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Corridor providing traffic, air relief

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—The Alameda County Corridor continues to produce significant traffic and air quality relief and economic benefits to Southern California, according to new findings recently released by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA).

ACTA CEO John Doherty reported that the performance of the Alameda Corridor continues to steadily improve as compared to this time last year. During the first four months of 2005, 5,434 trains utilized the Alameda Corridor, a 14 percent increase in trips over the same time period in 2004. With the average train carrying over 200 cargo containers, the reported usage of the Corridor equates to nearly 900,000 truck trips that would have been required to accommodate the same cargo volume during the first four months of the year.

Fees also increase

A similar increase was reported for the fee revenue generated by activity on the Corridor. From January to April 2005, ACTA collected nearly \$22 million in fee revenues, compared to just under \$20 million during the same period in 2004, representing a 10 percent increase.

"The Alameda Corridor has proven to be a great success, getting trucks off our roads and eliminating the hours people used to spend waiting at rail crossings in our residential neighborhoods," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman and ACTA Chair Janice Hahn.

"We are moving goods more efficiently and improving our air quality in the Harbor Area and throughout the region and I look forward to continuing to work to positively impact the quality of life in the communities I serve."

Efficiency

Designed to improve the efficiency of transporting cargo from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the rest of the nation, the Alameda Corridor's operation has also resulted in significant air emissions reductions. According to a recent ACTA study, the consolidation of freight-rail operations and the alleviation of traffic congestion at more than 200 rail crossings in the Southland have resulted in a reduction of more than 3,300 tons of air pollutants in its first three years of operation.

Downey man picked sailor of the year

Earns Purple Heart

ROBERT E. BUSH NAVAL HOSPITAL, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA.—A sailor at the Branch Health Clinic at China Lake has been selected as the Navy Times Sailor of the Year.

HM3 Victor Urena was nominated by the Officer in charge at the clinic, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas L. Driver, for his honors because of Urena's outstanding achievement. Citing this sailor's work at the clinic, as well as his experience while deployed in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Driver noted "HM3 Urena is an exceptional Sailor and Hospital Corpsman. His ability to overcome adversity and his sense of duty have set him apart from his peers."

Driver added, "His ability to put skills as a Hospital Corpsman to use in the face of danger far exceeds the expectations of his rank," Driver added.

While serving in Iraq, Urena provided medical services to a platoon of 36 Marines in support of numerous combat missions, patrols and movements for contacts. On one occasion he continued to treat Marines without concern for injuries he received in an improvised explosive device attack. For those injuries Urena received the Purple Heart.

Urena hails from Downey. He attended Tracy High School in Cerritos, graduating in the year 2000. He entered the Navy in August, 2002. He says he chose the Navy to further discipline, direction and to provide him with a new level of confidence. Following Hospital Corps School, Urena reported for duty at the BHCCCL in June 2003. When he isn't busy with his work at the BHCCCL, Urena is completing college level courses. His educational goal is to obtain a degree in general studies by the time he transfers from China Lake, and in the long term to get a business management/finance degree. This educational goal will enable him to reach his career goal of staying in the Navy and applying for a communications program.

To date, his most memorable experience was the feeling of joy and relief he felt when he returned to his family and friends from his deployment in Iraq. "What every sailor dreams of," said Urena.

To busy himself on his time off, Urena visits family and friends in L.A. on weekends, takes online courses with the University of Phoenix. He also writes and produces music.

In just three years Urena has received the following decorations, Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

This superstar was also selected as the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Junior Sailor of the Year for 2004.

"Petty officer Urenas truly has what it takes to succeed as a navy hospital corpsman and has proven to be a tremendous asset to this command and the U.S. Navy," added Driver.



ELTON WALLAR AWARD – Fuad Alshamiyeh, owner of Zain's Jewelry in Downey, was presented the first annual Elton Wallar Award after being named Pro Networker of the Year last Friday. Making the presentation is Joe Keays (left) of Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, outgoing president of Pro Networkers. The award is named for Wallar, who was a Downey retailer for 70 years and a longtime member of the local business group. He passed away earlier this year. Pro Networkers meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe in Downey.

Moratorium on new mansions defeated

DOWNEY—Last week's report on the construction of new mansions being halted, as reported by The Downey Patriot, was inaccurate. The proposed adoption of an interim ordinance for such a moratorium on the construction of giant two-story homes on single family residential lots was, in fact, defeated, 3-2, with Councilmembers Meredith Perkins and Kirk Cartozian voting "no."

It required four "yes" votes for passage of the controversial interim ordinance.

The subject drew passionate debate from a large number of citizens at the June 28 City Council meeting, with the speechifying lasting well into the night. The other elements of last week's story are essentially true.

In the end, the advocates for the 'march of progress' breathed a sigh of relief over the ruling, while the proponents for the 'status quo' went home disappointed—at the very least.

We regret the error.



OPERATION GRATITUDE—Collected contributions for our troops deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Kosovo and the Korean Peninsula on a "Patriotic Celebration and Military Appreciation" Day at Robinsons-May Court at Stonewood Center July 2. Military personnel received discounts on items at Stonewood shops during the day. For information on Operation Gratitude, write 16444 Refugio Road, Encino, CA 91436, or use the web at www.opgratitude.com

Fireworks keep firefighters busy

By Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter

DOWNEY – The members of the fire and police departments were very busy over the weekend. Not surprisingly, the call load for both departments was up above normal.

This year the staff of both departments did a considerable amount of pre-holiday work. They met with the City Prosecutor, with the fireworks stand permit holders, and with those who would be doing the fireworks enforcement outside of our area. I am happy to report that all of the preparation work was worthwhile. In each case it appears our efforts were justified and fruitful.

As a result of our meetings with the prosecutor, our citation process this year was very efficient and, after meeting with the local DA, should be acceptable to the court. We are still tallying the number of citations issued for fireworks infractions. It looks like we will surpass last year's tally (70+). Some of the infractions were for misdemeanors by minors (using slingshots to launch safe and sane fireworks).

The special meeting held last Tuesday evening at the Fire/EOC training room for the fireworks stand permit holders was a success. Those in attendance were given the rules, codes and posters for public information. Most importantly the attendees thanked the fire department personnel for their efforts to keep them informed and within the code. Regulating the sale and use of fireworks is a labor intensive effort.

The State Fire Marshal decided to have members of his office participate in several fireworks sting activities in the local desert area this year. Through communication and teamwork, we were able to participate in the activities without bearing the brunt of the overtime and support costs. As a result of the local efforts, many thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks were confiscated near the City before the holiday period occurred.

Our experience has been that the fireworks activity generally increases dramatically as soon as the stands are opened. This year followed the same pattern. The fire and police departments fielded special patrols July 1-4. The same specialized patrol units typically write the most fireworks-related citations. They confiscate the most illegal fireworks as well...this year the patrol units, the in-field fire crews and the normally deployed police units confiscated over 900 pound of fireworks. This amounts to over 50 percent over last year.

We have already received complaints by members of the community regarding the abundance of illegal fireworks and the relative bravado of some of our residents when it comes to discharging illegal aerial devices. The spillover effects from fireworks continues to be a problem. The police department received over 252 complaints regarding fireworks from the 1st through the morning of the 5th. These calls amounted to 21 percent of the total calls for service by the police department. Unfortunately, crime activity, traffic accidents and calls for paramedic and fire/rescue service continue regardless of fireworks problems. At the peak of the Fourth of July activities, the police department received over 90 calls for service in little more than an hour. This level of requests for service is difficult to handle. There were several vegetation fires throughout the city caused by fireworks and, more importantly, two roof fires. One of the roof fires was at Quill and Old River School Roads at the apartment building on the corner. Luckily, the fire was detected early and limited to the old wood-shake roof. The fire loss is estimated at \$5000.

Another roof fire occurred on Orizaba. The damage from that fire is estimated at \$500. A mailbox fire was also extinguished by the fire crews. I believe setting a fire involving the mail is a felony, but of course you need to catch the perpetrator.

By week's end, we should have a fully tally of all citations and have had the time to evaluate the reports and finding of the field personnel. Once all of the information is in, Police Chief John Finch and I will be developing a complete report.

In summary, I believe we made a difference in the community safety because of the prevention and enforcement efforts.

Information supplied by Downey Police Chief John Finch and Captains Campos and Dryer was used in this report.

Jumpin' Joz Band at Furman Park

DOWNEY – The Jumpin' Joz Band brings their high energy show to the Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

The concert series is free and is held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue in Downey.

The Jumpin' Joz Band style is a combination of swing, jump, jazz, early R&B, reminiscent of Count Basie, Louie Prima, Benny Goodman, Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Louie Jordan. Their music is great for listening as well as swing dancing. The band has a growing following of dancers from young to old.

The Jumpin' Joz Band has performed at all the most popular swing venues in California including the Catalina Swing Dance Camp, The Derby, Disneyland Swing Night, Club Jitterbug, Avalon Ballroom, and Suzy Q's. The band has played concerts from Palm Springs to Santa Barbara. They are in constant demand to play special events, company parties, weddings, fundraisers, movie openings and cast parties, community and political events, as well as private parties.



It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor.

When you call 911, you expect to be quickly taken to the nearest Emergency Room. That doesn't always happen because your local ER is full and has been put on "diversion" by the County's dispatch system. Too often, recently, precious time is wasted while paramedics seek an ER that can take you. Ultimately, you wind up in a hospital that doesn't have your records, won't allow your doctor to take care of you and may not even accept your medical insurance. To make matters worse, you wait hours to be treated, then wait some more in a hallway until a hospital bed becomes available.

Sound like a nightmare? In L.A. County, hospitals are on "diversion" about 25 percent of the time. Waiting times have increased as well. And it's only going to get worse.

Closure of Suburban Hospital's emergency room earlier this year forced its patients to find alternative emergency care. Drew/King Medical Center recently closed its trauma center. Los Angeles County has lost 9 emergency rooms that saw 150,000 patients during the past 5 years. Downey Regional Medical Center currently sees nearly 50,000 patients a year, up from 35,000 five years ago. As a result, when a Downey EMS ambulance picks up a Downey resident, that patient may be diverted to another hospital.

ER diversions are caused by a lack of resources and a broken County healthcare system. Reimbursement rates for treating patients have not kept up with costs and the number of indigent and uninsured patients coming into Downey's ER has doubled.

Consider this:

- More than one in four non-elderly people in LA County are uninsured
- Many more are underinsured, meaning hospitals get little or no reimbursement for treating them.
- The cost of providing care to uninsured patients at private (non-county) emergency rooms in LA County increased from \$63 million in 2000 to \$77.5 million in 2004.

Downey Regional Medical Center is committed to providing Downey residents and patients of its medical staff with access to quality care in its Emergency Care Center. We continue to train additional emergency room nurses, and are asking the county, state and federal government to fairly reimburse them for the services they provide.

Downey Regional's goal is to provide quality emergency services to its community as it has for decades. We are currently working with county and city officials to set boundaries on ambulance runs that will enable the Emergency Care Center to be available for patients, so they know they will be taken care of at their hospital and by their physicians. Providing these boundaries will allow DRMC to continue these services.

Downey Regional's commitment is to this community, and to providing the safest and finest high-quality care and expertise you have come to expect. Because when it comes to your health, there can be no compromises.

*Richard Guess, M.D.
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Downey Regional Medical Center*



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FURMAN PARK CONCERT – The Jumpin' Joz Band will entertain next Wednesday at the Summer Twilight Concert at Furman Park at 7 p.m.

BAND

Rick Jozwick is the leader, drummer, singer and arranger whose inspiration is the great Gene Krupa. Because he is a swing dance performer and teacher, he plays the beat the dancers want to hear. Along with the great swing classics, Joz also sings and writes his own original swing music and harmonizes with Ginger Berglund.

Ginger, who adds a feminine touch to the band, is a singer whose style is reminiscent of the great singers of the 1940's like Peggy Lee and Ella Fitzgerald.

The usual configuration of the Jumpin' Joz Band is Female and Male vocal, Piano, Bass, Drums, Guitar, Sax, Trumpet, and Trombone. The musicians include the top swing and jazz musicians in Southern California.

For more information about the Financial Partners Furman Park Summer Concert Series, phone the City of Downey Community Services Department at 904-7238.



OVER 900 POUNDS—Of illegal fireworks were confiscated by the State Fire Marshall this year, reported Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter, a 50 percent increase over last year.

Carwash to benefit boy's operation

DOWNEY—A waterless carwash fundraiser will be held tomorrow, July 9, for Demare Franklin, a 5-year-old Downey boy scheduled for a major operation in Texas later this month.

Franklin was born with a nerve problem in his left arm that has required him to undergo three surgeries already, his parents said. Bellflower Kiwanis and Calvary Baptist Church are sponsoring the carwash.

The carwash will run from 8 a.m. to noon at 14722 Clark Avenue in Bellflower.

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VERONICA AZCARATE—Was among 26 juniors and seniors from California and more than 280 from throughout the country who participated in the weeklong Presidential Classroom held in Washington, D.C., where they interacted with government officials, including Members of Congress, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists. In addition to good grades, students eligible to participate in the program must demonstrate a commitment to extracurricular activities and community service. Here, the 15-year-old junior from Downey High visits with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34).

Chamber Mixer at Rancho July 14

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, 7601 E. Imperial Highway, will host a Downey Chamber of Commerce Mixer Thursday, July 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The reception will take place in the courtyard adjacent to the historical Spanish Harriman Bldg. Parking is ample and free in the doctors' parking lot.

The Rancho Gift Shop, whose proceeds benefit Rancho patients, will be open, offering 10 to 50 percent discounts. Other Mixer features are a visit to the renowned Rancho Art Gallery and a mouth stick painting demonstration, and music by the Rancho Choir.

Summer fundraiser at Pechanga July 20

DOWNEY—The Downey Emblem Club #309 will be traveling to the Pechanga Resort & Casino Wednesday, July 20 for a summer fundraiser. A bus will be leaving from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 5:30 p.m. Bingo will be played on the bus to and from the resort.

Cost is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members. A \$5 voucher will be issued to use as you choose. All are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Mary Guzman at 622-1003.

Walking class offered at Stonewood

DOWNEY—The Stonewood Strollers, a free walking class led by Kathy Gorman, former principal of Downey Adult School, meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Stonewood Center in Downey.

It is sponsored by Stonewood Center and Downey Adult School.

Council to consider public arts program

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council will review an agenda item concerning a proposed ordinance to establish a public arts program in the city of Downey at the City Council meeting scheduled for July 12.

Besides creating a public arts program, the ordinance would also establish a Public Arts Committee that would be appointed by the City Council to help assist in directing the program.

The proposed ordinance will just be up for discussion at this time and will be brought back to the City Council at a later date for adoption.

For more information, call 904-7284.

Fall Craft Fair set Oct. 8 at Downey

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District is planning a Fall Craft Fair for Saturday, Oct. 8th in the Downey High School gym.

Persons wishing to rent table space should request it as soon as possible by calling Rose Boland at (562) 469-6890.

Student in youth leadership forum

DOWNEY—Warren High student Mark Aparicio was one of 350 high school students from around the country who attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine at UCLA, where they were introduced to concepts in medical ethics, research, public health and general practices.

Aparicio will graduate in 2006.

'Healthier Living' program begins today

DOWNEY—The six-week *Healthier Living* program developed by Stanford University's School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente, designed to help people manage ongoing health conditions which can include heart disease, a lung disease, diabetes, chronic pain and arthritis, begins meeting today, July 8 at 9:30 a.m. (to 11:30 a.m.) at the Kaiser Permanente - Imperial Satellite Offices, 12200 Bellflower Blvd. in Downey.

The one-day a week class is free and open to the public; people of all age groups suffering an ongoing health condition should especially benefit from it. Classes will include a discussion on managing the effects of pain, stress, depression and even fatigue through goal-setting. The importance of exercise and nutrition are also covered.

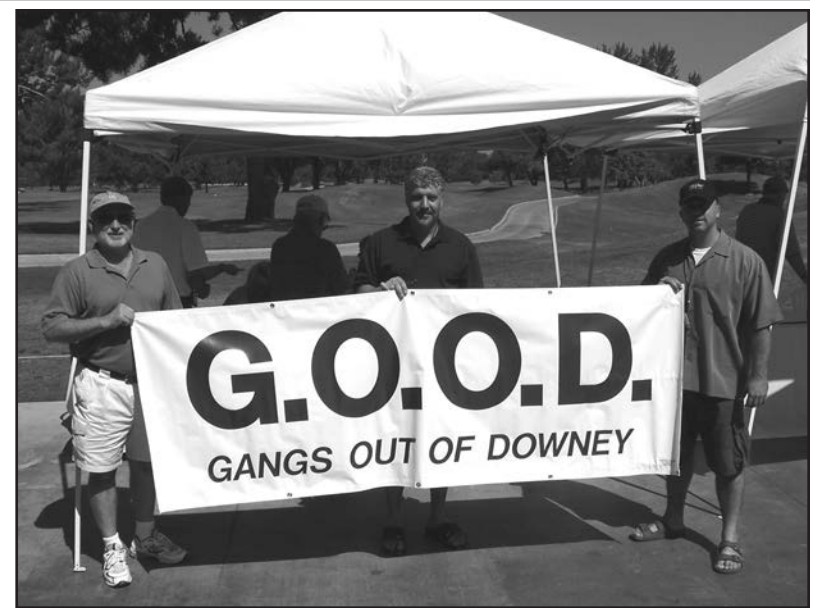
Subsequent meeting dates are July 15, 22, 29, and Aug. 5 and 12. Information: Health Education Dept., 622-4150.

Hip Hop dance class for children

DOWNEY—Downey Community Services is offering Hip-Hop for Youth & Teens at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, beginning Tuesday, July 26.

The Youth Class (ages 6-12) will be offered from 4-5 p.m., and the Teen Class (ages 13-18) from 5-6 p.m.

Fee for each class is \$18 for five weeks. For information, call 904-7223.



OVER 300 GOLFERS—Took part in the recent second annual G.O.O.D. Golf Tournament in support of the organization's anti-gang and -drug activities. Seen with Paul Granata, center, who owns major sponsor Granata's Restaurant are Kent Halbmaier, left, DUSD director of special education, and Robert Jagielski, newly-minted DUSD director of pupil services.

'Life after Stroke' seminar July 16

DOWNEY—Community members are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) Saturday, July 16 for a seminar, "Life after Stroke: Where do I go from here?," from 9-11 a.m. and screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The seminar will feature Inpatient Physical Therapy supervisor Ernie Sanchez, PT, discussing physical therapy; Occupational Therapy Supervisor Jennifer Ono, OTR/L, discussing occupational therapy; and Speech Pathologist Lori Campbell, MSCCC, whose topic will be treating communication disorders after stroke.

Blood pressure and heart rates will be checked for all requesting participants; stroke screenings will be given for early sign-ups.

The event is free for those attending. However, seating is limited and registration is required. DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Blvd. For more information/to register for a Stroke Awareness Day, call 904-5162.

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Nordic Fox seeking stories of the past

DOWNEY—The Nordic Fox Restaurant, formerly Foxy's, located at 10924 Paramount Blvd., was built in 1968. The current operators wish to honor the restaurant's singular A-frame design and long years of service by compiling stories of the past that occurred at the restaurant.

A contest has been declared. If you have a humorous story or something touching that occurred at Foxy's in past years—did you meet your spouse here, was a child born here, did you dine with someone special—you are asked to submit the story in typed format in 300 words or less.

\$100 is offered for the funniest and another \$100 for the most sentimental story.

All entries become the property of Nordic Fox Inc. The contest is open to all those who are not employees or family of Nordic Fox or its suppliers. Entries must be received by Aug. 15, 2005. Winners will be announced on Aug. 19. Entries may be used as deemed by Nordic Fox, but personal information such as addresses will not be displayed.

Child excursion to Huntington Library

DOWNEY—Young adults, ages 13-19, are invited to register for an all-day excursion from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9 to the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens sponsored by the Downey City Library.

It is part of the Teen Summer Reading program of the Friends of the Library, who say teens won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy the Huntington's fine collection of art, sculpture and rare books, as well as its magnificent 12-acre gardens.

Permission slips from parents are required. For information, contact the Adult desk at 904-7360 ext. 3.

Fire Explorers prove they can take the heat

By Jacquelinne Mejia
St. Joseph High School

DOWNEY — When one goes to Downey's Fire Station 1, the headquarters of the Downey Fire Explorers, they can see that the 106-ft. fire ladder is not the only thing escalating to new heights.

Within the city of Downey, there is a program mounting to new heights itself.

The Downey Fire Explorers is known to be one of the most prestigious Fire Explorers programs in the region, to such an extent that young men from the ages of 16-21 from all around the region, including the cities of Downey, Lynwood, Long Beach and several others, come to train in the program in hopes of beginning their careers as firefighters.

The program is a difficult one to get into; the young hopefuls eager to be explorers have to pass an application and interview process and as Jorge Villanueva, the head advisor of the Fire Explorers, states, be "career-oriented, young men who want to be firefighters."

These young men are taught by professional firefighters, who train the explorers in the areas of fire fighting skills, ladder techniques, hose lay evolutions, proper use of firefighting tools and equipment, and other tactics used in the operations of firefighting. Hour-long lectures are also given, along with instructional videos. Training is held every Thursday night, including monthly drills.

The program not only teaches the tactics to become a firefighter, but also installs the methods of community outreach. The Fire Explorers attend numerous community events, including Kidsday and the Downey Street Faire, and help out with various youth programs, such as the Fishing Derby.

Villanueva explains the goals he hopes the explorers will accomplish, "Ultimately, I want all of them to be hired as firefighters, and instill qualities of firefighters in them: honesty, humility, and providing service to citizens...it comes from within."

"I value teamwork and commitment," said Roth Ly, an explorer. "Teamwork in the fire service is a main key. When everyone is working together as a team, things get done a lot faster and in a safe manner. We take care of each other."

"Commitment is another thing I value. We have no tolerance for mistakes and abandonment. That's not what the fire service is about. I enjoy helping people. It's a great career to get into. You have to multitask, give and receive orders and learn how to work as a team."

"I feel really confident about becoming a firefighter." It's obvious these young men have these essential values instilled in them — qualities that Downey would be proud to have in its future firefighters.



CYNTHIA KRISTIN ANANIAS—Recently received The Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Girl Scout honored with Gold Award

DOWNEY—Warren High senior Cynthia Kristin Ananias, nicknamed Cindy, was recently honored at the Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony held in Temple City, as she received the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Her Gold Award Project was to develop a library/reading program for the sick children at the City of Hope Hospital. Drawing inspiration from Kelsey Devich, someone who has suffered from leukemia since she was 2 years old, Cindy collected over 500 brand new books from donations she received from friends, relatives, and businesses.

Her final project resulted in 300 books being donated to the pediatric ward along with cassette recorders, walkmans, and CD players. She made personalized reading tapes, so that when parents are gone, the children can turn on a recording and listen to a story. In addition, she gave Harry Potter caps to the children who had lost their hair due to chemotherapy. Cindy had such an overwhelming response to her project, she was able to give an additional 200 books to the Arcadia Assistance League.

Cindy is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, G.A.T.E., Keep Downey Beautiful and has been a member of Pep Squad for 3 years. She has been named the All Squad Cheer Captain for next year.

She was also selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. where she interacted with leaders from around the nation. She is as well a member of the Assistees, a branch of the Assistance League of Downey where she is involved in numerous philanthropic projects.

Chamber to honor business of the year

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will recognize outstanding businesses in the 1-10 employee and 11+ employee categories chosen by fellow Chamber members during its Volunteer of the Year Luncheon Wednesday, July 27 at the Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd. The program is scheduled for 11:45 a.m.

The two businesses will be judged for their "consistent leadership on civic and business issues, and for their contributions to the community and to variety of organizations."

Nominations deadline was set no later than 5 p.m. on June 30. Past recipients of the "Business of the Year" award include: the late Ed DiLoreto, Yale Engineering, 1989; Morrie Adnoff, Calsan, 1993; Dave Gafin, CPA and current City Councilmember, 1997; Steve Roberson, Century 21 My Real Estate, 2000; and Steve Allen, Pacific Western Bank, 2003.

The Chamber will also recognize the Outstanding Committee Persons of the Year, Director of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Numismatists heading to coin show

DOWNEY — Officers of the Downey Numismatists, a member club of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, have been announced. They are: Wilfred Gamble, president; Chuck Morrissey, senior vice president; and Albertus Hooegeven, secretary/treasurer.

The club also made plans for the upcoming Long Beach Coin Show Sept. 22-24 at the Long Beach Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave. in Long Beach, which will feature not only coin dealers, but stamp, post card, cigar box labels, jewelry, watches, supplies and other collectibles displayed by over 2,000 dealers.

The club meets at the Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave. in Downey on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet July 12

DOWNEY—Chamber members Michelle Elliott of CareMore Insurance Services, Steve Ron-Allen Denapoli of Cedars Bank, and Eddie Morales of Downeycoupons.com are the scheduled speakers when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meets Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

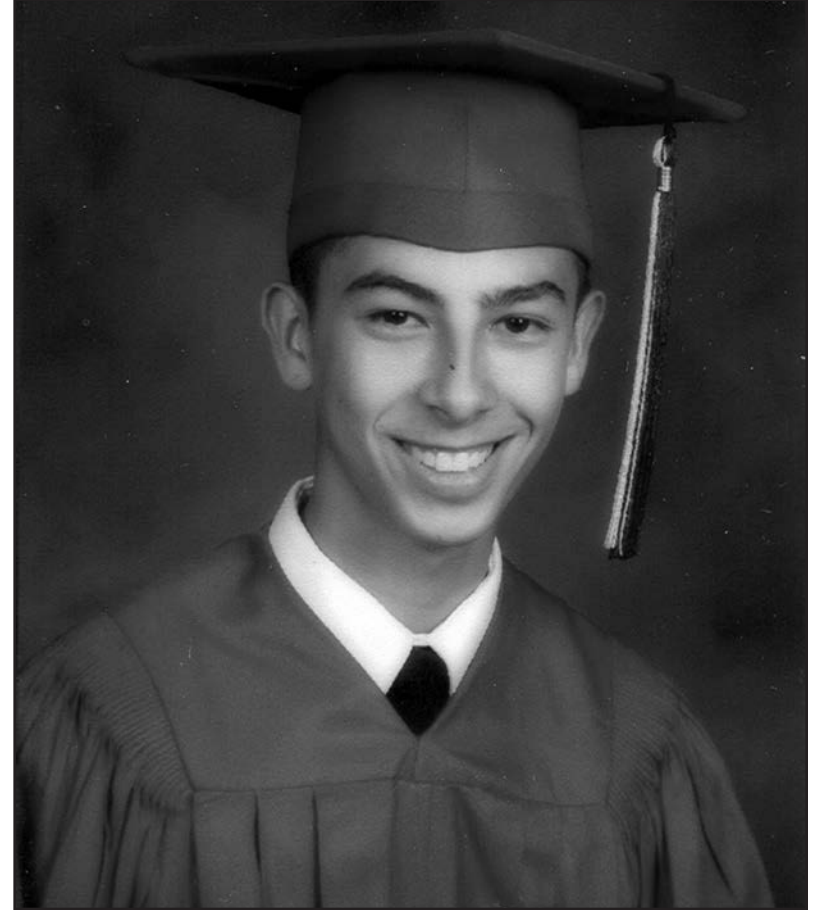
To RSVP, call 923-2191.

The poets' corner

The Art of Quitting Smoking

From yellow teeth
to Monster breath
to smelly clothing
to your blackened lungs
what do you have
It's really sad
some think of acupuncture
With all its needles
Others think hypnotism
with its mind bend
others the sticky patch
with its chemical blend
but if you don't have
the mindframe to quit
you might as well
forget about all of it!

--Don Davis,
Downey



MATTHEW J. NICCOLI—A 2005 graduate of Downey High School, has enlisted in the United States Navy. He is scheduled to begin basic training in October at Great Lakes, Illinois. After completing his recruitment training, Matthew will go to Charleston, South Carolina for Nuclear Field schooling. His goal, once his schooling is completed, is to be a Machinist Mate aboard a Nuclear Submarine.

Darrell Jackson is featured speaker

DOWNEY — Darrell Jackson, representative of Gangs Out of Downey, will be the featured speaker at the July 13 meeting of Citizens for Downey at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

The breakfast meeting starts at 7 a.m. and is open to the public with no reservations necessary.

Emmy Award winner at Women's Club

DOWNEY — Emmy Award winning film composer, professor and author Dr. Jack Wheaton will be the special feature when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets for their monthly meeting July 13 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The buffet luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. and costs \$12. The public is invited to attend.

Wheaton will speak on "Journey for Truth," and will also provide the musical entertainment. "Stars and Stripes Forever" is the theme.

For reservations or more information, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269.

New CERT classes start Sept. 10

DOWNEY—New Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes begin Sept. 10 at the Downey Woman's Club, located at the southwest corner of Paramount and Lubec.

CERT, which is designed for citizen responders who in the event of a major emergency would help neighborhoods and local government, shared information about the program at their booth when the annual Kidsday Fair took place at Furman Park May 14.

Monthly meetings are held from 6-7:30 p.m. every second Thursday.

Dinner to honor Temple president

DOWNEY — Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will host a dinner party at the Dal Rae Restaurant in Pico Rivera on Monday, July 18, to honor Temple president David Saltzman for his dedicated service to the congregation over the years. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and a gourmet dinner at 7.

For reservations and/or information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Bingo luncheon July 10

DOWNEY — The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a "Bingo Luncheon" Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m. in the Robert Gibson Hall at 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Donation is \$10 and includes one free bingo card, door prizes and lunch. A \$25 money tree will be raffled off as well as other great prizes.

For tickets, call Alin Amatisto at (562) 869-8981 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

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Arts foundation to honor Margene Glenn

DOWNEY—The non-profit John Hume Performing Arts Foundation will recognize Margene Glenn for her exemplary volunteer service to the arts at a luncheon Saturday, July 23 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The event also commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first production of the Downey Children's Theater; "Hansel and Gretel" in 1955.

This is the first year that the JHPAF's "Margene Glenn Award" will be presented. The organization established it to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their support of the arts. An inaugural plaque will be presented to Glenn, then future awards given annually to deserving recipients who carry on Margene's commitment to excellence, supporting the performing arts.

"We want to acknowledge Margene's 20 years of service as President of the Downey Civic Light Opera, honor her in front of friends and family, and celebrate her birthday," said JHPAF Vice President Floyd Riggle, Jr. Glenn's birthday is July 25.

While serving as Downey Civic Light Opera President from 1978-1999, Glenn produced more than 60 full productions, special presentations and fundraisers at the Downey Theater.

Glenn recalled her introduction to the Downey Children's Theater: "My husband, George Glenn, served as mayor of Maywood for 12 years. Then, in 1965 we moved to nearby Downey. I heard that Shirley Jones would be a guest speaker at Furman Park for the first performance of the DOT production of the Music Man, and I went to that event. John Hume, producer and director of DOT, and other theater supporters were making a case for building a theater at the park. At the event, Glenn heard Ms. Jones speak passionately on behalf of children's theater and the arts. Then a lady I didn't even know came up to me and said 'Wanna join the theater?' That lady was Downey resident Jeanne Harman. I said, 'Okay.' Little did I know I'd be active in theater production for the next 35 years."

Glenn continued, "John Hume told me I'd be in wardrobe, I said, 'but Mr. Hume, I don't sew. He replied, 'Mrs. Glenn, you are still in wardrobe.' There was a production of 'The King and I' rehearsing at the time."

Margene found a way to get the job done, and began her volunteer service. It was refreshing to be with other people who cared about the arts.

The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation will host the luncheon at noon and will present a history of the Downey Children's Theater and Civic Light Opera, while celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Children's Theater, as well as honor Glenn.

The event is open to the public, but seats are limited and reservations are required.

For information on the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. visit the website at www.johnhume.org, or write to JHPAF Inc., P.O. Box 224, Downey CA 90241 or phone (562) 869-0422.

Leaders work to restore funding

SACRAMENTO—Local elected leaders representing the six-county Southern Association of Governments (SCAG) region that includes Downey met with state lawmakers June 24, urging support for a variety of transportation, housing and other regional priorities.

SCAG leaders advocated for restoring Prop. 42 funds to address the transportation funding crisis; supporting Gov. Schwarzenegger's "GoCalifornia" package and other measures aimed at improving the state's economic potential with goods movement; implementing changes to the state's housing system to better address the lack of affordability and availability; and adopting better conversion technologies for improved waste management.

The group pointed out that key transportation infrastructure investments are needed to improve the state's goods movement system or it may lose billions of dollars in future economic growth. SCAG leaders praised the governor's plan to restore \$1.3 billion in gasoline sales tax revenues to transportation projects as a significant first step in alleviating the congestion and pollution that is hurting communities and hindering California's economic potential.

The SCAG delegation also briefed legislators on the importance of goods movement to the region and state's future. More than 40 percent of the nation's trade volume uses Southern California's ports but the current transportation infrastructure required to deliver cargo is not adequate to handle anticipated trade growth without increasing traffic congestion, air pollution and other detrimental impacts on the local communities.

"In large part, Southern California's economy is based on our ability to move goods. The state must support efforts to improve our transportation systems and infrastructure or our economy will come to a halt," said Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace city councilmember and chair of SCAG's Transportation and Communications Committee. "If we don't continue making the investments needed, not only will the regional economy suffer, but the state and national economies will take a hit as well. This goes beyond merely addressing traffic congestion."

SCAG leaders also urged lawmakers to identify solutions to the state's growing housing crisis. In Southern California alone, housing construction is not meeting current demands and falling well short of future needs, with the population expected to grow by at least six million in the next 25 years. Southern California Compass, SCAG's recently adopted growth vision for the region, provides local leaders with the tools needed for more comprehensive transportation and land use planning. SCAG leaders also pressed for reforms to the state Housing Element law to provide for an affordable, available housing supply while encouraging cooperation among state and local jurisdictions to meet future needs.



"Reforming the state's CEQA and Housing Element processes would streamline our region's ability to implement more comprehensive housing policies that facilitate more balanced growth and are better coordinated with transportation improvements," stated Deborah Robertson, Rialto city councilmember and chair of SCAG's Community, Economic and Human Development Committee.

To reduce stress on Southern California's landfills, the delegation also urged support for legislation that would encourage the development of waste conversion technologies and allow cities and counties to receive diversion credit for developing conversion facilities.

Among the state legislators and transportation leaders at the Capitol who met with the SCAG delegation were Assemblymembers Ron Calderon, Banking & Finance chair, and Betty Karnette. For more information about SCAG's legislative program, call Don Rhodes, manager of government affairs at (213) 236-1840.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Uphold the code'

Dear Editor:

The City Council, at the June 28 meeting, voted 3 to 2 to put a moratorium on building what are called "mansions" for a designated period of time, until the problems could be addressed and they could set proper guidelines for buildings, as well as allow the citizens of Downey to have some input. Unfortunately, a 4 to 1 vote is required to accomplish this.

At the June 14 City Council meeting, I read a portion of the [pertinent] code. Then on June 28 I read it in its entirety. I asked for clarification, but none was given. The following expresses our views on the matter, and we certainly expect the city to abide by the code:

"We request that the Downey City Council and City Planning Department uphold the existing Downey Municipal Code **"9110.14 The architecture & general appearance of the building shall be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and such as not be detrimental to the general welfare of the neighborhood in which they are located."** which is a valid enforceable regulation under California law (Schroeder v. Municipal Court 73 Cal App3d 841.848 1977. And that this means "As for instance in a ranch neighborhood in order to comply with Downey Municipal Code any potential buyer or developer of the property may only build a structure thereon which is consistent with the "ranch style" of all the other homes." We also request that any code such as height and square footage be amended to fit this neighborhood code and regardless of other code allowing two stories, any home that is to be remodeled or built must still conform to the code to include 'scale of neighborhood'. We oppose Mansionization of Downey Neighborhoods as it disrupts the architectural integrity of our neighborhoods which we believe will eventually lower property values, as well as, that it disrupts privacy and a neighborhood's sense of place and well-being."

My question is, are only the citizens of Downey required to obey the laws, or are the city officials required to do so also?

Where are the code enforcement officers when we need them? How could they not notice, when this code is being violated on almost every street I travel?

Many citizens of Downey are getting increasingly disturbed by the big problems caused by these big houses! The longer the law is ignored, the more difficult it will be to correct! This is not a closed issue!

Either the senior Planning official is ignorant of the codes or he has deliberately ignored them! He has deliberately violated the parameters of the general plan and has abused his authority in the performance of his duty. My feeling is that he should resign his position and those over him should see that laws are obeyed.

I request that every plan in for plan check that violates the code (big homes) be returned to the people and that they make plans in compliance. Yes, this seems severe, but don't blame the citizens who want codes enforced - blame the head of Planning and those who chose to turn a blind eye to the law.

Twice I have told the City Council that what we want is fairness and equity - everyone living by the same laws - not selective enforcement!

—Elsa Van Leuven,
Downey

Objects to wording

Dear Editor:

The letter you published describing opponents of mansionization as "Luddites" was just a little over the top. The Luddites and their contemporary Captain Swing advocated and performed the destruction of private property. Thanks for your sense of balance. Why not fascists and all the usual political invective. Did you not have at least one other letter that was at least rational in its support of these structures? Or was this the only letter?

—J. Fitzgerald,
Downey

'Dream Seekers' print wins Honorable Mention

By Linda Pak

DOWNEY—Recent Downey High School graduate David Chao received Honorable Mention at the 2005 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition for his painting titled "The Dream Seekers."

"This art competition showcases the extraordinary creative talents of the students of the 34th Congressional District," Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard said. "I am so proud to represent a district filled with so many artistic students, caring parents, inspirational teachers, and devoted community and business leaders who lend their support each year to make the art competition a success."

Each entry was judged on three criteria: originality, technical skill, and artistic presentation.

Chao was one of three students who were awarded Honorable Mention this year. Each student received a \$250 scholarship, a \$125 gift certificate for art supplies, and \$100 cash. A \$200 gift certificate was also awarded to each student's schools.

His piece, "The Dream Seekers," centers on the theme of children's dreams.

"I chose this theme because the dreams we had in our childhood were the most innocent dreams we ever had," said Chao. "I'm glad I was able to share my painting with the public, and I'm happy that the judges liked my work."

Inspired by fine artist John Sargent and animation director Hayao Miyazaki, Chao plans to pursue his interests in animation and illustration by attending California Institute of the Arts in September.

He encourages the community and other young artists like himself to see the importance of art and promote its development.

"Art is a big part of the human culture and we need to pass this attitude on to future artists," he said. "It is very important for our community to urge young artists to show their talents and their views of the world."

As a recent immigrant from Taiwan, Chao believes in art as a powerful medium of expression, an "international language" that speaks to everyone.

"I can't express myself through English very well," he said, "but through art, I can."

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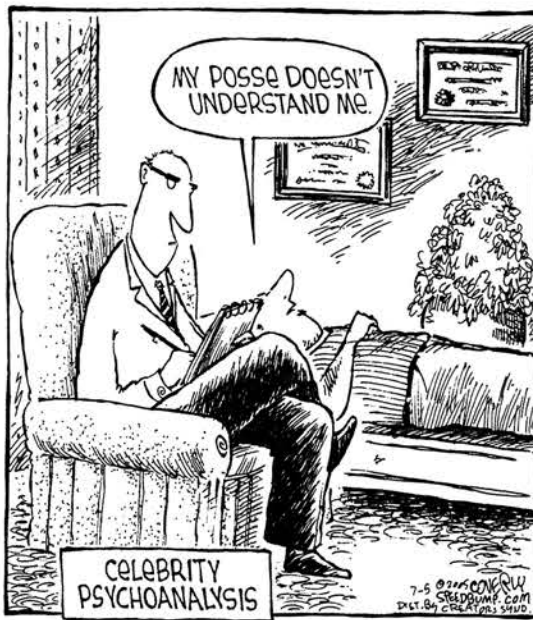


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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Mon. July 11, 8:00 a.m. : **Stonewood Strollers** walking class led by Kathy Gorman sponsored by Stonewood Center and Downey Adult School at the shopping mall, corner of Firestone and Lakewood Blvd. Also Wednesday and Friday. For information call 904-1832.
Wed. July 13, 7:00 p.m.: **Jumpin' Joz Band** appears at the Summer Concert Series playing high energy swing music for listening and dancing at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7238.

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 Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
3rd 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 Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.
1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
1st 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 Dorothy Parizek at 927-5437.
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 Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.
6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's Agape**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (562) 622-3785.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Denny's Restaurant, for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce**, for information call 867-1087.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
9 a.m.: **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

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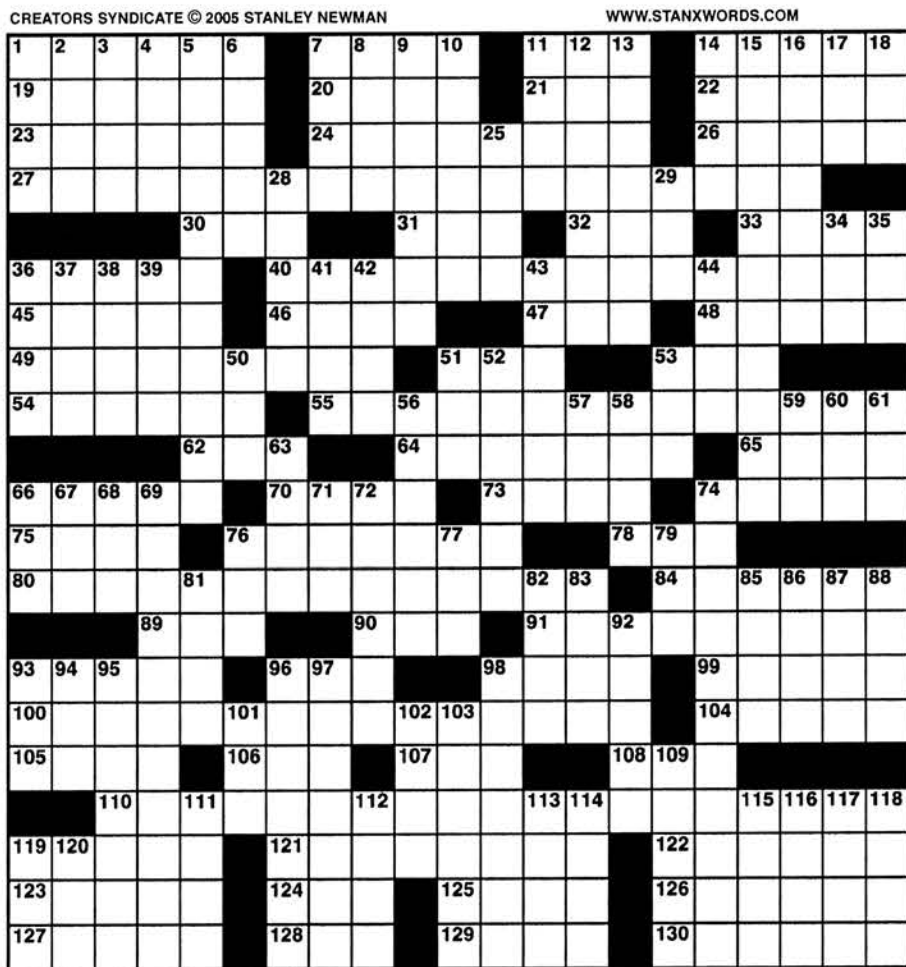
7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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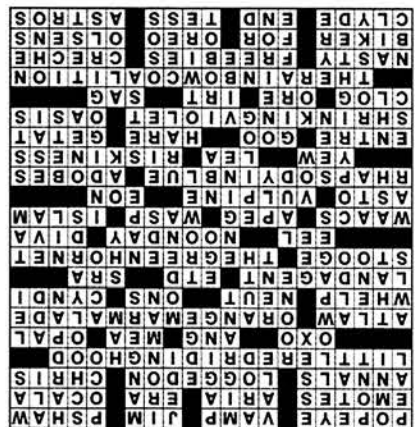
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WHELP (45 Across) is a term for a baby dog, often, wolf or tiger. George Gershwin composed RHAPSODY IN BLUE (80 Across) in less than three weeks, on a commission from bandleader Paul Whiteman. MODENA, Italy (43 Down) was once part of a duchy of the crossword-famous ESTE family.





MARSHA MOODE – The 50th Anniversary Season will include three favorite musical shows, according to the Executive Director.

New season announced for local musical group

DOWNEY – Executive Producer Marsha Moode has announced the new season for the Downey Civic Light Opera. This will mark the 50th anniversary year for the local group.

“Good News,” a vintage 1927 musical will open the schedule running from Oct. 6 through 23 and featuring a host of popular songs including “The Best Things In Life Are Free,” “Life Is Just A Bowl Of Cherries,” and “Varsity Drag.”

2006 shows will see “Nunsense” on stage from Feb. 23 through Mar. 12. “Nunsense” is a hilarious spoof of “The Little Sisters of Hoboken” and their antics while producing a talent show.

Opening on June 1 and continuing through June 18 will be the classic, “Hello Dolly,” with Jerry Herman’s wonderful score of favorite songs including the popular title tune.

All productions will be at the Downey Theater, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Group discounts are available for the entire season.

The Downey Civic Light Opera box office is open every Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. Phone messages can be left at 923-1714.

Correspondence can be sent to P.O. Box 429, Downey, California 90241.

‘The Odd Couple’ at the Mainstage

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach (across from Recreation Park), presents Neil Simon’s comedy, “The Odd Couple,” July 15-Aug. 20.

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‘Something for everyone’ at the Carpenter Center

LONG BEACH—The Carpenter Performing Arts Center (CPAC), on the campus of CSU-Long Beach, opens its 2005-06 season Sept. 29 with the world premiere of Diavolo Dance Theater’s newest work, *Tombe du Ciel* (Falling from the Sky), which, paired alongside their acclaimed *Trajectoire*, “pushes the envelope of contemporary dance with their dangerously acrobatic movement vocabulary.”

Also onstage opening weekend (Sept. 30) is the *Rockin’ Blues Revue* starring blues guitar icon John Mayall (“The Godfather of British Blues”) and Grammy nominees Robben Ford and Eric Bibb.

On tap in October are performances by musical legends Rita Coolidge and Air Supply, as well as by the world-music sextet, Angaza, and Pink Floyd whose music will be laced with Paramount’s LaserSpectacular choreography. Moscow Circus star and world champion juggler Gregory Popovich, who has been featured on both the “Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and “the Late Show with David Letterman,” provides family entertainment Nov. 27 with his “Pet Theater,” starring his trained dogs and cats. This Family Series presentation will be followed in January by The Peking Acrobats, the world-famous group of gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists and tumblers who leave audiences “spellbound by their graceful athleticism.”

The all-male comedic ballet company, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo (a.k.a. “The Trocks”) make a rare Southern California appearance in February, while comic genius John Cleese weighs in with his new show called *Ten Ways to Skin an Ocelet* in March.

The Club Carpenter Cabaret series will present performances by Oscar, Grammy, and Golden Globe award-winner Paul Williams in October, as well as KT Sullivan & Mark Nadler in *Sweet & Lowdown: An Evening of Pure Gershwin* in January.

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers perform in May. Winding up the season July 8-23 is “Anything Goes,” a salute to Cole Porter, following similar musical tributes to Rodgers and Hammerstein, Jerome Kern, and Irving Berlin.

For tickets/more information, call (562) 985-7000, or visit the Carpenter Center’s website at www.CarpenterArts.org.



LOCAL FAVORITE – Sebastian Sidi of Downey will bring his unique musical sounds to the Orange County Fair from July 8 through 31. He will perform every evening except Monday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Wine Garden.

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St. Raymond's services for Maria Jesus Aspeitia

DOWNEY—Services were held on July 2 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church for 41-year Downey resident Maria Jesus Aspeitia, who passed away on June 28 at Downey Regional Medical Center. She was 72.
She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Sixto A. Aspeitia II; sons Sixto III, Richard, and Michael; daughters Yolanda Aspeitia, Linda Aspeitia, Lydia Castillo and Diana Western; 24 grandchildren; 17 grandchildren; five sisters; and a brother.
Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello. Miller-Mies handled arrangements.

Adopt-A-Street program seeking participants

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, an independent community beautification group, is seeking groups and individuals as volunteers to maintain clean roads and thoroughfares in Downey.
The Adopt A Street program allocates streets in the city to groups and individuals who provide the labor and \$225 (\$325 if KDB provides the cleanup crew).
Carol Rowland, director of the program, said a sponsors period runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, during which a designated section must be cleaned and debris picked up and removed at least four times. Street sections range from a half mile to mile in length. After the first pickup KDB will install Adopt A Street signs, one each for each direction, indicating the name of the business or individual.
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Blood drive announced at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center, responding to what officials call a critical need for blood both locally and nationally, will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 27 from 8 am to 8 pm in the hospital's lower level conference rooms.
The American Red Cross, Southern California Region renewed a blood supply alert for Southern California on Tuesday, citing a critically low blood level on hand. The American Red Cross has only a four-hour supply of Type O-negative blood, with over 100 units on back order for Southern California hospitals. Group O negative blood is the "universal" donor blood often used in emergencies.
As part of a humanitarian system for sharing blood based on patient need, the American Red Cross, Southern California Region continues to work closely with other American Red Cross blood centers to share blood resources. However, many American Red Cross blood centers across the country are facing a shortage and are unable to ship blood to Southern California.

Though Group O blood is especially needed, virtually all blood types are below the desired inventory levels necessary to maintain a secure blood supply for the region. A five-to-seven day supply is generally considered adequate. Any healthy person age 17 or older who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood.
Downey Regional Medical Center is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Boulevard. For an appointment, call 904-5321.

Temple installation of officers July 8

DOWNEY—A special Congregational meeting will be held at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Friday, July 8 at 6 p.m. (bring your own dinner).
Following 'Shabbat Hukkat' services at 7:30 p.m. will be the annual installation of officers of the board of directors: Howard Brookfield, president; Marie Brostek, Lynette Austin, and Sandy Dickinson, executive vice presidents; Libby Lazarus, treasurer; Joel Lowenstein, financial secretary; and Jim Hansen, recording secretary. The trustees are: Alice Babroff, Ruth Beck, Michael Barsky, Miriam Brookfield, Ruth Greenberg and Jim Pinsky. Members-at-Large: Ingrid Altman, Sheba Levine, Kay Grossman and Mildred Mandel.
For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Workshop on starting a small business

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library offers a free program Saturday, July 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Cormack Room on "Starting and Running a Home-Based Business."
The workshop will give tips to entrepreneurs on how to start a business from your home, as well as how to develop a business plan. An added focus is identifying the resources you will need to ensure the success of your business.
To register, call the Information Desk at 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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#399 phone number another safety option

Contributed by the Auto Club

DOWNEY—Los Angeles County’s new #399 freeway service phone number, in effect July 1, gives stranded motorists another tool to reach the Automobile Club of Southern California on their cell phones.

The #399 phone number was established by Metro, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority, as an extension of the “freeway call box” program to allow motorists with cell phones to call for vehicle assistance on freeways, report non-emergency freeway hazards or request freeway repairs more quickly and safely. Officials hope the new phone number will help relieve pressure on the overburdened 911 emergency number so that medical, fire and law enforcement emergency calls can also be handled more quickly.

“Motorists in Los Angeles County who have a vehicle problem on the freeway or who see freeway safety hazards or freeway damage can call # 399 on their cell phones to report the problem,” said Heng Hasrouni, the Auto Club’s Downey district office manager. “Auto Club members with a vehicle problem can continue to use the Auto Club’s roadside assistance number on their membership card, 1-800-400-4AAA, or they can call #399 and their call will be forwarded to the Auto Club.”

If a vehicle is disabled on a Los Angeles County freeway during normal heavy traffic hours, the Metro Freeway Service Patrol will assist the driver in trying to get the vehicle mobile again (i.e., repairing a flat tire, jumpstarting the engine). If the vehicle must be towed, the Freeway Service Patrol truck will remove it from the freeway, but the motorist will need to use an Auto Club membership or a towing service to get the vehicle towed to a repair facility.

“The Freeway Service Patrol was established to improve traffic safety and reduce traffic congestion during rush hour by quickly assisting disabled vehicles,” Hasrouni said. “The patrol does a commendable job, and the #399 phone number will allow motorists to have more immediate access to roadside assistance during rush hour.”

The #399 number does not work outside of Los Angeles County, and although the number is staffed by operators 24 hours a day, the Freeway Service Patrol is not available at all hours.

Players, sponsors sought for Downey Golf Classic

DOWNEY—The 9th annual Downey Chamber Golf Classic scheduled for Monday, Aug. 8 at Rio Hondo Golf Club will be a 4-man Best Ball Scramble affair, according to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which is presenting the shootout. The Shotgun start is at 12 noon.

Entry fee of \$135 per person (\$155 after July 25) includes green fees, carts, BBQ luncheon, dinner, awards, prizes and fun.

The Chamber is also seeking additional sponsors, including. A Gold Sponsor (\$2,500)—provides for One Foursome to play, a Tee Sponsor sign, an individual banner, publicity, and recognition at the Awards Dinner; a Silver Sponsor (\$1,500)—is entitled to One Twosome play, a Tee Sponsor sign, group banner, and publicity; a Bronze Sponsor (\$500)—gets name on poster, a Tee sign, and two dinners; and a Tee Sponsor (\$100)—gets a Tee Sponsor sign on one hole.

A portion of the proceeds of the Downey Golf Classic will provide scholarships for local high schools, and for the winner of the Miss Downey Pageant.

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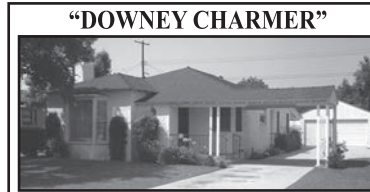
DOWNEY – Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant. For information, call Nick Smith at 861-5222.

Newcomers honor Arguello July 11

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will honor fellow member Sally Arguello at this month’s luncheon, Monday, July 11 at 11 a.m. at Maggie’s Pub in Santa Fe Springs, for her many years of service to the club.

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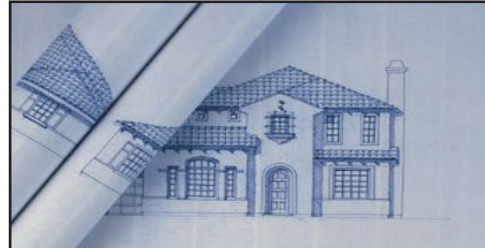


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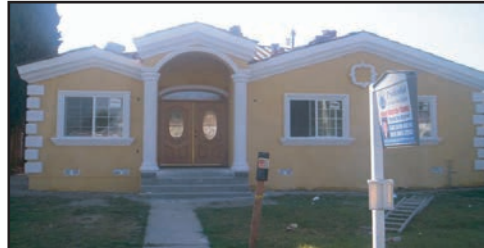
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