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COMING SOON? – Downey Regional Medical Center is attempting to raise \$60 million to build its proposed Patient Care Tower, a state-of-the-art medical facility that will offer a ‘homelike’ setting for patients. The hospital’s current facility does not comply with seismic laws set to go into effect this decade.

DRMC chooses its ‘Physicians of the Year’

DOWNEY—Dr. Ambrose Y. Tsang, who specializes in nephrology, a subspecialty of internal medicine focused on kidney diseases, has been honored by interns at Downey Regional Medical Center as the Attending Physician of the Year. The interns chose him for his “extraordinary knowledge.”

DRMC residents, meanwhile, named Dr. Bill H. Kim, the DRMC Medical Director and a gastroenterologist, the specialty concerned with digestive diseases, as their choice for Attending Physician of the Year, for being “a great teacher and mentor who is easy to approach.” Both physicians are board certified.

An intern is a medical doctor who has completed medical school and is in their first year of specialty training. An intern always works under the supervision of an attending physician. A residency follows the internship year.

Whereas medical school gives doctors a broad range of medical knowledge, basic clinical skills, and limited experience practicing medicine.

Murder-suicide suspected in restaurant shooting

DOWNEY – Downey police are investigating the shooting deaths of a man and his estranged wife outside a local restaurant as a murder-suicide, authorities said this week.

The shooting occurred about 11 p.m. Monday outside the Acapulco restaurant in Stonewood Center, said Downey police Sgt. Kathleen Mendoza.

Investigators said the couple had been separated for three months but both attended a family birthday party at the restaurant Monday, arriving separately. The woman, identified as 36-year-old Marisela Hernandez, reportedly told a friend she felt uncomfortable because her husband had been staring at her throughout the night.

Hernandez left the restaurant about 11 p.m. with a friend but was followed into the parking lot by her husband.

Downey police say the husband then pulled a gun and ordered Hernandez into his car, where he allegedly shot her several times at point-blank range before turning the gun on himself.

The couple both suffered gunshot wounds to the head and were pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The name of the man was not released and the investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2332.

icine, medical residency gives in-depth training within a specific branch of medicine. Residents focus almost entirely on the care of hospitalized or clinic patients, mostly with direct supervision by more senior physicians.

DRMC’s Family Practice Internship and Residency Program, a post-graduate program for Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.s), has graduated more than 200 interns and residents since it came to DRMC in 1994.

Osteopathy is an approach to medicine that uses common medical procedures, but it places a greater emphasis on understanding the relationship between the organs, muscles, nerves, tissues, bones and tendons than traditional medical training does.

A Doctor of Osteopathy must complete four years of medical school plus an internship and residency. Throughout their training, interns and residents are exposed to numerous medical subspecialties.

Three people shoot man, then steal his bicycle

DOWNEY – Downey police arrested three people last week after they allegedly shot a man while attempting to steal his bicycle.

Two men and a juvenile were arrested and charged with robbery and attempted murder, Downey Police said.

The victim was riding his bicycle home about 9:30 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of Imperial Hwy. and Paramount Blvd. when he was approached by a man demanding the bicycle, according to police reports.

When the victim refused and began to ride away, one of the suspects shot the victim in the back, police said.

The suspects then placed the bicycle in the back of a SUV and drove away, reports said.

The victim walked home and called police, which eventually led to the capture of the suspects.

The victim was listed in stable condition at a nearby hospital.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Detective Brian Baker at (562) 904-2333 or Sgt. Gil Toledo at (562) 904-2322.

Warren looking for past cheerleaders

DOWNEY—In celebration of Warren High School’s 50th anniversary, the Warren Pep Squad is inviting all former cheerleaders, song leaders, and mascots to the homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 20. A huge reunion is being planned for all the cheer squads from the past 50 years.

Contact Kellie Acosta at warrenceerallumni@yahoo.com or (562) 469-7001, ext. 87889 for more information.

Charter Ball proceeds to benefit capital drive

■ Hospital officials hope to raise funds for new \$60 million patient facility, currently under design.

DOWNEY—In support of Downey Regional Medical Center’s plans to build a world-class Patient Care Tower on its campus, the DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation has announced that proceeds from the Nov. 4 Charter Ball are earmarked for it. The Foundation’s “Rise to the Challenge” capital campaign aims to raise \$60 million.

Now in the design phase, the proposed state-of-the-art facility will further the hospital’s mission of providing quality care, from preventive medicine to diagnostics, therapy and recovery services as well as dignified end-of-life care, hospital officials said.

Spacious private rooms will capture natural light and insulate patients from noise while its homelike setting will not only house the latest medical technology, it will offer guests modern conveniences such as Internet and e-mail.

It will integrate holistic, evidence-based medical services that build on existing service excellence in cardiology, oncology and obstetrics. The facility will be equipped with sophisticated imaging and diagnostics, and innovative surgical suites, designed with the flexibility to incorporate advances in the 21st century.

Further, hospital officials say it will help DRMC attract tomorrow’s top-caliber healthcare professionals to a highly desirable work environment.

DRMC’s current facility opened in 1969. While it has been well-maintained and major refurbishments are even now underway, it does not comply with seismic laws that will be enacted in the next decade.

The 31st annual Charter Ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, and will feature Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member and former Supreme Mary Wilson. For reservations/information, call 904-5055.



TALENTED BROTHERS – The Bilgewater Brothers, whose performances feature jazz, novelty songs and parlor room ballads of the ‘20s and ‘30s will entertain at the next Furman Park concert, Aug. 16.

Bilgewater Brothers to bring ‘toe-tapping’ jazz

DOWNEY – The Bilgewater Brothers and their band of Merry Men will entertain at the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and held in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

The concert is presented by the City of Downey Community and community donors.

The Bilgewater Brothers in real life are David Barlia and John Reynolds: talented men of “many hats.” Bilgewater Brothers concerts feature toe-tapping jazz, parlor room ballads of the ‘20s and ‘30s and novelty songs.

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City Council breezes through slim agenda

By **Henry Veneracion**

DOWNEY—In one of the briefest sessions in recent memory, the City Council Tuesday wasted no time in approving the evening’s Consent Calendar, wherein the Council:

*Set a public hearing at the next regular public Downey City Council meeting Aug. 22 to adopt a resolution which indicates that the city is conforming with MTA’s Congestion Management Program, a state-mandated

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NOT TAKING SKIN ULCERS LYING DOWN—Theresa Mastalski, Nursing Director of the ICU/CCU and Endoscopy, chairs the DRMC Ulcer Committee, charged with prevention and care of skin ulcers. One of the actions they recommended was to replace 145 mattresses with these new pressure-relieving mattresses. They are now in use on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. The Anderson Critical Care Center will receive them in the coming weeks.

Downey AARP seeks new members

DOWNEY—Downey AARP Chapter #262 invites you to its meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month to “enjoy interesting speakers and entertainers.” Meetings are held at the Community/Senior Center at 7810 Quill Drive in Downey at 11:30 a.m. Bingo follows the meeting.

For more detailed information, call Sally Jones at (562) 927-2201 or Dorothy Wilson at (562) 928-6935.



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DRMC ‘fostering a healing environment’

■ Hospital adds new mattresses in effort to head off skin ulcers.

DOWNEY—In the latest of numerous improvements to Downey Regional Medical Center facilities, 145 new mattresses are now in place—on the second, third and fourth floors, with the Anderson Critical Care Center receiving them in the coming weeks. The motivation? Make the hospital’s beds more comfortable, as well as prevent patients’ skin ulcers.

A pressure ulcer is an area of skin that breaks down when the patient stays in one position for too long without shifting his/her weight. A pressure ulcer starts as reddened skin but gets progressively worse, forming a blister, then an open sore, and finally a crater. The most common places for pressure ulcers are over bony prominences (bones close to the skin) like the elbow, heels, hips, ankles, shoulders, back, and the back of the head.

“While the state average for hospital-acquired pressure ulcers is nearly twice as high as DRMC’s rate, our objective is to get the incidences of pressure ulcers as low as we can,” said Theresa Mastalski, Nursing Director of the ICU/CCU and Endoscopy, who chairs the DRMC Pressure Ulcer Committee.

Research by the committee showed that the AccuMax Quantum Convertible mattress was the best for pressure relief.

Additional actions included staff education on how to assess, measure, photograph and document pressure ulcers; development and education on pressure ulcer procedures and preventive measures; and the creation of “skin experts” on each unit.

Last month, DRMC acquired new flat screens televisions for all patients’ rooms. Re-walling, re-flooring and re-refurbishing throughout the hospital, spanning several months, is nearing completion.



MAKING A SPLASH—The Downey Dolphins, a group of competitive swimmers no older than 18, placed 2nd in swim competition at the recent L.A. County Division Finals. The team participated in Freestyle, Breaststroke and Butterfly stroke competition. They are now preparing to host the USA Metro Division Finals this weekend starting at 9 a.m. at Downey High School. The Downey Dolphins hold practices Monday through Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Downey High pool. New swimmers ages 5-18 are invited to join the team any time.

Gunman escapes after holding up Food4Less

DOWNEY – One person was hospitalized Tuesday after suffering injuries in an early-morning robbery at the Food4Less grocery store in Downey.

A gunman entered the store at the intersection of Lakewood Blvd. and Rosecrans Ave. about 2 a.m. Tuesday as employees were preparing to close, Downey Police Sgt. Kathleen Mendoza said.

A store employee was apparently pistol-whipped in the face and needed to be transferred to a hospital, according to early reports. There were seven to 10 employees in the store at the time of the robbery.

Police set up a perimeter in the area but the gunman escaped. It was not immediately clear whether anything was taken in the robbery.

Israel/Arab conflict examined here

DOWNEY—Presenter and discussion leader when EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets again Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be Jerry Silverman, who is certainly no stranger to EZRA Center: he has been providing concise overviews of ongoing happenings in politics, with particular emphasis on the Middle East. The community is invited.

The program from 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 15 will be “Understanding Middle East Events—It’s Easy?” Silverman will discuss the Israel/Arab conflict, the Iraq War, the Iran nuclear situation, Afghanistan and Taliban resurgence, and mini-uprisings in Syria and Egypt.

A catered Kosher luncheon will be served after the program. Lunch is \$6 for Ezra members, \$7 for non-members. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Saikali to speak on childhood obesity

DOWNEY—Guest speaker at the Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group’s upcoming meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd., will be Downey Family YMCA’s Executive Director George Saikali. He will talk on “Childhood Obesity and the Status of America’s Health.”

The networking group is a program of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. To RSVP, call 923-2191.

Downey woman killed in chain-reaction crash

DOWNEY – A chain-reaction crash in south San Gabriel killed three people last week, including a 60-year-old Downey woman, authorities said.

Angela Yip was riding in a car traveling southbound on Rosemead Blvd. about 9:10 p.m. Saturday when a 1990 Cadillac veered into oncoming traffic and crashed into another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction, according to the California Highway Patrol.

A total of four cars were involved in the accident. Yip was a passenger in a 1999 Nissan Maxima. The driver of the car, an unidentified 59-year-old Downey man, was critically injured.

The two occupants of the Cadillac were killed in the accident.

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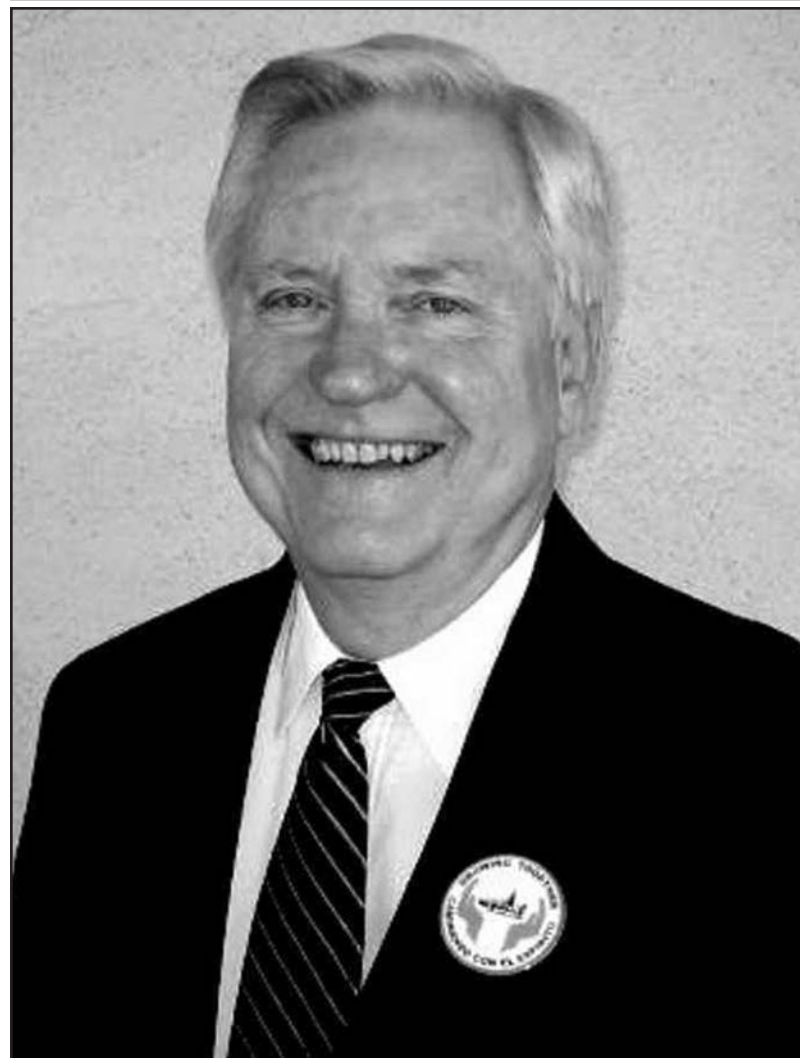
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FAREWELL SERMON – Rev. Norm Stoppenhagen will deliver his final sermon at Messiah Lutheran Church this Sunday, Aug. 13. After 21 years of service to the congregation, the reverend is retiring to Austin, Texas.

Pastor to preach farewell sermon

DOWNEY – Rev. Norm Stoppenhagen will deliver his farewell message after 21 years of service to the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, Aug. 13 at both the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship hours. The public is invited to the event at 10711 Paramount Blvd.

Pastor Stoppenhagen and his wife, Cathy, will be relocating to Austin, Texas for their retirement years.

He was born in Wharton, Texas, to Martin and Bertha Stoppenhagen, the youngest of seven children. He began his preparation for the ministry by attending Concordia High School, Austin, Texas, in his sophomore year and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor Stoppenhagen earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Before coming to Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey in 1985, he served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Taylor, Texas, and as mission pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Agoura Hill.

He married his wife, Cathy, on May 2, 1992, at Messiah. They have five children.

Pastor Stoppenhagen has also served as Circuit Counselor for Circuit 9 of the Pacific Southwest Conference.

For further information, call the church office at 923-1215.

9/11 remembrance at Cerritos College

NORWALK—The Associated Students of Cerritos College will host a 9/11 remembrance event on Monday Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.

“Remembering 9/11” will feature readings, music, and a memory poster where attendees will be invited to write about their own memories of the tragedy that occurred five years ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

The event will be in the college’s Burnight Theater, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

For information, call Holly Bagdanovich, Director of Student Activities at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2476 or at hbagdanovich@cerritos.edu.

Icons Cafe ribbon cutting Aug. 15

DOWNEY—Icons Cafe, which has “taken the best sandwiches from the ‘old world’ and added special ingredients,” has its grand opening/ribbon cutting Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon. It is located at 8237 2nd St.

Icons Cafe’s extra touch to its menu includes its gourmet coffee, natural “blendeeze” (smoothies) and natural juices.

Assisting in the ribbon cutting is the Downey Chamber of Commerce. For information, call 923-2191.

Temple Ner Tamid open house Aug. 27

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., invites everyone in the community to its Open House Sunday, Aug. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Visitors will be able to meet the synagogue’s new Rabbi, Len Muroff, along with Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, Temple President Howard Brookfield, and members of the Board of Directors. A Downey institution for more than 40 years, Temple Ner Tamid offers Jewish worship services, educational programs and social events throughout the year.

Temple Ner Tamid holds Shabbat services every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and is currently offering a course in basic Judaism on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The synagogue is also preparing for the Jewish High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which begin Friday, Sept. 22.

For more information about the Open House, the temple, or any of its programs, call 861-9276, or e-mail templenertamid1@juno.com.

Lincolns to be auctioned off to high bidder

DOWNEY—The Downey Lincoln Mercury auto dealership that had occupied what must have been considered once as a choice location—the corner of Lakewood and Gallatin—has gone out of business.

Business operations, which began in 1998, officially ceased in May.

Some seven Lincolns remain in the otherwise empty showroom. These will be auctioned off Saturday, Aug. 12, starting at 11 a.m.

The auction will be conducted by Harvey Clar Auctioneers, (925) 258-9959. The dealership’s address is 9515 Lakewood Blvd.

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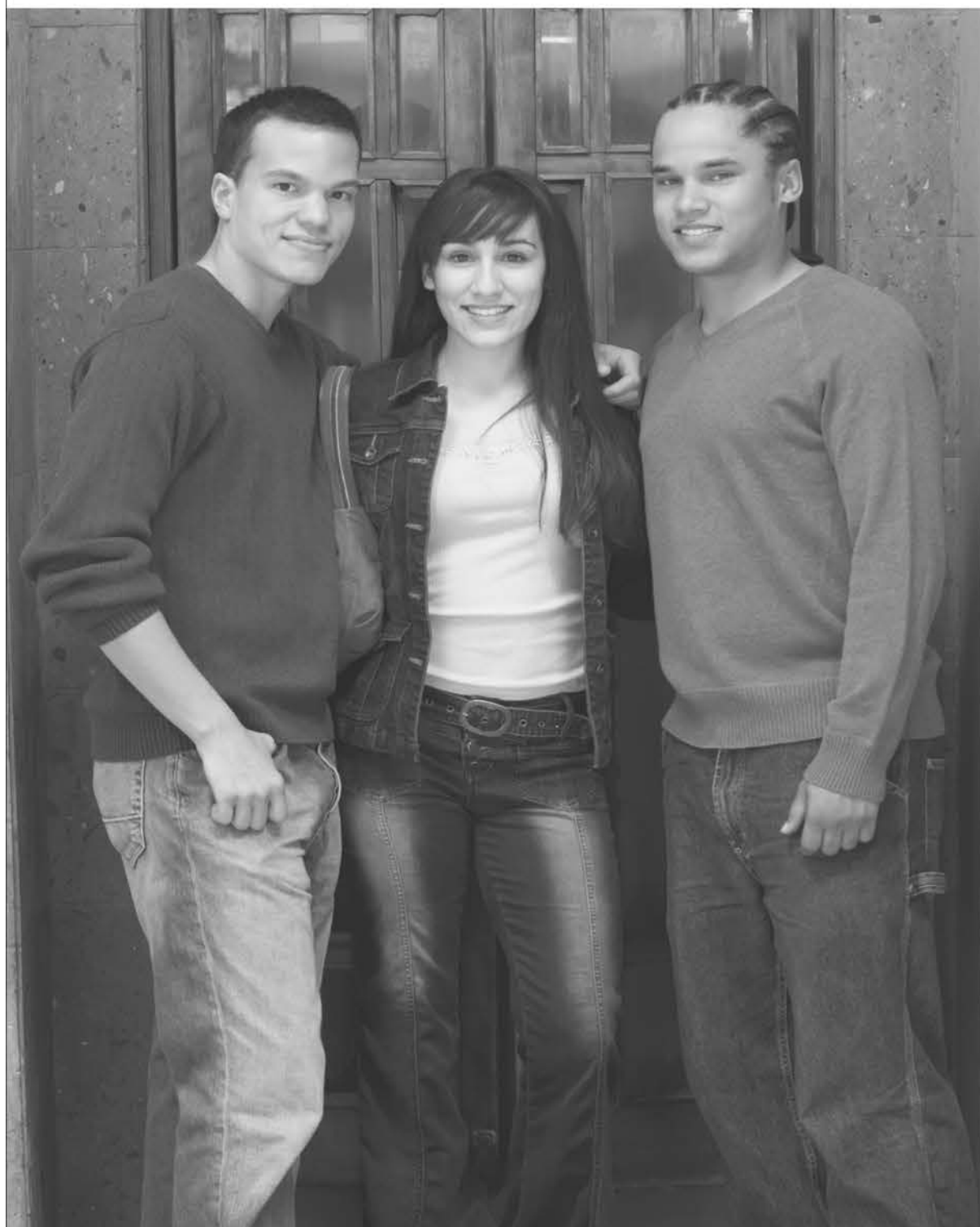
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Dr. Dal Stauffer inducted into Diving Hall of Fame

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Dr. Floyd “Dal” Stauffer, husband of philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer and a diving legend, was inducted into the International Masters Swimming (and Diving) Hall of Fame last Friday, Aug. 4, at ceremonies held at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

Dal Stauffer has been diving since he was 8, and what the sport has meant to him all these years is revealed in an accompanying piece by his granddaughter, Alison Blowers. A recent graduate of Boston University, Alison says he has won over 140 medals competing in Masters Tournaments and been in meets all over the world.

It’s a matter of record that he competed throughout college in club and AAU regional competitions, diving on occasion with a then young Sammy Lee. Upon his graduation, he was commissioned overseas near the end of the war.

Upon his return to the US he began diving for the Navy, becoming the All-Navy Diving Champion of 1947. After suffering a back injury, he realized he must stop diving for his children’s well-being—he could not risk being crippled. Fifteen years were to pass when he heard a local sportsman promote the idea of the Senior Olympics.

He joined both swimming and diving competitions—and wound up losing the swim to his senior, Buster Crabbe. He fared well, however, in the diving event and began diving regularly. Ever since competing, in 1974, in the first Masters diving meet in Texas, he has been participating, coordinating and diving “for the fun of it.”

In attendance to witness his induction to “diving immortality” Aug. 4 were family and friends that included: Dr. and Mrs. Davidson; Dr. and Mrs. Mill; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brooks; Arlene Hofmayer; Barbara and Bill Birnie; Dorothy Blowers; Alison Blowers; Al Blowers; Dan Riley; Jim and Sue Stauffer; Janet and Masa Suzuki; Mary Suzuki; John, Kim, Jessica and Jordan Stauffer; Judi and Bob Saunders; Diane Saunders; Dawn and TJ Martens; and Dr. Mary Stauffer.



NEWLY ELECTED—Barbara Briley Beard takes over as president of Woman’s Club of Downey for the 2006-07 year. She will also serve as recording secretary.

Woman’s Club elects this year’s officers

DOWNEY – The Woman’s Club of Downey at 9813 Paramount Blvd. has elected new officers for the 2006-07 year. They include:

Barbara Briley Beard (president and recording secretary); Cheryl Olson (1st vice president); Pat Schilling (2nd vice president); Ellie Harrington (3rd vice president); Loretta Wagner (treasurer); Linda Dong (financial secretary); Shirlee MacDowell (rental director); Daisy Kemmerer (curator); Marjorie Saling (parliamentarian); and Laurie Marks (corresponding secretary).

The Woman’s Club meets the first Wednesday of October through June from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. with a streamlined business meeting, \$10 luncheon, and entertainment or information session. For information on joining, call 869-7618.

Golf tournament to help in battle against cancer

DOWNEY—The four-man scramble Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, which will benefit the Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry for ovarian cancer research, has been scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. The event is open to men and women.

Entry fee is \$125, which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and awards dinner. The tournament features “The Mulligan Man”—Eric Tracy, the usual complement of long drive, putting, and hole-in-one contests, raffles, and silent and live auctions. The hole-in-one prize is a brand-new Toyota Camry.

Would-be participants are advised to sign up early as the tournament is limited to 144 golfers. Checks are payable to: Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, 86-Q Calle Aragon, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Contact: Charles Miller, (949) 588-5879 or (562) 896-5481.

Dr. Janie Williams to speak at ABWA

DOWNEY—Dr. Janie Williams, a 17-year member of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA), will be the guest speaker Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the upcoming meeting Wednesday, Aug. 16, of ABWA’s Eldorado Chapter. Her topic: “Leadership Traits of Highly Successful Women.”

Holder of master’s degrees in Counseling and Education, and a PhD in nutrition, Dr. Williams owned and operated JW Enterprises, a business development company, before becoming a Doctor of Nutrition. She is a popular speaker at many ABWA events.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information and/or reservations, call Nada Kabis, 884-4790, by today, July 11.



MARTIAL ARTS FAMILY – The Wood children, three sisters and a brother, all received their next ranks of black belts in the martial arts: Daneeka, 1st Degree Black Belt; William, 3rd Degree Black Belt; Anna, 2nd Degree Black Belt; and Allison, Advanced 2nd Degree Black Belt. Allison also received a special promotion to Blue Top Instructor. The Wood children have been studying martial arts for seven years at the Ultimate Karate Center in Downey.



DIVING OFF THE DEEP END—Floyd (Dal) Stauffer, husband of philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer, about to perform one of his diving stunts as he competes in the Masters National Championship held last weekend at Stanford University in Palo Alto. He became part of diving historical lore as the first man to compete in the 90-99 age diving bracket, a few days after he was inducted into the International Masters Swimming (and Diving) Hall of Fame on Aug. 4.

Grandpa, 90, still having fun diving in spite of age

By Alison Blowers

DOWNEY—“Diving is fun. It has always been fun.”

Short and succinct, my grandfather, Floyd (Dal) Stauffer, was able to capture the essence of 82 years of diving experience into eight simple words. This was part of his acceptance speech at the International Masters Swimming (and Diving) Hall of Fame on Aug. 4 in Palo Alto. I was honored to attend and to celebrate with 30 of his family and friends.

While the rest of his family and I were thrilled to participate in the induction ceremony, the fun had just begun for him. A few days later Dal competed in the Masters National Championship where he became a part of history as the first man to compete in the 90-99 diving bracket. He also plans to compete next week, Aug. 13-16, in Palo Alto for the Masters World Diving Championship.

I imagine that many people would cringe if not shriek in horror if they saw their 90-year old grandfather plunge from a five-meter platform head-first into a pool. However, when I had that opportunity this past weekend, I simply felt pride. It was spectacular to watch him perform stunts that I cannot even dream about doing. The look he had on his face while he was diving and while people were hooting and hollering was enough for anyone to tell how much fun he was having.

He has had a long and successful career since he was a teenager, and although he has lost three inches, has had nerve damage, and a hip replacement, these physical ailments are not enough to keep this “young” man from having fun.

My grandfather, Dr. Dal Stauffer, is a reminder of the importance of staying young at heart and most of all, having fun.

Lose excess pounds with Downey TOPS

DOWNEY—TOPS Downey Chapter #63 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), part of an international organization that helps men and women improve their eating habits, invites everyone their meetings.

They promise no gimmicks, no harsh diets or exercise.

Meetings are held Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third St., in Downey. For more information, call Lou at 861-9425 or Suky at (323) 560-6576.

The Poets’ Corner

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—Lorine Parks
Downey

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David Barlia plays a number of musical instruments but found his soul mate with the ukulele. He is a great fan of Cliff Edwards, a.k.a. “Ukulele Ike,” who perfected the unique form of falsetto scat.

Barlia was a prominent member of the musical groups “The California Navels,” “The Barleycorns” and “Brad Kay and his Syncopated Songbirds.” In addition to his musical endeavors, he is an award-winning filmmaker and actor along with being an accomplished graphic designer. John Reynolds is a fourth-generation native of Pasadena, and the grandson of silent screen star Zazu Pitts. He started learning the banjo at age 11 and picked up the guitar on his own.

Reynolds really got his chops working at Disneyland in an eight-piece band of giant Woozles (from Winnie the Pooh) and in the Golden Horseshoe. He has toured with The Smothers Brothers, Julie Andrews and Andy Williams.

In addition to his musical background, Reynolds is an accomplished illustrator and painter.

The Downey Museum of Art will be open before the concert and the Downey Rose Float Association will be selling food. For information on the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at (562) 904-7230.

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program that every city in Los Angeles County must conform with so they can continue to receive their share of state gas tax monies, plus maintain their eligibility for other state and federal transportation dollars.

Downey’s share for FY 2005-06 was \$683,000 and MTA’s staff estimates the City should receive about the same amount for next fiscal year;

- Set a public hearing for Aug. 22 for the appeal of the denial of Tentative Parcel Map 06-66335 – a parcel map request to subdivide a 27,505 sq. ft. parcel into two lots, on property located at 8220 Suva Street, Zone R1-7500 (Single Family Residential) by property owner/appellant Jesus and Lorena Marana;

Recoup costs

- Set a public hearing for Aug. 22 regarding the recovery of the City’s costs involved in the abatement of the “dangerous building nuisance” resulting from the fire that destroyed the residence at 8019 Bergman Lane last April;

- Approved an Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Long Beach for Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services;

- Approved the agreement with Best, Best & Krieger, a full service law firm based in Riverside with expertise in water and environmental law, to provide special legal counsel services especially with regard to environmental analyses to comply with water law requirements and acquisition of water rights;

- Approved the purchase of 138 acre-feet of water rights in the Central Basin from N.I. Industries;

- Adopted a City Council resolution recognizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and adopting the NIMS principles and policies into the Emergency Management System of the City of Downey. NIMS is mandated to provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

- Adopted a City Council resolution which accepts a fee and waives six (6) automobile parking spaces for Dr. Lee Marek and Associates, a physician-owned surgical center proposed at 8200 Firestone Blvd., in the Downtown Parking Assessment District;

- Adopted a City Council resolution changing the titles of Asst. Superintendent of Water/ Sanitation to Asst. Superintendent of Utilities System; Principal Water Technician to Water Systems Technical Supervisor II; and Public Works Supervisor II to Public Works Supervisor II/Water Systems Supervisor II;

- Adopted a resolution approving the appointment of Roy Beard to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for Council District 5;

- Presented a Certificate of Appointment to Dr. Mary Stauffer for Council District 3. On her behalf, Councilmember Rick Trejo accepted the certificate as she could not be present.

Trejo mentioned a few of her innumerable unselfish contributions to the community. Coincidentally, her husband, Dr. Floyd “Dal” Stauffer, is featured in this issue of *The Patriot* for his spectacular aquatic achievements;

Juvenile curfew

- Introduced an ordinance of the City Council, amending Chapter 1 of Article IV of the Downey Municipal Code, which aims to regulate Juvenile Daytime Curfew and Loitering. Councilmember Kirk Cartozian brought up the issues of nighttime loitering and curfew as well, especially as these, too, might impinge on a person’s constitutional rights, and it turned out that City legal staff and the Police Department have already been grappling with said issues;

- Introduced an ordinance amending the Downey Municipal Code, Article VIII, on Building Regulations, to clarify the application of the “Art in Public Places” fee of one percent (1%) of the accepted minimum building valuation of \$500,000 to include both commercial and residential projects as specified therein;

As already mentioned, the next regular public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Tom Osborn

By John Adams

Tom Osborn, conductor and director of the Downey Symphony and a wonderful talent, died suddenly while returning from a trip to the North Pole a week ago at LAX.

He was 72.

Reading his obituary, odd moments when our lives crossed pop up. We were both at Pierce College at about the same time. He as a young conductor and director and I as a student working to get back into the academic mainstream by gathering units and grade points to qualify for admission to UC Riverside. Pierce served both our purposes well.

I never met Tom until he was conductor and director of the Downey Symphony years later.

He was impressive on the podium, but even more so at his informal talks before each concert at which he discussed the music. You got the feeling that this wonderful person somehow had known the composer he was discussing personally.

Tom somehow knew the small habits that make each of us unique.

He was often accompanied by his daughter, Carolyn, who played first violin and seemed equally dedicated to music.

Tom was proud of his awards such as one he achieved for the best production of "Evita" by a southland orchestra by Pepperdine University Symphony.

No one worked harder at their music craft than Tom. Hard work and dedication paid off in the faces of the children and adults he produced music for.

God bless him for all the years of dedication. May he rest at last in peace, with the knowledge of recognition by his peers.

Snow clones

Do you know what a "snow clone" is? I didn't until I read an item by Mark Peters in a recent issue of the Columbia Journalism Review, that holy icon of journalistic excellence.

Peters writes that he is already sick of hearing snow clone variations which have included "once an x, always an x," "my big fat x," or perhaps "to x or not to x."

If you have not been snowed under by this fill-in-the-blank cliché, believed coined by Glen Whitman in 2004, be prepared for the deluge. Snow clone is believed inspired by the easy-myth-based formula, if Easkimos have N words for snow, then x have y words for z. A typical snow clone is "not your father's x." Snow clone journalists have continued to fill in the blanks with such as "governor general," "lucky," "Operationa Data Store," and "cup of sake."

Snow clone collecting is a popular sport on the web in places like Language Log where a linguist at UC-Santa Cruz defines them as some assembly-required adaptable cliché frames of lazy journalists.

Others take a lighter view. A language columnist at the Chicago Tribune says snow clones are often the first thing that pop into your head. Journalism may play into the hands and minds because they pop up so easily, when you try to articulate, especially for news and media types who are rushing to meet deadlines. Snow clones are often all we have time for.

All snow clones may not be bad. They my often be poetic in nature. "X is the new y," seems a tidy and neat way of conveying a noticeable change in nature, or other major change of function.

Snow clones may then be useful, but at what cost...

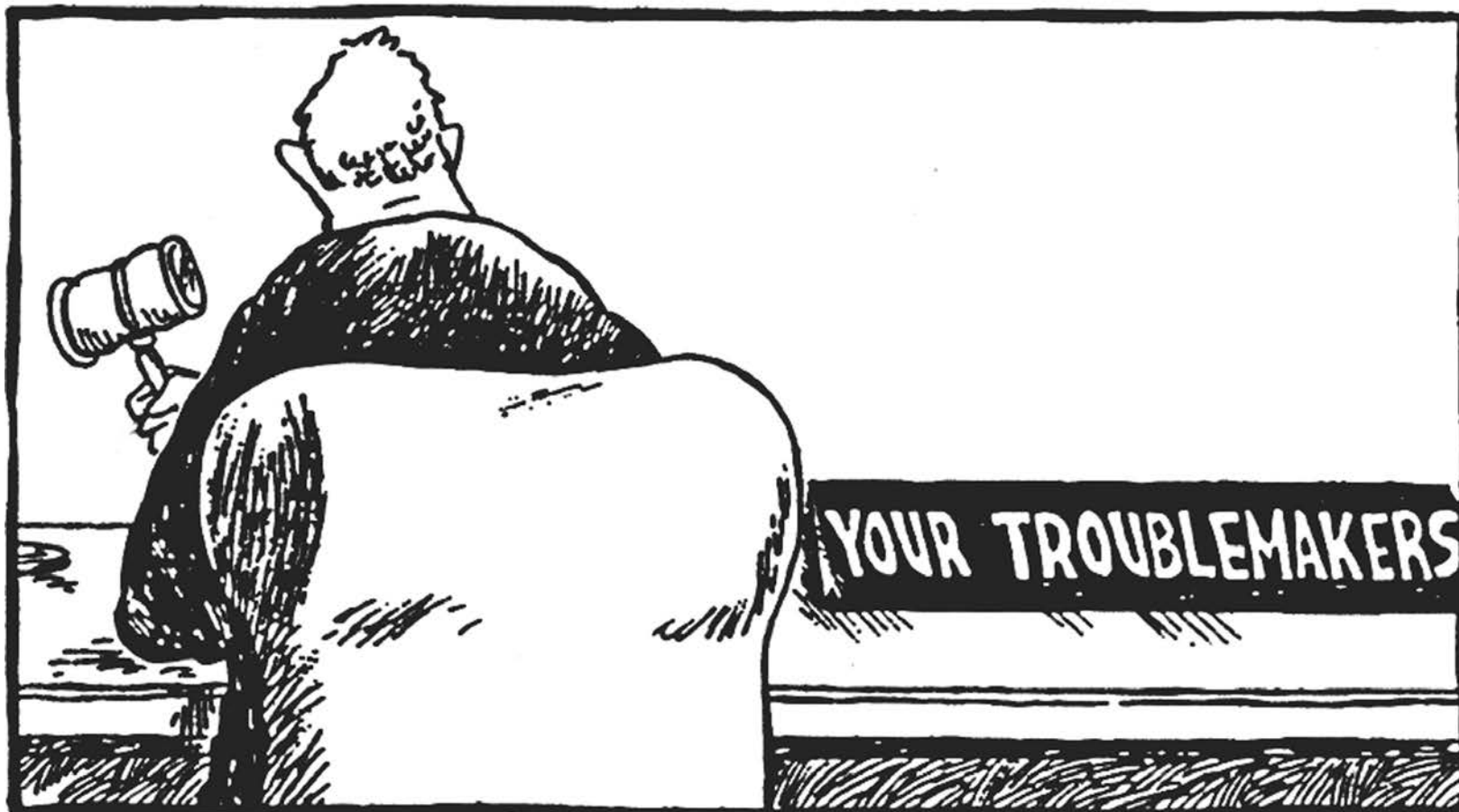
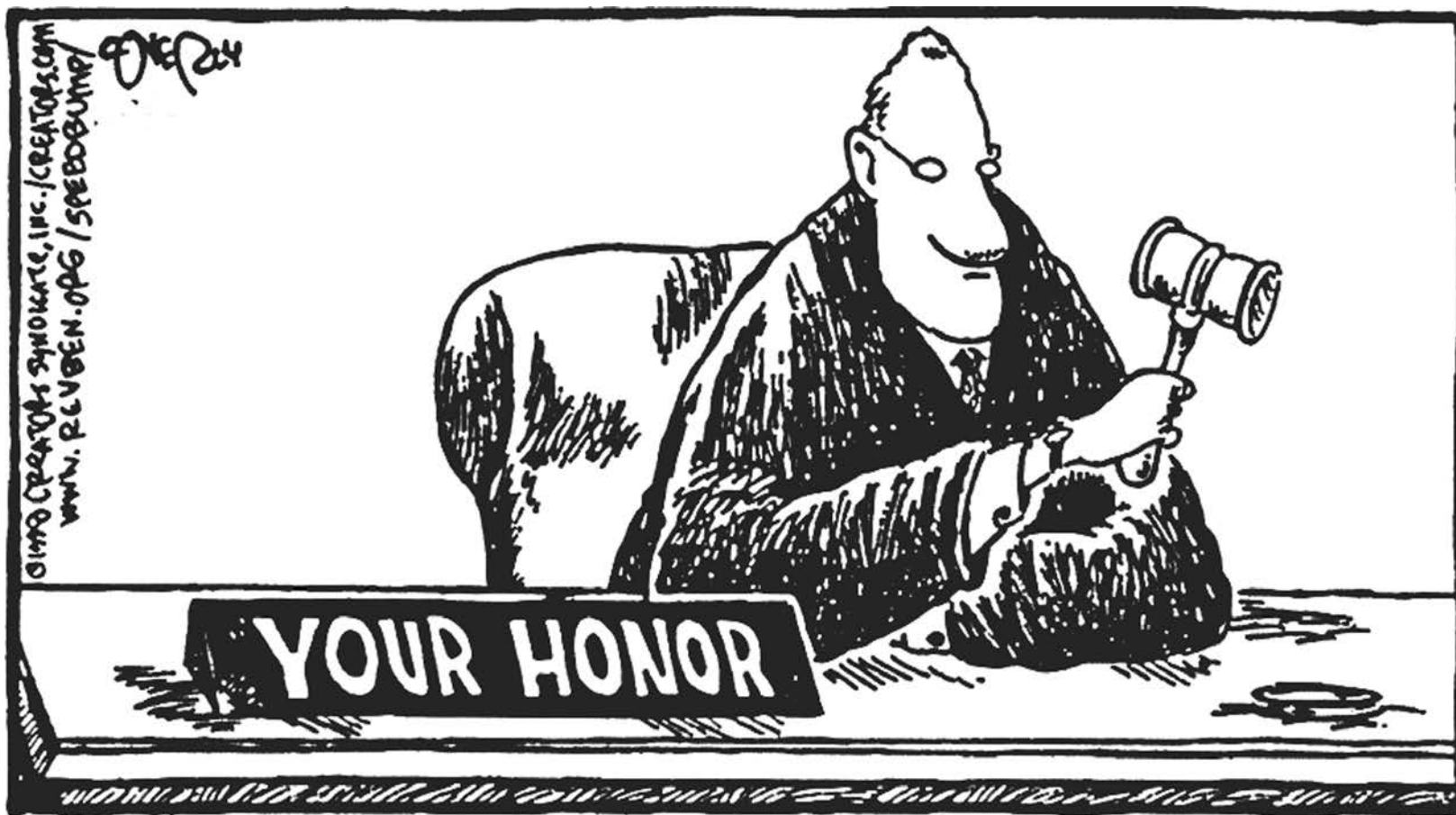
Input sought on textbook adoption

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 the high school course, Advanced Placement Music Theory.

Copies of the book will be on display in the second floor lobby of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 14-Sept. 5.

The Board of Education's policy 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 Sept. 19 meeting of the Board of Education.



Letters to the Editor:

Vigilance key to righting wrongs

Dear Editor:

I've been a tax-paying resident of Downey for 54 years. My wife and I raised five children here, and I've worked with the library and the schools for years. I've followed the changes in Downey as it matured, including the recent discussion on mansionization. I attended council meetings and attempted to influence the recent building code changes with minimal success. Now it's my turn in the barrel. I'm getting a mansion next door.

I know from the recent experiences of a neighbor that, if the adjacent homeowner doesn't complain early, loud and often, the planning commission and building inspectors work for the building contractors, not the residents. That's wrong, but I've seen how it works.

The place next to me has been sold and I found out that the builder plans a two-story mansion with a total area of nearly 10,000 sq. ft. on a 12,000 sq. ft. lot. The existing home, which sold for over \$1M, will be torn down. Whereas at present my neighbor's home is a single-story structure about 25 feet from my property line, it will now be a two-story wall 6 feet from my property line.

And how do I know all this? Because I had the initiative to go down to the planning commission and find out. If I hadn't, nobody would have let me know what was coming. A meeting is scheduled, to which I hope to be invited because I asked to be invited. My neighbor didn't know to inquire about what was planned, and his contractor neighbor violated the building code and his own plans. The building inspector went along with it. When my neighbor complained, he was told he must complain before the foundations were put in. It was too late after they were poured.

Now, what's wrong here? We have a building code, we have plan approval and we have building inspectors. But the first two are worthless unless the inspector does his job. It's not the neighbor's responsibility to do the inspector's job for him. Since I know how this works (or rather doesn't work), you can be assured I will monitor every step in the construction of the mansion next door. But why should I? When my neighbor complained to code enforcement that the code had been violated, he was told to get a lawyer and sue. If that's the way things work, we can streamline the city bureaucracy and save some city funds for police when shootouts occur.

My real question is—why doesn't the city function as a representative of its residents rather than as a tool of contractors, most of whom don't live here and plan to sell their mansions for multiple family occupancy anyway? They're in it for the money and will cut every corner they can.

—Don Niemand,
Downey

Thanks

Dear Editor:

For the past few weeks I have missed reading your reports on various activities in our community.

You have accomplished so much in bringing The Downey Patriot into our homes—and always your special reports gave the newspaper that friendly touch. I began to feel that you were indeed a good friend to have.

I send you my best wishes—and thanks for the memories of Downey that are also close to your heart and mine.

—Renee Drake,
Downey

Center makes things happen

Dear Editor:

They call me "Mr. Bernabe." That's not my real name but I don't mind them calling me this. I hear it every time I go to the playing field and it makes me feel good inside. Why do they call me "Mr. Bernabe"? I am the Sports Director for the Bernabe Community Center in Downey. We have just finished our first season of our After School Sports Program held at Lakeside Middle School in Norwalk. This is the only program of its kind in this community and the children that participated had a blast.

Starting last September we launched an After School Sports program for both boys and girls in the community. We offered four sports that run throughout the school year. We had 278 children play flag football, soccer, basketball, and softball on the fields provided by Lakeside Middle School and the Little Lake City School District.

The participation of the 278 children exceeded our expectations for our first year involved with this program. As well we have over 30 volunteers helping in the program. A large number of the volunteers were high school students from Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe Springs. These young adults were instrumental in making the program a success. Not only that, but a lot of 8th grade students that played in the program will be returning next year as volunteers. I think we just might have community members hooked on giving back to the community they live in.

We will be launching year two in September offering flag football, soccer, basketball, and softball. Our facilities are not fantastic, our equipment is not the best available but the desire of the volunteers involved to make this a great program has made us first class.

Bernabe Community Center is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) corporation located at 10801 Fairford Ave. in Downey. I can be reached at the Center at (562) 863-1899, or at (562) 889-1298.

—Dennis Dennehy,
Sports Director, Bernabe Community Center

Anti-corruption bill passes legislature

SACRAMENTO—Authored by Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-50), Assembly Bill 2753 passed the Assembly Aug. 7 on a bipartisan vote of 73-0. The bill continues De La Torre's work against unethical behavior by some corrupt local officials in local governments throughout California.


AB 2753 prohibits a recalled elected official from expending or participating in any action that would commit to spend city funds between the time that the recall election is completed and the date on which the election results are certified.

In January 2003, when South Gate residents successfully recalled corrupt officials, those same officials used the certification period to award contracts to their friends and supporters, and to promote employees who were allies of the recalled city council members.

The recall attempt was successful in removing these officials from office; however it was ineffective in ending their practice of abusing city funds. After the recall election, the ousted officials had one week in office and one City Council meeting prior to the expiration of their term. During that week, they spent more than \$2 million of South Gate city funds.

Last year, De La Torre introduced AB 11 (and signed into law by Gov. Schwarzenegger) that is designed to put an end to unjustified compensation for city council members serving on city commissions, committees, associations, authorities and like entities that are created and governed by the city council members themselves. Unless otherwise specified, AB 11 requires a councilmember not to receive more than \$150 per month for serving on such commissions.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

Fri. Aug 11, 6:30 p.m.: **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.
Wed. Aug. 16, 7:00 p.m.: **The Bilgewater Brothers** play '20's and '30's jazz at the annual Summer Twilight Concert Series. Food available for sale or attendees may bring their own picnic. At Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7230.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner**, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 923-9464.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees, at Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

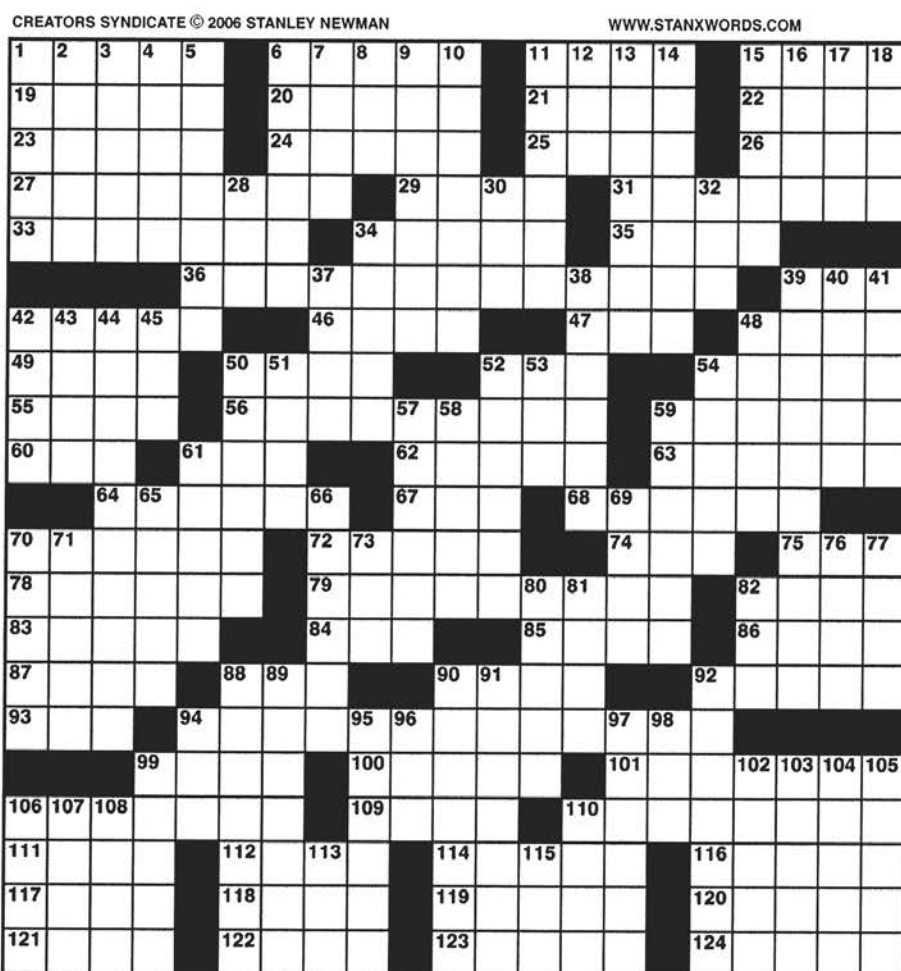
Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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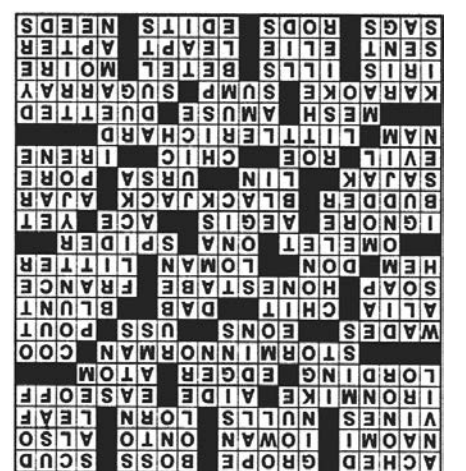
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KARAOKE (106 Across) literally means "empty orchestra" in Japanese. The inspiration of author Nathaniel Hawthorne (15 Down) for his novel "The House of the Seven Gables" was a real-life structure that still stands in his hometown of Salem, Massachusetts. The word DAMASK (52 Down) is derived from Damascus, where the fabric was first made.



Auditions coming soon for 'Guys and Dolls'

DOWNEY – Downey Civic Light Opera will be holding auditions for the opening production of the new season, "Guys and Dolls," on Monday, Aug. 14 and Thursday, Aug. 17 at First Baptist Church, 8348 Third St.

Male and female dance calls will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. both nights and auditions are scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Callbacks at the director's request will be Saturday, Aug. 19 from 1 to 7 p.m.

The roles of Miss Adelaide, Nicely-Nicely Johnson and Big Jule have been pre-cast.

Marsha Moode is executive producer/director. Miriam Nelson will serve as choreographer and Eddy Clement acts as musical director and conductor.

Performances will be Oct. 5 through 22 at the Downey Theater. Rehearsals will generally follow a Saturday through Thursday evening schedule and begin Aug. 28.

For information call 923-8061.

Bellflower Chorus show Sept. 15-17

BELFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus holds its annual fall concert/show Friday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m., at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16660 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

The chorus will pay tribute to a few of country's great songwriters and the people who nurtured them. Classic favorites will include: Bob Nolan's "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and "Cool Water," Jim Reeves' "He'll have To Go," Patsy Cline's "Crazy," John Denver's "Country Roads" and more. Also in the program will be specialty numbers and comedy routines.

The chorus accompanist, Chris Squires, will be joined by Jan Pospisil on drums and Rick Bemis on bass. As an added attraction, the Dancing Headliners will perform a few numbers, including a line dance.

The entire production will be under the direction of longtime chorus director and Downey resident Bill Jones.

For more information/membership/tickets, call (562) 866-4664, or (323) 569-5930. Admission for all seating is \$5.

'Beauty and the Beast' at local theater

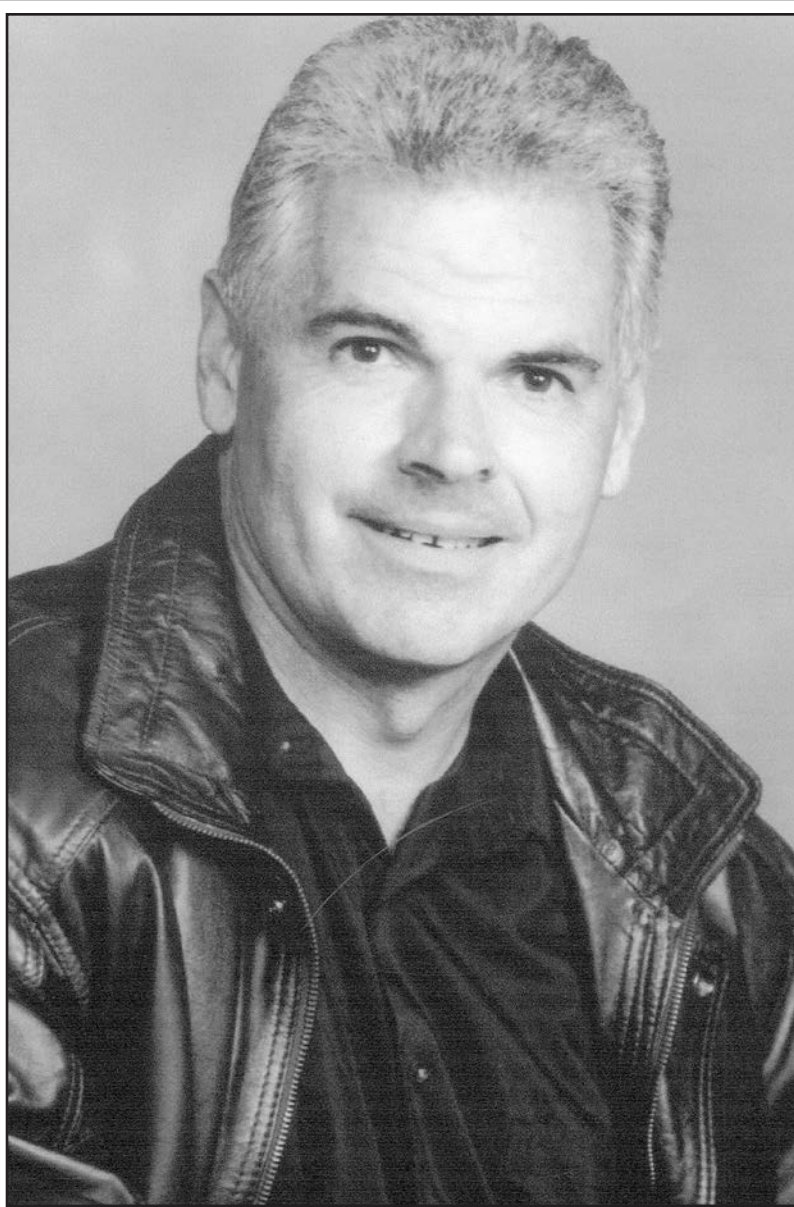
SANTA FE SPRINGS—The Santa Fe Springs Community Playhouse's production of Walt Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" runs this weekend and the next.

Performances are at 10400 Orr and Day Rd., Santa Fe Theatre at Center Court in Santa Fe Springs: Friday, Aug. 11—8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 12—2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 13—2 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, Aug. 17-18—8 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 19—2 and 8 p.m.

Tickets (\$12 adults; \$8 for children 12 and under, and seniors) are available at the door or through PayPal on www.sfscp.com.

'Twilight Concert Series' closes Aug. 23

DOWNEY—The final performance of the Twilight Concert Series presented by the city's Community Services Department in Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, featuring the United States Navy Band Southwest. Information: 904-7230.



COMING IN OCTOBER – Kit Wilson, Downey Civic Light Opera veteran of nine productions will return to the Downey Theater stage portraying Nicely-Nicely Johnson in "Guys and Dolls" opening on Oct. 5. Call 923-1714 for tickets and information.

Captain Cardiac will perform on Downey stage

DOWNEY – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries have been one of the premiere 50's and 60's rock-and-roll bands for over three decades. Their high-voltage performances have been seen worldwide from the United States to Europe, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii.

The group has been booked to headline the Downey Chamber of Commerce 3rd annual "Oldies" concert to take place on stage at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire, on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

They have been featured performers at such world-class venues as Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Magic Mountain in addition appearances at three different Super Bowls and the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas.

The band has also distinguished themselves with their work on both the Norwegian and Carnival Cruise Lines for over 12 years.

In addition, Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries were honored to perform at the inaugural events for the Governor of the State of California and the Mayor of Los Angeles.

According to Chamber Executive Director Sue Nordin, they have been leaving crowds screaming for more from Las Vegas to New York and from the Caribbean to Aspen.

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Memorial services for Robert A. Bliss Aug. 17

DOWNEY—Memorial services will be held Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel, 11015 Downey Ave. in Downey, for Robert A. Bliss, who was born in Wynot, Nebraska and passed away in Norwalk on Aug. 5.

He was a resident of Downey for 38 years. He was 66 and retired. He is survived by sisters Rose and Loraine of Sioux City, Iowa; brother Ray of Texas; sons Steve (Julie), Mark (Lori), and Scott (Christina); and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Woman's Club Pechanga trip Sept. 11

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: 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 to 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.

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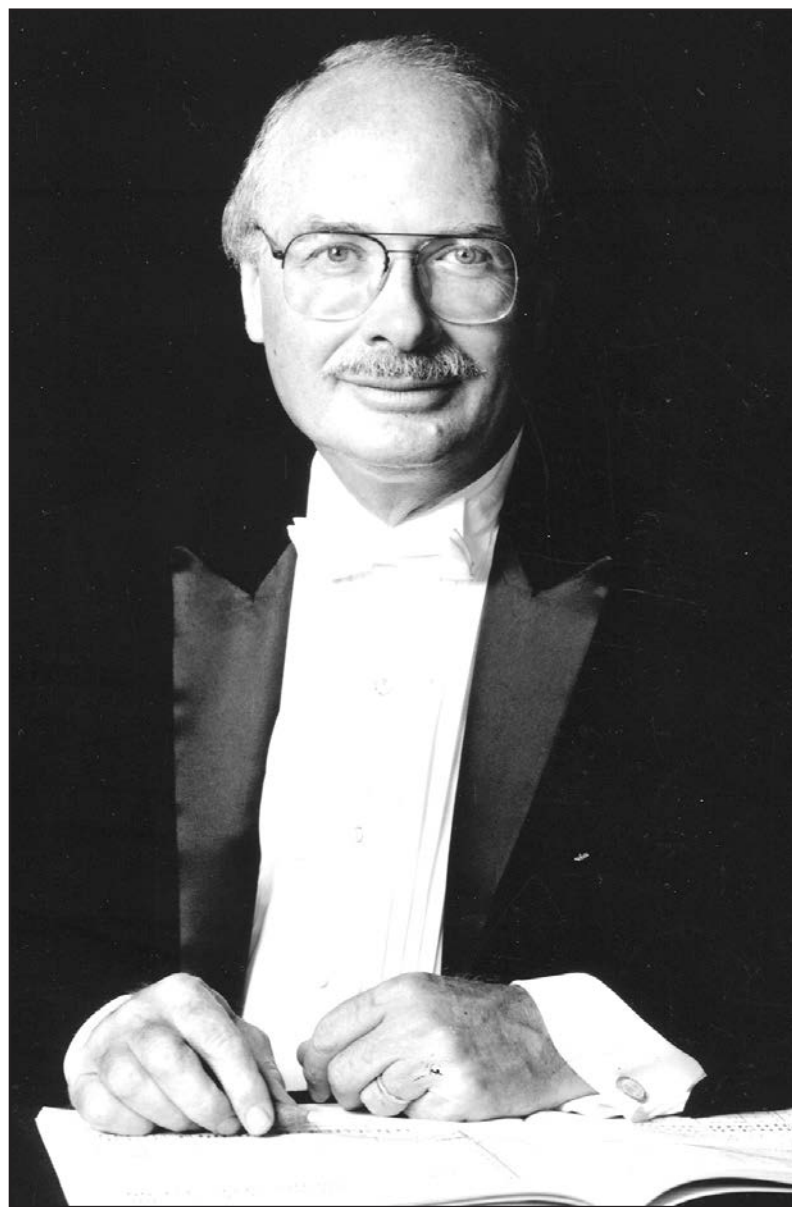
Cost of each trip is \$6 for Woman's Club members, \$11 for non-members. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. The Woman's Club opens at 7 a.m. on trip days to sell donuts and coffee.

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.

Calling Downey High '56 class alumni

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



THOMAS OSBORN – Artistic Director and Conductor of the Downey Symphony, died July 30. Services will be held tomorrow, Aug. 12, at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

Services tomorrow for Thomas Osborn

DOWNEY – Thomas Osborn, a noted conductor, musician and educator, passed away Sunday, July 30 of a heart attack. He was 72 and had just returned to LAX from a trip to the North Pole with Joyce, his wife of 49 years.

The New York-born son of Marie Louise and James Osborn received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and a Master of Music degree in clarinet performance with highest honors from the School of Music at Yale University. Later he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts from the School of Music at the University of Southern California and was elected to Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society. His focus was on twentieth-century music.

During the 1960s, Osborn was a member of the music faculty at Western Washington State University in Bellingham, Washington, where he directed the Symphony and Opera programs. Upon returning to Los Angeles, he joined the faculty of the opera and symphony departments at the School of Music at USC.

During the 1970s, he taught at Los Angeles Pierce College and directed the Youth Orchestra Program at California State University, Northridge. Osborn served as a national board member of the American Symphony Orchestra League and the Conductors' Guild. He also served as a board member for the Association for California Symphony Orchestras and as State President of the Choral Conductors Guild.

From 1980 to 2002, Osborn was Professor of Music at Pepperdine University, serving as Music Director and Conductor of the Pepperdine University Community Symphony and Music Director of the annual fall musicals. He was awarded the Robby Award for "1999 Best Musical Direction" for his work with the Pepperdine fall production of the musical, "Evita." During those years, he was also the principal lecturer in all areas of music history and literature.

Since 1987, Osborn was the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Downey Symphony in Downey. Each year, the students of the Downey elementary schools were treated to his school concerts, for which he performed as clarinetist and narrator with a quintet, for which he arranged all the music.

He conducted orchestras nationally and internationally, including in Hawaii, Italy, Seoul, South Korea, and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

Most recently, Osborn was the Music Director and Conductor of Concertos with Orchestra Thousands Oaks (CWOTO) which was founded to give young musicians the opportunity to perform solos with a professional orchestra.

Osborn conducted church choirs for 25 years. From 1973-1982, he served as the Music Director at the Kirk O' The Valley Presbyterian Church. Since then, he has been a Deacon, an Elder and served on the Session. For seven years, he was the moderator of the Kirk's Long Range Planning Committee. Most recently he was president of the Kirk's School Board.

Osborn is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Carolyn Osborn and Dorothy Osborn Wise; brother, Marshall; and grandchildren, Jessica, George and Brittany.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Saturday, August 12 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Downey Symphony, P.O. Box 763, Downey, CA 90241.

Toy donations sought for animals

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

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DOWNEY—The community cookbook bulging with recipes collected from here and abroad and that took almost two years for the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to complete has arrived from the printer.

The quality, limited edition cookbook contains 477 (exceeding the original expectation of 450) recipes of gourmet meals and desserts, collected from the local community as well as contributed by family and friends from as far away as England and Ireland.

Although many of the cookbooks have already been pre-ordered and sold, extra cookbooks are available for \$10 each. Guild members anticipate selling out the remaining supply within two months. If you missed the opportunity to order your cookbooks and wish to order a book or so for yourself or to give as a gift, call Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.

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NUCLEAR EXPERT – David Aparicio, machinist mate 3rd class, completed his nuclear power schooling for the Navy in March 2006. He is stationed in Virginia and had training on the aircraft carrier Roosevelt. He is now at his assigned position on the aircraft carrier George W. Bush which is scheduled for commission in 2008. Aparicio is a 2004 graduate of Warren High School.



THOMAS –RAMIREZ WEDDING – Andrew and Diana Ramirez have announced the marriage of their daughter, Rosalind Ramirez, to Nathaniel Thomas of Florida. They were married at the Garden Room Wedding Chapel in La Habra on May 29. Rosalind, or “Roz” as she is known to family and friends, is a 2003 graduate of Warren High School. She enlisted in the Navy in December 2003 and has been stationed at Camp Pendleton as a Hospital Corpsman, Petty Officer, 3rd Class. She was recently deployed to Iraq on August 2. Nathaniel is the son of Dan and Patty Thomas of Florida. He is a department manager at the Home Depot in the Oceanside area where the couple resides.

Temple to honor rabbi, cantor with a dinner

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is having a special Shabbat Catered Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 to celebrate the certification of Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, who has been the Cantorial Intern for the past year, and the welcoming of Rabbi Len Muroff.

Rabbi Muroff is a native of Toronto, Canada, and graduated from the Joint Bachelor's Degree program at Columbia University, where he majored in political science, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he focused on Biblical Studies.

After earning a Master of Arts in Education at the University of Judaism in 1987 and ordination in 1992, he served congregations in Georgia and Boston before returning to California in 1998 with his family.

Besides serving at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino he has also served as the Assistant Dean of the Rabbinical School at the University of Judaism.

The catered dinner will consist of either brisket or poached salmon plus salad, red potatoes, vegetables, coffee or tea, fruit and cookies for dessert. Donation is \$16 for adults, and reservations are a must. Deadline for paid reservations is Monday, Aug. 21.

For information, call the Temple office, (562) 861-9276.

UCLA seeks smokers for national study

WESTWOOD—UCLA researchers seek smokers over age 18 for a national study using an experimental vaccine to help them quit smoking.

“Only 10 to 20 percent of smokers successfully quit, so new methods beyond the patch and nicotine gum are truly needed,” said Dr. Donald Tashkin, principal investigator and professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The vaccine produces antibodies that bind to nicotine, and the resulting molecules are too large to reach the brain. This gradually reduces the satisfaction a smoker receives from cigarettes.

To qualify for the yearlong study, volunteers must be in general good health, smoke at least 15 cigarettes per day and want to quit. Participants who pass an initial screening visit will be assigned at random to receive one of several doses of the vaccine or a placebo. Volunteers will receive four to five injections over the course of the study.

Volunteers will keep an electronic daily diary, receive behavioral counseling sessions to help them quit and have regular physical exams, including blood tests.

Quitting is the single most effective disease-prevention strategy for smokers. Nationwide, more than 430,000 Americans die each year of smoking-related diseases, including heart disease, emphysema, chronic bronchitis and lung cancer.

Side effects of the vaccine may include fever, muscle aches, tiredness, headache, nausea or vomiting, all of which usually resolve within several days following an injection. In addition, there may be temporary local discomfort at the site of the injection. These side effects, however, appear to occur with similar frequency in people who receive the vaccine, called NicVAX, and people who receive a placebo.

For more information about the study, call (310) 825-3421.



A FASHIONABLE CAUSE – Lateshia Williams, pictured with her mother, will be coordinating a fashion show/fundraiser this Sunday, Aug. 13 at the Rio Hondo Country Club with models' clothing provided by Diana's Boutique in Downey. The event is in honor of Williams' late son, John Magee Jr., who dreamed of starting a retail clothing line before he was killed in a drive-by shooting. With the funds collected at the fashion show, Williams plans to create a clothing line in her son's honor, called “Victims.” A percentage of the proceeds will also go towards the “Victims of Violent Crime” organization.

Nurses needed for disaster preparedness

DOWNEY—The Red Cross Rio Hondo Chapter in Whittier, which serves the communities of Bell Gardens, Downey, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and some unincorporated service areas, needs nurses to volunteer toward preparedness for a major disaster.

Free orientation classes will be provided; sessions are held every other month with a program (two CEU's may be earned). If you wish to help, you are urged to contact Rosina Smith, RN, at (562) 864-7842, or leave a message for her at the Red Cross Chapter, (562) 945-3944.

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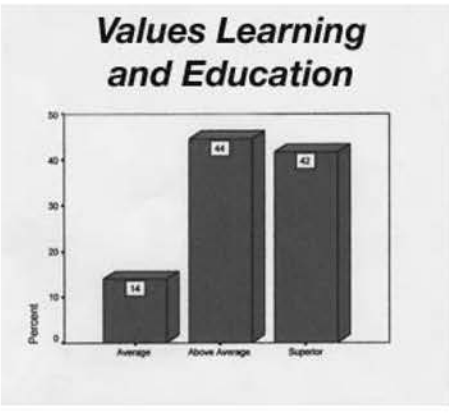
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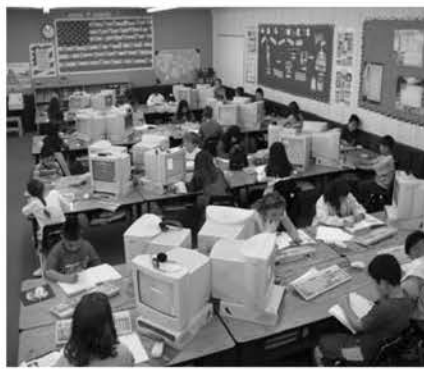
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St. Raymond's 50th anniversary Aug. 27

DOWNEY—St. Raymond's is inviting all past, present and future parishioners, and the entire Downey community, to its 50th anniversary celebration Sunday, Aug. 27. Its theme is "We Remember and We Celebrate."

St. Raymond's was founded in early September 1956 with Fr. Patrick Cleary as pastor. Current pastor is Fr. John Higgins, who, along with the 50th Anniversary Committee, have conducted many events this leading up to the 50th Anniversary Mass Sunday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m.

Presiding at this Jubilee Mass will be Cardinal Roger Mahoney.

Planet Acura hosting Chamber mixer

DOWNEY—Planet Acura, 7550 Firestone Blvd. in Downey, is hosting a Downey Chamber of Commerce Mixer Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., featuring door prizes, a hosted bar, and Chamber ambassadors. For more information, call 923-2191.



HONORED AT BANQUET — Pastor Norm Stoppenhagen and his wife, Cathy, were the guests of honor at a special banquet last Friday (Aug. 4) at Los Amigos Country Club. The church leader has served at Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey for the past 21 years and is retiring. (See story on page 3.)

Leads Club opens new Downey chapter

DOWNEY — Ali Lassen's Leads Club is currently accepting applications of professional business people for their new Downey chapter, which meets every Thursday from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square, 7954 Imperial Hwy. in Downey.

Professional business people interested in joining should call Marla Rodriguez at (800) 767-7337 for more information.

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.

Embroiderers' Guild meets Aug. 25

LONG BEACH—In its meeting Friday, Aug. 25 at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach, the Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. will have a study box and slides about the Overlord Embroidery—the 63-meter-long textile tribute to those that took part in "Operation Overlord," the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

The meeting/program is at 11:30 a.m.; social hour is at 10 a.m. Guests will be requested to pay a \$2 donation. Information: Vicki Young, (562) 421-6975.

Illegal alcohol sales not a brewing problem

■ Undercover operations found no convenience stores that would sell alcohol to minors.

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — Underage drinkers better look elsewhere to score cheap beer.

The Downey Police Department recently conducted a citywide compliance check at local convenience stores that sell alcohol to the public. Over the two-week period, 38 stores were checked and none sold alcohol illegally.

The operation was done in conjunction with the State of California Alcohol Beverage Control (SCABC).

The City Council authorized the Chief of Police to enter into a grant agreement with the SCABC on July 11. The grant provides the police department with \$45,317 for the purpose of educating business owners in alcohol beverage control laws, to give additional training to law enforcement officers and increase the number of underage decoy operations in the city, which are designed to test compliance of establishments that have been granted liquor licenses.

"The police department takes seriously complaints of liquor stores selling alcohol to minors," the Downey Police Department said in a statement. "In addition to investigating liquor stores unlawfully selling to minors, police will take enforcement action against adults who purchase alcohol for minors as well. Oftentimes, under-age persons wait in parking lots and attempt to persuade adults to buy liquor for them."

"Making this purchase is unlawful and subjects the purchaser to arrest, jail and fines."

Anybody with information about businesses selling or serving alcohol to minors is asked to call the Downey Police Department's special enforcement team at (562) 904-2353 or, for immediate response, the main police line at (562) 861-0771.

Downey Adult School's "Tours At A Glance"

DOWNEY—Registration is now open for the Downey Adult School Fall/Winter tours, which feature one day trips with Tour Director Harriett Paine. Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office, 12340 Woodruff Ave. or mailed upon request.

The tours at a glance:

• "Will Rogers State Park"—Sept. 21: Restoration is complete at Rogers' home and grounds; enjoy a docent tour; lunch at Gladstone's by the Sea, Malibu.

• Getty Villa - Newly Restored—Sept. 29: Tour and picnic box lunch at Getty Villa.

• Goldstone Deep Space Communication Center—Guided tour on Fort Irwin Military Base with lunch on base; Route 66 Museum Old Town, Victorville.

• Christmas Flowers, Goodies and Lights—Dec. 6: Roger's Gardens, Weidner's Poinsettia Gardens, Holiday luncheon at Lawry's Five Crowns and Del Mar Christmas Lights display.

• Disney Concert Hall - L.A. Master Chorale's "Shine"—Dinner at San Antonio Winery-Maddalena Restaurant; West Coast premiere of Reich's newest work, "Daniel Variations," and highly-acclaimed L.A. Master Chorale's "Shine."

Call (562) 940-6213 for more tour information.

E-waste to be collected at roundup

DOWNEY—E-waste has been added to the list of hazardous Household Waste to be handled free of charge at a hazardous waste roundup Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbus Continuation High School, located at 12330 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

Materials such as motor oil, paint, turpentine, dye based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides and garden herbicides can damage the environment if dumped or poured down the drain.

E-waste is any electric equipment near the end of its life, such as computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, fax machines, computers, keyboards and cellular phones.

Do not bring explosives, radioactive items or tires. Items should be in their original containers, placed in a cardboard box. Drive to the roundup site. You never have to leave your car.

The roundup is sponsored by the County in cooperation with the City of Downey and other area cities. For information call the County Public Works at 1-888CLEANLA or the Sanitation District 1-800-238-0172.

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College to present concurrent theater

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Theater Arts Department will present concurrent productions of Shakespeare's, "Hamlet," and Tom Stoppard's, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead." Both productions, which open October 20, will consist of the same cast, set, and costumes, but will feature different directors.

Auditions for both plays will be on August 15 and 16 with callbacks on August 17. Auditions are open to everyone, including students, faculty, staff, community members and alumni.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead," is an existential comedy involving two minor characters in "Hamlet" and shows the play from their point of view.

John Zamora will direct "Hamlet," and Kevin Hoggard will direct "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead." Previously, Zamora has directed "A Piece Of My Heart" and "The Laramie Project," while Hoggard has directed "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner." He recently starred in "The Man of La Mancha."

Performance dates are October 20, 21, 27, 28 and November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 at 8 p.m.

For the individual plays, prices are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students with a current ID.

OASIS program meets on campus every week

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's OASIS program (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meets every Monday for a dinner and educational presentation in the campus's cafeteria, with weekly topics ranging from legal and medical news to art appreciation.

Dinner tickets are \$3.50 but visitors can attend the program only at no charge. Programs begin at 4 p.m. but doors open an hour earlier.

Past program topics have included consumer issues, nutrition, cooking tips, financial advice, shopping ideas, travelogues, music programs and safe and fraud protection advice. There is a new speaker every week.

Harriett Paine is the resource instructor for OASIS. Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

Home and condo sales continue to rise

DOWNEY – Single family residence and condo sales in Downey for second quarter 2006 increased 10 percent from first quarter 2006, according to a sales report released this week by the Downey Association of Realtors.

The average sales price of a home was \$660,211, with average days on market being 51 days.

Out of the 192 homes listed and sold in Downey second quarter 2006, 61 percent were listed and/or sold by a member of the Downey Association of Realtors. For more information, call 861-0915 or visit www.daor.com.

Questing Heirs genealogists meet

LONG BEACH—The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach's Sunday, Aug. 20 meeting at 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1900 E. Carson St. (one block west of Cherry Ave.) in Long Beach will feature a presentation by Joan Rambo entitled "Hidden Genealogy in the Huntington Beach Library Collection."

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Sunset Concerts at Skirball till Aug. 24

LOS ANGELES—Two free, Thursday-night performances are still left on the "Sunset Concerts 2006" program—highlighting musical traditions from around the world—offered till Aug. 24 by Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles (exit Skirball Center Drive off the 405).

On Thursday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m., Little Willie G, the onetime vocalist of the legendary R&B group, *Thee Midneters*, and who is regarded as the best singer to come out of East Los Angeles, takes the stage along with his 9-piece band, *Los Tamaleros*, to perform his acclaimed electro-acoustic music inspired by Mexican ballads, the blues, and his collaboration with Ry Cooder on their Grammy-nominated CD, *Chavez Ravine* (2005).

The Malian Grammy Award nominee, Mamadou Diabate, performs next, on Thursday, Aug. 24 also at 8 p.m., ending the Sunset Concerts series which started July 20. Diabate is a virtuoso 'kora' player descended from a long line of Manding musician-storytellers. (The kora is a centuries-old, 21-string harp/flute from West Africa.) Diabate's performance is based in the *keita* tradition, which stretches back to the 13th century when the Manding king Sunjata Keita consolidated the vast Empire of Mali which covers most of West Africa.

No reservations are required; seating is on a first-come first-served basis. There's a free tour of the galleries at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday nights.

The Skirball galleries are and open during Sunset concerts until 10 p.m. For information, call (310) 440-4500 or visit www.skirball.org.

Church holding women's conference

DOWNEY—The annual Women's Conference hosted by Bishop Leon and Jacqueline Martin and the Love, Peace & Happiness Family, 11022 Old River School Road in Downey, started Wednesday, Aug. 9 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 13. Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 3:30 p.m.

There will be an "Upper Room Seminar and Luncheon" tomorrow, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m., with guest speaker Evang. Cheryl Martin of the T.D. Jakes Ministries and former BET host Evang. Tammie Gibson of Riverside will be closing out the conference on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

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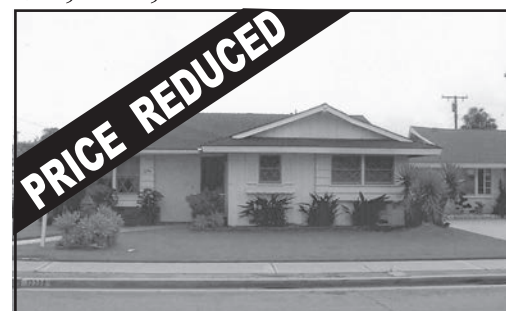
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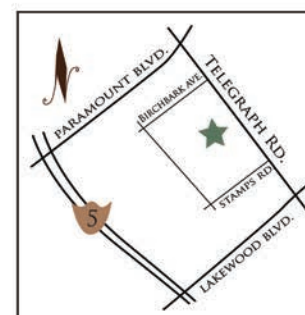
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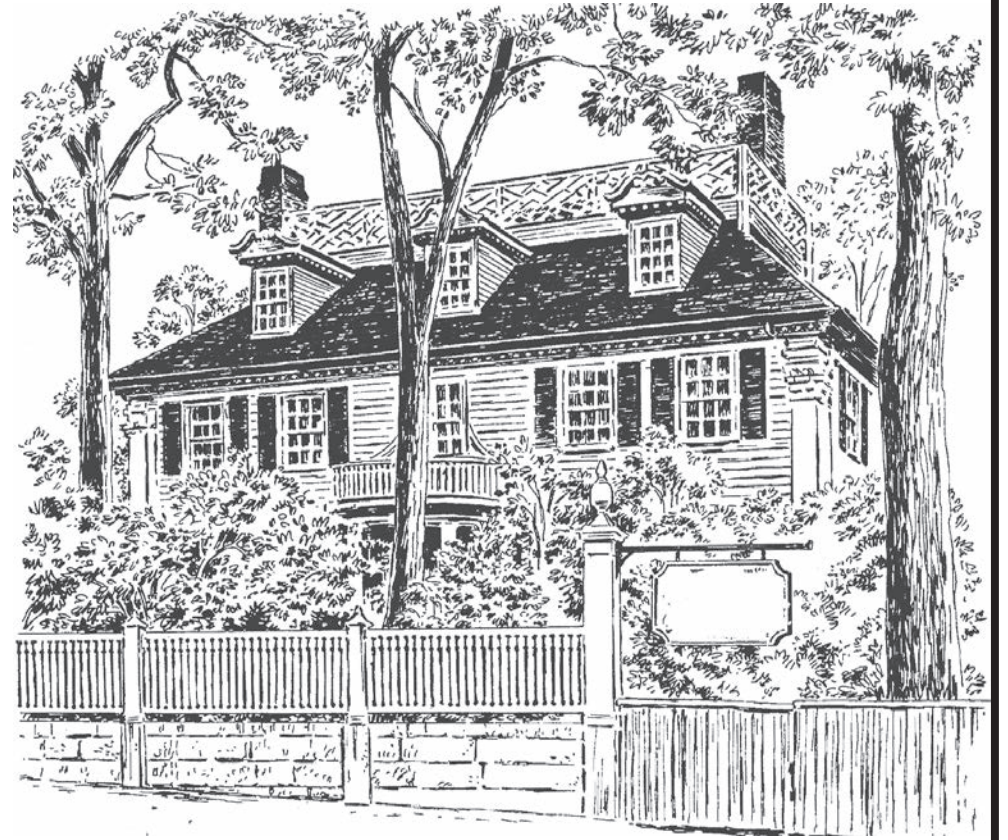
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Primo Downey Location
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R-3 lot, 11,580 sq. ft., 3 bedroom house has remodeled kitchen, 3/4 bath and 2 car garage. Priced for a quick sale @ \$529,000-\$549,000.
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Home Sweet Home!
Darling 3 bedroom, 1 remodeled bath home in Lakewood w/ a spacious living room, lovely backyard w/ large patio & 2 car garage.
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COMING SOON!
Beautiful Kamont Condo-end unit w/ 2 large master bedrooms, 3 baths, 1,571 sq. ft. family room, lovely patio, 2 car detached garage & Downey Schools.
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Clean, Clean, Clean!!!
Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, large living room w/ central airheat, full copper plumbing, light & bright kitchen, beautiful hardwood floors, new carpet, on Cul-de-Sac.
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Bdms	Baths	Sq Ft	City	Price
3	1	1,138	Downey	\$549,000
4	3	2,441	Downey	\$749,000
5	4	3,311	Downey	\$1,425,000
5	4	4,307	Downey	\$1,595,000

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4 BD, 3 BA, over 2,100 Sq. ft. of living space on a 8,200 sq. ft. lot
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3 BD & 1 BA, large family room w/ fireplace & remodeled kitchen.
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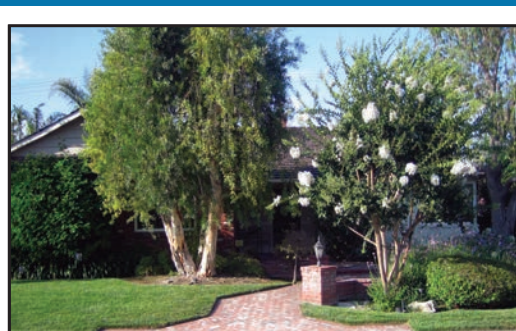
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Summer Delight!
5 bedroom, 4 bath remodeled like new in 05 POOL home. This 3700 Sq.ft home has a living room w/ vaulted ceilings, family room with wet bar, and kitchen with granite counter tops and island. Home includes travertine flooring throughout, 1 bedroom down, 4 bedrooms upstairs including a spectacular master bedroom w/ fireplace, balcony, & a master bath with jetted tub & separate shower. In these hot summer months the backyard is perfect, with a built in BBQ & newer gated pool/spa. \$1,349,900
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Custom Built Beauty!
3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath home in Cherokee Estates with fireplaces in both the living room and family room, a remodeled kitchen with built-in stainless steel appliances, formal dining room, and large master bedroom with private bath. Home also features hardwood floors, newer copper plumbing, central air & heat, and crown molding. Property is set on a corner lot with a large backyard and covered patio. \$875,000
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The Party is Here!
Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath North Downey pool home with a 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, and large pool. Bonus room with private bath is perfect for that overnight guest, mother-in-law, or just some extra storage! \$819,950
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Great North East Downey Deal
2 bed 1 bath home near Stonewood Mall with 2 car detached garage and bonus room. Home has hardwood floors throughout and property boasts a big backyard. Price \$599,900
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Bring Your Paintbrush!
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in North Downey on a large lot that needs a little TLC. Price: \$630,000
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Budget Beater!
3 bedroom, 1 bath home with nice hardwood floors, large covered patio, 2 car attached garage, and spacious backyard. This home, with new stove and freshly painted exterior, is in move-in condition and a must see! Price: \$529,900.
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Just Listed
Spacious 3 bed, 2.5 bath in N. W. Downey on a Large lot with detached guest house. Home has a remodeled kitchen, newer dual-plane windows, concrete tile roof and copper plumbing. Priced to sell at \$824,500
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New Construction in North Downey with Pool!
5 bedroom, 3 bath home with marble floors, beautiful open kitchen with granite counter tops and new appliances, high vaulted ceilings in living room, formal dining room, office, 2 family rooms - 1 upstairs and 1 downstairs, and a wonderful master bedroom with fireplace, balcony, and large master bathroom with jetted tub and separate shower with travertine touches throughout. 1,349,950
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Quality & Elegance
Beautiful 5 bedroom 4 bath newly constructed home in the NE section of Downey. With marble flooring & granite counter tops in kitchen & baths, the seller spared no expense in delivering this lavish home. The floor plan has 1 bedroom down & 4 bedrooms upstairs & has a wonderful vaulted ceiling entry that will take your buyers breath away. This home combines modern features with a very traditional floor plan. \$1,299,900
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