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Memorial Day ceremony at Downey Cemetery

DOWNEY—The Downey Cemetery District will hold the annual Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, May 29 at the Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale Street. It is open to everyone.

The ceremony will feature remarks by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34), a wreath-laying, and a resounding rifle salute by American Legion Post 723.

The ceremony, which hardly fails to touch those in attendance, will take place at the new Veteran's Memorial Wall, which was dedicated last Memorial Day, and will last approximately one hour.

The historic Downey Cemetery is located south of the Green Line Transit Station on Lakewood Boulevard. A free shuttle service, provided by the Downey Senior and Handicapped Transit service, will take attendees from the Green Line parking lot to the cemetery. A limited number of parking spaces will be available in the cemetery on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Downey Cemetery traces its history back to the 1870s and serves the cities of Downey, Bellflower, Paramount and parts of South Gate. The District is governed by a three-member Board of Trustees appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

For information, contact Kevin O'Connor, District Director, by calling (562) 904-7230.

Undergrounding of facilities gets O.K.

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The City Council has adopted a resolution establishing an underground utility district along the length of Lakewood Boulevard from Fifth Street to approximately 500 feet north of Gallatin Road, which will cause all specified utilities within its purview to be relocated underground.

UUD No. 21 would be an extension of previous undergrounding projects on Lakewood Blvd. to the south.

In its resolution, the Council emphasized the importance of removing the poles, overhead wires and associated structures—and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electrical, communication, or similar services in the city in their stead—in the interest of public safety, welfare, and even aesthetics.

Utility providers servicing the city include Southern California Edison, Verizon, and Comcast.

The Department of Public Works explained that undergrounding would "improve the reliability of utility services by removing the potential for loss of service due to wire separation and/or damage to supporting structures as a result of traffic accidents, fire, earthquakes, winds, or other acts of God."

In accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Rule 20A guidelines, Southern California Edison pays for undergrounding their facilities from a set aside portion of the utility rate money collected from all ratepayers. All other utility agencies are responsible for undergrounding their facilities at their own expense.

UUD No. 21 will be funded by Rule 20A funds. Initial estimated cost projections by SCE put the subject underground funding somewhere between \$4.9 and \$5.2 million. The resolution noted that cities are normally allowed to mortgage out five additional years of their allotment from the start date of construction. Downey's seven-year allotment is estimated at \$4.8million. The city is working with SCE to negotiate a larger mortgage term to ensure that the undergrounding of this undergrounding segment is completed.

Construction is set to begin June 1. Completion target date is Feb. 1, 2009.

In other action Tuesday, the City Council:

- Approved moving the public hearing of the appeal of the denial of zone variance No. 05-147, in which appellant requested the conversion of an unpermitted structure into a guest house at 7753 Hondo Street, to the regular meeting on June 13.

- Awarded a cash contract for \$394,771 to GMC Engineering, Inc. for traffic safety improvements (program supplement No. M021 to the City of Downey/State Master Agreement No. 07-5334) on Paramount Boulevard, between Florence Ave. and Lubec St.

- Approved contract with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) in the amount of \$40,600 to provide animal license canvassing, "to protect and improve the public's health and safety."

- Approved a contract renewal with Stephen Wright (Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company) for building inspection management services for the Downey Land Development (LLC).

- Approved agreement renewal with Edington, Peel & Associates, Inc., amount not to exceed \$50,000 for consultant (advocacy, etc.) services.

- Approved agreement renewal with E. Del Smith and Company, Inc., not to exceed \$35,000 for consultant services.

- Approved the appointment of specific representatives to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA). Re-appointed as the city's primary representative on the ICRMA Governing Board of Directors is Councilmember Rick Cartozian. Joining him on the board are John Michicoff as primary alternate (reappointed), and Maurina Lee, the newly appointed Finance Manager, as substitute alternate.

- Set Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. for the Study Session to review the proposed FY 2006-07 City Budget.

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A GREEK FLAVOR – Authentic Greek entertainment, including award-winning dance presentations, will be featured at the Downey Greek Festival next weekend.

Food, music and more at annual Greek Festival

DOWNEY – Authentic Greek food, including souvlakia, gyros and traditional barbecued lamb, will be one of the highlights of the 22nd annual Downey Greek Festival, scheduled for next weekend, June 3-4, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Downey.

Live Greek music, a kids zone, folk dancing by award-winning dance groups and tours of the 6th century Byzantine-style sanctuary will also be featured.

Festivities run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the church grounds, 10830 Downey Ave., three blocks north of Firestone Blvd.

For more information, call the church office at 862-6461 or visit www.stgeorgedowney.org.

Early-morning crash disrupts traffic

DOWNEY—A man driving erratically on the 105 Freeway crashed and ended up on the Metrolink tracks early Tuesday morning, injuring himself and backing up traffic in Downey for hours, the California Highway Patrol reported.

The CHP said he was speeding and using the right shoulder to pass cars when he lost control while trying to exit at Lakewood Boulevard.



OPENING NEXT WEEK – Ann Peck McBride returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera as Dolly Gallagher Levi in "Hello Dolly" which begins its run at the Downey Theater on Thursday, June 1 continuing through June 18. McBride previously had starring roles in "Gypsy," "The King and I," and "Annie Get Your Gun." For tickets and information, 923-1714.

Space museum's funding tightens

DOWNEY—The funding picture for the planned Columbia Memorial Aerospace Museum is clouded today with reduced facilities already drawn into the plan and the possibility that if hoped for donors do not soon appear that the museum may have to be shelved indefinitely.

The good news is that the 13 acres of park which the learning center was to have been a part of seems assured by alternative funding.

The alternatives include lights which will cost \$45,000 if the City Council decides to include them. Already trimmed from the plans are a snack bar, and rest rooms will be less elaborate.

Still in the plan are two baseball and two soccer fields.

The alternative plan is scheduled to be put before the City Council for approval in July. Construction of the park would then be completed in seven months.

Funding will come from federal loans and grants and the sale of land elsewhere related to the one-time-only sale of the NASA property which once was the heart of the nation's space program.

The federal loan is \$2.5 million in Section 108 money obtained through HUD which will be repaid by Community Block Grant Money.

In addition the city has received a grant of \$350,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Loren Behr, who was hired by the city to be director of the museum, said all proposed exhibits have been designed. Cost cutting has included reduction in square footage of plans for a two-story museum of 10,000 square feet per floor to 18,500 per-level.

Planned for exhibits at the new museum include the Challenger Space Simulation program, Bionics lab equipment and furniture, a learning center Web site on the Internet, and a Downey Aviation History Archives and a multimedia curriculum on computer, distributed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

A Learning Center Foundation has been appointed by the City Council. Its duties include fund raising. Members include Gerald Caton, Charles Vose, Jerry Blackburn, Raul Lopez and Orlandus Waters.

Of the approximately \$6 million set aside for the museum construction, about \$5 million remains.

Aerospace group plays 'Race to Moon'

DOWNEY—The Aerospace Legacy Foundation met Sunday, May 21st at the First Baptist Church of Downey. The feature of the evening was the playing of the DVD "Pioneers in Aviation II, The Race to the Moon," which currently exists in three episodes, "The Early Years," "The War Years," and "The Race to the Moon."

The DVD looks at these chapters of man's quest for flight and then divides them into pairs of visionaries, William Boeing, Donald Douglas, Dutch Kindlerberg and James McDonald.

The award-winning DVD is exciting to Larry Latimer, Jerry Blackburn and ALF who are considered partners in the project. ALF is given credit for helping finance the DVD which will eventually be shown on PBS nationwide.

Latimer then mentioned the progress toward the completion of the Columbia Space Science Learning Center to be part of the park at the former NASA/Boeing site. It will be two floors of about 10,000 square feet each.

The hope raised by a letter by Harold Tsklenis that solar energy be incorporated in the main building seems remote since the plan is already drawn, but Latimer said solar might be included in another structure.

ALF members were urged to participate in the oral history project. The city's museum director, Loren Behr, is seeking a volunteer to type transcripts of the museum's oral history project. Each interview is about two hours long, and transcripts will be made available through the learning center.

Jim Busby spoke at the meeting, saying he is delighted with his new job in public relations related to a research project in the Mojave Desert even though air conditioning on the home which he was assigned is less than perfect.

Nature of the project is military.

There have been changes on the Board of Directors of the Learning Center Foundation. Meredith Perkins has replaced Anne Bayer as Secretary; Charles Vose has replaced Bonnie Kehoe. Other members of the Foundation Board are Orlandus Waters, Gerald Caton and Jerry Blackburn.

Opening date for the learning center is still fall of 2007. The city is seeking large donors toward the project.

Memorial Day Early Deadline

Today, Friday, May 26 is the deadline for all display advertising for the June 2 edition of the Downey Patriot.

The Patriot Office will be closed all day on Monday, May 29, Memorial Day.



SOROPTIMIST PRESIDENT—Ellie Eck, extreme left, is pictured with Vocational chair Sue Potter (to her right) and Scholarship chair Jean Brazelton (far right), along with all the Soroptimist scholarship awardees.

Calling Downey High '56 class alumni

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

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Students awarded with scholarships

DOWNEY—Soroptimist International of Downey, local chapter of the international organization of business and professional women devoted to bettering the status of women and children through grants, scholarships and other services, has awarded \$500 scholarships to local students who are "working hard to reach their potential and fulfill their dreams."

The presentations were made at a Soroptimist scholarship breakfast held at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Lacina Flegin

The Della Doyle Scholarship, named after the first City Clerk of the City of Downey, was awarded to Lacina Flegin, "outstanding" business student at Cerritos College.

Special Education awards were given to Glenys Butler and Louie Aguilar for outstanding achievement. Vocational Scholarships were awarded to the following Downey, Warren and Columbus students who will enter such fields as nursing, firefighting, graphic art design and police work: Brenda Alvarez, Jaclyn Castellon, Ryan Cherry, Samantha Hernandez, Charis Higgins, Rolando Jara, Wendy Jimenez, and Estebano Rio.

Stephanie Bengson

A Woman in Sports award was given to Stephanie Bengson, a ranking tennis player at CSU-Long Beach with a 3.8 average, in recognition of the school's promotion of gender equality in athletics.

For information about Soroptimist International of Downey, call Dorothy Pemberton, 927-9908, or Carol Rowland, 904-7159.

Seminars to help kids prepare for college

DOWNEY—Cerritos College will be offering two seminars at West Middle School Thursday, June 1 for middle school students and their parents about opportunities to attend college.

The seminars, one from 8-9 a.m. and the other from 5:30-6:30 p.m., will cover suggested courses of study in high school, enrichment opportunities, financial aid issues, and different college entry requirements.

The seminars are open to all Downey residents with children who attend middle school. Contact Rema Reynolds at (562) 904-3565 for more details.

'Healthy eating' class for whole family

DOWNEY—The community is invited to attend a "Healthy Eating for the Whole Family" class Wednesday, June 7 from 6-7 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

Taught by a registered dietitian, this class includes information on weight loss as well as ideas for healthy meal and snack planning for all members of the family—especially children and teens.

Participants will have a chance to ask questions. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 904-5580.



ISRAWI-BOX MARRIAGE – Joseph Israwi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Souhail Israwi of Downey, and Allison Box, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Box, also of Downey, have announced plans for a July 2007 wedding. Joseph, who works for DuTel Communications in North Hollywood, proposed to Allison, a second grade teacher at Williams School, following a school-wide assembly.

TLC Resource Center plans open house

DOWNEY—An Open House follows the ribbon cutting ceremony at True Lasting Connections' (TLC) new location at Lewis Elementary, 13220 Bellflower Blvd., Thursday, June 8. Ribbon cutting is at 3 p.m.; open house is from 4-5p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. TLC's mission statement calls for "a True Lasting Connection between the city of Downey and the families of the Downey Unified School District to ensure healthy and successful futures for all our children."

Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

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

Anyone interested from nearby classes is also invited to attend. For more information/location specifics, call (562) 923-0544.

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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 267—Collected some 30 bags of food and \$65 in cash in April food drive for the Downey Neighborhood Girl Scouts held at Ralph's on Lakewood and Gallatin, to benefit the Downey H.E.L.P.S. room. Photo shows Troop Leader Christine Bischoff, left, and H.E.L.P.S. room president Stacy Brabant with a happy Troop 267 crew: (from left, back) Chelsea Balderama, Emma Obregon, Sarah Bischoff, Whitney Pemberton; and, front row, Giselle and Kimberly McAllister.

Volunteers needed to read to children

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., Downey, offers a program for volunteers who want to share books with young children in the library. It's called "Read to Me," an intergenerational program that teaches adults to read books to young patrons in the library's Children's Room.

"By volunteering only one hour per week, you will help young children develop reading and listening skills," says Literacy Coordinator Claudia Dailey.

The next volunteer training session is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Cormack Room. Volunteers 18 years and older will learn how to select picture books and read aloud to children. The volunteers will read to children for 1 hour each week between June 27 and July 30.

To register, contact the Adult Information desk, 904-7360, ext. 32.

Immanuel Church to host holiday picnic

DOWNEY—Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church, 9516 Downey Ave., is having its Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 29, starting at 11 a.m. and continuing until dusk.

Visitors can enjoy shish kebab dinners, Armenian pastries, entertainment and games. Everybody is invited.

For more information, call (562) 862-7012.

SAT I and PSAT seminar for students

DOWNEY—The Assistance League of Downey is once again offering a special course to high school junior and sophomore students residing in the Downey Unified School District area.

The SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test) and the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) were developed by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to measure the verbal and mathematical reasoning ability of students. A student performance on these exams is considered to be a good predictor of academic success in a student's college or university studies.

College and university admission offices use these test scores as an important source of information about their applicants

The seminar will hold 10 class sessions from June 26-29, July 5-7 and July 10-12, at Downey High School. Cost is \$30 if registration is received by June 9, or \$40 after June 9. Included with registration is the textbook for the course.

Instructors will be Amy Overgaauw for English and Dalyn Miller-Geiser for mathematics.

If a student wishes to participate in the seminar, contact Alice Yamada at (562) 861-2318 for registration forms and questions. Enrollment is limited and registrations will be accepted in the order received.

CNA classes start soon at Adult School

DOWNEY—Students can become a Certified Nurse Assistant in less than 17 weeks, according to the Downey Adult School (DAS) Career and Education Center, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey. DAS has had a 100 percent passing rate on the state exam for the past several years.

Orientation and registration is on Tuesday, June 6, at 9 a.m. for morning classes, and at 6 p.m. for the evening classes. Students should bring a photo ID, Social Security card and \$100 (cash or money order) registration fee. Classes begin June 19 and end on Oct. 5.

The class is also an opportunity to get the experience required to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. For information call 940-6200.



CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE – A Beach Blast was celebrated last week by this local real estate company for the observance of its 30th anniversary of service to the local community. The Downey Chamber of Commerce joined them for the occasion and entertainment was provided by the Beach Toys. Pictured with members of the singing group are owner Steve Roberson and his wife, Darlene, and office manager Angie Pierce (on the far right). Century 21 My Real Estate is located at 7834 Florence Ave., Downey.

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CITY COUNCIL

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•Presented Fire Engineer/Inspector Fernando de la Torre with the Mayor's Soaring Eagle Award.

•Made official the proclamation of May 21-27 as National Public Works Week.

The next public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

City to pay half of 'substructure' costs

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The subject of undergrounding power and communications facilities along Lakewood Boulevard dominated the City Council meeting Tuesday, as it first approved the establishment of Underground Utility District No. 21 (see story elsewhere) covering Fifth Street to Gallatin Road, and then, in a conciliatory mode, approved a Settlement Agreement and Release with Verizon who basically wanted compensation from the city for undergrounding its facilities from Imperial Highway to Fifth Street.

Undergrounding District No. 18 was created on April 13, 2004 to remove aerial communications, television and electrical cables and poles along Lakewood Boulevard from 5th Street to Imperial Highway. The city claims that because telephone facilities owned and operated by Verizon (as opposed to, say, Southern California Edison) should in fact be regulated by Rule 40 of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Verizon should bear 100 percent of the cost of undergrounding their facilities if an undergrounding district is formed.

CPUC Rule 20A, on the other hand, stipulates that SCE pay for the undergrounding work using tariff revenue collected from individual ratepayers, while Rule 20B requires the city to pay for (its share of) undergrounding using local funds. Verizon says the same 50-50 shared cost arrangement between it and the city should apply.

In an effort to avoid litigation and to preserve a working relationship between the contending parties, the City Council passed the settlement agreement allowing it and Verizon to split the \$252,089 bill for the contended construction costs which Arizona Pipeline billed Verizon for constructing the conduit/"substructure" facilities (in this case, the underground facilities in which Verizon will place its communications cables). Arizona has now completed all Verizon conduit work.

Mayor Meredith Perkins cautioned that in the future, agreements and stipulations of this nature should be made crystal-clear, to avoid costly misunderstandings.

Hospital gets gift from fellow Auxilians

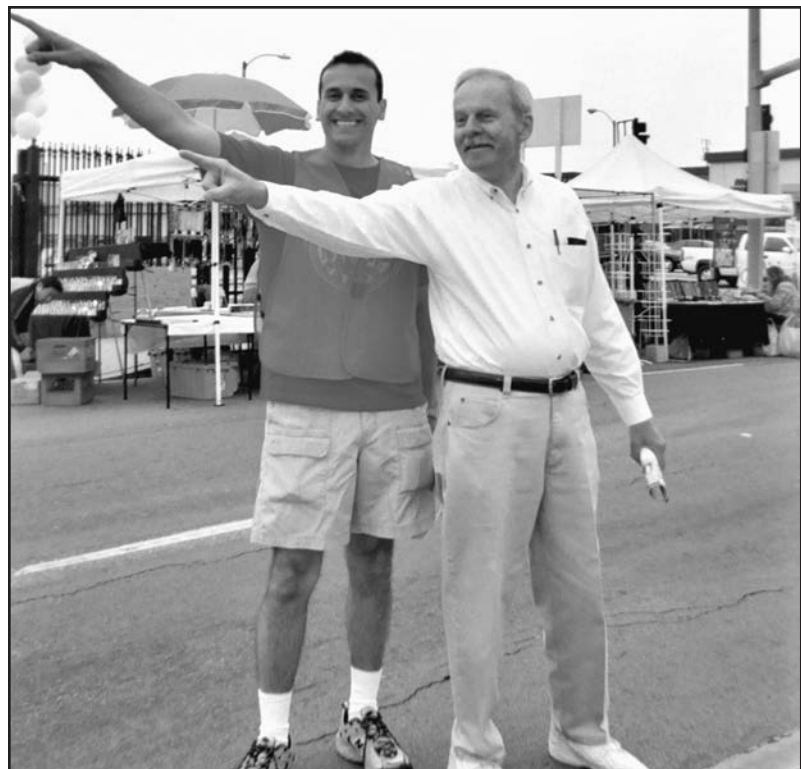
DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center Auxilians presented their hospital with \$55,000 at a May 24 scholarship and installation luncheon. It is the largest gift to date earmarked for the DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation Capital Campaign to build a new patient care tower on the campus. The Auxiliary has pledged to raise funds for the capital campaign for the next five years.

"We are happy and proud to give this for our hospital," commented Claudia Graham, outgoing president of the Auxiliary. Also at the luncheon, Graham passed the gavel to the Auxiliary's new president, Nann Goldstein, and the 2006-2007 Auxiliary officers were announced.

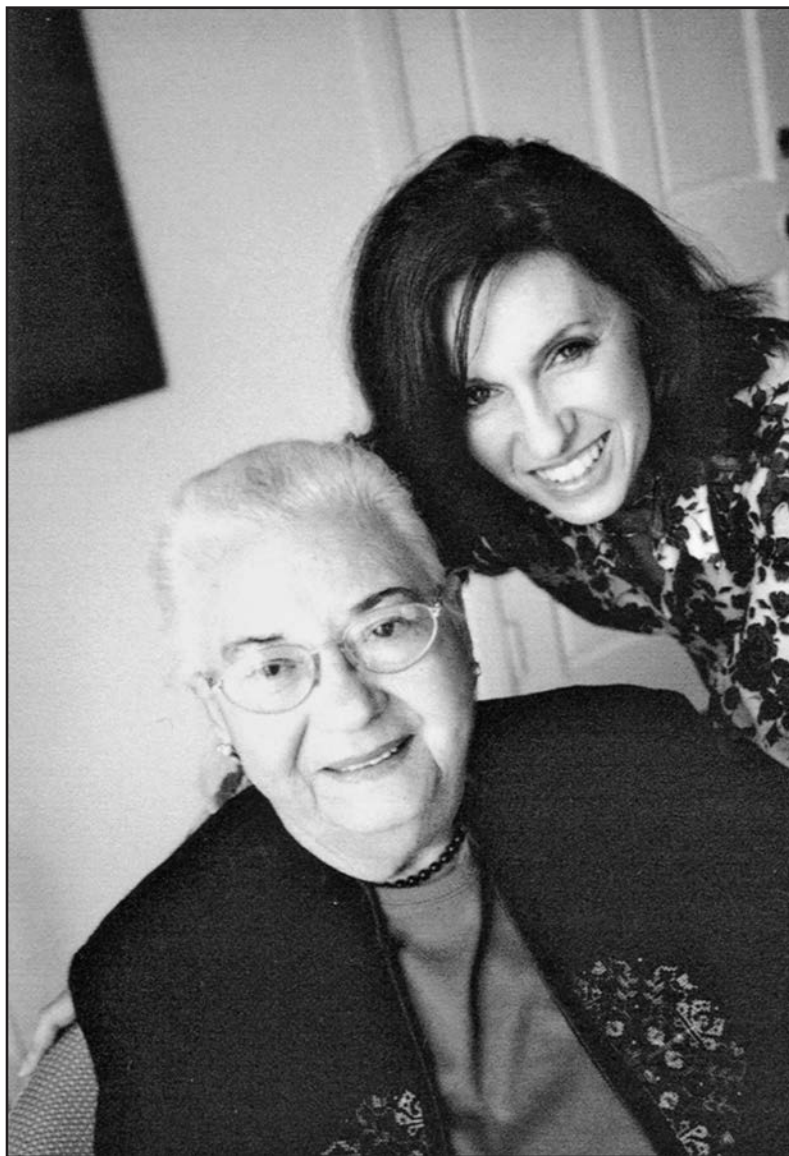
Among the hospital leaders on hand to applaud the Auxiliary was Hospital CEO Allen Korneff. "It's been such a joy working with Claudia this past year. She has done an excellent job as Auxiliary president and thus as a member of the Hospital board. I'm also delighted to welcome Nann as your incoming leader," he said. "I see many friends here today, many who I've known since I came to the hospital 35 years ago. It's great that you're all part of the hospital and the work we're doing here. Thank you for your hearts and sacrificing your own personal time to make a significant difference for the sick. There is no greater gift you could give than yourself to others."

Executive Vice President Jim Klosterman showed the Auxilians a short video detailing plans for the new patient care tower and told them, "We are so grateful for this gift, which is so important for the future of the hospital." He added, "Claudia and the 2006 Auxiliary Board have done such an outstanding job of serving in leadership. When you pass the torch you should leave the place a little better than it was, and indeed you have."

Along with President Goldstein, the incoming directors include Volunteer Director Joanna Orsel, Orientation Director Shirley Sheibe, Membership Director Pam Tapia, Gift Shop Director Ellia Deblois, Program Director Jean Brown, Ways and Means Director Lucy Agüero, Secretary Wilma Garcia, Newsletter Editor Pat Romero, Treasurer Millie Powell and Parliamentarian Wilma Brouwer.



IT MUST BE THAT WAY! – Giving directions seemed to be the order of the day at the Downey Chamber of Commerce Street Fair earlier this month. Pictured are Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente (left) who will be installed as President-Elect of the Chamber in June and Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot, immediate past president.



TROPICANA NIGHTS—Co-author Ofelia Fox, left, is shown here with author Rosa Lowinger. Lowinger will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and book signing June 10.

Journalist, author to sign books at luncheon

DOWNEY—Journalist Rosa Lowinger, author of *Tropicana Nights: the Life & Times of the legendary Cuban Nightclub*, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and book signing Saturday, June 10 sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

The event is scheduled from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Road. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15, which includes an author talk and complete luncheon with Cuban-style food, beverage and dessert. All proceeds support library programs. Reservation deadline is June 5.

Lowinger will give an insider's view of one of the world's most glamorous venues. The Tropicana was to Havana what the Moulin Rouge was to Paris. The brightest jewel in 1950s Cuban nightlife, the Tropicana hosted entertainers such as Nat King Cole and Josephine Baker.

Copies of *Tropicana Nights* will be available for purchase and signing at the event through Borders Express of Downey. For information, call 904-7360, ext. 32 or make reservations at the Friends' Shop located inside the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Tennis Club to mark 40 years

DOWNEY – Downey Tennis Club will celebrate their 40th anniversary with a reunion on Saturday, June 10 at Independence Park. The event is open to all present and past members of the club, even if they're no longer playing tennis.

The day starts at 9 a.m. with a tennis social, followed by a barbecue lunch at about 11:30 a.m. Club members will also gather at the Downey Elk's Lodge for their Pizza Night, served from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost for the park reunion is \$10 per person. There is a \$9 charge for the pizza dinner.

For more information, call Jean Jones at 927-4820 or Bernice Stumps at 869-0608.

Yoga and cardio dance classes debut

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation and Wellness Center introduced new classes in May, "Yoga," and "Cardio Dance," designed to "help the community reduce stress and have more energy."

Yoga classes are taught by yoga instructors from the Awareness Center Yoga Studio and Golden Bridge Yoga. All age groups and levels are welcome. The one-hour sessions begin at noon and at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes are held in the Downey Regional Medical Plaza, third floor, at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

Cardio Dance classes provide low-impact exercise. They are taught by Marsha Wiersma at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Rehab gym at 11420 Brookshire Ave.

Pilates classes are also taught by Wiersma, a certified Pilates instructor, at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Rehab gym. A beginner class is offered at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Medical Plaza.

The cost to enroll in any of the three classes is \$70 for seven sessions, which need not be consecutive. For more details/to register, call 904-5551.

Annual 'Living Word' conference

DOWNEY—Bishop Leon & Jacqueline Martin and the Love, Peace and Happiness Family Church, 11022 Old River School Rd. near Firestone Blvd. in Downey, invite the community to their annual Living Word Conference convening May 31-June 4. There will be two services daily: Wednesday-Friday at 11:30 a.m., and the nightly services at 7:30 p.m. Sunday services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., and at 3:30 p.m.

Conference speakers will be: Evang. Janice Martin of Wichita, KS; Bishop Alfred Smith, Sr. of Phoenix, AZ; Bishop Truman Martin of Dayton, OH and Pastor Carlos Martin of Rialto, CA. Pastor Jerry Martin of Humble, TX will commence the Living Word Conference with its Shepherd's Day Celebration at 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 806-9890.

Adult CPR class at DRMC June 6

DOWNEY—An Adult CPR class taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor will be presented at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday June 6. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

Call (562) 904-5580 for registration information.

The Poets' Corner

Downey is Finally Landing

It used to be Boeing
Now it's for showing
When you enter it, it's like a different world
Shops, restaurants, variety – you've heard
Swing that shopping bag, eat that bite
Find yourself in another delight
With its England style plants and earthy
colored benches, patio and lights
You just can't forget your remarkable
nights
In this marvelous place you'll never find
yourself sitting, but always moving around
and standing
Looking up in the sky with wide exciting eyes
saying "It's here, it's here...Downey Landing!"
—Marina George,
Downey

Unsworth rewarded for collecting plastic bags

DOWNEY—For recycling more plastic shopping and grocery bags than any other participating elementary school in the LA2 Region—made up of LA County elementary schools within Zip codes 90064-91202—Unsworth Elementary School was presented recently with a check for \$2,365 by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

The presentation was made on May 18 at the school, 9001 Lindsey Ave. in Downey, to highlight the success of the *Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge*, a private/public partnership between Wal-Mart and local elementary schools.

The *Kids Recycling Challenge* debuted in May, 2005 in limited markets. The program has steadily expanded across the entire state of California. Nearly 900 elementary schools have participated so far, representing more than 450,000 students. Wal-Mart is working on plans to bring the program to 11 more states in September 2006.

For the program, elementary school students bring plastic shopping and grocery bags to their schools for recycling. For each 60-gallon collection bag the school fills with the plastic bags and brings to a local Wal-Mart store, the school is awarded \$5.

Unsworth Elementary topped all participating schools in the LA2 Region by filling 173 collection bags (totaling 2,768 pounds) from January to April. In addition to earning \$5 per collection bag, the school also received a \$1,500 grand prize.

Collectively, 37 schools in the LA2 Region participated in the *Kids Recycling Challenge*, filling a total of 918 collection bags – weighing 14,688 pounds – and earning \$7,590 in rewards.



GOLDEN GIRLS – Dorothy Wilson (left) and Victoria Walker were honored at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center as part of Older Americans Month.

'Older citizens' honored for community work

DOWNEY –The month of May honors Older Americans and the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center recognized two outstanding Downey seniors with a dinner and dance May 18.

Dorothy Wilson, a longtime Downey resident, was honored for involvement in the senior community. She is a member of Committee on Aging, a volunteer with the Red Cross Blood Drives, the secretary of AARP Chapter 262 and the treasurer of Senior Californians of Downey. She is also involved with the youth of Downey by volunteering at the Halloween Pumpkin Patch, Breakfast with Santa and Kids Day.

She was nominated by Shirley Pierce of AARP Chapter 262. On May 17, Wilson was invited to attend the Older Americans Recognition Day Awards program at the Beverly Hilton. She was escorted by Mayor Meredith Perkins, Sheila Pautsch, Social Services Supervisor and Colette Fowler, Assistant Social Services Supervisor.

Victoria Walter was nominated by Nadine Morris of the Downey Senior Citizens Recreation Club, of which Walter is very involved. She has held many positions such as treasurer, secretary and historian as well as editor of the newsletter. She is a member of the Friends of the Library and is active at the library. She is also part of the Ladies Guild and active in Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Loera graduates from combat training

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Army National Guard Pvt. Ricardo Loera, a 2002 graduate of Downey High School, has completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

His brother, Rogelio Loera Jr., lives in Downey while sister Leticia Fuentes resides in Washington, Utah.

Newborn screening may eliminate early tragedy

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

Across our nation on May 14, America's mothers were honored with cards, gifts, flowers and phone calls. But for any mother the most precious gift of all is a strong and healthy baby. To help ensure that mothers receive that most precious of gifts, I introduced the *Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2006* (HR 5397).

Newborn screening is a public health intervention that involves a simple blood test used to identify many life-threatening genetic illnesses before any symptoms begin.

Approximately five thousand babies are born each year in the United States with detectable and treatable disorders. Forty years ago, these disorders would have gone undetected until symptoms appeared. As a result, these children unnecessarily died or suffered lifelong disabling consequences.

Today these severe disorders - mostly inborn errors of metabolism - can be detected in newborn babies, and treated in time to prevent serious complications. But due to the fact that national newborn screening guidelines are not available in this country, there is great disparity and variation from state to state in the quality and number of newborn screening tests an infant may receive. For example, while California state law requires newborn screening tests for more than 40 disorders, some states require as few as seven newborn screening tests. Consequently, each year, approximately two thousand infants in this country are permanently disabled or die from otherwise treatable disorders.

The *Newborn Screening Act of 2006* seeks to eliminate these unnecessary deaths and severe disabilities by encouraging all states to uniformly test for all recommended disorders and by providing resources for states to expand and improve their newborn screening programs. The measure also provides funding to educate parents and health care professionals about the advisability of newborn screening, and improves the systems for follow-up care for infants detected with an illness through the newborn screening tests. In addition, the bill requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure the quality of laboratories involved in newborn screening, and establishes a system for collecting and analyzing data that will help researchers develop better detection, prevention and treatment strategies.

Passage of the *Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2006* in Congress would help to ensure that parents and health providers are knowledgeable about newborn screening, and that babies receive the comprehensive and consistent testing they need.

Complete list of service awardees

DOWNEY—The Downey Coordinating Council honored its many outstanding volunteers for their community service with awards at a gala dinner and installation at the Rio Hondo Event Center May 11.

The list included Larry Latimer of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation; Patricia Lemke of the American Association of University Women; Stephen Guzman of the Arc of Southeast L.A. County; Janice Allen of the Assistance League of Downey; Stephan Schroeder of the Christian Business Men's Committee; Brenda Warner of City of Hope Together for Hope Chapter; Evelyn Negreros-Lopez of Downey Adult School; Jan Scott of Downey Chamber of Commerce; Esther Croy of Downey Christian Womens Club; Theresa Gallagher of the City Library; Carol Rowland of the Coordinating Council; Donna Lee of Downey PTA Helps; Sarah Richmond of the Downey Family YMCA.

The list continues with Daniel Horaney of the Historical Society; Ellie Harrington of Downey Newcomers; Joan Lingrey of Downey Regional Medical Center; Barbara Emry of Downey Rose Float Association; Phil Bliss of Sister Cities; John Adams of the Symphonic Society; Marie Eckstrom of the Symphony Guild; Eunice Hammond of Friends of the Library; Darrell Jackson of Gangs Out Of Downey; Victor Martinez of Keep Downey Beautiful; Joe Lumsdaine of Kiwanis Club of Downey-Los Amigos; Sally M. Havice of the League of Women Voters of Downey; Victoria Viruette-Robles of the Livinghelp Center; Don Munoz of the Optimist Club of Downey; Ellie Eck of Soroptimist International of Downey; Shirley S. Mark of Temple Ner Tamid Sisterhood; Christina Ambrosino of True Lasting Connections; Jean Kiskadden of the Woman's Club of Downey and Victoria Walter of the OLPH Women's Guild.

A posthumous tribute was paid to Gordon Sodetani of PTA Helps.

Textbooks on display for review

DOWNEY - The Downey Unified School District invites the public to examine the textbooks being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in high school foreign language, high school social studies, and middle school and high school special education courses.

Copies of the books will be on display in the second floor lobby of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 5-26.

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

Adoption will be recommended at the June 27 meeting of the Board of Education.



Letters to the Editor

Left turn questions

Dear Editor:

Re the May 12 issue of The Downey Patriot, on the front page there is a picture of three ladies with Downey Police Chief Roy Campos. I think that you should have their names in there also. I do know the lady on her right but cannot think of her name. I do enjoy your paper.

I do agree with John Franklin on his article, "Questions left turn lane change." I don't understand why they didn't leave the left turn lane onto Clark Ave. I myself drive down to Imperial Hwy. to Clark Ave. since they changed this. Also, when are they going to get finished with Lakewood Blvd.?

I do like the Downey Landing. That is the best thing Downey has done for the city. There are many nice stores and places to eat.

—Rosemary Thies,
South Gate

What's legit, what's not

Dear Editor:

I have rented to a Hispanic family for 25 years, and could not ask for better tenants, and I have two great Hispanic neighbors.

The argument here is simple, I believe I have the right to turn down anyone I feel cannot, or will not, maintain the property, pay on time, or who I suspect will move in a dozen relatives. I believe I do not have the right to ask for a birth certificate, but I do have the right to ask for references, and a credit check.

—J. Hawkins,
Downey

Street Fair success

Dear Editor:

As this year's Downey Chamber of Commerce Street Fair Chairwoman, I want to thank this year's hard working committee. What a fabulous job they did. Their efforts began in September planning this outstanding event.

Committee members are Nick Adams, Philly's Best; Past President Fionnuala Anderson; Janet Baez, Century 21 My Real Estate; Joe Becker, Nordic Fox; John Casillas, IndyMac Bank; Gwynn Gustafson, Co-Op Cache Consulting; Mike Hemsath, Stormforce; President Steve Hoffman, Law Office of Steven J. Hoffman, Mark Keller, "Santa Claus"; Karina Madariaga, Downey Adult School; Rick Rodriguez, RMI Int'l.; Tony Taylor, Qwest Homework Assistance & Computer Learning Center; and Jeannie Wood.

Most of those early morning committee members were still there at the end of the day with smiles on their faces helping vendors exit, and saying "Thank you for coming" and "We'll see you next year!"

Thanks to all of you. I also want to thank our many volunteers along with our fabulous chamber staff, Sue Nordin, Executive Director; Diana Facio, Administrative Assistant; and Dorothy Van Zuilen, Administrative Assistant/Accounting. This is Diana and Dorothy's first year on staff with the chamber and they did an outstanding job.

Thank you to all the other volunteers, unnamed, who assisted in making this a great community event. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

—Jan Scott,
Pacific Western Bank
Downey

Character Counts

This is the ninth in a series of winning student essays from each of the Downey Unified School District schools on the theme, "Character Counts."

'Be happy that it happened'

By Rosie Endow,

5th Grade, Gallatin Elementary School

Dr. Seuss said, "Don't cry because it's over, be happy that it happened." This maxim has affected my life in many ways.

First, it affected me when I go to Tahoe every summer. I would have so much fun, but then I'd feel sad when I leave. This maxim taught me to just be thankful that it happened. It also means don't feel sad about stuff. Next, I remember when I used to cry when I had to leave my grandma's house. I would love to stay with my cousin Kelsey and my little brother Mikey. Then when I had to leave I would cry, but I would stop crying when I got home. I think this maxim helped me stop crying a lot.

Last, I think this maxim will help me in the future. It will help me when I go to middle school. It will help me to be happy that it happened and to not cry. I think it will really help me when I graduate.

This maxim taught me to not feel too sad when something good is over. Also, to be thankful that it happened.

Early voting available via touchscreen

NORWALK—Los Angeles County voters will have the choice of casting their ballots prior to election day at any one of 17 touchscreen voting locations throughout Los Angeles County for the June 6 Primary election, according to Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny McCormack.

Touchscreen voting has been made available for a continuous period of 10 days, including Saturday and Sunday, though June 2. The exception is Norwalk RR/CC Headquarters, where availability will extend though 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 6.

This is the sixth year in which Los Angeles County voters will have the opportunity to vote on electronic touchscreen voting equipment. "Early voting on touchscreen equipment has been a popular alternative to traditional polling place voting on Election Day for the country's voters," McCormack said. A total of 65, 175 Los Angeles County voters voted on the touchscreen equipment for the Nov. 2, 2004 election.

The Touchscreen ballot contains the same contents and measures as the ballot voters will see at the polling place on Election Day or that the voter would receive in the mail if choosing to vote by absentee ballot. Each voter's registration will be confirmed on site prior to voting at one of the touchscreen locations. The voter is issued an access card, which is programmed with each voter's specific ballot group contests, to insert into the touchscreen unit which activates the voter's ballot. The voter moves through the ballot by touching options on the screen, i.e., "yes or "no" on ballot measures and touching the "X" directly next to a name for candidate selection. All touchscreen voting units are equipped to allow voters, who are visually impaired or blind, to vote independently by the use of audio headsets or large size text. Touchscreen voting is also a popular option of bilingual voters who can view the ballot in their choice of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese in addition to English.

Vote totals from each touchscreen machine are brought to the central tally location for inclusion with election results from the polling places and absentee ballots cast.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

Mon. May 29, 11:00 a.m.: Memorial Day Picnic with shishkebobs, Armenian pastries, entertainment and games at Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church, 9516 Downey Ave.. For information call 862-7012.
Tues. May 30, 9:00 a.m.: Stroke Awareness Seminar with neurologist Dr. Khalifa Mansour speaking at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave.. Free. Registration required. For information and registration call 904-5162.

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 Carol Pearce at 622-1425.
12:00 p.m.: Exchange Club, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
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.
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., 7:30 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 Sambis, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
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.

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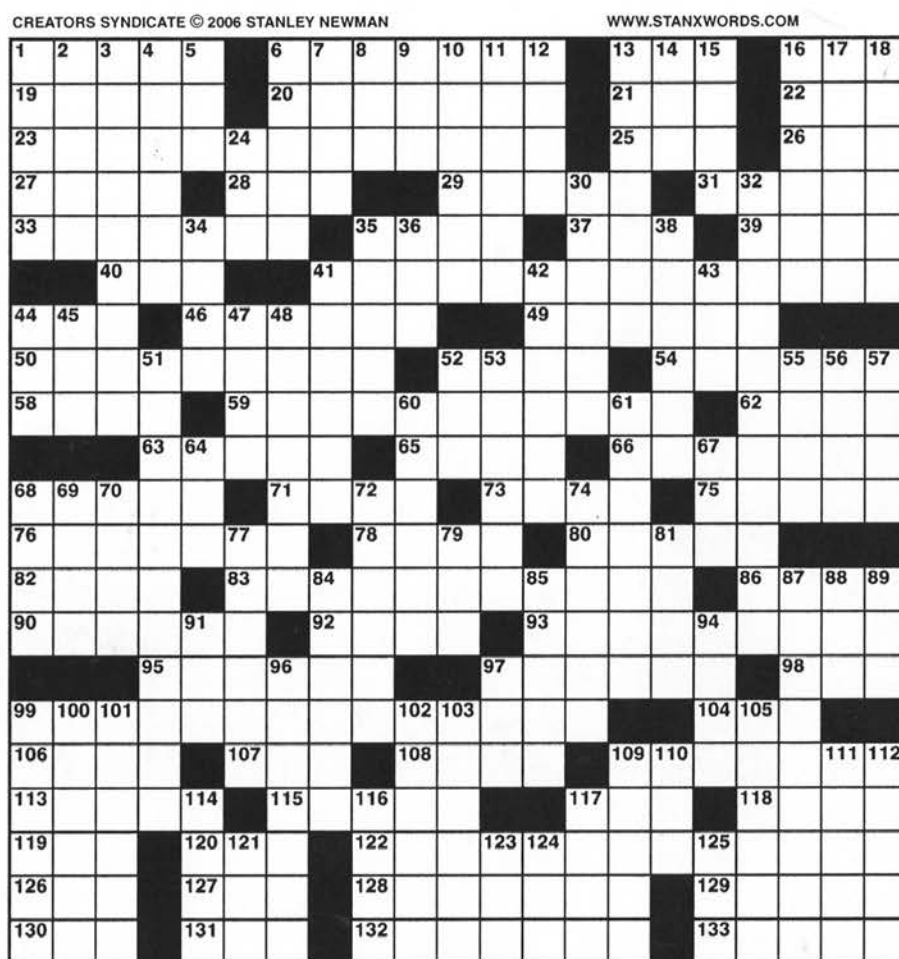
7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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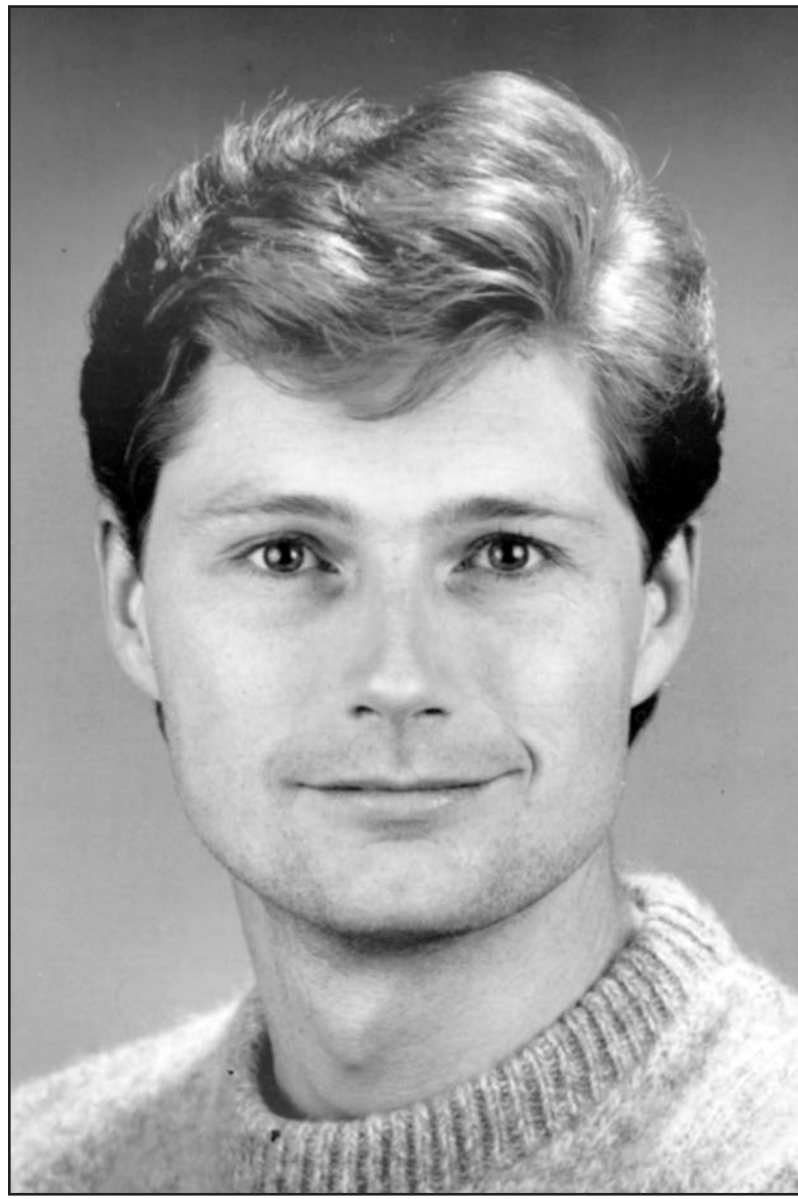
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Launched by NASA in 1962 as the first active communications satellite, TELSTAR (132 Across) was owned by AT&T. In Greek mythology, Zeus's sister HESTIA (4 Down) was goddess of the hearth. The three-volume "Principia Mathematica" of Isaac NEWTON (100 Down) contained his formulation of many of the basic laws of physics.



DOWNEY CIVIC LIGHT OPERA – Bill Lewis returns for his fourth appearance with DCLO in “Hello Dolly” slated to open June 1 on the Downey Theater stage. The musical comedy will continue through June 18. For tickets and information, call 923-1714.

Musical rock comedy opens June 2

LA MIRADA—“Johnny Guitar,” the Outer Critics Circle “Best Off-Broadway Musical of 2004,” opens at La Mirada Theater for the Performing arts June 2 and runs through June 18.

Using a mix of ‘50s rock, doo-wop and steamy ballads, “Johnny Guitar” is a musical comedy that embraces and sends up ‘50s-style movie acting, melodramatic romance, and rough-and-tumble cowboy action. This tale of a sultry saloonkeeper and a jealous tycoon is abed on the cult film favorite starring Joan Crawford. The play is produced by McCoy Rigby Entertainment.

Tickets are \$32 and \$40 and may be purchased by calling the La Mirada Theater box office at 944-9801.

Reservations for Sidi live still taken

DOWNEY—Tickets are still available for the Sebastian Sidi live performance scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Granata’s Italian Restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. in Downey. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and includes a dinner of salad, steak/chicken and fish or pasta dish, followed by dessert. To get tickets, log on to the Sebastian Sidi website, www.sebastiansidi.com, or call and make a reservation at (562) 544-7774.

Sidi will be joined by guitarist Javier Lima, along with Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye on vocals.

New musical comedy season set

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

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

For special discount season ticket information call 923-1714.

Captain Cardiac in concert

DOWNEY – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries will headline the 3rd annual benefit concert for the Downey Chamber of Commerce slated for the Downey Theater stage in September. The group has been one of the premiere rock-and-roll bands for over three decades. For tickets and information call the Chamber at 923-2191.

Fair & Exposition’s June ’06 schedule

COSTA MESA—Sugar Plum Festivals’ “Arts & Crafts Show” returns to the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center June 8-10. Sugar Plum Festivals showcases handcrafted arts and crafts, country garden and holiday decorations, home décor, along with needlepoint pictures, albums, flower boxes, whirligigs, garden benches and antique quilts.

Also available are tasty treats such as tamales, dips, soups, cookies, jams, and candy.

Hours are Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.sugarplumcrafts.com or call (562) 598-0857.

Below is the full schedule for June. Follow directional signs to general parking gates. For additional information, contact the promoter at the telephone number listed with the event. Scheduled events are subject to change without notice. Visit www.ocfair.com for event updates.

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3 SPEEDWAY - AMATEUR EVENT – Gates open 11 a.m., first race 1 p.m. Grandstand Arena. Admission: adults (18+) \$10, juniors (13-17) & seniors (60+) \$5, children (6-12) \$3, children 5 & under admitted free. Parking and programs free. Preferred parking \$5. International Speedway, Inc., (949) 492-9933, or www.cmspeedway.com.

3-4 CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW – Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14, #16, Parade of Products, and Main Mall. Admission: adults \$12, seniors \$11, children under 12 free with adult. B & L Productions, (801) 544-9125 or www.crossroadsgunshows.com.

8-10 SUGAR PLUM FESTIVALS “ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW” – Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: free Sugar Plum Festivals, (562) 598-0857 or www.sugarplumcrafts.com. *No strollers please.*

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21 AMERICAN RED CROSS “MUSIC SAVES LIVES” BLOOD DRIVE – Wednesday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Bldg. #16. Admission: free. American Red Cross, (714) 427-2683, or www.redcross.org.

30 SCORPIONS – PACIFIC AMPHITHEATRE – Friday, 7 p.m. Admission: \$39.50-\$72.50. Tickets may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlet locations, online at www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at (714) 740-2000 or (213) 480-3232, or in person at the OC Fair box office at Pacific Amphitheatre, (714) 708-1870, or www.ocfair.com.

Weekly Events:

ORANGE COUNTY MARKET PLACE – Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. Main parking lot. Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free. Tel Phil Enterprises, (949) 723-6660, or www.ocmarketpace.com

INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RACING – Saturdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24. Gates open 6 p.m., first race 7:30 p.m. Grandstand Arena. Admission: adults \$15, juniors (13-17) and seniors (60+) \$10, children (6-12) \$5, children under 5 free. Parking and programs fee. Preferred parking \$5. International speedway, Inc (949) 492-9933, or www.cmspeedway.com.



SHAKESPEARIAN ADVENTURE – The Downey High School Drama Department will present William Shakespeare’s play, “As You Like It,” beginning Tuesday, May 30 and running thru June 3. All performances will show at 5:30 p.m., with the exception of the June 3 show at 3 p.m., at the Downey High outdoor rally stage. Admission is \$7 and the community is invited.

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Coach Fullerton finished at Warren

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – It's the end of a coaching era at Warren High School as head coach Steve Fullerton finally decided to throw in the towel after 13 successful years at the helm of the school's baseball program.

After compiling a 208-126 career record with Warren and leading them to five league championships, he said enough was enough and that it was time for him to move on.

"I'm just tired," Fullerton said. "I just turned 59 years old. I got a whole new backyard patio, barbecue, and Jacuzzi. I just want to kick back and hang out with my family."

Fullerton attributed his fatigue not to coaching the game, but to all the fundraising and organizing that came with the job of being the go-to guy in the program. He also said that the thoughts of leaving the program started last summer.

He discussed the possibility of it being his last season as head coach with his family who in turn backed his decision. According to him, the reason he came back to coach this final year was because he felt like he owed it to his seniors. The team had 13 graduating seniors on its roster.

He informed his squad of his resignation last Thursday after Warren's final game where the Bears missed the CIF Southern Section playoffs for the first time in 12 years. His coaching staff was informed a couple weeks prior to telling the team.

After recharging his metaphoric batteries, he has voiced that he would like to coach baseball again, just not as head coach.

"I just want to be able to go somewhere with my fungo and say 'what do you want me to do today coach?'"

Although he's done coaching baseball at Warren, he's not done teaching. He said that he hopes to continue to teach physical education at the high school and hopefully teach periods 1-5 that way if he chooses to, he can pursue coaching baseball somewhere else.

Fullerton is one of four head baseball coaches Warren has had in its history. He joins the list along with famous Warren coach Buck Taylor, whom the field was named after.

An interim coach has not been chosen and Athletic Director Steve Hill was not available for comment.

According to one of Warren's baseball players, Fullerton is not the only one leaving the program. Infield coach Ron Keester and pitching coach Vince Lavelle are also rumored to be leaving.

The Bears finished 12-14 and in fourth place in the San Gabriel Valley League.

Vikings eked out of CIF playoffs

DOWNEY—Downey rallied but failed to catch Vista Murrieta and lost 5-4 in a CIF Southern Section Division III second-round game at Downey High School.

The loss ended the Vikings' season. They finished with a 17-12 record. John Ortega hit a fourth inning solo home run to bring Downey to within 4-3. Then, in the sixth, Ivory Thomas scored on a wild pitch to tie the game.

But Murrieta scored in the top of the seventh and held on for the win.



SHOOTING ACE – Rio San Gabriel successfully defended their championship at last month's Carnival of Champions and extended their record breaking win streak to 10 consecutive championships. In the process, fifth grader Sydney Colenzo tied the district record for baskets in a minute with 36. The record was originally set in 1983 by Heana Perez of Price Elementary.



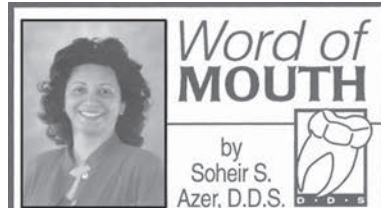
RECORD-BREAKERS – The mixed co-ed 4x100-yard relay team of Rio San Gabriel, which consisted of Ellen Michael, Josh Alvarez, Gaby Arellano and Christian Armendariz, also broke a district record with a time of 1:00.25 seconds. The previous record of 1:00.6 was set by Rio San Gabriel last year.

Downey gives all in semifinal loss

DOWNEY—Downey pushed top-seeded Santa Monica to its limits but, in the end, it wasn't enough.

The Downey boys volleyball team lost this week, 21-25, 25-22, 25-16, 22-25, 15-7 in the semifinals of the CIF playoffs. Despite the loss, it was the farthest a Downey team had advanced in more than a decade.

Downey also earned their sixth consecutive San Gabriel Valley League title this year.



According to a recent Oral Health Trend Survey conducted by the American Dental Association, nearly two-thirds of dentists tooth whitening as the number one procedure requested by patients who were between the ages of forty and sixty. This is quite understandable when one takes into account the fact that tooth whitening affords middle-aged people one of the least expensive and most effective ways to revitalize their appearance. Few things project a youthful appearance more obviously than white teeth. Professional tooth whitening can remove years of accumulated stains from wine, tobacco, tea, coffee, and other sources in a single office visit. Remember, your smile is the first thing that people notice about you.

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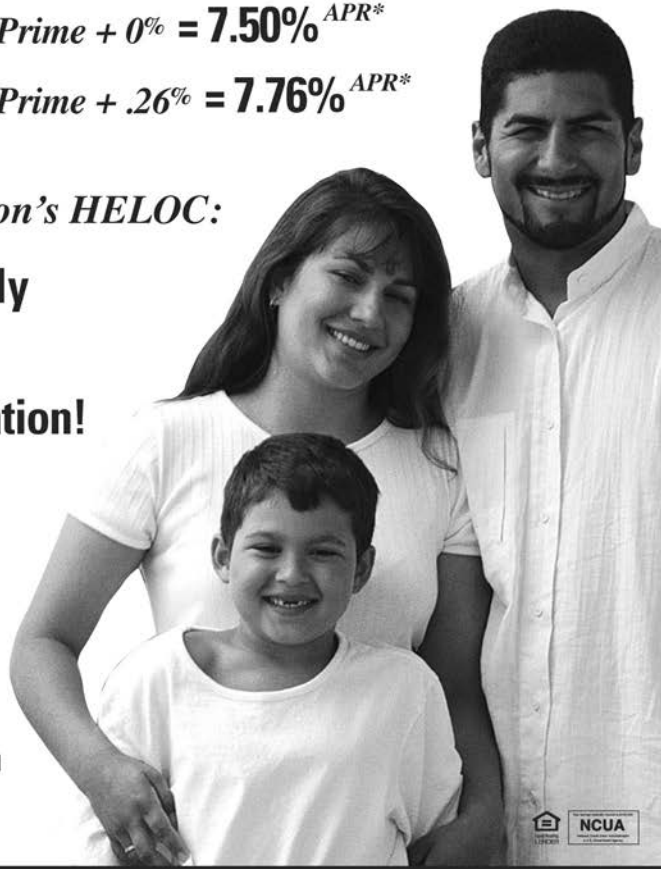
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Stroke awareness seminar at hospital

DOWNEY—National Stroke Awareness Month in May provides an opportunity to raise awareness about preventing the often fatal and debilitating disease. Thus Downey Regional Medical Center and the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation will present a Stroke Awareness Seminar Tuesday, May 30 from 9-11 a.m.

Speakers for the event are neurologist Dr. Khalifa Mansour discussing "What is a stroke?", "Warning Signals," and "How to prevent a stroke"; and general/vascular surgeon Dr. Mark Minkes, sharing "What is a Carotid Endarterectomy and why do I need it?" Following their presentations, stroke screening, blood pressure and heart rate checks will be offered.

The seminar is free but registration is required and seating is limited. To register, call 904-5162.

Middle School track meet slated for June 3

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District's 32nd annual Middle School Track Meet will take place Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

This meet brings together 6th, 7th, and 8th grade representatives from all four Downey Middle Schools. Approximately 400 boys and girls will compete in both track and field events.

Field events are scheduled to begin 8:30 a.m., followed by the running events at 9:15 a.m.

Team scoring will be on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis for first through fifth place in each event. The public is welcome. Admission is free. For information, call 469-6500.

Downey students graduate from APU

AZUSA—These Downey graduates from Azusa Pacific University were joined by more than 1,200 graduates at the spring commencement exercises held on May 6:

- Maribel Munoz – with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- Jason R. Juarez – with a Master of Education in College Student Affairs.
- Christina Mocciano – with a Master of Arts in Education: Educational Psychology.
- John Park – with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.
- Haleigh Anne Hamilton – with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies.
- Peter Karavedas – with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science.

Cancer survivors at 'Relay for Life'

DOWNEY—Cancer survivors and those affected by the disease are invited to the Downey Relay for Life Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m. at Columbus High School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

Survivors will receive a T-shirt and memento. For information/to register, call 776-3312.

Cookbook ordering deadline June 10

DOWNEY—The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is putting the finishing touches on its community cookbook that will contain more than 450 recipes for gourmet meals and desserts submitted by readers in response to the guild's call.

The guild will be submitting it to the printer in the upcoming months. The cookbooks, which will have a limited, one-time edition and are expected to be collectors' items, should arrive in September, in plenty of time for Christmas and Hanukkah gift-giving.

Each cookbook costs \$10 deadline for orders is June 10. Checks may be made out to OLPH Women's Guild, indicate number of books you're ordering and your phone number, and mail to Paula Mayfield, 9107 Lemoran Ave., Downey, CA 90240. To receive a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



EARLIER THIS MONTH—One of the most successful Downey Street Fairs in the history of this Downey Chamber of Commerce event took place this year thanks to the efforts of such volunteers as (from left) Nick Adams, Benny Sanabria, Dorothy Van Zuilen, Karina Madariaga, Mike Hemsath, Chairman Jan Scott, Diana Facio, Fionnuala Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Sue Nordin and her husband Roger.

TLC Resource Center open house June 8

DOWNEY—An open house follows the ribbon cutting ceremony at True Lasting Connections' (TLC) new location at Lewis Elementary, 13220 Bellflower Blvd., Thursday, June 8. Ribbon cutting is at 3 p.m.; open house is from 4-5p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. TLC's mission statement calls for "a True Lasting Connection between the city of Downey and the families of the Downey Unified School District to ensure healthy and successful futures for all our children."



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Memorial service later for Karen L. Nickolsen

DOWNEY—Karen Louise Nickolsen, who was born in Los Angeles Aug. 29, 1955, passed away in Norwalk on May 19. She was 50. She was the oldest of seven children. She is survived by her husband, John; son Charles and his fiancée, Natalie; daughter Cassandra; her mother-in-law, Mabel; her brother-in-law, James and his children, Janine and Christie. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handled the arrangements.



RALPH FRANK VAN BERGEN — A veteran of World War II, he died May 16.

Military honors for Ralph F. Van Bergen

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey resident Ralph Frank Van Bergen, who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, died on May 16 at the age of 81. He was discharged from service on Jan. 30, 1946 as Machinist's Mate Second class. He was born Oct. 24, 1924 to John and Anna Van Bergen in Los Angeles, and was a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey and the Downey Knights of Columbus. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on May 23 at OLPH. Interment with military honors was at the Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello, with Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary in charge of services. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his two sons, John and Ralph; three daughters, Mary, Rosemary and Joan; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Bionda Mary Henry passes away at age 92

DOWNEY—Bionda Mary Henry, a Downey resident for 59 years, passed away in Downey on May 12. She was 92. She was born March 3, 1914 in Toole, Utah to Antonio "Tony" and Andonia Cerroni. She worked at Downey Manufacturing for 59 years before she retired. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Roger; her brothers, Fryeno Cerroni, Reynaldo Cerroni, Joseph Cerroni; and her sister, Aldina Matekal. She is survived by her son, Jerry (Dianne) Henry; her daughter, Patty (Chris); her brothers, Quetti Cerroni and Angelo Cerroni; and her friend, Amy. A funeral mass held at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey, and interment was at Forest Lawn in Cypress. Services were arranged by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Leonard Fred Reseck served in Burma 3 years

DOWNEY—Leonard Fred Reseck, who was a Downey resident for 55 years, passed away on May 18 at Downey Community Health Center. He was 87. He was born May 2, 1919 in San Diego and served in the Burma Theater for 3 years. He served three terms as president of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. He had been retired for some time. He is survived by wife Lorena Reseck, and many nieces and nephews. Services officiated by Pastor John Rose were held yesterday, May 25, at the Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

College dedicates new science building

NORWALK — Cerritos College hosted a dedication ceremony for its newly completed, state-of-the-art science building last week. Board trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and community members marked the occasion with an unveiling of a commemorative plaque and a ribbon-cutting. "It's with your support that the state-of-the art classrooms, lecture halls and laboratories stand here today," said Cerritos College Board of Trustees President John Moore to the assembled audience. "You've helped us realize a vision for the future of Cerritos College. Thank you. We also extend our gratitude and congratulations to those here at the college who have worked long and hard on this project and are just beginning to see the fruits of their labor." The new facility on the west side of Cerritos College's campus along Studebaker Road boasts of a total of nine new chemistry and biology labs, six lecture halls and state-of-the art equipment. "I would like to thank our community, for believing in the vision of our educational master plan and for voting "yes" on the bond measure, which allowed us to build this facility," said Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela.

Dean of the Science, Engineering and Mathematics Division Norm Fujimoto thanked his staff, the campus facilities staff, and many people in the college's purchasing, finance and information technology areas for their countless hours spent ensuring the successful creation of the building. Instrumental in overseeing the Science Building's construction was the college's Campus Transformation Committee. The committee has provided oversight in prioritizing the college's lengthy list of campus infrastructure needs and has developed campus standards to address architecture elements, flooring materials, lighting fixtures, furniture, landscaping and other key areas, to maintain a high level of quality and to achieve "economy-of-scale" savings as the projects are built.

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Hume Foundation barbeque June 25

DOWNEY—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF) will be sponsoring a reunion Picnic/Barbecue Sunday, June 25, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park, similar to the events held by the Downey Children's Theater in the 1950s-1960s. It will be held from noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park on Rives Ave., just south of Florence Ave. and north of Rio Hondo School.

It is open to all General Members and Friends of the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, their families, and any alumni from: the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater, Downey Experimental Theater, Downey Marionette Theater and the Downey Civic Light Opera.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be furnished and prepared by JHPAF, and there is no admission charge. All JHPAF requests is that anyone attending bring a side dish to share that would serve about 8-10 people, such as: potato salad, macaroni salad, watermelon, baked beans, cole slaw, etc.

Visitors are asked to RSVP to: John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc., 10312 Birchdale Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (562-869-0422), or e-mail barbecue@johnhume.org.

Four top students land scholarships

DOWNEY – On Wednesday, May 24, the Downey Regional Medical Center Auxiliary presented \$1,000 scholarships to four top local students serving in the DRMC Volunteer Corps. The presentations were made at the Auxiliary's annual scholarship and installation of officers luncheon at the hospital.

Michelle Crespo is graduating from St. Joseph High School in Lakewood, first in her class of 173 students, with a 4.59 grade point average. She has logged 206 volunteer hours at DRMC, working in the Family Birth Center, Emergency Room, Nursing Units and has served on the Volunteer Corps Board. Crespo has been accepted at UCLA beginning with the fall semester.

Also receiving a scholarship was Jane Kim of Downey High School, who with a 4.81 g.p.a. is co-aledictorian for the class of 2006. She has donated 119 working in DRMC's Pharmacy and Laboratory. She will also begin attending UCLA this fall.

Neil Patel, who volunteered 283 hours at DRMC, will graduate sixth in his class of 706 students at Warren High School with a 4.54 g.p.a. He begins his pre-med studies at UCLA this fall. As a volunteer "floater," Patel has volunteered throughout the hospital. "The experience definitely made my decision to become a physician stronger," he said.

Scholarship recipient Aimy Vo, who aspires to become a pharmacist, has volunteered 118 hours in the DRMC Pharmacy over the past two years. She ranks 4th in her class at Warren High School with a 4.60 g.p.a., and will attend USC this fall.

According to Jeanne Ohlemacher, Auxiliary chairman of the Scholarship Committee, to be eligible for a scholarship the students must volunteer at least 100 hours at the hospital, be accepted at a university and plan to study for a medical career. "We had so many deserving students this year," raved Ohlemacher. "Along with excellent grades and volunteer service at the hospital, these young people are all very involved in their schools and community. It's been very rewarding for us to support the leaders of tomorrow."

This was the first year the DRMC Auxiliary was able to give four scholarships. The money comes through its Hospital Gift Shop and fundraising sales. The fourth scholarship were donated by several Auxiliary members.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for area

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

Volunteers assist the collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, looking for donor reactions and promoting public relations. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

Accumulating enough assets for retirement may be the top priority for investors. However, the amount that is withdrawn from a portfolio each year during retirement is what may ultimately determine how long retirement assets will last. That is why calculating the annual withdrawal rate from personal savings and investments is so critical for retirees and people about to retire.

Several factors will influence your choice of an appropriate withdrawal rate. These include your age, health, the potential impact of inflation on your assets and cost of living, and the likely variability of your investment returns.

Although you can't predict for certain how long you will live, you can make an estimate.

Be sure to take into account your risk of living longer than a life expectancy table would indicate. As a rule of thumb, plan on your retirement portfolio needing to generate income for 30 years.

As you think about inflation, bear in mind that inflation affects the real return on your assets as well as the cost of goods and services. For long-term planning purposes, you might assume that consumer price inflation would continue at its historical average of 4% a year.

But also keep in mind that year-to-year variations in inflation may also dramatically impact your plans.

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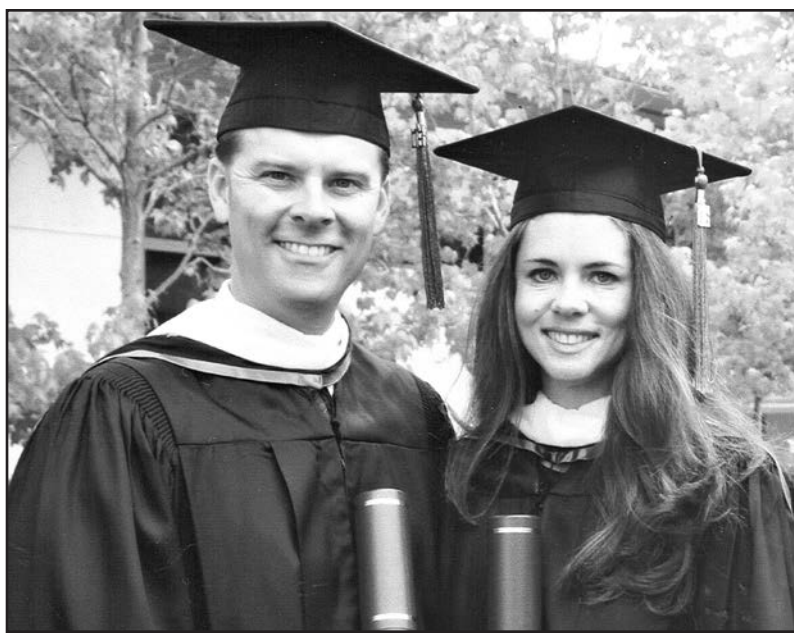
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HIGHER EDUCATION – Downey residents and teachers George and Carrie Redfox recently received their Master of Arts in Education at the conferring of degrees ceremony held at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. George, who teaches Photography at Warren High School, received his degree with an emphasis in teaching, learning and technology; while Carrie, a former teacher at Spencer Williams Elementary, received her degree with an emphasis in counseling and guidance as well as her PPS credential. Both recipients are products of the Downey Unified School District, with George being a Downey High graduate and Carrie graduating from Warren.

Free summer lunches for Downey students

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District will be offering the Seamless Summer Food Service Program (all lunches free) to all students in the community at the following locations this summer. All children (ages 3-18) are invited to participate:

Golden Park	6/26 - 8/3	11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Alameda Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Lewis Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Rio Hondo Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:05 - 11:20 a.m.
East Middle School	6/26 - 7/27	10:45 - 11 a.m.
West Middle School	6/26 - 7/27	10:45 - 11 a.m.
Downey High School	6/26 - 8/3	11 - 11:15 a.m.
Warren High School	6/26 - 8/3	11 - 11:15 a.m.

Meal service is on a Monday-Thursday schedule only – no lunches available on Fridays. Any questions, contact the Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

Keep Downey Beautiful seeks help

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).

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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SEAACA accepting toy donations

DOWNEY – The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), 9777 Seaaca St., is accepting donations of toys for their animal population, part of their ongoing program called Environmental Enrichment.

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Ask the Contractors Board

By Bert Sandman,
Chair, California Contractors State License Board

Q: My grandmother is getting ready to repair some storm damage to her home but she does not speak English. Although I will be assisting her in hiring a contractor, I want her to read up on the hiring process for her own peace of mind. Are there CSLB materials available in other languages that explain this process?

A: A number of CSLB publications are available in foreign languages. They are available for free and can be ordered from the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov. The materials cover topics such as what you should know before you hire a contractor and simple tips to follow when managing one. These should provide your grandmother with the information she needs to be an informed consumer.

Q: I hired a contractor to work on landscaping my front yard last month. He went way over budget and now I am broke and displeased. I don't know what to do about it, please help!

A: Hopefully you have a signed written contract that spells out everything the contractor agreed to do, as well as how much it would cost. As long as there weren't changes to the contract, the contractor would be required to complete the work for the set price. Written "change orders" should reflect changes to the contract, including price changes. It may be difficult to prove the contractor was at fault otherwise. If you can't resolve the problems with your licensed contractor, the CSLB may be able to help you through mediation, arbitration and referrals to other agencies. Learn more about filing a construction complaint by clicking on the CSLB website, www.cslb.ca.gov. You can also download a complaint form, or have one sent to you by calling 1-800-321-CSLB (2752).

Q: I am interested in having some work done on my kitchen. I'm unsure about what type of contractor I should hire. Are there contractors who specialize in certain areas of the home?

A: Yes, in California the Contractors State License Board issues licenses in 43 classifications, including general and specialty contractors. General building contractors usually oversee projects and coordinate subcontractors for specific jobs. Subcontractors specializing in a certain trade are hired to do single jobs on the larger project. For example, a general contractor hired to remodel a kitchen may hire a subcontractor specializing in plumbing to install the kitchen sink.

A general contractor can be licensed to do specialty work, but if a job requires multiple specific tasks to be completed, then it is best for the general contractor to hire subcontractors to perform those specific jobs.

So the first thing for you to do is hire a licensed, reputable contractor. If what you want to have done to your home requires multiple jobs, discuss this with your general contractor to ensure he or she hires the appropriate subcontractors to carry out the specialty work.

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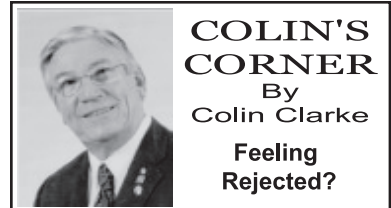
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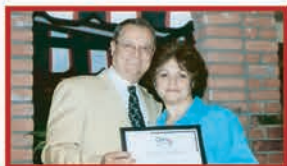
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