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Six inducted into DHS Hall of Fame

• Inductees range from a superior court judge to Warner Bros. cartoonist.

By John Baker

Assistant Principal, Downey High School

DOWNEY—Six Downey High School graduates who have distinguished themselves professionally since their graduation from their alma mater were inducted into the 2006 Downey High School Hall of Fame at a special awards ceremony held on campus on May 26, joining a select group of alumni who have been honored previously.

The Hall of Fame committee, under the direction of Principal Tom Houts and former Principal Allen Layne, noted the 100-plus years of Downey High School history that has turned out thousands of graduates who "have made their way into society and have impacted the nation and the world with their character and achievements." It was on Aug. 16, 1901 that Los Nietos Valley Union High School opened, the 11th high school in the Los Angeles County Schools system: its first graduating class, in 1904, numbered four students. This early institution eventually became Downey High School.

The inductees, with their year of graduation and profession:

Mariella C. Alvarelos, M.D. (Kabar) – 1993
Medical Professional, Doctor

Alvarelos graduated from Downey High in 1993. While attending Downey she received the Viking Award in A.P. Physics and Honors French. After graduation she attended UC-Irvine and received a B.S. in Biology. She then attended UCLA School of Medicine, receiving an M.D.:

Dr. Alvarelos presently practices medicine at Kaiser Southern California Medical Group. She is a member of LIGA International "Flying Doctors of Mercy" and secretary of the Chicano/Latino Medical Association.

Alvarelos volunteers her time and expertise to Rancho Los Amigos and Rio Hondo Hospitals and was awarded certificates of appreciation from both hospitals. Fluent in Spanish, she also works at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles helping minorities and underserved patients.

Frederick C. Bode III – 1976
Nationally Recognized Artist

Frederick Bode graduated from Downey High School in 1976. He attended Cerritos College, Long Beach City College and Los Angeles Trade Technical. From 1977 to the present, Bode has owned and operated a graphic design business. Frederick also is the Director of Illustration for Special Projects Design for Warner Bros. Studio and has won numerous Warner Bros. awards for outstanding design performance.

Bode was responsible for creating the look for "Harry Potter" and friends. His early influences include Charles Schultz, Gary Trudeau (the creator of "Doodlesbury") and Scott Adams (the creator of "Dilbert").

He overcame his art teacher's remark, "Bode, you'll never make it drawing cartoons for a living."

Hon. Ronn M. Couillard – 1955
Legal Professional, Superior Court Judge

Upon graduation from Downey High School, Ronn Couillard joined the United States Marine Corps. After active duty, he continued service in the Marine Reserve. He was graduated from Compton College, CSU-Los Angeles and Southwestern University School of Law.

He served as Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County and then entered private law practice. Couillard taught criminal law and criminal procedure at Western State University College of Law and authored the textbook, "California Criminal Procedures" and other legal publications.

He became Assistant District Attorney for Tulare County, CA. In this position he oversaw all criminal filings and trials, and personally prosecuted selected high-profile cases. Gov. George Deukmejian appointed him to the Tulare County Superior Court in 1987 where he has presided ever since.

Brad Elrod – 1968
Educational Leader and Coach

Brad Elrod played varsity baseball and football at Downey High School. At CSU-Fullerton, he majored in Physical Education, minored in chemistry and mathematics. He completed his Masters in Education at Azusa Pacific University.

During his 29-year teaching career, Elrod coached league champions in football at Alemany High School and Downey High School. As offensive coordinator at Rancho Bernardo High School, he helped lead the team to two CIF championships, three league championships, and participated in the playoffs 13 times during his 15-yea career there.

Elrod also received many accolades during his years as a teacher and a coach including Teacher of the Year for Downey Unified School District and being selected Coach of the Year by the *Southeast News*, 1979 and 1982.

Elrod also served in the United States Army Reserve as a Dental Specialist.

Antoinette C. San Bartolome, M.D. (Kabar) – 1993
Medical Professional, Doctor

Antoinette graduated from Downey High School in 1993. While attending Downey, she received the Viking Award in A.P. French and Honors Algebra II. She graduated with a 4.27 GPA. After graduation she attended UC-Irvine, receiving an M.D. from the College of Medicine. She is presently practicing Family Medicine at the Laguna Beach Community Clinic.

Antoinette volunteers her time and expertise at Rancho Los Amigos and Rio Hondo Hospitals and was awarded certificates of appreciation

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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.

'Relay for Life' walk this weekend at DAS

By Bernice Madariaga, Downey Adult School

DOWNEY – Everyone is welcome to come and join the American Cancer Society 'Relay for Life' this weekend, June 10 and 11, at Downey Adult School Career and Education Center located on the corner of Woodruff Ave. and Imperial Hwy.

This annual 24-hour walk is a fun event with many teams participating such as Curves of NE Downey, Downey Adult School, Carpenter, Rio San Gabriel, Rio Hondo, Imperial, Price, and Alameda Elementaries, West Middle School, Downey High School, and many more.

The walk begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday with the first lap symbolizing the unity in cancer survivors' hope and struggle for a cure and a better life.

Followed by a day filled with games, prizes, music, a jumper for the kids, performances by the Divine Talent Kids Music, Ku'Uipos Polynesian Dance Troup, Downey's Bachelors N' Bachelorettes Square Dancers will entertain at the event. A smoothie booth, snow cones and fresh fruit, Spread the Word t-shirts, Italian charms and the Girl Scouts Color Guard will also be at the event.

The Star 98.7 Street Team and Power 106 FM will also come out and support this worthy community event.

Later that same day at 9 p.m. we will have the Luminaria ceremony where candles will be lit in honor and memory of those we cherish. The last lap will be on Sunday at 9 a.m.

We invite and encourage everyone to come and participate either by walking or cheering others on. Bring your bullhorns and enthusiasm as this year's 'Relay for Life' brings us closer to a cure.

School Board lauds athletes and comedy

DOWNEY—Downey School Board members were delighted by two comic farces they attended at both Downey and Warren High Schools a week ago, and spoke out in behalf of both drama departments at the school Board Meeting Tuesday, June 6.

The Board's Barbara Samperi liked the comedy at Downey, as did Board President Donald La Plante. Consensus was that if you saw either play you were thoroughly amused.

Another winner was the annual middle school track and field meet between the District's four middle schools which was held at Downey High last Saturday. Both schools appear to have a bright future in track.

The Board's Marsha Sodemani recited a list of events she has attended recently.

School Board eyes TRACs closely

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District listened carefully to a presentation by a Downey High School Counselor on the benefits of the TRAC program.

The presentation at Tuesday's regular Board meeting seemed to have an answer on almost every level to the problem of how to bridge the level of high school academics and the tougher challenge of college and later four-year university work.

Mardi Reese told the Board the present TRAC plan in place at Cerritos is expanding to channel students on through Cerritos' two year program and into the City College of Long Beach's four year program. On top of that Reese says she has a budget that shows how it can be done for \$10,000 in a four-year TRAC.

The audience was abuzz when dollars were mentioned.

The 'TRAC' doesn't stand for anything other than keeping students who wish for a career in teaching in school.

In other action, the School Board:

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Board increases developers fees

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District has approved a resolution to raise developers fees on construction in Downey. School boards in California are authorized to impose these fees on builders to compensate for the related growth in population which increases school pupil numbers.

The figures adopted by the Board at Tuesday's meeting include:

•\$2.63 per square foot for all covered and enclosed areas of new residential development to the extent that such construction results in an increase in accessible space. Accessible space is square footage within the perimeter of a residential structure not including any carport, walkway, garage, overhang, patio, enclosed patio, detached accessory structure or similar structure.

•\$2.63 per square foot for the residential construction, only if the resulting increase in accessible space as described in the Government Cods, exceeds 500 square feet. The purpose shall reflect a decrease in accessible space in the same residential structure that also results from that construction.

•42-cents per square foot fee for all covered and enclosed areas of new commercial and industrial construction.

The Board added that the amount of the increase in fees is necessary to cover the cost of providing adequate school facilities within the DUSD.

'Character Counts' Series

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

Don't Cry Because It's Over

By Tommy Purdy

Have you ever experienced a tragedy in your life? Unfortunately, every life includes at least one heartbreak. I had a very tragic moment in my life. God decides if it is time to go or time to stay, and God thought it was time for my cat Samantha to go.

Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, once wrote a quotation about situations like this. He wrote: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." To me, this means that if you keep on crying and crying about the end of a pet's life, you won't ever get to remember the good times you had with her. Of course we cry during tragic times, but we must remember the good times too and smile and be grateful for the time we had together.

I will never forget the day my cat Samantha was dead out on the front yard of our house. My brother Timmy went outside to go across the street to see our friend Fabian. He saw Samantha lying on the ground. He said, "Hi, Sammy!" but Samantha didn't move. He ran inside in a panic and called "Mom! Something's wrong with Samantha!" My heart sank. My mom went outside to check on her, and she was dead.

When a pet dies, you just can't forget about it. It comes to your mind all the time. It haunts your thoughts. Do you know what that feels like? Have you ever had something bad happen that you couldn't stop thinking about? Samantha's death haunts me, and every time I think about it I feel like weeping or sobbing. The only thing that makes me feel a little better is remembering the cheerful times I had with my wonderful cat during her life.

Unfortunately, everybody has to deal with tragedy. Pets don't live as long as people, so people have to learn to say goodbye to their pets. The quote does not mean that you shouldn't cry. Of course we cry when we lose our pets. After a while, though, it's better to think about the good times. I am happy because I got to spend part of my life with Samantha, even if it was too short of a time.

Some people give up on life if someone close to them dies, or if something irreplaceable gets lost or broken. Remember, don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. God will see if it is time, but don't blame it on God or anyone else. You can't control everything, but you can control how you handle it.

Bar-b-cue and 'Shabbat under the stars'

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is holding a bar-b-cue Friday, June 16 at 6 p.m., for which reservations are required. The choices are chicken, hamburger or hot dog and included are a veggie, salads, condiments and beverages.

"Shabbat Under the Stars" follows at 7:30 p.m. It will be held outdoors in the garden setting of the Temple.

Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill will conduct the service. There will be an "Oneg" ("Reception") afterwards with desserts and beverages provided by the Sisterhood of the Temple.

For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

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.



'FACES OF THE FALLEN' - Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard read off the names of soldiers from Los Angeles communities who lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq since March of 2003, part of a ceremony this past Memorial Day at Downey Cemetery.

Chamber readies to install new president

DOWNEY - Steve Allen, vice president and business development officer at Bank of Orange County in Downey, will be installed as the 103rd president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at an installation luncheon Friday, June 23 at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

It will be Allen's second term as president; he previously held the position from 1997-98. He takes over for Steve Hoffman, who will serve as immediate past president.

Allen has been active in Downey since 1990. In that time he has served as president of Gangs Out of Downey, of which he is still a member, and president of Optimist Club of Downey.

He is also in his 15th year as a Downey planning commissioner, currently serving as chairman.

Allen has served four terms on the Downey chamber's board of directors and chaired the chamber golf committee for three years. He has also been serving as chairman of the chamber's city affairs committee.

The 2003 Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, Allen resides in Downey with his wife and two sons.

Other installations planned that day include President Elect Jaime Garcia, Kaiser Permanente; Vice President Orlandus Waters, Downey Federal Credit Union; Treasurer Joe Keays, Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; and Past President Steve Hoffman, Law Office of Steven J. Hoffman.

Also to be installed are the 2006-09 directors: Gwynn Gustafson, Co-Op Cache Consulting; Robert Zavala, Freedom Vacations; and Myra Benjamin, Budget Blinds, who is filling out the 2007 term for Kathy Gorman who retired.

Returning directors, in addition to the officers, are: Joe Becker, Nordic Fox; Darrel Dixon, Don Dixon & Associates Insurance; Dr. Dan Fox, Fox Chiropractic; Matt Knox, StormForce; Dr. John McAllister, D.D.S.; Rick Rodriguez, RMI International; and Jan Scott, Pacific Western Bank.

Mayor Meredith Perkins will serve as the installing officer and Dominick DiMario will emcee the event.

Cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office at 923-2191.

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

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PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS—Dr. Wendy L. Doty, Superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, received Delta Kappa Gamma's 2006 "Outstanding Service to the Profession (Teaching) Award" at its annual installation on May 31, while Stan Hanstad, Assistant Superintendent-Personnel Services, received the 2006 "Outstanding Service to Community Award."

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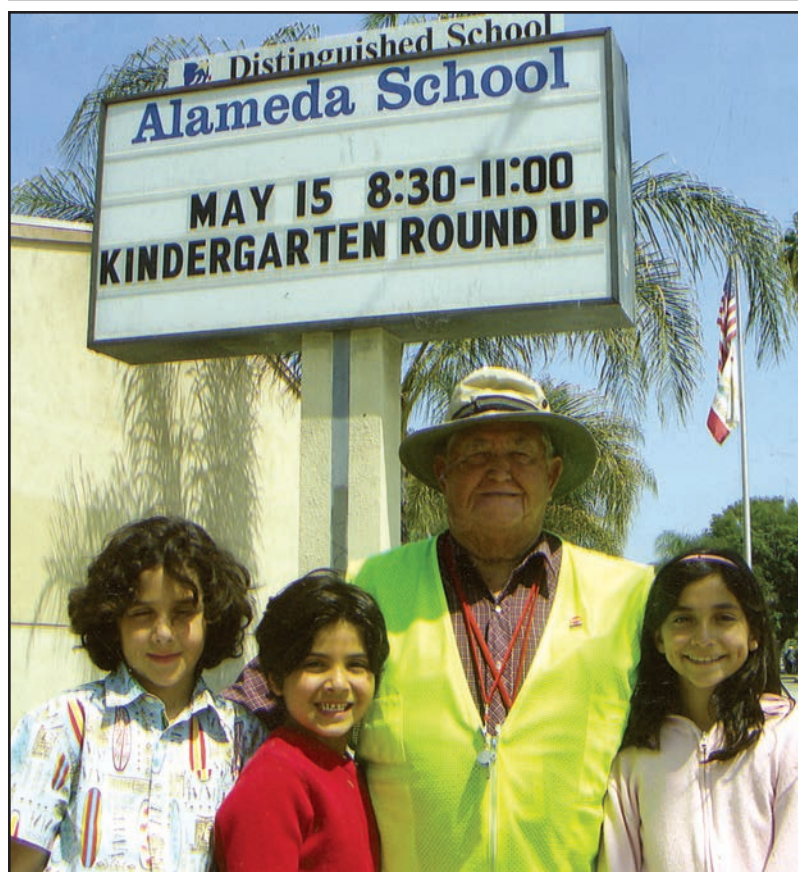
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CROSSING GUARD ALVIN CATON—Poses with appreciative kids at the end of his shift. He works the corner of Patton Rd. and Alameda St., rain or shine. See Letters to the Editor, page 5.

Downey students awarded scholarships

NORWALK—Three Downey students received scholarships recently from the Cerritos College Foundation, a nonprofit that serves as a philanthropic vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports.

Albert Ostroff Scholarships, which were established in memory of Albert Ostroff, father of Francine De France, instructional dean of humanities/social sciences, and ranging from \$200-\$300, were presented to Chih-Yin Cheng and Lena Wilson, while Nazia Begum received the Greater Harbor Area Employer Advisory Council Business Scholarship of \$500. This scholarship is awarded to students who are full-time business majors with a 2.5 GPA.

Eleven scholarships in all totaling more than \$5,000—including three \$1,000 Financial Partners Credit Union Scholarships—were awarded. The other student recipients are residents of neighboring cities.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet June 13

DOWNEY—Speakers at the June 13, 7:30 a.m. meeting of the Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group held at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., are chamber members John Korkis of 1-800-Got-Junk? and Eric Lopez of Call Yellow.

For information call (562) 923-2191.

SAT help offered to Downey 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 Ms. Amy Overgaww for English and Ms. Dalyn Miller-Geiser for mathematics.

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.

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 holiday gift-giving.

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

Checks should be made out to OLPH Women's Guild and mailed to Paula Mayfield, 9107 Lemoran Ave., Downey, CA 90240. Indicate number of books being ordered and a contact phone number. For a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Good Shepherd to offer summer camp

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. Call (562) 803-4918 for a tour and more information.



GREEK FESTIVAL—Many local residents enjoyed an abundance of Greek and homemade pastries at last weekend's Downey Greek Festival held at St. George Greek Church, 10830 Downey Ave. Along with music and dancing this cultural event is held annually.

Local committee changes meeting date

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee will now be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the fourth.

The June 21 meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Fire Department EOC, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

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from both hospitals. She is also a member of the Flying Samaritans, El Hongo Mexico and has been a mentor at the UC-Irvine College of Medicine's LMCA Chapter.

She is a member of the Chicano/Latino Medical Association and a mentor for UC-Irvine Alliance for Minority Participation. Her language fluency in Spanish allows her to serve and educate patients in the clinic as well as for underserved communities.

Pete Yoder – 1958 Football Coach

Pete Yoder began his long and illustrious association with football at Downey High School. He played in the 1956 championship game against Anaheim at the Coliseum before a record 41,383 spectators to a 13-13 tie. To this day, the record still holds as the largest crowd to witness a state playoff game.

In 1957 he was named all CIF first team quarterback and graduated cum laude from Long Beach State. With his Master's degree in secondary education, he went on to coach Pasadena's Blair High School to a CIF championship in 1969. Two of his players from that team went on to play in the NFL.

He coached running backs for John McKay at USC in 1970 and 1971, and then coached at CSU-Fullerton from 1972 to 1974. He left to become head coach at Anaheim Esperanza High School in 1975. He coached Esperanza to a Southern Section Central Conference title in 1979 and continued to coach at Esperanza until 1986.

Although Pete Yoder passed away earlier this year, his football legacy is one that will live on through the many athletes he influenced during his incredible career.

Selection process

To provide continuity to the Hall of Fame selection process, the following guidelines are followed:

1. Honorees are chosen from the categories of Arts, Athletics, Business, Education, Civic/Community/Government and Professional;
2. Except under special circumstances to be determined by the selection committee, the nominee will be a graduate of Downey High School;
3. Since leaving Downey High the nominee will have maintained himself/herself in a manner that reflects positively on Downey High and on the Hall of Fame; and
4. Except under special circumstances as determined by the selection committee, a candidate shall wait a minimum of 10 years after leaving Downey High School before s/he becomes eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame.



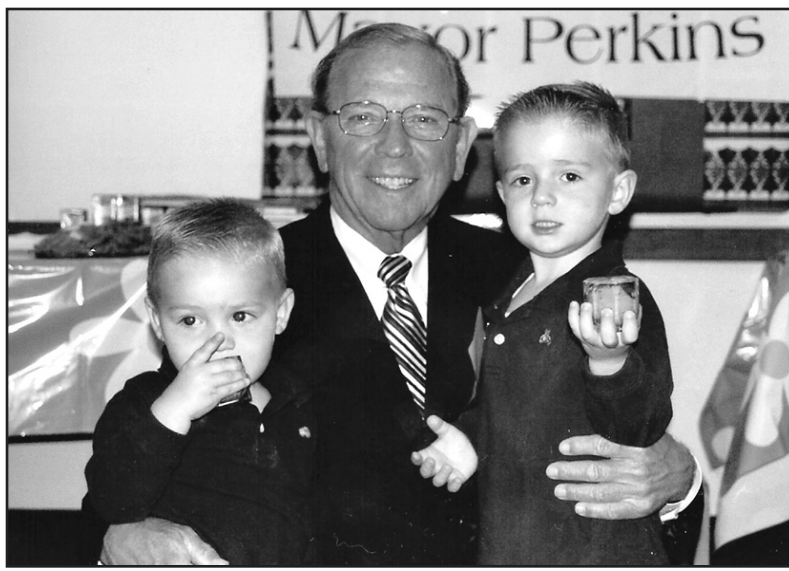
THAT'S A LOT OF PIE—Winner of the pie-eating contest held at a May 31 Luau celebrating the culmination of an intensive six-month campaign to heighten patient safety at Downey Regional Medical Center, is Operating Room nurse Michael Negretti, at left, "letting loose" with strawberries and whipped cream-splattered colleague contestants, Emergency Care Center Nursing Director Deb Gale; Family Birth Center RN Educator Jeanne Martin; Director of Contracting Gina Bates; emergency physician Dr. Britt Durham; and Nursing Director Silvia Hernandez.



A GREEK WELCOME—Near-empty food trays testify to the great demand for the delicious foods at the Downey Greek Festival sponsored by St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Downey Avenue last weekend.



YEARLY TRADITION—Barbecued lamb has become a trademark at the Downey Greek Festival.



LIBRARY FUN—Mayor Meredith Perkins makes time for the future voters of Downey. Ryder and Kaden Elisaldez enjoyed a morning of meeting the Mayor at the Downey Library, where he read stories to children. "The Mayor wins my vote of confidence in keeping his constituents happy," said Katie Mac Isaac-Elisaldez, mother to Ryder and Kaden.

SCHOOL BOARD

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- Thanked the private sector for donations to the District including the donation of \$50,661 in athletic equipment for Downey High School, from Dr. Mary Stauffer Foundation; the donation of \$54,385 in athletic equipment for Warren High School by the Dr. Mary Stauffer Foundation; a cash donation of \$12,000 for support of the TLC Center Vision Care Program from the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary; a cash donation of \$5,000 to support the vision clinics at the TLC Center from the Rio Hondo Optometric Society, affiliated with the AOA; \$520 to be used by the instructional program at Rio Hondo Elementary from the Box Tops for Education program; a donation of \$552 for the Jog-a-Thon account at Rio San Gabriel by Washington Mutual; plus many smaller but no less appreciated gifts.

- Authorized payment of fees and expenses for conventions and conferences.

- Ratified a general agreement with DG Therapy Group retroactive to April 13 through June 30, 2006.

- Ratified payment for services in several Special Education Placements.

- Ratified a mediation agreement in a case for \$8,982.

- Ratified a mediation agreement for \$3500.

- Authorized the payroll department to withhold sums during the fiscal year, without charge, from the pay of both certificated and classified personnel, provided the employee has filed the necessary forms.

- Approved District memberships for the 2006-07 year.

- Approved the use of credit cards as payment for fees and textbooks at the Adult School.

- Approved Adult School memberships.

- Ratified the internship programs agreement with Biola University through June 1, 2008.

- Ratified a student-teaching agreement with Biola for from May 1, 2006 to June 1, 2008.

- Approved the Education Specialist Intern Agreement with CSU-Long Beach.

- Ratified the Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) program for the fiscal year.

- Awarded a bid for fencing work to McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens in the annual sum of \$300,000 with no guarantee that the sum will be met, and with an option to renew upon mutual agreement.

- Approved the third year renewal bid for concrete products with National Ready Mix of South Gate in the annual estimated amount of \$250,000 with no guarantee, to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance, Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

- Approved the second year renewal of a bid for irrigation supplies and equipment as needed with Coastal Pipco of Oxnard in the estimated amount of \$100,000 with no guarantees the sum will be met or exceeded to be charged to the General, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

- Approved a change order on the purchase of pool supplies and chemicals with L.A. Chemical of South Gate, in the increased sum of \$10,000 to be charged to Maintenance.

- Accepted as complete a bid by McCullah Fence of Bell Gardens, for the sum of \$23,262 to be charged to the Bond or General Funds.

- Accepted as complete work for backhoe services by Terra Pave of Whittier for the sum of \$7,834 to be charged to the Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

- Accepted as complete repair work by Terra Pave of Whittier for the sum of \$1,200 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

- Accepted as complete concrete area improvements by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$21,898 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

- Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric in the sum of \$14,058 to be charged to the General and or Bond Funds.

- Accepted as complete roof repair and asbestos removal by FC & Sons of Bell Gardens for the sum of \$29,742, to be charged to Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

- Approved the adjustment of the Adult Education Fund Restricted Budget to reflect a decrease in the fund balance of the amount of \$125,015.

- Approved the adjustment of the Adult Education Fund to reflect a decrease in the Fund balance in the amount of \$22,065.

- Approved the adjustment of the Dental-Care Insurance Plan Budget to reflect a decrease in the amount of \$893,743.

- Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund Restricted Budget balance to reflect an increase of \$1,772,127.

- Approved the adjustment of the 2005-06 General Fund Unrestricted Budget to reflect an increase of \$507,690.

- Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 Health Care Self-insured Fund Budget to reflect an increase of \$1,308,000.

- Approved adjustment of the 2005-06 Vision Care Self-Insured Fund Budget to reflect a decrease of \$311,225.

- Ratified routine personnel items until subsequent Board action.

- Authorized the service of a teacher assigned a subject not listed on her credential for the 2008-07 school year as authorized by the Education Code.

- Ratified the establishment of a new position corresponding to the current senior Instructional Assistant and assigned them to Gallatin Elementary School.

- Reviewed proposed revisions to MAR 4117, Evaluation.

- Revised a study of developer fee levels, then declared a public hearing, and afterwards adopted a resolution to hike school facilities fees on all new, residential, commercial and industrial development in Downey.

The Poets' Corner

Haiku Sequence

Lovely constant spring
My heart like a ticking clock,
Is remembering!

Worship, Earth's Altar.
Sun, Moon, stars, light up the dark sky.
I drop to my knees.

Cancel Daily chores.
Breathe deeply nature's beauty.
Waken, taste of life.

— Terese Akins Anthony,
Lakewood

Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

DOWNEY—Downey Fly Fishers, a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, invites new members to their monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Apollo Park. For information, call 943-3904.



CENTERPOINT LENDING OF DOWNEY CEO—Esther Navarro recently presented a check for \$1,000 to new Gangs Out Of Downey president Darrell Jackson. The donation is to support GOOD activities. Outgoing GOOD president Brent Shubin was presented with a presidential gavel at the turnover ceremony for doing an outstanding job leading GOOD during the '05-'06 school year.



GABRIEL (CHAD) PARRA—Downey High student, won the Grand Prize Sweepstakes Trophy and monetary prize in the BIA (Building Industry Association of Southern California/LA County East Chapter) Home Building Contest held on May 17, against four other competing schools. He also won 1st place in the senior residential category. Also in photo is John Redfox.



SAN ANTONIO GUILD WOMEN—Preparing for their Fashion Show Luncheon Sunday, June 11 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. Fashion is being provided by "Diana's Boutique" located on Old River School Road. The Guild will be celebrating the Downey Unified School District, represented by DUSD 'models' Wendy Doty and Martha Sotetani.

- Adopted a resolution authorizing federal revenue for child nutrition to be used initially on Classified salaries and benefits subject to PERS.

- Adopted a resolution delegating authority to process routing budget revisions, adjustment and transfers.

- Reviewed proposed middle school and high school texts.

- Approved the Downey Adult School Course of Study.

- Reviewed proposed revisions to the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure.

The next public meeting of the DUSD School Board will at 9 a.m. Tuesday June 27 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

Thanks for memory

By John Adams

I have been so many places in recent weeks, the events seem to run one into each other, each after the other like a staccato of light hail.

I dropped by the St. George Greek Orthodox Church to spend an hour with the wonderfully colorful Downey Greek Festival last Sunday. The temperature was over 100 degrees, but we managed to find a shaded table and enjoy the company of Harold Tseklenis. Harold, one of the festival's organizers and a truly eclectic mind (he's the one who wants the space museum to be solar powered), currently is enjoying retirement here with his wife.

Harold is a go-getter, and the air fairly crackled with ideas.

I left the Festival soon as I had work to do at home. A good man whom I considered a close friend for many years, Andrew Harrod, died of a long illness here on Memorial Day. His services were held Friday.

Harrod was laid to rest at Inglewood Cemetery after a moving service at the Trinity Baptist Church of Downey.

Harrod, who was known for his dedication to a friend and loyalty, was a longtime employee of the Downey Unified School District, and his funeral attracted the very elite of the school District.

Was it mere coincidence that Harrod, a highly decorated veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II, died on Memorial Day?

DMV no longer a four-lettered word

By George Valverde,
Director, Department of Motor Vehicles

SACRAMENTO—For years, "DMV" was a four-letter word that meant "slow," "wait," "stop" or worse. Much maligned, often mocked, the department known as the "face of state government" because nearly 25 million Californians with driver licenses or ID cards need to pass through its doors, was accused of creating "notoriously long line" and for nurturing surly customer service.

But things started to change two years ago and few people seem to have noticed. DMV is providing better, quicker and more convenient customer service, while expanding the use of technology to improve services to all California drivers. Here's the proof:

- Two-thirds of office customers are now served in 20 minutes or less, 78 percent in less than 30 minutes and 98 percent in less than an hour. That's due in large part to the fact that we accept appointments everywhere and have added electronic line-management systems to 80 percent of our offices statewide

- Telephone wait times are down from 5 minutes to less than 120 seconds. Ninety-six percent of all calls are answered on the first try

- Internet transactions have skyrocketed:
 - Of six million vehicle registrations since 2004, one-quarter will renew online this year
 - 250,000 personalized plates have been reserved since 2004—80 percent of them online
 - 800,000 driver licenses have been renewed since 2004, we may double last year's total

- ATM/debit cards are now accepted as payment to most offices, credit cards are accepted online

- Standardized weekday office hours statewide, Saturday services in 53 locations

- 55,000 stickers and counting allowing hybrid vehicle owners to drive solo in HOV lanes

- Online Vehicle License Fee calculator allows owners to calculate costs for tax deduction

- Teen and senior web pages consolidate changing information for younger and older drivers and their families

- Appointments for driving tests can now be made online

And here's what's coming up:
Self-service terminals are coming online at 12 Southern California locations. Customers can renew registrations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using cash, check, or debit or credit card and walk away with their updated card and stickers in hand.

An automatic touchscreen driver license knowledge test is being evaluated that could potentially replace the pencil-and-paper test in place since 1927.

And, as of July 1, customers can sign up for the statewide organ and tissue donor registry through DMV when they get or renew a license

Our mandate here at DMV is "Driving Change" and customer service is one of our top priorities. Do we have our problems? Yes. Do we face some challenges? Yes. Are we working as hard as we can to envision and implement cost-effective, time-saving solutions as quickly as possible? Yes.

We are part of a community of people who want to change the outdated notion that a visit to the "dreaded DMV" means a long day stuck in line and mired in bureaucracy. It simply isn't true.



Letters to the Editor

Proud of neighbor's work

Dear Editor:

I have a tender story to share with you and my community. My neighbor, Alvin Caton, has been serving the community for the past 16 years as a Crossing Guard.

Rain or shine, Alvin is at the corner of Patton Rd. and Alameda St. like a guardian angel, protecting our children and ensuring their safety as they cross the streets every school day. Earlier this month, he was given a medal pin (which he wears proudly every day) from A.C.M.S. acknowledging his dedication and many years of service.

I want to express my gratitude towards his caring attitude for the children and would like to say, "Congratulations."

—Edna Delgado,
Downey

Harrod remembered

Dear Editor:

There are many in our City who may not be well known but exemplify the characteristics of what constitutes the core of a great community. Recently, one of those residents passed away.

He was a gentle man, God fearing, loved his family, loved his community, had a strong work ethic and extended himself to those in need. His presence made our community and our world a better place. Andy Harrod will be missed.

—John Lacey,
Downey

President praised for border move

Dear Editor:

President Bush finally did something worthwhile, by sending the National Guard to help the Border Patrol employees. Our governor does not want to pay for them which is reasonable. But wouldn't they be worth their weight in gold.

The money saved in welfare subsidies is worth millions alone. Also more jobs for American citizens. How can you complain about that.

Mr. President Bush just stated the federal government would pay for the National Guard. I would like to say, thank you, oh thank you Mr. President Bush, for finally doing something—not just talking.

—Mike Sandoval,
Downey

Property tax notice of delinquency

LOS ANGELES—The County Treasurer and Tax Collector has been mailing out approximately 230,000 notices of delinquency to taxpayers informing them that their property taxes for the 2005-2006 tax year are delinquent and will default on July 1, 2006. At that time, a \$15 redemption fee will be assessed and the taxes will be subject to additional penalties of 1.5 percent per month.

Treasurer Mark Saladino cautions that if residential property remains in a tax default status for more than five years, the property can be sold at public auction. Non-residential commercial property is subject to public auction if it is tax defaulted for three or more years in accordance with Stare law.

Any taxpayer wishing to discuss the receipt of the notice or requiring additional assistance may call the Proptax line at (888) 807-2111.

Construction projects expected this summer

■ Plans call for a new Starbucks, McDonald's and multiple office buildings.

DOWNEY – Downey city planner John Godlewski gave an overview of expected developments in Downey expected for this year at a recent city affairs meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

Developments and updates include:

- Starbucks** – A new 1,700 square foot Starbucks has been approved for construction on the southwest corner of Lakewood Blvd. and Telegraph Rd. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

- Lakewood Boulevard Commercial Center** – A new 40,000 square foot, two-story commercial center with subterranean parking is proposed at the southwest corner of Lakewood and Firestone Blvd. The project is proposed to include retail, restaurant and office space and is currently awaiting approval from the Design Review Board.

- Avenue Cafe** – A 12,000 square foot restaurant and banquet facility is proposed at the former Avenue Theater on Downey Ave. The project includes a restaurant, cafe and banquet facility for weddings, business meetings, and other special occasions. The project received city council approval in 2004 with construction expected to begin this fall.

- Downey Landing** – The majority of the northerly 34-acre retail tenants have opened with Party America, Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant and Bally's Fitness expected to open this summer.

The southern 30 acres, future home to a one million square foot Kaiser Medical Center, has opened the first and second floors of its Medical Office Building One. The hospital, currently under construction, is scheduled to open in 2009.

The middle 78 acres of Downey Studios has continued to develop as a one million-plus square foot television and movie production studio and office space.

The 13-acre park and Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center are currently under review.

- Imperial Commercial Center** – A new 20,000 square foot, two-building commercial center is proposed on the northwest corner of Imperial Hwy. and Clark Ave. The project includes commercial and restaurant space with construction slated to begin this summer.

- McDonald's** – A new McDonald's restaurant is proposed for the southwest corner of Firestone Blvd. and Rives Ave. The project received Design Review Board approval in 2003 with construction expected to start this summer.

- Florence Medical Office Building** – Three new medical office buildings are proposed for Florence Ave. this year. The Patel Medical Office Building, located at 8357 Florence Ave., is proposed as a two-story, 2,185 square foot medical office building. Design Review Board approval was given in January.

A second medical office building is proposed for 8351 Florence Ave. This building, a two-story 4,750 square foot building, received approval from the Design Review Board in March.

Finally, a third medical office building is proposed at 8077-8111 Florence Ave. The proposed two-story, 31,503 square foot building received design approval late last year.

- Lakewood Medical Office Building** – A new 5,934 square foot medical office building is proposed at 11033 Lakewood Blvd. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

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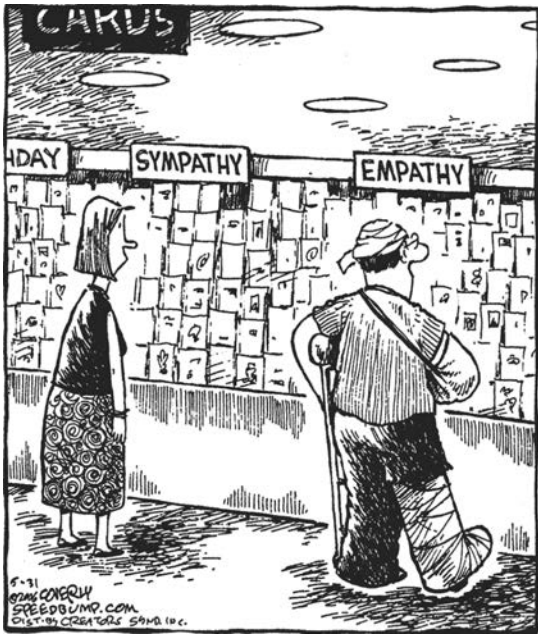
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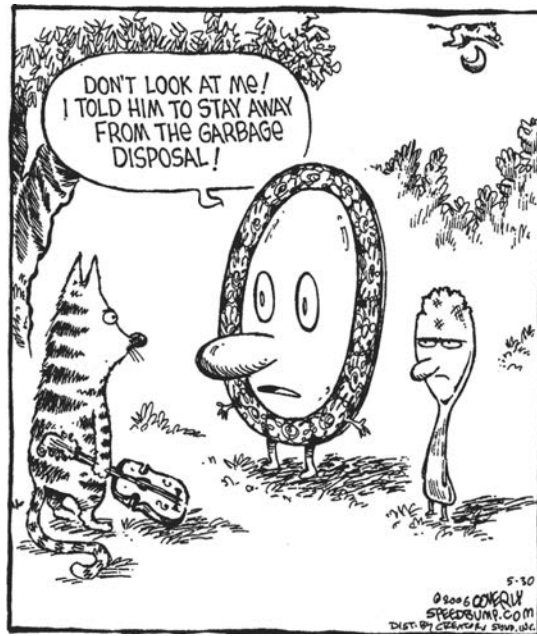
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Fri. June 9, 8:00 p.m.: "Hello Dolly" musical comedy production of the Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. Also Saturday and Sunday. For tickets and information call 923-1714. The musical stars Ann Peck McBride.

Sat. June 10, 11:30 a.m.: **Book Signing and Luncheon** for Friends of the Downey City Library featuring journalist Rosa Lowinger as featured speaker at Rio Hondo Events Center, 10627 Old River School Rd. For information on Friends of the Library call 904-7360, extension 32.

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 Sambi's, 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.

Fridays

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.

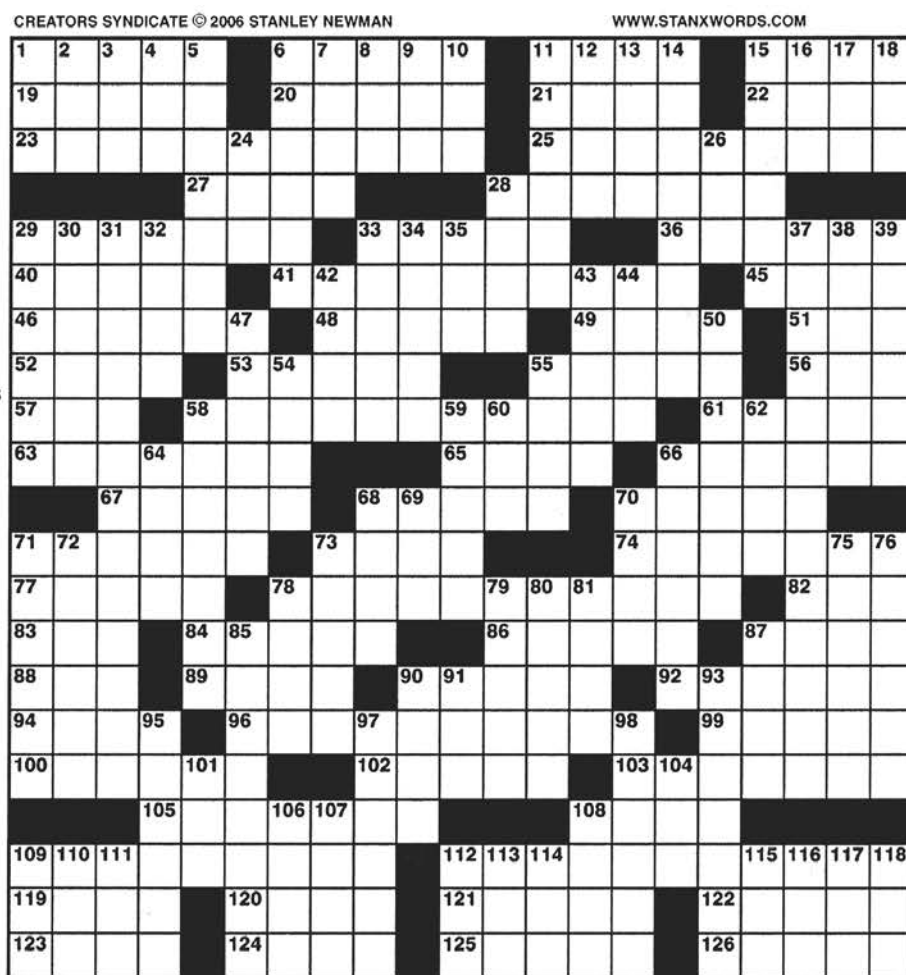
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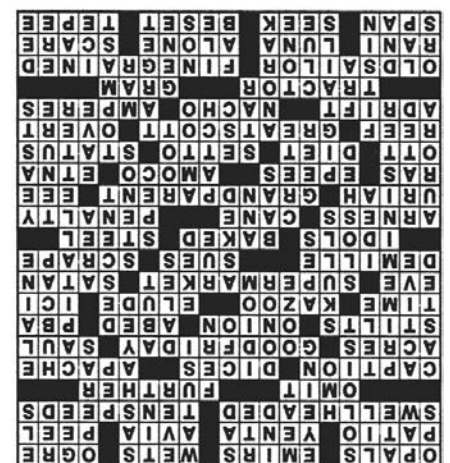
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 - 110 Track circuit
 - 111 Genetic letters
 - 112 Marvy
 - 113 -de-France
 - 114 Negative responses
 - 115 Water cooler
 - 116 Cloth surface
 - 117 Before, of yore
 - 118 Below-average grade



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As used at 53 Across, a membranophone is a musical instrument (such as a drum or KAZOO) that produces sound via a vibrating stretched membrane. Actor Peter Graves (71 Across) and James Arness are brothers; the original Arness surname was Laurence. Stephen Harper (31 Down) was sworn in as PRIME MINISTER of Canada in February 2006.





SUMMER TIME BLUES – Granata's Restaurant will be featuring blues artist Chris Colantonio.

Blues singer to perform at Granata's

DOWNEY – Singer, songwriter and guitarist Chris Colantonio, along with The Last Mile, will be performing at Granata's Restaurant located at 11032 Downey Ave. tomorrow, June 10, at 8:30 p.m.

Colantonio is a blues musician who has played guitar for the late Jackie Wilson and recently accompanied Bo Diddley at the closing of Mars Music Stores. Colantonio will also be releasing two CDs later this year.

For more information, call (562) 861-2997 or (562) 858-7872.

CC students to perform one-act plays

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Department of Theatre presents "Desperate Playwrights," a festival of eight one-act plays written, directed and performed by Cerritos College students, June 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m. (A matinee performance will be held Sunday, June 25 at 2 p.m.). Performances will be at Cerritos College Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd., in Norwalk.

Vignette topics are varied and range from Iraq War bloggers to mimes. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets/for information, call (562) 457-5058, or visit www.Cerritos.edu/theatre.

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.

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'Hello Dolly' on stage at Downey Theater

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Light Opera production of "Hello Dolly" is now playing at the Downey Community Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd., through June 18.

"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 as Horace Vandergelder, and Bill Lewis as Cornelius Hackyl. 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.

Johnny Corino's ribbon cutting June 12

DOWNEY—Johnny Corino's Italian, a casual, full service Italian concept "with an innovative menu," celebrates its official 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.

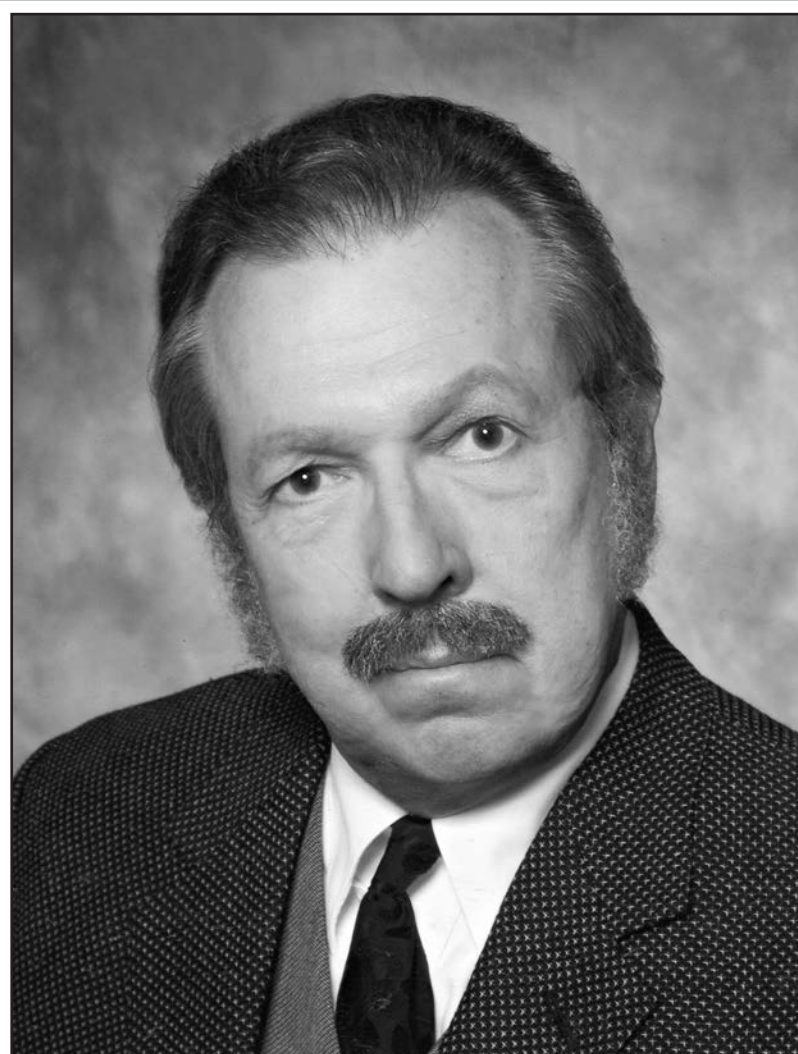
As usual, the Downey Chamber of Commerce will provide support.

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.

For information, call 923-2191.

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.



ON STAGE IN DOWNEY – Ed Krieger returns for the third time to the Downey Civic Light Opera to star as Horace Vandergelder in the classic musical comedy, "Hello Dolly," now playing at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. Good seats are still available for the show through June 18. The box office is open Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. or call 923-1714 for further information.

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All cheerleaders must be paid in full to get fitted and have their uniform order placed. For more information on cost and requirements, call Kamela Cherry, cheer coordinator, at (562) 291-0187.

Maury Wills making local appearance

DOWNEY – Former Los Angeles Dodger Maury Wills will be the guest speaker when Downey Kiwanis presents its Membership Day Wednesday, June 14, at Rio Hondo Country Club.

A former National League MVP, Wills broke Ty Cobb's single season record for stolen bases with 104 in 1962. He also helped lead the Dodgers to three World Series championships.

The day starts with a 7 a.m. breakfast. RSVPs are due by June 12. For more information, call (800) 641-2111.

The stuff dreams are made of

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – Golf wasn't his first choice. Actually, baseball was his childhood dream.

When Warren High School senior TJ Peacock was growing up, he admitted to dreaming about becoming a professional baseball player. After all, doesn't every kid want to become a pro baseball player? But time flies quickly and dreams are covered by grim reality.

Then TJ Peacock found himself following the links behind possibly the greatest golfer who ever lived. Dreams, apparently, do come true.

Through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Peacock had a dream come true. Ironically, the Warren Bear followed around the Golden Bear for a round of 18 holes. Jack Nicklaus played an exhibition round of golf while introducing his new "Signature" golf courses to spectators at the Toscana Country Club in Indian Wells. Right behind him, Peacock was caddying for the first time, calling out distances with a special laser device and reading the breaks of greens.

"It was awesome," Peacock says. "It was a lot of fun. He was a really nice guy which made it even better."

Nicklaus' humor was a welcomed addition to his day as the Golden Bear would include him in as much as possible. At one point during the round, Nicklaus missed a put then quipped at Peacock, asking him why he didn't tell him that the greens were so fast. It was definitely an experience he will never forget.

But for Peacock, it wasn't an easy path to follow to caddy for the Golden Bear. Peacock is a brain cancer survivor.

Originally, he played the middle infield in baseball. About a week later after making the Warren baseball team, Peacock suffered a seizure. He was rushed to a hospital where tests revealed that he had Grade III Astrocytoma, an often deadly brain cancer that causes severe headaches and seizures such as the one Peacock had experienced.

In the following months, Peacock would undergo surgery to remove the cancer. World-renowned surgeon Dr. Keith Black of Cedars-Sinai was able to remove the tumor but was also forced to remove the entire right temporal lobe of his brain.

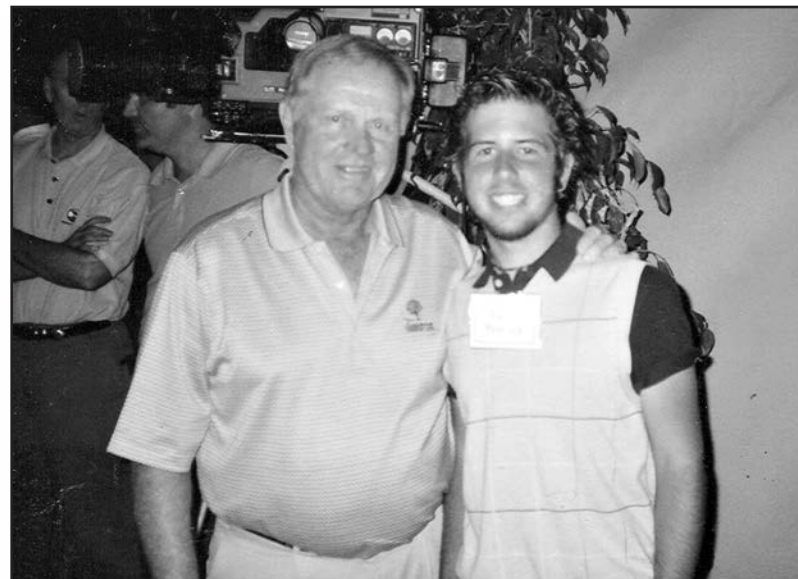
Doctors said that he would no longer be able to play baseball.

Peacock's life changed dramatically after the surgery. Devoid of baseball, he starting taking up golf only because it was something he tried during hot summers with friends at local par three courses.

Every day before and after treatments, including a month and a half stint of daily radiation treatments, Peacock would hit the driving range or play a full round of 18 holes, a feat made amazing considering doctors told him that after arduous sessions of chemotherapy and radiation, he would probably feel like going straight to bed. But instead, Peacock sharpened his tools in his new found passion.

"I can't sit home and do nothing because I can't stand it," Peacock says as he prepares for his graduation. "As soon as I would wake up, golf was on my mind. Just thinking about it all day."

Soon his passion would become a 24 hour-a-day obsession. He realized golf was something that he was pretty good at and was determined to



THE GOLDEN BEAR AND A WARREN BEAR—Downey resident TJ Peacock had his dream of caddying for golfing legend Jack Nicklaus come true recently with assistance from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Peacock underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor last year.

continue getting better.

Before he knew it, Peacock beat the cancer, had a clean bill of health, returned to Warren, and became team captain of the golf team where he participated in the CIF Playoffs.

"I talked to all my friends during everything, plus I think everybody in the world had heard that I got back," Peacock says of his return to Warren. "It [coming back to Warren] wasn't overwhelming, and everyone was really nice making sure that I was ok and everything."

It has been a long distance to travel for him to get where he is today. His plans are to graduate from high school and attend Platt University, a technical school where he will pursue skills in 3D Visual Communications.

"It leaves a lot of options open, but the main thing I want to do is create animated movies," he said.

His next wish is to possibly work for Pixar and help create animated movies such as his favorite, Toy Story.

With this goal in mind and after conquering brain cancer, it should be nothing more than a walk down the fairway. After overcoming the unbelievable odds then caddying for one of the greatest, what lies ahead of this teen should be a two-foot putt.



LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS – The Mariners beat the Angels 13-4 to sweep their three-game series on May 31 and win first place in the AA Division of West Downey Little League. Middle row: Adriel Gomez, Aron Ramirez, Michael Arzola, Esteban Lopez, Kevin Iniguez and Manny Martinez. Bottom row: Justin Ayala, Michael Mendoza, Corey Splan, Nick Soto, Gabriel Gallegos and Joseph Gonzalez.

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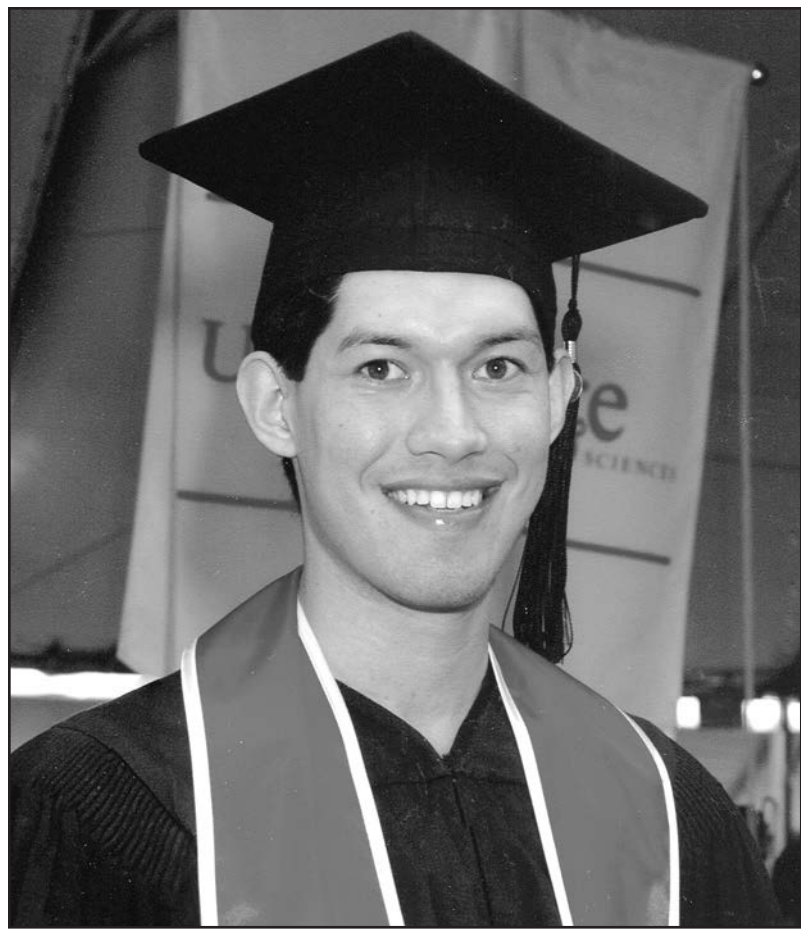
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GARY ALAN NORD JR.—A 2002 Warren High alumnus, has graduated from USC with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Biological Sciences and Psychology. He will work on his doctorate degree at the Boston University Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

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DOWNEY—Are you afraid of falling? Are you unsteady on your feet? Have you experienced one or more falls in the past year?

The Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, is offering a free balance and mobility class starting Monday, June 19 at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

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Program benefits include improving your walking ability; improving your seated and standing posture; and teaching strategies to improve ability to recover from a loss of balance.

Residents interested in attending the class must attend the Assessment Pre-Test Friday, June 16, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., by appointment only. Ask for all paperwork to be mailed to you. This paperwork must be returned at your assessment appointment which consists of a survey, doctor release form and list of medications currently taking.

Call the Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, 904-7223, for appointment time, paperwork, and more information.

ESL summer Bible study starting July 8

DOWNEY—A free English through Bible Study Class will begin Saturday, July 8 and be taught for eight consecutive Saturdays at Christ Lutheran Church located at 7707 Florence Ave. in Downey. All classes will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and held in the church conference room.

Contact the church office, (562) 927-4421, to register.



ARMY INFANTRY—Aaron Maxwell, grandson of Leon and Nancy Maxwell of Downey, was selected best of cycle at his graduation from basic training at Ft. Benning, GA. He is now in Airborne Training and will then go on to Ranger Training.

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DOROTHY K. MOOTZ—Services were held at St. Raymond's Catholic Church on June 6.

Dorothy K. Mootz was a longtime resident

DOWNEY—Dorothy K. Mootz, who lived in Downey since 1952 and was a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church, died on June 1 at the age of 80.

She was born in Los Angeles Jan. 6, 1926 to parents Walter and Gertrude Brown. A member of the Goodyear Retirees Pioneer Club and AARP, she was preceded in death on Feb. 5, 2003 by her husband of 52-1/2 years, John M. Mootz. Services by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary were held on June 6 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church. Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

She is survived by sons Michael (Ellen) and Ken (Natalie); daughters Katherine (Carlton), Sharon (Terry), and Karen (Paul); seven grandchildren, Matthew, Kristine, Jennifer, Krystal, Erin and James; and sister Gertrude Freels of Bellflower.

In lieu of lowers, the family requested donations be made to the Dove Hospice House, (562) 948-3668, or to the American Cancer Society, in her name.

Memorial services held for Robert A. Douglass

DOWNEY—Robert A. Douglass was remembered on Wednesday, June 7 at a memorial service held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Paramount Blvd. Born April 30, 1942 at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, he succumbed to cancer last Friday, June 2.

Douglass was raised in Downey and attended many of the local schools including Alameda Elementary, E.W. Ward Elementary, North Jr. High, and was among the second graduating class of the brand new Earl Warren Sr. High School. He enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1964 and served his country until 1970.

On June 26, 1965, he married Jean O. Douglass, and raised a family in Downey. They had four children, Wendy Jacobson, Dwayne, Douglass, Rod Douglass, and Chet Douglass. He was part of the Boy Scouts of America and served as scoutmaster of Troop #406 for 8 years, and also served as District Chairman. He also earned his Wood Badge and the Silver Beaver Award. All three of his sons earned their Eagle Scout Awards under his leadership.

Douglass spent his working career as a Numerical Control Programmer. He held many positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints here in Downey including Bishop of the Downey First Ward, President over the Young Men's organization, and an ordinance worker at the Los Angeles Temple.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jean; his brothers Stephen, Clifford, Brian and Darrell; sisters Mardell and Charlene; his four children; and 14 grandchildren, with three more grandchildren expected in June and September.

Dorothea Elizabeth Lidtke survived by family

DOWNEY—Dorothea Elizabeth Lidtke was born Sept. 27, 1923 in Wyandotte, Michigan to George and Regina Witte. She and her husband Wilbert were longtime residents of Downey, living here for 53 years. She was active in Messiah Lutheran Church.

After suffering from Parkinson's disease for a long time, she passed away on May 30, and is survived by her husband Wilbert, her son Bill, her daughter Cathy, one brother and five sisters.

Services took place on June 3 at Messiah Lutheran Church. The Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary was entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, family requested donations be made in her name to: National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., Mary Ann Sprinkle, Director of Development, 1501 NW 9th Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136-1494.



ROBERT A. DOUGLASS—A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he succumbed to cancer June 2.

Art leagues' joint meeting at Furman

DOWNEY—Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will hold their joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., Bldg. #1. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be the last of the clubs' art year as they break for the summer.

Guest demonstrator is Mike Johnson, best known for his portrayal of the Southwest Desert, whose works in oil, watercolor and pastel, have brought him numerous awards in competition through the years. He has also taken up sculpture, enjoying working in clay (terra cotta), wax and stone.

For information, call (562) 803-5857.

Rabbi to speak on 'Jewish Superstitions'

DOWNEY—The EZRA Center for Mature Adults will welcome Rabbi Kenneth Milahnder of Temple Beth Tikvah when it meets Tuesday, June 13 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey.

The rabbi's topic is "Jewish Superstitions," and will explore how many superstitions became integrated into Jewish rituals in a "fascinating and fun" stage of its history and culture.

Registration, coffee/tea and refreshments start at 9:45 a.m. A catered Kosher luncheon will be served after the program. The community is welcome.

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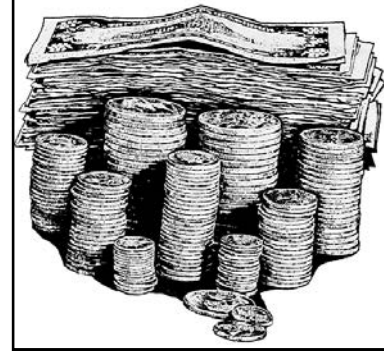
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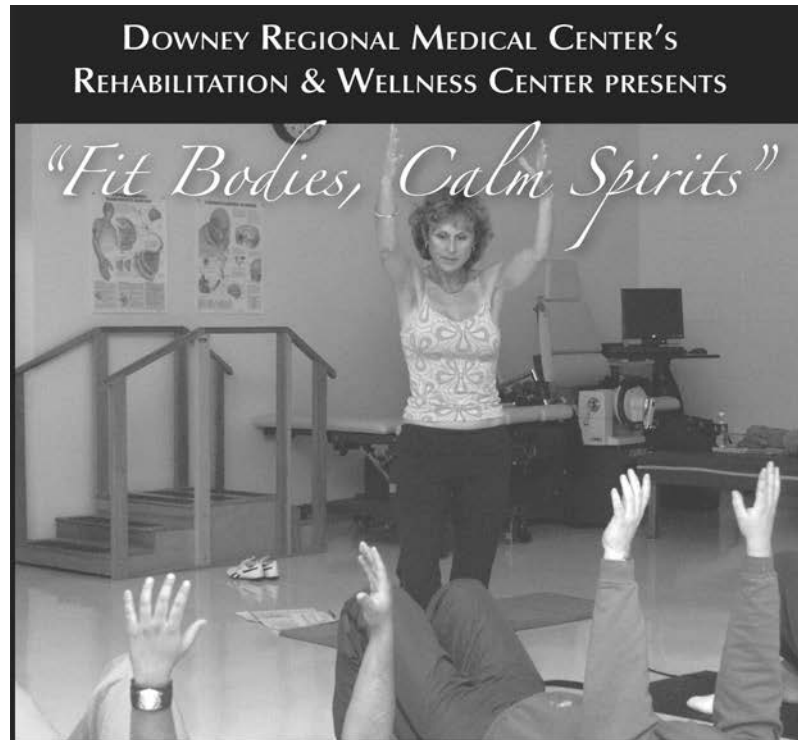
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Downey Christian Club meets June 14

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.

Journalist/author to speak, sign books

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 tomorrow, 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 will go towards the support of library programs. 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. Publisher's Weekly called the book a "scintillating chronicle [that] offers an overview of the florid, splashy era when Cuba was an endless party, and Tropicana was its epicenter." 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.

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Downey teen finishes art training course

DOWNEY – Passionate young artists from throughout Southern California – including Susey Chang, a senior at Downey High School – will be celebrated at the Ryman Arts graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 13, at the California African American Museum in Exposition Park.

Fifty-two students will be honored for completing the school's intense training program and another 37 students will be recognized for their participation in the program as they graduate from high school. The ceremony also marks the opening night of the Museum's exhibition of more than 200 of the Ryman students' best works from the 2005-2006 school year, on view through July 22, 2006. The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the exhibition reception from 7-8 p.m.

"The graduation ceremony and exhibition, along with the annual color catalog that documents the talent of these young artists, serve as a powerful culmination to the students' hard work throughout the year," said Diane Brigham, Executive Director of Ryman Arts, who will lead the evening's festivities. "The opportunity to see their best work exhibited in public is a tremendous reward for their efforts. Graduating students are also invited to speak to the audience about their Ryman Arts experience and share future plans," said Brigham.

This will be the second year of the California African American Museum's (CAAM) commitment to showcasing the budding talents of the Ryman Arts students. Charmaine Jefferson, Executive Director of CAAM, who will join Ms. Brigham in hosting the graduating ceremonies noted, "CAAM is delighted to be a part of an evening such as this to acknowledge and encourage the creative talents of this country's next generation of artists and art lovers. The entire showcase reveals a range of talent that is well worth the visit."

Three awards will be presented at the ceremony including the Sharon Disney Lund Master Teaching Artist Award, which will honor one of the program's outstanding faculty with a \$2,500 professional development stipend in the name of one of the organization's founders. In addition, the Herbert D. Ryman Mentor Award will be given to a high school art teacher who has excelled in preparing students for the rigorous Ryman Arts program, and one outstanding student will receive the Lucille Ryman Carroll Student Award of a \$1,000 college scholarship.



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Hiring and firing is meeting topic

DOWNEY—"Employee Hiring, Discipline, Termination" will be presented by guest speaker Kelly Hensley of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter, & Hampton when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group next meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

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PTA to honor graduating classes

DOWNEY – The Downey Council PTA will honor the local California State PTA scholarship winners Wednesday, June 14 at the Barbara J. Riley Neighborhood Center, 7810 Quill St.

Also featured will be the Sacramento Safari Students State Capital report and the introduction of the fall lineup of Downey Council PTA board officers. Festivities start at 6:45 p.m. and the community is invited.

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Genealogical society focuses on names

WHITTIER—The Whittier Area Genealogical Society 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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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 (Tel. 562-869-0422), or e-mail barbecue@johnhume.org.

Events planned at senior center

DOWNEY—Income tax assistance for seniors over 50 will be provided by AARP on Wednesday, June 13 and 27, from 10 am to 12 pm. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

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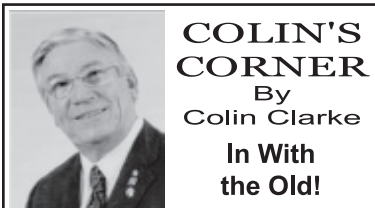


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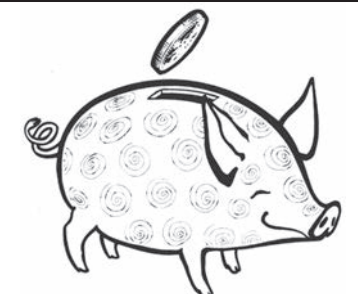
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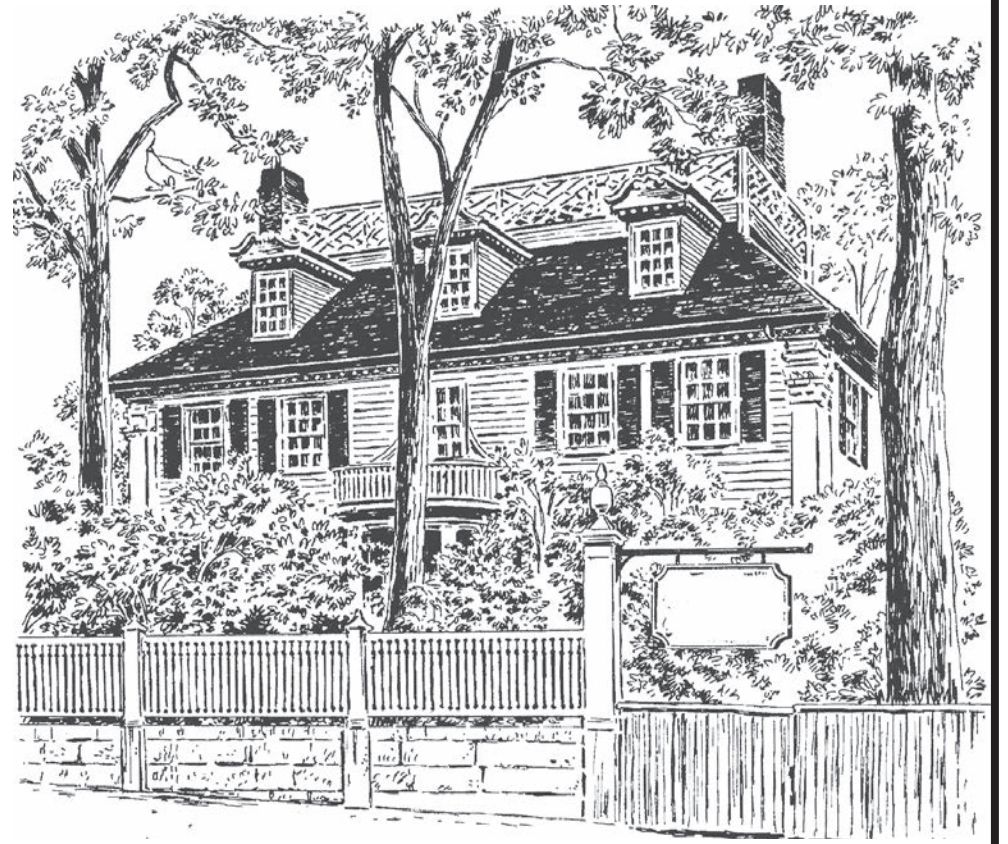
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