren has the same game plan to their offense: run the football. So far, Warren running backs have carried the ball 291 times totaling 1,565 yards on the ground. Running back Jose Green carries the load for the backfield but is accompanied by four other running backs which have carried the ball over 10 times. The running game is balanced and complete for Warren. They have someone to run it up the middle and another to run it around the sidelines. The Bears are a grind-out-the-clock team. They attempt to keep defenses off balance with an average passing game. Quarterback Alfonso Gonzalez has completed over 50 percent of his passes and has a quarterback rating 30 points higher than Downey's Moreno. Even though not flashy, it gets the job done.

**The Defense:** Something common found among all Jeff Welch teams is that they like to hit. Warren's defense, although not terribly big, likes to hit you square in the teeth. All around, they have average speed, not completely shutting down passing plays, but doing an adequate enough job to complete the goal. They proved this last week when they knocked out Gahr's passing-oriented offense, intercepting four total passes. Warren's defense is led by Patrick Pelligrino. Pelligrino, when not accompanying Green in the backfield on offense, doubles on defense. He leads the teams with 41 tackles and 19 assisted tackles.

**The Good:** The return of Jeff Welch to the helm of the football program has once again injected life into a previously moot football team. Welch brought back discipline and emotion to a team who was deemed lifeless last year. With Welch's return, look for him to light a fire under this team's belly. The Warren head coach will make sure that his team is up to facing Downey.

**The Bad:** Although the passing game is good enough, in order to beat a Downey team who hung tough with Dominguez, they'll need to do more than just complete short passes. Gonzalez has been adequate for the Bears, but he'll really need to step up and find the receivers that will be open downfield against Downey's secondary. Completing only 50 percent of his passes might not be good enough in a game like this. With both teams running the ball burning the clock, there will be a time where he will need to step up in the pocket and launch the ball to get a big yardage play. Gonzalez's longest pass this year has only been a 41-yard reception.

**The Ugly:** Warren's record shows a team that has won only three games. That record should be better, but special teams is hurting the Bears. Earlier in the season, kicker Alex Salcedo struggled with field goals costing the Bears precious points and possibly wins. Salcedo needs to find a confidence in himself to be the kicker everyone knows he can be.

**The Wildcard:** Keith Shetler is a surprise for Warren. So far, he has complemented the running game well, exploding for 429 yards on 66 carries. He's averaging over six yards a carry and is fast. The one thing that should be known about Shetler is he played his first three years of high school ball with the Downey Vikings. His knowledge of how their defense operates and years of football experience should have the Vikings not only looking for Green carrying the ball, but Shetler as well.

**The Outcome:** Like every Downey/Warren football game, anything can happen. Downey is coming off tough losses versus Santa Fe and Dominguez but rebounded with an easy win over Lynwood. Warren is coming off impressive victories over Paramount and Gahr. The game will be a low scoring affair but will be exciting nevertheless. It will come down to which offensive line is on and which running game is better this night. If that's not the case, the game will rely on the feet of the two kickers.

**Prediction:** Warren comes out the victor by a field goal. Warren 24, Downey 21.

## Bears Roster

1 Jai Marshall	WR, DB
2 Patrick Pelligrino	RB, LB
3 Andrew Gasdia	RB, LB
4 Anthony Lopez	RB, LB
5 Scott Ramirez	RB, LB
8 Keith Shetler	RB, DB
10 Armando Gomez	WR
11 Alfonso Gonzalez	QB
12 David Ortiz	RB, LB
15 Matt Clouser	WR
18 Andrew Cervantes	WR, DB
19 Alex Salcedo	K
20 Daniel Reliford	RB, DB
21 Jose Green	RB, LB
22 Josh Blinzer	TE, LB
25 Eric Borjas	DL
26 Ricshawn Moore	RB, DB
27 Nick Monico	RB, LB
28 Nate Colbert	RB, DB
30 Joe Taracena	QB
46 Matt Gonzalez	RB, LB
49 Nolan Hardie	RB, DB
51 Chris Duran	OL, DL
52 Carlos Salas	LB
53 Victor Santos	OL, DL
58 Emmanuel Alba	OL, DL
64 Anthony Figueroa	OL, DL
66 Mike Moraga	OL, DL
72 Cesar Peniche	OL, DL
73 Steve Montanez	OL, DL
75 Jose Sandoval	OL, DL
77 Daniel Singh	OL, DL
78 Ryan Lopez	OL, DL
81 Marvin Jerez	TE, DL
83 Pete Llanes	WR, DB
85 George Guzman	WR
88 Andrew Reyes	WR

## Cheerleaders gather for 50th reunion

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School pep squad hosted a reunion last week, attracting over 100 former squad members from the past 50 years.

Evabeth Thomas, class of 1959, was the alumni from the farthest back to attend the reunion. She was on cheer in 1957-58 and on the drill team in 1959.

The 2006-07 pep squad wore vintage uniforms for the second half of the Warren game, some uniforms dating back to 1957. The alumni even joined current cheerleaders with game cheers, with some donning their outfits from when they were members.

## DHS sports reunion set for next week

**DOWNEY** – A "Viking Sports Reunion" will be held Nov. 3 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Downey High School's CIF championship game against Anaheim, which drew a record crowd of over 40,000 people to the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The party will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Downey before departing for the Downey/Gahr game at 7 p.m. The reunion is free but game tickets are \$7.

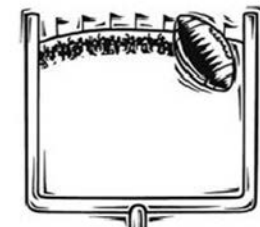
The Embassy Suites is offering a special room rate of \$129 for the night if you reference "Viking Sports Reunion."

For more information on the reunion, call Lash Stevenson at (650) 345-5274 or visit [www.lash-splce.com](http://www.lash-splce.com).

## Where will your student go after the Downey/Warren Football game?

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## HALLOWEEN IN AND AROUND DOWNEY

### Trick-or-treat at Downey Library

Preschool children can wear their favorite Halloween costumes while enjoying stories and treats when the Downey City Library hosts a special Trick or Treat Storytime on Halloween, Oct. 31, at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room.

After listening to Halloween stories, children will go "trick or treating" throughout the library. Parents are invited to take their cameras.

For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 27.

### Halloween florist class for kids

Downey Adult School is offering a Mommy & Me Halloween Florist Class where a child and parents can learn to make a Halloween flower arrangement, designed in keepsake containers.

The class is taught by florist Terrie Mercurio and will be held Oct. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. A \$15 fee includes instruction, flowers and container.

Pre-registration is a must by calling (562) 940-6200.

### Church hosting kids festival

A safe alternative to trick-or-treating will be provided by Bishop Leon and Jacqueline Martin and the New Generation when they host "Keep Our Children Safe" Harvest Fest on Oct. 31 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship Church.

Parents are invited to take their children to the festival, which will

include food, games, prizes, music and more. Admission is free.

The church is at 11022 Old River School Road.

### 'Elvis' hosting party & BBQ

Center for a Brand New Day in Bellflower invites the community to their annual Halloween party and barbecue Monday, Oct. 30 from noon to 2 p.m.

Free food, games and raffles will be enjoyed, as well as arts and crafts, bingo and a costume contest. "Elvis" will also be on hand.

For more information call Lizzie Garcia at (562) 233-6752.

### Best Buy in Halloween spirit

Best Buy in Downey will be giving away candy to trick-or-treaters in each of its departments on Halloween.

### 'Trunk or Treat' at Light & Life

The congregation of Light & Life Christian Fellowship, 9245 Florence Ave., will host "Trunk or Treat," featuring decorated car trunks filled with seasonal goodies, on Halloween.

Games, face/hand painting and other fun is planned also.

The event runs from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

### Older adults party at Apollo Park

A Halloween party will be held Oct. 30 at Apollo Park, courtesy of Downey Adult School's OASIS program for older adults. The program is free and starts at 4 p.m.



**A FACE ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE** – Rickey Alvarez is one of many monsters haunting the Queen Mary this weekend as part of its Halloween Terror Fest, which ends Tuesday. Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling (562) 435-3511.

## The 'Vampyre Lounge' opens in Long Beach

■ Dolled-up vampires present classic burlesque in this grown-up show aboard the Queen Mary.

**LONG BEACH** – Vamp the Lounge, a new and innovative interpretation of classic burlesque aboard the Queen Mary, has transformed itself into the Vampyre Lounge for this Halloween weekend.

Each Thursday through Sunday the Vamp Vixens, also known as the Queen Bees, will turn themselves into "some of the sexiest creatures anyone has ever seen" and perform at the Queen Mary. Showtimes are 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The new show will feature two vignettes, the first of which focuses on four beautiful women, each seeking the role of "Vampire Queen." The vignette will feature classic rock and includes music from Queen, White Snake, Alice Cooper and Ted Nugent.

The second part of the show is titled "Cat Scratch Fever," in which one small scratch from a cat turns into an epidemic. The music of Marilyn Manson, Styx and others will be featured in this edgy musical performance.

Admission is \$15 with reservations, which can be made by calling (562) 499-6625. Guests attending the GhostFest Expo, also being held at the Queen Mary, will be allowed entrance at no cost but with a two-drink minimum.

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**SUNDAY**  
Juan Gabriel - Soboba Casino

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## ZONE CHANGE

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Most vocal were representatives from Calvary Chapel, who cited a variety of possible negative impacts if the amendment were to be approved.

At the end of the marathon hearing, the Downey City Council requested staff to prepare a resolution denying the amendment request and the area's rezoning.

In other action the City Council:

- Set a public hearing for Nov. 14 for code amendment No. 06-22, a request to revise Section 9150.08(d) of the Downey Municipal Code relating to parking in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) and R-2 (Two-family residential) zones;

- Set a public hearing for Nov. 14 for the appeal of denial of zone variance No. 06-100, a request for a variance to Section 9150 and 9110 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to driveway width and excessive concrete in the front yard setback for property located at 7537 Calmcrest Drive, zoned R1-5,000 (Applicant/Appellant: David Hammond);

### Property acquisition

- Set a public hearing for Nov. 28 for consideration of adoption of a resolution of necessity to acquire three properties located along Lakewood Boulevard and the leasehold interest in property located at 8850 Imperial Highway;

- Approved agreement with Global Learning, Inc. for evaluation services for the Aspire Program;

- Appropriated \$39,500 for the replacement of a booster pump at Rio Hondo Golf Club;

### Special counsel

- Approved agreement for special counsel services with Hill, Farrer & Burrill, LLP regarding the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement project;

- Approved a memorandum of understanding for coordination of water resources planning relating to Prop.50 grant funding and implementation;

- Approved the Holiday Lane Parade permit for Sunday, Dec. 3;

### Tennis courts

- Approved a contract in the amount of \$44,773 to Edward C., Kruse, DBA "Trueline" for resurfacing the tennis courts at Independence and Furman Parks;

- Appropriated \$27,000 in gas tax funds for Spartan Lacquer Remediation Oversight by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board;

- Approved a resolution adopting a class specification and establishing a salary range for a training coordinator;

- Adopted an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Paramount Boulevard;

- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Old River School Road;

- Presented the Mayor's Soaring Eagle Award to Robert Linares, Water Systems Lead Operator;

- Proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and November as End Domestic Violence Month.

The next public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey.



**TALKING BUSINESS** – Ernie Garcia, right, was one of a select few to accompany Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on a trip to Asia.

## Course teaches principles of finance

**DOWNEY** – First Presbyterian Church of Downey is offering a free money management course to the public beginning in November.

"Good Money Sense" is a five-week program providing insights on the principals of finances. It teaches practical ways to prioritize financial goals, develop a spending plan, identify action steps to reduce expenses, reduce debt and more.

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## GARCIA

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As time went by, Ernie mastered the trials and tribulations of the metal finishing industry having worked at countless local plating companies.

Today, Ernie is the owner of West Coast Metal Finishing, one of the leading electroplating corporation in Southern California. He is actively involved with the city council of Los Angeles within a subcommittee for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard for low-income housing. As a result of being part of the Los Angeles Empowerment Zone, Ernie has created 52 jobs for people in the surrounding community. This feat has also taken him to the White House for an empowerment conference where he met President Bill Clinton along with Vice President Al Gore in 1998.

Most recently, Mayor James Hahn nominated West Coast Metal Finishing for the "Inner City 100" as one of the fastest growing companies in Los Angeles.

Ernie is still a proud resident of Downey, where you will frequently find him at his local parish of St. Raymond's. His childhood goals have been achieved and with the support of his family and friends, he says he is now working on the many future goals he currently has for his community.

## Hospital plans reunion for neonatal kids

**DOWNEY** – Graduates and their families of the Special Care Nursery at Downey Regional Medical Center are invited back for a reunion on Oct. 29 from noon to 3 p.m. There will be games, refreshments and a chance to become reacquainted with staff. Kids are invited to wear costumes.

DRMC's Special Care Nursery (SCN), or neonatal intensive care unit, opened in 1992 and cares for more than 500 newborns each year. SCN's last reunion in 2003 brought together about 200 graduates, their families, and their former caregivers.

"We share a very vulnerable time with these families and form a real bond with them," said SCN Clinical Coordinator Linda Pace. "What better encouragement could there be for our staff than to see former patients return as healthy, thriving kids, and get reacquainted with proud parents and grandparents."

Graduates' families are asked to RSVP for the event by calling (562) 904-5573.



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## Ray Minnich services held at Rose Hills

**DOWNEY** – Ray Minnich, a World War II veteran who moved to Downey in 1955, died Oct. 18 at his home in Downey. He was 83.

Minnich was born on March 10, 1923, the son of Thomas and Florence Minnich of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the youngest of three children. He volunteered to join the Army during World War II and was in the Signal Corps for nearly three years. He spent two and a half years in England and Europe, and was discharged on Dec. 7, 1945 with a rank of corporal.

Not long after returning from the war Minnich proposed to his wife, Mary, on New Year's Eve, 1945. They married on March 23, 1946 at the Edgeboro Moravian Church in Bethlehem.

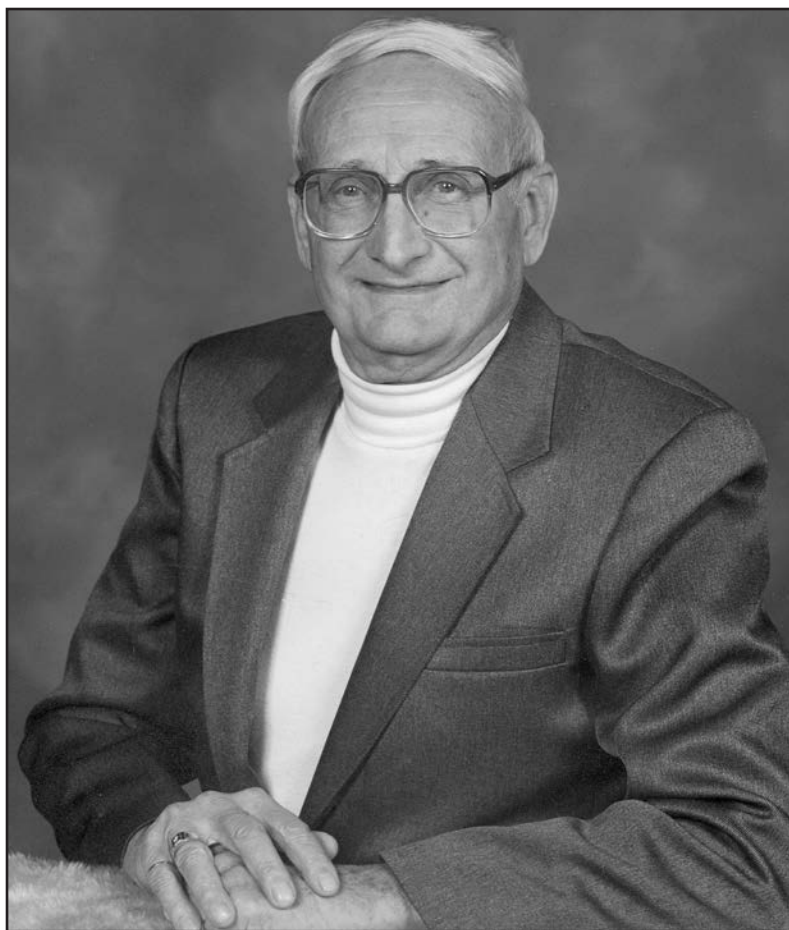
Minnich worked for 44 years in ice cream plants. Thirteen years in Pennsylvania and the last 31 years he worked for Darigold in Los Angeles. He retired in June 1985.

A year and a half after he retired, Minnich and his wife became tour guides of the AARP Chapter 262 of Downey, and they spent many years organizing bus trips for that chapter.

Ray and Mary were married for nearly 47 years until Mary died of cancer on December 24, 1992. Both were lifelong members of the Moravian Church, first in Bethlehem, then in Downey.

Minnich is survived by two daughters, Beth Hensel and Debbie Powell; son, Tom Minnich; six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held at graveside on Oct. 23 at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Ray was interred next to his wife. A military honor guard was on hand for the presentation of a flag to the family and the final playing of Taps.



**RAY MINNICH** – A World War II veteran, he moved here in 1955 with his wife, Mary.

## Temples present Chanukah boutique

**WHITTIER** – The second annual Chanukah Boutique Extravaganza, presented by Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, Temple Beth Ohr of La Mirada and Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier, will be held at the Whittier temple Nov. 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be live entertainment, gifts for all occasions, cake sale, and a "Wheel of Fortune" for a chance to win prizes. The community is welcome.

Temple Beth Shalom is located at 14564 Hawes Street in Whittier. Call Temple Ner Tamid at (562) 861-9276 for more information.

## Church offers free help with end of life decisions

**DOWNEY** – First Presbyterian Church of Downey is hosting a free seminar Oct. 28 to help individuals and families plan ahead for end-of-life decisions. People of all ages are invited to attend.

Rev. Julie Richwine, chaplain at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier, will lead the seminar. Richwine has extensive experience working with documents related to death and has worked with families of all faiths.

A light lunch will be served for \$3. The meeting starts at 11 a.m.

## Rudolf Moser services Saturday in Arizona

**DOWNEY** – Rudolf Moser, a longtime Downey resident before moving to Arizona five years ago, died Oct. 16. He was 79.

He was born Sept. 15, 1927, in Langenbruck, Switzerland, to Albert and Elise Moser. After immigrating to Canada, he eventually moved to the United States and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1953.

He served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne, attaining the rank of sergeant.

Moser is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sally; daughter, Catherine (Darin) Hayton of Haverford, PA; son, Albert (Jodi) Moser of Downey; brother, Albert Moser; grandson Pierce Hayton; and nephew and godson Hans Ruedi Moser and his wife and son, Denise and Gian Andrea, all of Basel, Switzerland.

Memorial services will be held at the Green Valley Mortuary in Green Valley, Arizona, on Oct. 28. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Moser's name can be made to Carondelet Hospice Care, 630 N. Alvernon Way, suite 361, Tucson, AZ 85711.

## Donald Lee Hart service and gathering Nov. 4

**DOWNEY** – Services will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey for Donald Lee Hart, a 20-year South Gate resident who died Oct. 20.

Services begin at 2 p.m. with a gathering at Granata's Italian Villa to follow.

Hart was born Dec. 13, 1930 in Hollywood, CA. He passed away in Hollywood also.

He is survived by daughters Karen Signore, Johanna Hart and Carrie Hart Jackson; son-in-law Robert Signore; and granddaughter Elise Signore.

Burial will be in Anaconda, Montana.

## Downey Fourth Ward has new bishop and counselors

**DOWNEY** – Leadership of the Downey Fourth Ward was changed last Sunday with Jacques Vallecalle being named to head the group.

Vallecalle, 55, had served as a counselor to two former bishops. A native of France, he has been a Norwalk resident for about 10 years. He holds a degree in culinary arts and is a baker by profession in addition to being a child care manager.

Frank Burton, 60, will serve as First Counselor to Vallecalle. Burton has lived in Downey most of his life and has served the members of two Downey wards in positions of ward clerk, ward mission leader and most recently as executive secretary in the Downey Fourth Ward.

Burton is employed by the ABC School District and holds a BA from Utah State University. He and his wife, Marilyn, are the parents of five, all of whom are graduates of Warren High School.

Curran Mitchell, 29, was chosen Second Counselor to Vallecalle. Mitchell holds a business administrative degree from the University of Phoenix and is employed as a systems manager.

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CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

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**Answer:** The first rule of thumb is to find a licensed contractor. Don't hire someone who doesn't have a valid license from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). Look for someone who can provide you with positive references along with general liability workers' compensation insurance. Make sure their policy covers every worker who will be on your roof. (A new law taking effect in January 2007 will require all roofing contractors to have workers compensation insurance.)

Ask neighbors, family and friends for referrals if they recently had their roof repaired or replaced. You can also call your local roofer's or builders association, which may be able to give you a referral. Associations like these hold their members to high standards.

If you decide to look online or in the yellow pages, a contractor's license number must be displayed in their advertisement. To check the license number of a contractor, or get more information, visit the CSLB's website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov). You can also refer to the CSLB consumer publication "Tips for Hiring a Roofing Contractor" which can be found at the CSLB website, or ordered for free by calling (800) 321-2752.

**Q:** I want to hire a licensed contractor for repairs after a sprinkler broke and flooded my yard. The contractor seems honest and was referred to me by a neighbor. I agree with the contractor's recommendations for what needs to be repaired and amount he wants to charge me seems fair. He said that we don't need a written contract, is this a good idea?

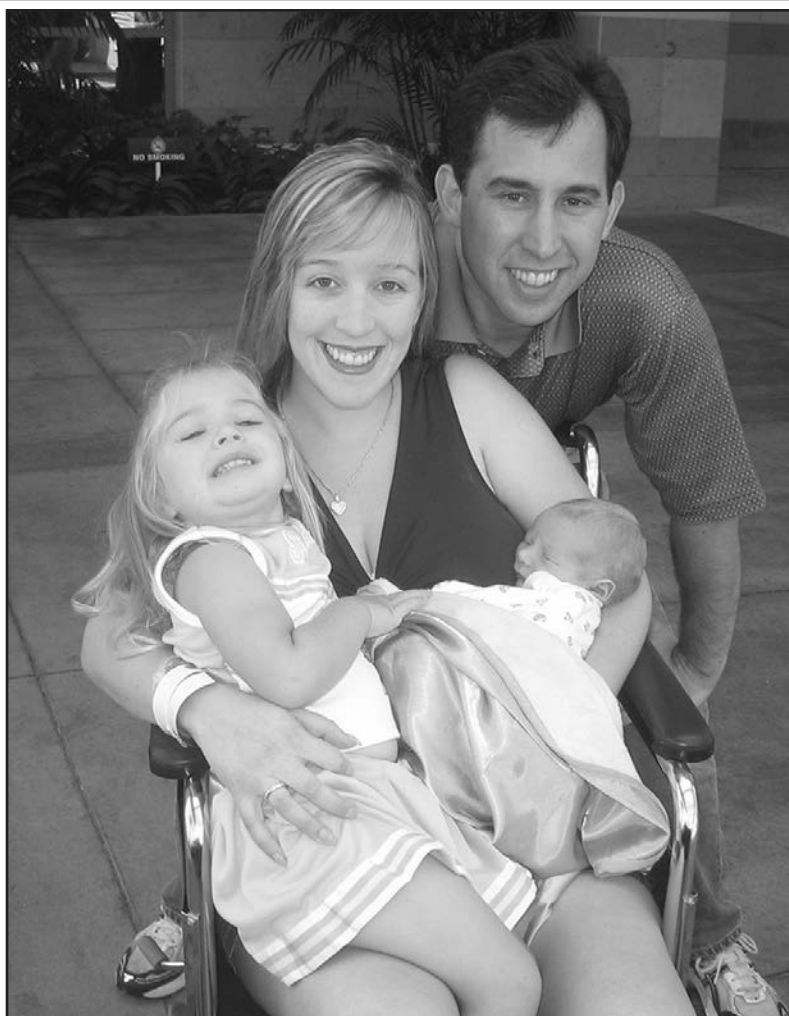
**A:** Even though your contractor seems like an honest person, California law requires that contractor to give you a written contract. You really want to have everything in writing. The majority of complaints against contractors center on disagreements over what a job was supposed to cover. One of the best ways to avoid miscommunication and insure that expectations are clear is to have everything spelled out in writing. The contract binds and protects both you and the contractor. It should include everything you have agreed upon, materials to be used and exactly what work will be done.

For more information, please read "Terms of Agreement - A Consumer Guide to Home Improvement Contracts" found on the CSLB website.

**Q:** I have hired a contractor to install new kitchen cabinets. He provided me with a written contract, but it is not very detailed. Does this matter?

**A:** Yes, the contract should be as specific as possible regarding all work to be done and materials to be used, including information such as quality, quantity, weight, color, size, or brand name as it may apply.

Make sure the contract includes everything that is agreed to, including complete cleanup and removal of debris and materials. They best way to avoid disputes over what was or wasn't agreed to is to write out the details in a contract. All changes in the contract must be made in writing as well. *Matt Kelly is the Chair of the Contractors State License Board. The CSLB operates under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs and licenses and regulates California's 302,000 contractors, and investigates more than 20,000 complaints against contractors annually.*



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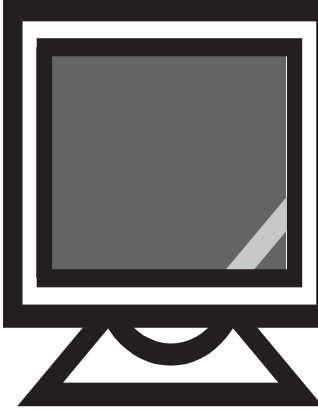
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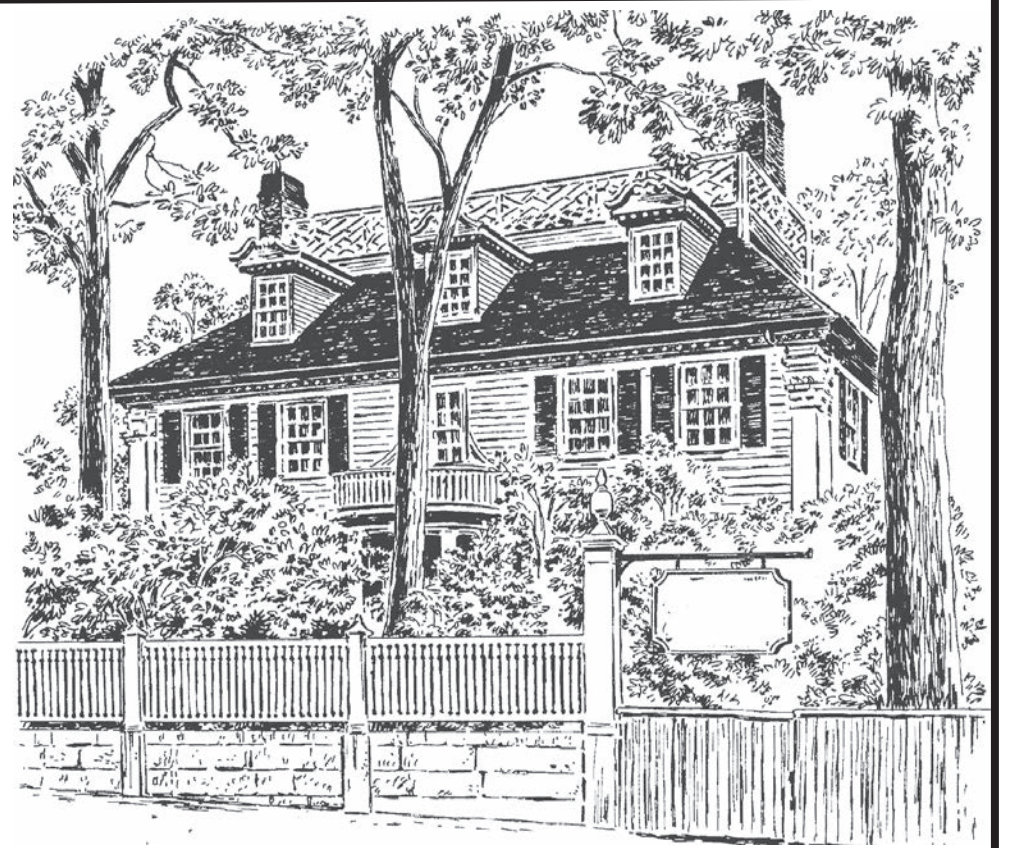
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