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'Hello Dolly' opens at Downey Theater

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Light Opera production of "Hello Dolly" opened at the Downey Community Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd., yesterday, June 1, and will run for three weekends.

"Hello Dolly" is, according to executive producer Marsha Moode, an ebullient and irresistible story of the joy of living, glittering with happy songs, and alive with the personality of one of the most fabulous characters on the musical stage: Dolly Gallagher Levi.

The production has been cast by Moode with Ann Peck-McBride as Dolly, Ed Krieger, Horace Vandergelder, Bill Lewis, Cornelius Hackyl, Cynthia Marty, and Irene Molloy. The choreography of Jon Engstrom and musical numbers under the baton of Music Director Eddy Clement completes this current production.

Tickets for all performances of "Hello Dolly" may be purchased from the DCLO box office Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. by phone, in person or by mail. Tickets are also available at the box office prior to each performance. Orchestra seating tickets are \$35 and balcony seating tickets are \$30.

For more information or questions about group rates, call the box office at (562) 923-1714.



SERVICES FOR ANDY HARROD—Will be held at 11 a.m. today, June 2, at Trinity Baptist Church at Downey Ave. & Florence. Harrod passed away Monday, May 29, on Memorial Day.

Andy Harrod was 'a dear, dear friend'

*By Stan Hanstad,
Asst. Superintendent-Personnel Services,
Downey Unified School District*

DOWNEY—Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, June 2 at the Trinity Baptist Church at Downey Avenue and Florence for Andrew A. Harrod, who passed away on Memorial Day, May 29 at the Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Graveside services will take place after at the Inglewood Cemetery (information and directions will be provided at the church). After services at graveside, a reception will be held back at the Baptist Church in Downey. Viewing was held yesterday at Miller-Mies Mortuary at Downey Ave. and Third St.

An inspiration to anyone who knew him, Andy was born in Cranston, Rhode Island June 28, 1922. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Ruth Harrod of Downey, his 5 children, Drew, Cathy, Bill, Allen and David. He had 15 grandchildren 29 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and one on the way—all the 'love' of his life!

He also had a true love for the U.S. military. He fought for our country during World War II: he signed up for the Navy in 1942 at the age of 20. He served as Quarter Master Second Class on the USS Denver on the bridge with the Captain/Commander. He served in the Navy for four years, all of which were overseas. His journeys took him to Pearl Harbor, Panama Canal, Guadalcanal, an island called Bougainville in the Pacific, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Guam, to mention a few. All the locations in which Andy was during the war saw major battles.

Andy earned 11 Battle Star Medals, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the Presidential Commendation Medal from the Philippines. Up until Andy's death, he stayed very connected to his Navy days by attending ship reunions whenever possible and keeping in contact with Pearl Harbor survivors. His last reunion took place in Niagara Falls. Today there are only about 215 known survivors out of 1500 who served on his ship, 28 of whom passed away in the last year.

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AMERICAN FLAGS—Adorned grave markers at Downey Cemetery, which observed Memorial Day with the laying of a wreath at the head of a soldier's grave.

Greek Fest tomorrow and Sunday here

DOWNEY—Now comes the great Downey Greek Festival with all its delicious foods from souvlakis to gyros, and don't forget the delicious barbecued lamb that has become a trademark of this cultural event which runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Award-winning Greek dancers will be featured both days at this festival with traditional Greek dress favored at the St. George Greek Church lot at 10830 Downey Ave.

Greek music will accompany and inspire the dancers. And tours of the beautifully appointed St. George Greek Church may be arranged. For information, call (562) 862-6461 or visit the web at www.stgeorge-downey.org.

Funding for L.A. River gains House approval

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) announced last week the May 24 passage in the U.S. House of Representatives of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for 2007 that includes funding for major projects in the Los Angeles area.

Through the congresswoman's efforts, the measure includes continued funding for the dredging of the main channel of Los Angeles Harbor, the Harbor South Bay Recycled Water Project, the construction of the Vernon Corridor Extension recycled water pipeline, and a study pertaining to a recreation and development project at the Cornfields site along the Los Angeles River.

"The funding secured for these projects in the U.S. House of Representatives will ensure that progress on important water initiatives vital to the City of Los Angeles continue uninterrupted," said Roybal-Allard, who is a member of the House Appropriations committee.

The bill, which passed by a vote of 404 to 20, is the House version of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY2007. Following expected passage by the Senate, the bill will go to conference (where a final version is reconciled), and then forwarded to the President.

Recreational projects

Roybal-Allard worked with her colleagues to obtain \$1.05 million for the revitalization effort along the Los Angeles River. This money will enable the Corps of Engineers to work with the City of Los Angeles and local groups in planning parks, recreation, and community improvement projects along the LA River. The over-all revitalization river funding includes \$500,000 for the river's "Cornfields" site, which will be used to complete a study to convert the industrial area into parks or other community uses.

"I have worked for several years with City Councilman Ed Reyes on the LA River Revitalization plan, and I appreciate the continued support of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and other local stakeholders as we explore ways to convert the land adjacent to the Los Angeles River into parks, housing and economic development for our local communities," Roybal-Allard said. "The Cornfields site is one of the most promising opportunities for these types of initiatives, and I am pleased that we can continue to develop a study to lay out some of the possibilities."

The measure also includes funding for the ongoing dredging project in the Los Angeles Harbor.

"The \$2 million included in the House version of the measure to continue the dredging of the main channel of Los Angeles harbor will keep this important project moving forward. I will continue to work with Congressional leaders to increase funding for this critical project before the bill is finalized. This project will enable the harbor to accommodate new and larger container vessels which, in turn, will enhance manufacturing

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Memorial Day observed at Downey Cemetery

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA 34) read the names of those members of the U.S. military from Downey who have been killed in Iraq during the lengthening bloody campaign there, and a large gathering witnessed the laying of a wreath at the head of a soldier's grave and the playing of Taps at the Downey Memorial Day observance at the Downey Cemetery, Monday, May 29.

There was a showing of the Colors by a Young Marines Color Guard, the Wreath Laying under the command of Capt. Wade T. Murdoch of American Legion Post 723, and of course the National Anthem by Sandra Eatherly. An invocation was read by Downey Police Chaplain Mario Guerra, and brief speeches were heard from Dr. Gary McCaughan, Ken Beckner and Diane Boggs of the Cemetery District Board.

The ceremonies included a rifle salute and also served in recognition of the recently completed Veteran's Memorial Niche Wall which allows the cemetery financial continuity.

Noted present at the ceremonies were persons including Downey historian John Vincent, Councilmen Dave Gafin, Kirk Cartozian, Mayor Meredith Perkins, and Dr. Mary Stauffer.

The Downey Cemetery contains graves dating to the 1870s and serves Downey, Bellflower, Paramount and parts of South Gate. It is located on Lakewood Boulevard just south of the Green Line Station.

The Niche Wall was dedicated last year by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.

"For us and for future generations, the wall we dedicate today will serve as a constant reminder of the brave men and women who, in defense of our country, paid the ultimate and very precious price," she said at the time.

"While Memorial Day is a day to remember the service of veterans past, it is also fitting that we recognize and honor those currently serving in our armed forces, including those who have returned from the battlefields of today, like the individuals with whom I have visited at Walter Reed hospital near Washington, DC. Although many are seriously injured or maimed, and their lives altered forever, their patriotism remains strong as does their concern for their comrades, who remain in harms way in Afghanistan and Iraq."



ETHNIC DANCERS—Like these are invited to show their skills at the great Downey Greek Festival this weekend at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

'Character Counts' Series

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

Responsibility helps you succeed in life

*By Sumaiyah Imran,
3rd Grade, Gaudin Elementary School*

I am doing my essay on *responsibility*. I think being responsible helps you succeed in life. "Everyone has an opportunity to be great because everyone has an opportunity to serve."—Martin Luther King Jr. (African-American minister and Nobel Prize-winning leader of the Civil Rights Movement, 1929-1968). When I see this maxim the thought which comes to my mind is that everyone has an opportunity to be responsible because everyone has a chance to prove that they are responsible.

I choose to be responsible because being responsible leads to success. Being responsible means doing good in school, and going to college. It means you must be self-disciplined. You must set goals and stick with them until you achieve them. If you are responsible you will do the work for your grades even if it is difficult. That means you are sacrificing your play time so you can work and be responsible. If I do this it will help me to become more successful as a doctor and help my patients.

Another way to be responsible is to do what you are supposed to do. I will give an example from my life to explain. Readers are Leaders is a program in which students have to read and their parents have to sign their sheet to prove that they have read. My mother's responsibility is to sign my Readers are Leaders sheet, and it is my responsibility to read, get it signed and take my Readers are Leaders sheet to school. I can't blame my mother if this doesn't get done.



AIR FORCE AIRMAN—Enrique X. Ladines, son of Elena Ramos of Downey, has successfully completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is a 2001 graduate of Warren High.

Nurses needed for disaster preparedness

DOWNEY—The Red Cross Rio Hondo Chapter, which serves Downey and surrounding areas, needs nurses to volunteer toward preparedness for a major disaster.

Free orientation classes will be provided and sessions are held every other month. To help, contact Rosina Smith (562) 864-7842, or leave a message for her at the Red Cross Chapter, (562) 945-3944.

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Textbooks on display at Administration Center

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.

Author/journalist to sign copies of book

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.

Adult CPR class at hospital 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 and more information.

DRMC will also host a heart disease and stroke seminar on June 17. Blood pressure and cholesterol issues will also be explored.

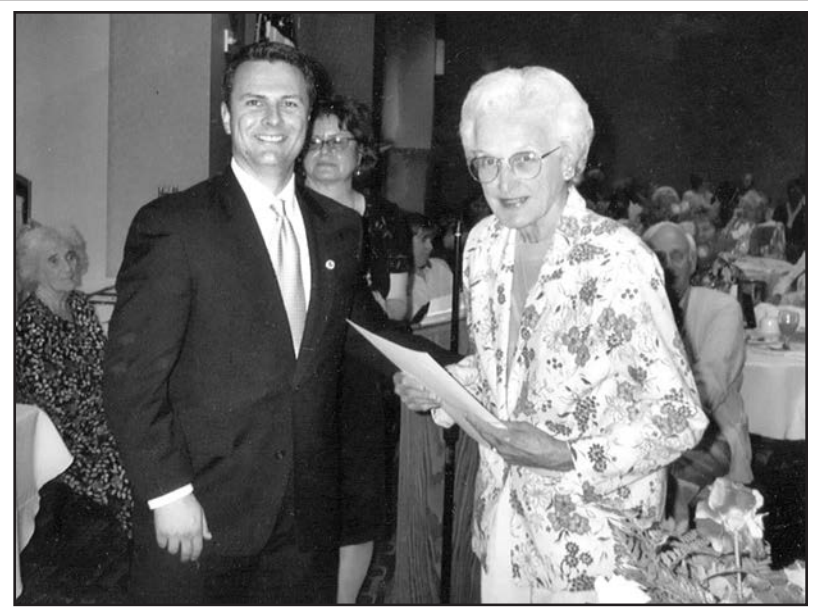
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MARIE ECKSTROM—A member of the Downey Symphony Guild since it was founded as the Women's Committee for the Symphony years ago, received Outstanding Community Volunteer commendation at a recent awards dinner held at the Rio Hondo Event Center. "A most meticulous keeper of the Guild's treasury," she volunteers at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center and the USC Norris Hospital.

Downey Christian Club meets June 14

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club invites the community, including men, to its June 14 lunch meeting at Los Amigos Country Club.

The theme for the meeting is "Salute to the Flag." Joy Feeger will be the day's speaker on the theme "With a Song in Your Heart." Concho necklaces will be the special feature.

The buffet luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$12 and reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at 927-8488 or Delores at 868-7135.

Training session tomorrow at library

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 tomorrow, 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. Volunteers will read to children for one hour each week between June 27 and July 30.

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

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 or e-mail duhs53@gmail.com

Cancer survivors at 'Relay for Life'

DOWNEY—If you or someone you know is a cancer survivor, you are invited to celebrate life by attending the opening ceremony of the Downey Relay for Life Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m. at Columbus High School, 12340 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

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Middle School track meet tomorrow

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District's 32nd annual Middle School Track Meet will take place tomorrow, 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.

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.

To help the guild determine the number of copies to order for publication, customers are asked to submit their orders now. Each cookbook costs \$10. Deadline for orders is June 10.

Checks may be made out to OLPH Women's Guild (indicate number of books being ordered and a phone number) and mail to Paula Mayfield, 9107 Lemoran Ave., Downey, CA 90240. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a receipt.

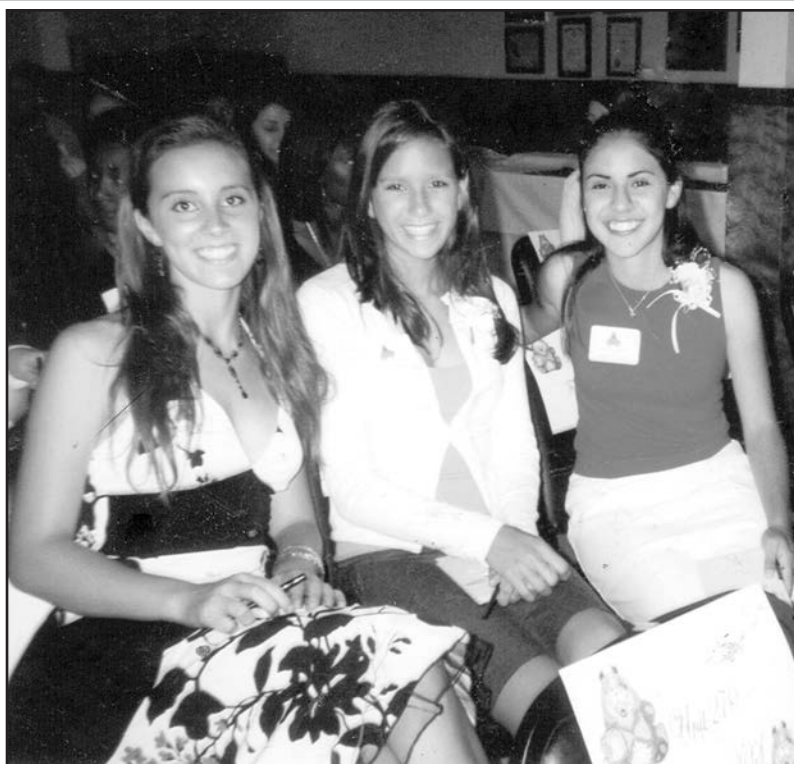
TLC Resource Center open house

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 4-5 p.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 '56 class plan reunion

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 more details.



LOCAL AREA GIRLS—(From left) Natalia MacDougall of Warren High, Downey High's Eleni Christidis, and La Serna High's Jennifer Goetz at the American Legion Auxiliary District #19 Tea given recently in their honor, and preparing them for their attendance July 2-8 at CSU-Fresno for the 2006 Girls State.

Local girls to attend Girls State in Fresno

DOWNEY—Warren High's Natalia MacDougall, Downey High's Eleni Christidis, and La Serna High's Jennifer Goetz, chosen to represent their schools based on their scholastic record, leadership qualities, and service to their school and community, will attend the 2006 Session of Girls State to be held at CSU-Fresno in Fresno July 2-8.

They are being sponsored by the Downey American Legion Auxiliary Unit #270, and were recently honored at a District #19 Tea, at which time they were given information as to what to expect when they attend the weeklong CSU-Fresno session.

Thirty-five girls from the local area will join 500 Girls from all over California in studying city, county, and state government functions through mock proceedings, which will expose them to patriotic principles. Girls State programs have been sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary for many years in all 50 states.

Natalia is the daughter of Donald and Raquel MacDougall, Eleni is the daughter of Martha and Paula Christidis, and Jennifer is the daughter of Terry Goetz.

A luncheon will be given in their honor by the Downey American Legion Auxiliary Unit #270 after the conclusion of Girls State.

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Johnny Corino's ribbon cutting June 12

DOWNEY—Johnny Corino's Italian, a casual, full service Italian concept, celebrates its grand opening/ribbon cutting Monday, June 12 from 1:30-3 p.m. It is located at 12036 Lakewood Blvd. at the new Downey Landing. As usual, the Downey Chamber of Commerce will provide support, moral and otherwise.

Johnny Corino's offering includes "Grandioso" platters and "Wine Harvest" dinners that will cater to families and dining parties of all sizes. Inspired by Southern Italian country recipes, the menu starts with appetizers like the signature Pepperoni Bread, Brushetta, Calamari and Italian Nachos. Entrees range from traditional favorites like homemade Lasagna and Pizzas, to featured items like Spicy Shrimp and Chicken.

For information, call 923-2191.

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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.



DRMC'S AUXILIANS—Come through big for hospital capital campaign, donating \$55,000.

DRMC's Auxiliary presents \$55K check

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center Auxilians presented the hospital with a \$55,000 check at a May 24 scholarship and installation luncheon. The gift is the largest 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," said 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.

DRMC CEO Allen Korneff, along with other hospital leaders, applauded the work of the Auxiliary and noted, "I see many friends here today... 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."

Executive Vice-President Jim Klosterman showed the Auxilians a short video detailing plans for the new patient care tower and said, "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 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 Aguerro, secretary Wilma Garcia, newsletter editor Pat Romero, treasurer Millie Powell and parliamentarian Wilma Brouwer.

DRMC's Auxiliary is looking for new members. To be eligible, men, women or couples must be at least 21 years of age, in overall good health, have the ability to respect strict patient confidentiality, be reliable and commit to at least six hours a month. Those interested in joining are invited to a new member orientation.

For information, call 904-5465.

Enrollment now open at Good Shepherd

DOWNEY—Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 13200 Clark Ave., Downey, is now accepting Summer Camp registrations for students entering Grades 1-8. Theme Days, art, games, field trips, swimming and more fun are planned in a Christian setting. Camp runs June 12-Aug. 18, from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Good Shepherd is also enrolling students for its 50th academic year next fall. The school offers small class size, before and after school care program, and boasts excellent academics, according to the school. Call (562) 803-4918 for a tour and more information.

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Andy joined the Downey School District even before it was a "Unified School District." He was hired in 1961 as a Senior Maintenance Man. He was promoted to Maintenance Plumber and then in 1979, moved up to Lead Maintenance Worker. Andy retired from the district in July 1983.

After several years of retirement and with way too much time on his hands, Andy went through the recruitment process yet again, and was hired as a Pupil Services Technician, where he had served up until his death. When you total those years together, Andy had served the Downey Unified School District and the children and citizens of Downey for over 30 years. Andy always said that he "enjoyed helping kids get back in school to obtain a quality education more than just about anything he had ever done in his life."

Since Andy's return from his first retirement, he became very active as a board member of the Downey Federal Credit Union, member of the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) #20, Citizens of Downey, Cerritos College Bond Oversight Committee, Downey American Legion, and a member of Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD).

Andy was more than a dear, dear friend. I looked upon him as a brother. We will always love you, Andy. You will truly be missed!



SIGHTS UNSEEN—Carlos Salguero still maintains his career as a real estate agent here in Downey. A third surgery to remove a brain tumor robbed him of his vision last year.

Man holds a vision towards the future

•A local realtor carries on with his career -- and life -- after a surgery disaster left him blind last year.

By Brooke Karlie

DOWNEY - The walls in Carlos Salguero's office are adorned with inspirational posters.

"Challenge: The harder the course, the more rewarding the triumph," read one. "Possibilities: The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible," read another. They are vivid in color, serene in setting.

But Salguero cannot see them. He is blind.

Two and a half hours have passed. Four phone calls have been made, numerous have been received, and a pair of clients have been negotiated with. He returns to his office, settles into his chair, and sighs. Pulling a tissue from the pocket of his blazer, he lifts his glasses and dabs the tears trickling down his cheek. "I'm sorry...it's just hard."

It was 16 years ago when Salguero decided to go into real estate. He had been a regional manager for a furniture rental company and wanted to put his people skills to better use. Currently, he is a top producer, the highest of sales brackets, for Century 21 My Real Estate.

Salguero has a comforting spirit with a hearty laugh, jolly personality and charming smile. He is in his mid-forties with salt-and-pepper hair and brown-sugar skin. He wears tinted glasses, which from the right angle, allow you to capture his almond eyes.

"To complain does me no good. I try to play it cool and to be an example," says Salguero. "I get discouraged and become frustrated because I feel helpless at times. All I can do is hope and pray the Lord will heal me."

A year ago this March, Salguero walked into Kaiser Permanente for his third surgery, a final attempt to remove a brain tumor. Doctors discovered the tumor in the pituitary gland of his brain in 1996. The first two operations were done by entering thru his nose and mouth, while the third was done by entering thru the left side of his skull. When Salguero woke up after the last procedure, he was blind.

Eleven months had passed and no sight had been acquired, even though swelling had gone down drastically. Doctors then told him he would never regain his vision.

A couple of hours following the news, Salguero dined with good friend Jose Oliden. "I will never forget what Carlos said to me," Oliden recalls. "He said, 'I have two options: Either be upset with the news I just received, or live life with what I have. I choose to live life.'"

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) reports 1.3 million people are legally blind in the United States. Thirty percent of that population are currently employed.

Although his life has changed considerably, it has not stopped nor slowed down. He devoutly comes to work everyday, with walking stick in one hand and tape recorder in the other. The tape recorder is used to retain phone numbers, messages, and dates, and is one of many tools utilized to assist him. His assistant, along with his boss, office manager, receptionist, and practically every other co-worker, drive him to appointments, read aloud documents, and aid him in any way possible.

When one of the five senses is lost, the remaining four become stronger and much more inclined. Walking into the building, Salguero knows he has entered correctly when the leather strip of bells jingles with the movement of the door. When he hits the couch, he takes a few steps to the left and veers right, leading him into the main hallway. He passes the glass conference room door and runs into wooden mailboxes. That is his cue to go left. He is cautious of chairs, desks and people. He knows once he hits the next doorway, he needs only to take two to three steps straight into his office.

"We are all still in the learning process," says Steve Roberson, Salguero's boss and confidant. "This is all very new to us."

Salguero has always considered his co-workers his family. But now, they have become the heartbeat of his career. They serve him out of love and respect, not out of obligation. And to many, he is an inspiration and considered a mentor.

He is a man of deep faith, attending Calvary Chapel of Downey with a few others from the office. And since the surgery, he seeks additional assistance from God in his career, finances and decisions.

Because he lived independently, Salguero had to hire an in-home aide. Roselia Dubon helps him cook, clean and complete tasks. Besides paying for her out of his own pocket, he also spends money on necessities such as a talking watch, writing guides and walking sticks. The NFB estimates the cost of a lifetime of support and unpaid taxes for one blind person equates \$916,000.

As the real estate market fluctuates, so does his income. But Salguero has been fortunate to have clients who are not leery of his disability. "He knows how to do his job very well," said Roxanna Escoto, a previous client. "I would recommend him to anyone, blind or not." His assistant Flor Mendez said, "He works very hard and perseveres with enthusiasm and motivation."

It is now the end of the day and Salguero is ready to go home. He gathers his belongings into a leather briefcase, reaches for his keys and unfolds his walking stick. As he struggles to find the light switch, he bumps a framed poster. It read, "Persistence: The ability to overcome obstacles along the way."

The Poets' Corner

Hold It!

I stop suddenly
mid-living room
to read Shelley's ode
the rush to dash out
into the world
momentarily
put on hold.

I hold steady—
the toe of my right foot
points to the door
I'm enraptured and
riveted to the words
recharging
my core

I get ready
to shift to seventh gear
change the pace
I rev my spirit
to the highest pitch
now I'm tuned
for the human race
—Margaret Hehman-Smith,
Hollydale

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.

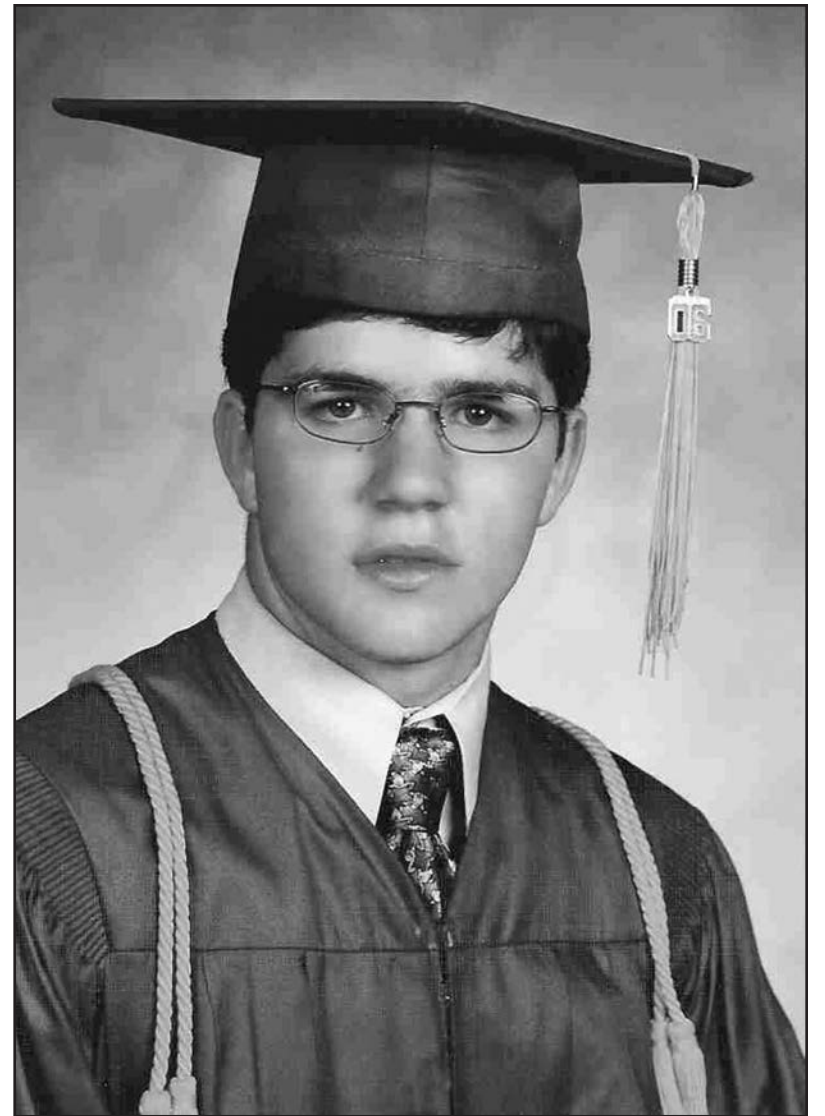
The SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test) and the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) were developed by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to measure the verbal and mathematical reasoning ability of students. A student performance on these exams is considered to be 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.



ALEXANDER J. DIAZ—Graduates tomorrow from Loyola High School of Los Angeles Jesuit Preparatory with highest honors.

Diaz set to graduate from prep school

DOWNEY—Alexander J. Diaz, who has lived in Downey most of his life, will be graduating from Loyola High School of Los Angeles Jesuit Preparatory tomorrow, June 3. A member of the Cum Laude Society and the California Scholarship Federation, he is graduating with honors.

The College Board recognized him as a Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and he received a scholarship from the Cuban American Teachers Association. He is a member of Boy Scouts Troop 2, is a lector at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, a very active member of the theater crew at Loyola and has been involved in various community projects.

Diaz will attend UC-Berkeley where he plans to concentrate his studies on art history.

Eaters Anonymous meetings

DOWNEY - Compulsive Eaters Anonymous is a group of men and women that have found relief from eating disorders of compulsive eating, Bulimia and anorexia, who hold three weekly meetings in Downey.

There are no dues or fees. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

For information call Marie Augimeri at 884-5799.

RIVER

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and business opportunities and spur job creation in the Los Angeles area.” The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach comprise the largest cargo container port complex in the U.S. and the third largest in the world. Approximately 47 percent of containerized trade entering the U.S. currently comes through the port complex, located on San Pedro Bay.

The measure also includes \$800,000 for the Harbor/South Bay Water Recycling project, which is a cooperative effort between the Corps of Engineers, and West Basin and Central Basin Municipal Water Districts. The project will develop up to 48,000 acre-feet of recycled water for municipal, industrial, and environmental uses in the Los Angeles area.

In addition, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard worked with a group of local lawmakers to secure \$10 million for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund and \$743,000 for the San Gabriel Demonstration Project. The restoration fund will be used to contain and treat the spreading of groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel and Central Groundwater Basins. The demonstration project will be used to construct a 12-mile pipeline of recycled water that will serve the cities of Vernon, East Los Angeles County, Commerce, and other neighboring areas.

The Fountain of Youth comes with a Twinkie

By Eric Pierce

Ladies and gentleman, I have made a discovery.

I discovered a discovery of the grandest proportions, one that would make Ponce de Leon, Vasco de Gama and even Christopher Columbus cringe with jealousy.

I discovered the Fountain of Youth.

And it came packed neatly inside a brown lunch bag.

I discovered this when the mother of a co-worker here, Brooke, was kind enough to pack me a lunch, completely unsolicited. She did this because she's nice, the type of person who will do the little things that make life so pleasant.

And to her I say thank you!

Because there really is no better feeling in the world than peeking inside a brown bag lunch to see what Mom packed away for you. Last week it was a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (sliced diagonally! How did she know?), Pringles potato chips (with each chip proclaiming some random interesting fact. Did you know the world record for most consecutive cartwheels is 264?), and a Twinkie for dessert. I think she even threw in a couple of fun-sized Snickers. I really don't remember, I ate them so fast.

And this week she followed that up with another peanut butter and jelly sandwich (I can eat peanut butter all day), more chips, cookies, grapes and a mint. I'm telling you, I was in heaven.

Because a lunch like that is more than just food. It's a throwback to my early years when I used to haul my GI Joe lunchbox to school everyday. Back then, me and my friends would trade food, everybody trying to unload their small red box of raisins – the one with the weird looking girl on it – for a Fruit Roll-Up. And when I needed money, I wouldn't hesitate to sell my sandwich for a dollar. But if my mom made a happy face using mayonnaise or mustard, the price was bumped to a dollar fifty.

But as you get older lunchboxes become out of date and you begin to forget the simple pleasures a small packed lunch can bring.

That is, until somebody is nice enough to pack one for you, and the memories come rushing back to the surface all over again.

Washington welcomes L.A. Chamber

WASHINGTON D.C.—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard welcomed Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and members of the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce at a press conference last week to kick off the chamber's annual "Access D.C." trip to Capitol Hill.

This year's visit included more than 70 business leaders from across the L.A. region, grouped into six policy teams, to meet with over 50 elected officials and policymakers. During the four-day event, business leaders lobbied on issues including transportation, energy, environment and water, international trade, health care, education and workforce development, and entertainment.

The congresswoman and Congressman David Dreier hosted a bipartisan luncheon for the group.

"Los Angeles is the world's 17th largest economy, the entertainment capitol of the world, the nation's leading manufacturing center, and with 43 percent of the nation's imports coming through our port complex, Los Angeles truly is an economic and cultural asset for our nation," Roybal-Allard said at the press conference. "In spite of these facts, Congress stubbornly clings to the East coast mentality that the United States ends at the Mississippi River. Consequently, unfair as it may be, Los Angeles and California, continue to fall victim to the "ABC Syndrome" -- Anywhere But California. As a result our city and state are often ignored when Congress and the Administration allocate federal resources.

"With our nation's rising deficits, increased demand for defense dollars, and decreased revenue, due in part to tax cuts, we are faced with an extremely challenging situation. So challenging in fact, that the House of Representatives has not been able to pass a budget resolution because of the proposed elimination or cuts to critical programs in areas such as education, healthcare, and research.

"The bottom line is that competition for scarce federal dollars has never been more fierce, and, that is why the LA Chamber's presence in Washington DC has never been more important."



Letters to the Editor

Questionable wisdom

Dear Editor:

Many years ago, with much fanfare and some questionable wisdom, the city narrowed the block of La Reina St. south of Firestone and installed an all-important "Information Kiosk" in an effort to revitalize the business area. Some years later, after many administrative and staff changes, with much fanfare, there was a reversal of wisdom as the city widened that block to accommodate expected increased traffic. When questioned about the reversal, all involved could only shrug and indicate that the original change had not been done on their watch.

Since that first incident, similar wisdom has closed portions of New Street, Second Street, Third Street, Dolan Ave., and narrowed the same portions of Downey Ave. which were widened many years before at great expense to the merchants. More recently, some wisdom has caused median barriers to be erected in many of the busy streets, thus preventing left turns into less-favored businesses and prudent crossings by emergency vehicles.

Lately, some of this same wisdom has closed half of the intersection of Lakewood and Clark with the mistaken assumption that it was little used and was too close to the newly-accommodated driveway into the more favored business in the area.

This wisdom could eventually lead to the situation that if the traffic patterns in the city were to be restricted to narrow streets, fewer intersections, no turns, and slow speeds, then we would approach the utopia of ultimate safety, but with it would come the gross inconvenience of our not being able to get anywhere in a timely manner.

All of which brings to the forefront the questions of 1) Just how much "wisdom" the city can afford before we are strangled, and 2) How soon there will be another reversal of wisdom and, with great fanfare, the re-opening of the full intersection of Lakewood and Clark.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,

Downey

Grateful for publicity

Dear Editor:

The congregation of Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Downey joins me in thanking you for publicizing our annual Memorial Dap Picnic in your newspaper.

The Church Council, along with the Memorial Day Picnic Committee, deeply appreciate your faithful support and generous help. May the Good Lord bless your spirit of sharing and crown your endeavors with success.

—Art Carpenter,

Co-chair, Memorial Day Picnic Committee

Rock n' roll tonight at Woman's Club

DOWNEY—Soroptimist International offers some rock n' roll fun tonight, June 2, from 6:30-11 p.m. at its 50s Casino Night celebrating Downey's 50th anniversary, held at the Woman's Club of Downey.

Cost is \$35, which includes refreshments catered by Downey Spiral Ham/Gary DeRemer, \$100 in script, opportunity drawing ticket, silent auction, 50s music, prizes and fun.

Soroptimist not only provides scholarships to students and women, it also each year helps local organizations that provide an array of services to the community: Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), Meals on Wheels, Su Casa Women's Shelter, etc.

For information, call Jan Scott, 806-3701.

Light verse contest winners announced

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—Winners of the annual light verse contest, sponsored by Writers' Workshop West, were determined at its May 16 meeting.

First prize was won by Frank Kearns for "Our Marley." Rosalie Carpenter placed second for "My One True Love." Lorine Parks won third prize for "Emily Dickinson at the Poetry Workshop."

Active in Downey since 1962, the workshop is composed of published and amateur writers; people who are inspired to bounce ideas around the room and who present their writing for critique. Some are poets, others present travel stories, novels, articles, fiction, biographical sketches and rap. Yes, rap!

Whatever genre is your style, you are invited to become a member and to share your talent.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Stonewood Travel, 9968 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. For information, please call (562) 862-3106.

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 an opportunity to get the experience required to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. The LVN program is very impacted and first priority is given to Downey Adult School graduates. For information call 940-6200.

Driving test appointments now online

SACRAMENTO—With the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently adding new online services, customers can now book their driving test appointments or schedule as many as three separate transactions for three different persons at once through the DMV's webpage, www.dmv.ca.gov.

For security reasons and to ensure that the customer is eligible for a drive test, the system will require a valid permit number and date of birth before a behind-the-wheel test appointment is confirmed. The same information will be required if someone wishes to cancel an appointment.

The enhancements will be of special interest to parents of teenagers who would like to make other DMV transactions while their son or daughter is taking a drive test for their provisional driver license. Those parents can now go online and make the drive test appointment plus up to two more simultaneous appointments for themselves or any other family member.

"The next time you need to do business with the DMV, think first of visiting our website," said DMV Director George Valverde. "It provides 24-hour access and the choice of taking care of business when you want to. We believe this is a great step towards providing the best and most convenient customer service to Californians."

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Woman's Club plans Pechanga trip June 5

DOWNEY – Due to the success of their monthly bus trips to the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula to benefit their Scholarship Fund, the Woman's Club of Downey has released their 2006 all-Monday schedule: June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

The club's first-class bus, provided by Pechanga, leaves at 8 a.m. and returns to Downey between 5:30-6 p.m. Each guest receives a \$5 voucher for casino play and visitors are encouraged to register for a "Rewards Card" at the casino for additional benefits.

Bingo is played on the bus going and returning, featuring a grab bag of prizes.

Cost of each trip is \$6 for Woman's Club members, \$11 for non-members. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. The Woman's Club opens at 7 a.m. on trip days to sell donuts and coffee.

All reservations must be paid at least one week prior to departure date. No refunds will be made for last-minute cancellations.

For reservations or more information, call Jeanine Keys at 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at 869-0377.

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, etc.

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

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought.

The chorus has existed for more than 35 years singing favorite songs. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.

Afternoon bingo with Woman's Club

DOWNEY – The woman's Club of Downey meets for bingo every Thursday afternoon at their headquarters, 9813 Paramount Blvd. Call 927-3000 for information.



NOW PLAYING – Sara Hone returns for her ninth Downey Civic Light Opera appearance as Ermengarde in the current production, "Hello, Dolly" on stage at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. The musical comedy plays through June 18. For tickets and information, call 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

'Hostile Witness' shows at Long Beach Playhouse

LONG BEACH – "Hostile Witness", a courtroom drama by Jack Roffey, is now playing at the Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theater, 5021 E. Anaheim Street in Long Beach.

"Hostile Witness" is about a distinguished barrister who finishes a day in court and announces the police will be arriving to arrest him for murder. The evidence, when it comes, is enough to hang an archbishop: his friend, a judge, has been found stabbed to death, and his fingerprints are on the knife. Moreover, a mysterious letter accused the judge of the hit-and-run death of the barrister's little girl – a crime the barrister had vowed to avenge.

As the noose of the trial evidence tightens, the barrister dismisses his lawyer and with the aid of a beautiful assistant takes over his own defense, for he must find the real murderer or be hanged himself.

The play runs through June 17. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Regular Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees play at 2 p.m.

For tickets, call the box office at (562) 494-1014.

Musical rock comedy opens tonight

DOWNEY—"Johnny Guitar," the Outer Critics Circle "Best Off-Broadway Musical of 2004," opens at La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts tonight, 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.

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Dwarf basketball team at Downey next week

DOWNEY – Staff and students from the Downey Unified School District hope to raise big money when they face off against the Los Angeles Breakers, a champion professional dwarf basketball team, in a charity basketball game next Friday, June 9, at Downey High School.

Proceeds from the game will go towards the district's TLC Center. The Breakers have won eight national championships and four world championships through the Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA). Composed of players ranging in height from 3' 9" to 4' 9", the team regularly competes in fundraising games with local schools and organizations.

The Breakers have also been featured on television shows, including Comedy Central's "Tall Guys Can't Hang" and a segment on Fox Sports called "Mini March Madness."

To make the game fair, the Downey team must let the ball bounce once after a shot is taken. And only bounce passes are permitted.

Pre-sale tickets are on sale for \$5; tickets at the door will cost \$10. Game time is 7 p.m.

Girls 3-on-3 basketball tournament

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls basketball team is hosting a girls-only three-on-three blacktop basketball tournament Saturday, June 10.

There will be a middle school and high school division and teams are guaranteed at least three games. All players must wear the same color jersey or t-shirt.

Trophies and t-shirts will be awarded to the winning teams. Cost is \$60 per four-player team and payment and applications must be received by June 7. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. and games start at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Warren High School at 869-7306.

Football registration continues

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football will continue with registration for 2006 season tomorrow, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

DYF offers tackle football, flag football, and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14.

For more information and requirements, call Mike Baumann, vice president, at 862-3837, or Louis Morales, president, at 928-0655.

Golf Classic tees off June 5

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center's Memorial Trust Foundation invites golfers of all levels to its 21st annual Golf Classic to be held Monday, June 5, at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier. The event will raise funds for new sterilization devices for the hospital's Operating Room services.

For more information/to make reservations, call 904-5055.



LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG GAME – The Los Angeles Breakers will compete against staff from the Downey Unified School District next week.



LOCAL YANKEES – The West Downey Little League AAA Division Champions, the New York Yankees, are headed for the District 29 Tournament of Champions. Front row, left to right: Steven Chavez, Alberto Cuellar, Ryan Waldo, CJ Pacheco and Jonathan Gastelum. Back row: Coach Art Macias, Team Mom Tammie Waldo, Jaime Ponce, Marcus Cubero, Steven Macias, Dylan Morphew, Justin Ruiz, Coach Dana Gastelum and Manager Rich Pacheco.

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.

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

Steroids no joke in high school athletics

By Scott Cobos

And there it went like a shooting star through the night sky. The ball traveled with a particular aura surrounding it. That aura was history. Through it, we could see visions of the Babe winking back at us. We could see him waddling around the bases waving his hat. We could see him calling his shot toward the outfield fence. Then in a split second it all shattered like glass. No longer would George Herman Ruth be number two on the all-time homeruns list. With one swing of the bat on May 29 he went from the silver medal to the bronze.

Unfortunately, the end of that sentence for a lot of people around the game would be finished off with "for someone that takes steroids." Yes folks, it's our most favorite topic to talk about, especially when talking about Bonds. It's like that illegitimate step child standing at your doorstep on a cold rainy night asking to talk to you about what you two could have. That black cloud that hovers over Bonds' legacy and sports in general is still there and not going away.

Fortunately for Downey, we don't have a professional team that could be criticized for possible steroid use. Instead, we are proud to say that we have high schools that represent our city in tournaments and other competitions. We are completely convinced that all of our athletes are clean. The question posed is this: Are they really?

In a study done by the University of Michigan called "Monitoring the Future", no they are not. There has been plenty of steroid use reported by students in the United States, both middle school and high school. Thankfully, it's probably safe to assume that elementary school students don't know much about steroids at this point and don't really care either.

Moving on, in this study done in 2002, a trend of steroid use is detected. As students get older, steroid use tends to increase. Among eighth graders from the year 1991 to 2001, the percent of students who reported steroid use jumped from 1.9 to 2.5. In tenth graders that number was 1.8 percent to 3.5 percent, and in seniors in high school that number went from 2.1 percent to 4 percent.

With these trends, we should start worrying about students and the possibility of them using these drugs just to improve appearance or performance. We should worry very much due to the ability of the kids to get their hands on them. According to the in-study survey, 22 percent of eighth graders, 33.2 percent of tenth graders, and 46.1 percent of high school seniors reported that they are "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain.

According to a 2001 study, the number of twelfth graders who believed that taking these drugs caused health risks declined from 68 to 62 percent.

There have been talks about possible steroid testing in schools. The CIF Southern Section has started talking about having athletes sign a pledge to not take steroids. Violators could face possible suspension or expulsion.

The answers to all of our questions are out there. This is a fight worth winning. The past is laded with our mistakes. It's up to us to make sure that the present is fixed in order to safeguard the future. The question is when does all the steroid use stop? The answer we need to respond with is now.

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Merritt Yancey was heavily involved here

DOWNEY—Merritt Yancey, one of the persons who worked actively for the incorporation of Downey as a city, has passed away. He was born Jan 1, 1917 in Charles City, Iowa, and died in his sleep at his home in Downey on May 18.

He had a varied career. He graduated from Iowa State College and started working for the Oliver Corporation in Iowa designing tractors. In 1953 the Yanceys moved to Downey and he worked for Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in South Gate designing the Corporal guided missile, and then North American Rockwell. Firestone later persuaded him to come back to their Coated Fabrics Division to design rubber-fabric-coated dams. This work took him all over the world, including three trips around the world as he created dams to improve the reliability of water sources and electricity to impoverished Third World countries, as well as many dams in the U.S.

He served in both the World War II (for 3-1/2 years) and the Korean conflict (for 1-1/3 years). He entered as a private and was a captain by the end of WWII.

He had been a volunteer in many organizations in Downey. They include election to the school board, both the Alameda District prior to unification, and 12 years on the Downey Unified School Board. Other organizations include the Library Board (when it was built), the Downey Symphony Board, the Downey Radio Club (he was a "ham" for over 50 years), and the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Downey Free Methodist Church. He was also in PTAs as his daughters were in school, and in Girl Scouts.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Juanita; daughters Kathi (Rick) Diederich of Palm Desert; Dr. Janelle (Rod) Engel of Mesa, AZ, Lanita (Rev. Harry) Van Aken of Prescott, AZ, and Laurel (John) Cross of Downey; eight grandchildren; and two great granddaughters.

They also claim Nazim (Idie) Zaman of Peach Tree, Georgia, and their two sons as family, as Merritt met his father and him while working in Pakistan in 1966 and agreed to sponsor him to come to the U.S., to attend college, and he has remained as part of the family since.

Interment will be at a later date in Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier.

William F. Dusatko remembered at service

DOWNEY—Services were held on May 31 at Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel for William F. Dusatko, who was born April 27, 1918 in Brainard, Nebraska and died at Southland Care Center on May 25 at the age of 87. Pastor John Rose officiated.

A self-employed mechanic, he lived in Downey 66 years, and was a member of Masonic Lodge #220 Downey, Royal Arch, High Twelve, and Scottish Rites-Pasadena.

He is survived by wife Jacqueline Dusatko; sons Rick Dusatko, Don Bowers and John Bowers; and daughters Michelle Dempsey and Shila Dockery.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Details were handled by Miller-Mies Mortuary.



MERRITT YANCEY—Was one of the persons active in working for the incorporation of Downey as a city. He designed rubber-fabric-coated dams for Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. and this work took him all over the world.

Services tomorrow for Margene Glenn

DOWNEY—Margret Gene Watson, former president of the Downey Civic Light Opera Association, succumbed to cancer at her longtime Downey home last week. A memorial service has been planned for tomorrow, June 3, at Downey First Baptist Church at 11 a.m.

Born in Minnesota in 1921, she would often run her first two names together and became known as Margene.

At the age of 14 her father William passed away and Margene learned to drive in order to take her mother Beatrice "Trix" around town and run the household errands. By the 1940's she had moved to California and went to work at Aircraft X-Ray where she met her future husband and local civic leader George Glenn. By 1963 they had adopted two children; David and Kathleen and moved to Downey where George joined the planning commission and Margene volunteered to help with the local Downey Children's theatre.

In 1972 the City of Downey opened its state of the art community theatre complex, however with the advent of Proposition 13, the various small theater groups consisting of the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater and Downey Marionette Theater combined to become the Downey Civic Light Opera Association. Margene was very involved all the productions at this new civic complex serving as board member and wardrobe mistress even though "she couldn't sew a stitch".

As time when on she became president of the DCLO and served as its executive producer for many years until breast cancer and internal politics forced her to resign from the group in the late 1990's.

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Boy Scout pancake breakfast June 4

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Proceeds from the annual event are used to support the camping and outdoor programs of Boy Scout Troop 441 and Cub Scout Pack 805C. The outfits have provided scouting programs to the youth of Downey for more than 60 years.

For information, call (562) 533-1630 or (562) 920-6141.

Library open Sunday afternoons

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library during the school year offers a full range of services even on Sundays, from 1-5 p.m., in addition to its usual Monday-Thursday (10 a.m. - 9 p.m.), Friday and Saturday (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) schedule.

"Providing access to the library on Sunday is a real benefit to students and busy families," said Senior Librarian Jan Palen. "With additional weekend hours, patrons will enjoy books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and computers for the public."

Library patrons may also return books in library bookdrops during closed hours, renew books by phone or visit the library website at www.downeylibrary.org. For more information, call 904-7360.

2nd Century Foundation meets Mondays

DOWNEY - The 2nd Century Foundation meets the first Monday of every month at 4 p.m. at City Hall. For more information, call 927-9790.

Downey taking part in annual Football Classic

DOWNEY - Football players from Downey High School will represent their school at the 39th Annual 605 All Star Football Classic, slated for tomorrow, June 3 at La Mirada High School.

Kick-off is at 6:05 p.m.

The game was moved to La Mirada from Pioneer High School due to ongoing construction at Titan Stadium.

Norm Flowers of Artesia High School is coaching this year's East team while Art Tavizon of Paramount will guide the West.

Downey players will compete with the West squad, meaning players will suit up for a rival San Gabriel Valley League coach for one night.

Schools competing are from around the Southern California region. East schools include: Artesia, California, Cerritos, Cypress, Fullerton, Gahr, John Glenn, Kennedy, La Habra, La Mirada, La Serna, Los Alamitos, Mayfair, Norwalk, Pioneer, Santa Fe, St. John Bosco, St. Paul, Sonora, Sunny Hills and Whittier.

West schools include: Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cabrillo, Centennial, Compton, Dominguez, Don Bosco Tech, Downey, El Rancho, Lakewood, L.B. Jordan, L.B. Poly, L.B. Wilson, Lynwood, Millikan, Montebello, Paramount, Schurr, St. Anthony, South Gate and Valley Christian.

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."

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.

Since the Rehabilitation and Wellness Center began offering Pilates classes in March, the response has been high, according to Director of Rehabilitation Nancy Stiles. 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.

American Legion meets at Los Amigos

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Genealogical society meets June 17

WHITTIER—The Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) holds its monthly meeting Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier.

The presenter will be Nancy Carlberg, who will discuss "Names, Nicknames, and Misspelled Names." It will focus on the importance of names in genealogy research.

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Keep Downey Beautiful seeking street 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).

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.

If KDB recruits the volunteer such as a local church group, school or civic club, their names will be listed. For information, call (562) 904-7159.

Auction of California/American fine art

PASADENA—John Moran Auctioneers will have over 275 quality Impressionist oil paintings and water color paintings for sale at auction Tuesday, June 20 at their California & American Fine Art Auction at Pasadena Conference Center.

Preview is at noon, and sale begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free; catalogs are \$10. Information: (626) 793-793-2122.

Volunteers needed for Rancho Gift Shop

DOWNEY—The Rancho Gift Shop is in need of volunteers to work in the shop. It is located next to the historical Harriman building on the grounds of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. It opened in 2002.

The shop is looking for anyone who can volunteer for a minimum of four hours each week. Contact Marty Krumm, manager, at (562) 401-7667 or (562) 401-7218.

The gift shop is a major source of income for services at Rancho Los Amigos.

Candidate walks streets of Downey

DOWNEY—Owen Newcomer visited his 26,000th home this week in his campaign for the 58th Assembly District Democratic nomination.

Newcomer began his walk in June 2005, and since then, he has walked more than 1,000 miles.

The district is bounded on the north by the 60 Freeway, and stretches from the 57 Freeway in Rowland Heights to the 710 Freeway in East Los Angeles. In two places, Downey and Southeast Whittier, the boundary dips as far south as Imperial Highway. He has walked every street in every community in the district.

"I believe to truly represent people, you need to talk with them and hear their concerns," Newcomer said. "The old special interest politics of the past have brought us a failed legislative mess in Sacramento. We can do better."

Newcomer contrasted his own experience with "business as usual" in Sacramento. "The old alliances simply aren't working anymore. I've spent my career working with people across the political spectrum to craft practical solutions to real problems. That's the new approach we need in our state capitol."

Newcomer stressed the value of his career at Rio Hondo College, where he has taught state and local government for 31 years.

"Over three decades I've taught 15,000 students from every part of this district. In the process I've learned about the challenges these students face as they look for good jobs and struggle to raise their families here. I believe the state can do a better job of helping them succeed. That's my commitment."

Newcomer is currently a council member of the city of Whittier.



WILLIAM WEE—A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, is also a licensed certified pharmacy technician. "William is a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills. We are happy to welcome this energetic young man to our team," said broker Steve Roberson. To contact Wee, call 927-2626.

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WESTWOOD—UCLA is offering an "Awaken Your Intuition" seminar Monday, June 5 at the Semel Institute Auditorium, Room C8-183, 720 Westwood Plaza, featuring Dr. Judith Orloff, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, who will guide the audience in experiential exercises to awaken intuition and rejuvenate the soul.

Live music for centering and relaxation will be provided by special guest drummer John Densmore, formerly of the Doors.

The free seminar will last from 7 to 9 p.m. Orloff is the author of "Positive Energy."

What UCLA Arts and Healing is aiming at is facilitate the use of the arts for healing in the community by offering experiential learning opportunities to educators, health professionals, community workers, caregivers, artists and the general public. This is part of a larger endeavor to develop innovative ways of engaging youth in constructive expression and self-reflection. For information, call (310) 825-5300.

Rare books and antiques up for sale

PASADENA—The Pasadena Antiquarian Book, Print and Paper Fair presented by Bustamante Enterprises, said to be the largest producer of quality antique shows on the West Coast, is being held this weekend, June 3-4, at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena.

Exhibiting antiquarian and rare books, prints, posters, autographs, fine graphics, maps, manuscripts, and first editions will be more than 70 prestigious dealers from throughout the country and from around the world. Information: (209) 793-2122.

American Legion meets at Los Amigos

DOWNEY—American Legion Post 270 meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Los Amigos Country Club. For more information, call 869-1053.

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New Listing
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3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home near Gallatin Elementary with large lot, circular driveway, carport, 2 car detached garage, and bonus room off garage. Home features copper plumbing, hardwood floors, and kitchen that opens to den (or dining area) with fireplace. Priced to sell at \$649,900.
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OPEN HOUSE
Great Downey Location
Spacious Bedrooms & Baths, Central Air & Heat, Sparkling Pool. Price \$ 949,950.
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The Party is Here!
3 bed, 2 bath Downey home! With sparkling pool plus a bonus guest room with bath. Great floor plan including formal living room, family room with fireplace off kitchen, master bedroom with private bath, and inside laundry room. Other amenities: hardwood floors, central air/heat, and copper plumbing. Entertain guests in the backyard with a built-in BBQ, private grass area. Priced to sell!
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WOW! What a Deal In Downey.
Spacious Beds & Baths, Newer kitchen, Fresh paint & 2 Car Garage. Wont last at \$497,000.
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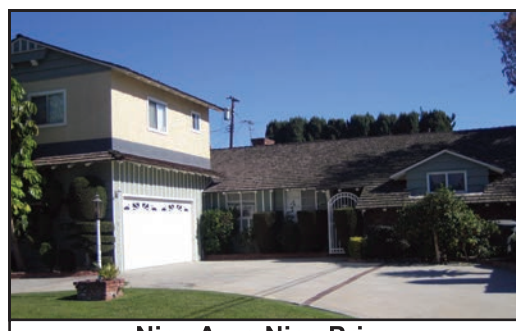
Great Investment Opportunity!
Two Homes on Giant Lot! A 3 Bed, 3 Bath, with 2 Car Garage plus a 1 bed, 1 bath 2nd unit with room to build. Priced to sell at \$877,000.
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A Smart buy!
3 bed, 2 bath home on a large lot in the NE Downey area. With spacious bedrooms (including master bedroom w/private bath), large living room with view of backyard, and den with fireplace, this is a beautiful home that you won't want to miss. Other details include newer tile floor, central air and heat and inside laundry room. The property has a carport and 2 car detached garage priced \$779,900.
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OPEN HOUSE
Must See For yourself!
4 bedrooms, 2 bath home near Furman Park. The home includes a master bedroom, living room, family room & enclosed patio. The property also includes a 3-car garage & guest room. Exterior has been freshly painted & has new wrought-iron fence, while the interior has a remodeled kitchen & bathrooms, hard wood floors, Italian tile, central AC & copper plumbing throughout. All this for \$819,000.
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Nice Area Nice Price
4 bed, 2.75 bath pool home with central air on a large lot with circular driveway near Furman Park. Priced at \$825,000
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New Construction in NE Downey
5 bed + office, 4 bath custom-built home is almost 4000 sq. ft! Featuring dual central air, Grand kitchen w/granite & travertine, curved/ texture coated walls & professionally landscaped front/back yard. The home includes a very large master bedroom w/ walk in closet & private bath and a spacious family room. Price \$ 1,269,900.
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