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The family of Army Specialist Jason K. Chappell gathered at Golf N' Stuff last week to honor the three-year anniversary of the soldier's death. Chappell, along with three comrades, was killed by a suicide bomber near Fallujah. Photo by Art Montoya

## A soldier's life is never forgotten

■ Family honors late soldier's memory with a balloon launch at Golf N' Stuff, a favorite hangout of his.

BY DAVE CHAPPELL  
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

**DOWNEY** – It was January 24, 2007, at Golf N' Stuff on Firestone Boulevard, when the family of Army Specialist Jason K. Chappell released balloons into the evening sky and watched wistfully as they quickly floated skyward.

There are 25 balloons, one for each of Jason's years, who would now be 25. They do this each year to honor and remember with love the many good times they shared with him.

It was on January 24, 2004, that "Jay" willingly gave his life for his country and the cause of freedom everywhere. He was fallen soldier number 511 in Iraq, one of three soldiers murdered by a terrorist suicide bomber near Fallujah, the beginning of the increased hostilities there.

Jason Kristoffer Chappell was born in San Dimas on January 1, 1982. He was a "purple baby," with respiratory distress, congenital heart disease and heart failure, expected to survive for only a few hours. Yet his courageous spirit was evident even at this early age because, after much prayer from many, he was healed in an instant at 47 hours young.

Jason thoroughly enjoyed the years he lived in Downey with his parents, Dave and Kathleen Chappell.

He was almost always first at everything, beginning with "first newborn" at San Dimas Hospital on the first day of the first month. As he grew, he excelled at everything he wished to, culminating with the 17 medals (six of them individual awards) he earned at the state-level academic decathlon in 2000, his senior year at Hemet High School.

Thank you, SPC Jason K. Chappell, for being you, and for the ultimate sacrifice you gave for all of us. You will always be remembered.

If you wish more info on Jason, go to [www.fallenheroes.com](http://www.fallenheroes.com).

## School board recognized as 'unselfish, dedicated'

■ Downey's Board of Education credited for keeping school district 'stable.'

**DOWNEY** – As part of January's celebration of School Board Recognition Month, the Downey City Council honored the Downey Unified School District Board of Education at the Jan. 9 council meeting.

School Board Recognition Month recognizes the governing boards of California's more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education for their commitment to providing quality public education to California's schoolchildren.

"Californians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by more than 5,000 men and women across the state," Dr. Wendy Doty, Superintendent of Downey schools, said. "These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive little compensation for their tireless efforts.

"Our school board members unselfishly contribute their time and talents advocating on behalf of public education in Downey. They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education."

The men and women serving the Downey Unified School District and their year elected are Donald LaPlante (1979), D. Mark Morris (1982), Barbara Samperi (1993), William Gutierrez (2001), Tod Corrin (2003), Martha Sodemani (2005), and Nancy Swenson (2005).

"They are tremendously dedicated individuals who care about the children of Downey and give untold hours of their time" Doty said. "Their leadership has kept the Downey Unified School District stable for many, many years."

## West Nile virus detected in Los Angeles County

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – Mosquito and bird samples collected in Los Angeles County have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV), the first positive reports in L.A. County in 2007, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District reported this week.

A mosquito pool collected in Rowland Heights on Jan. 11 was confirmed positive for WNV by the UC Davis arbovirus diagnostic laboratory.

An American crow collected in Northridge by the L.A. County Department of Health Services on Jan. 4 also tested positive for the virus.

This is the earliest in the year West Nile virus has been identified in Los Angeles County since the virus made its way into California in 2003.

The detection of early viral activity this year suggests a year-long battle against West Nile virus, experts said.

"We found a small number of mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus this year and are informing the public by posting disease warning signs and through the media," said Joseph Sanzone, new district manager for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District. He added that the District will be stepping up surveillance and control of mosquitoes that may be active in the area.

## Mike Pohlen: a success story

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Pohlen's dad, Paul, who flew more than 25 B-27 missions over enemy territory in World War II and, later, along with his wife and children (and their spouses), proceeded to turn tiny Barbara's Beauty Supply into a flourishing eight-branch Southland wholesale and retail business, left them one indelible legacy—that work was the key to happiness in life.

Just as Paul had his paper route for many years at an early age, so Mike, the fourth of seven children, in his early teens also delivered "every newspaper in the city," including the Herald American, the Daily Signal and the Herald Examiner. As soon as he could drive a car, he rose at 3:30 a.m. every day for five years to deliver the *L.A. Times*, rain or shine, never missing a day.

Mike readily credits his dad for this strong spirit of enterprise. Iowan

### Time Traveler

## Golfing teens showed little respect for graves

BY JOHN ADAMS  
EDITOR EMERITUS

There are many ways the young find to outrage their elders, but bouncing golf balls off the headstones of Downey's historic cemetery 16 years ago proved to be one of the most bizarre.

It happened in October of 1991, and the result was the passage of a special law to deal with the young linksmen who couldn't seem to limit their activity to the golf courses of the area.

A special law was necessary after complaints were brought before the City council by a widower who discovered the youngsters slamming golf balls off his wife's headstone one evening. It required a new law, because, as the Council's Diane Boggs put it, "No one had ever thought of it (golfing between the headstones) before."

The law was passed, and if you are weird enough to consider it, don't. You'll end up in the custody of the Downey police.

Downey Cemetery at Lakewood Boulevard and Gardendale Avenue has served as the final resting place for some of Downey's most notable residents since its founding in 1868.

W.A. Spurlock buried his daughter there, and then donated an acre of land where his neighbors could bury their kin as well.

William H. Pendleton later purchased the cemetery and added to its size.

In the late 1870s the Downey Masonic Lodge located its own graveyard on the eastern boundary of the old graveyard. And in 1889 the Downey Cemetery Association was incorporated.

In 1928 the two parcels were officially combined as a single Los Angeles County cemetery.

Prominent persons buried there include Maston D. Crawford, secretary of the Downey Land Improvement Association which subdivided and sold downtown Downey, and Lucielle Belmont, a Downey woman who was one of the "Early Birds" woman fliers who soloed before 1916.

The cemetery has withstood a trial of another nature recently, following the Cemetery Board's increasing taxes. Several critics suggested "concreting over" the graves and skipping the tax hike.

That wave has also apparently passed, and hopefully Downey's historic dead may now rest in peace.

Paul, Mike relates, was "very resourceful and ingenious" early on. Not too enamored with school and captivated by machines, engines and, most of all, flying, Paul spent most of his time making motorcycles out of bicycles and building all sorts of contraptions. As he got older, he restored several old cars. He was highly intelligent, no doubt, says Mike, he was just not into "book learnin'," and school easily bored him. Mike adds that Paul was also a gifted athlete, making All-Iowa State football offensive center. All the while he worked summers with his cousins at his Uncle Joe's farm a few miles from home.

He was not the first person to imbibe the lesson, but Paul soon learned that with hard work and common sense, one could excel at anything. By the time he retired from the Air Force at age 38—after receiving two Purple Hearts, the Dutch citizens' highest medal of honor from the Queen of Holland for his "food drops" as part of the Berlin airlift, becoming the leading jet bomber pilot (for four years) for the Strategic Air Command under Gen. Curtis LeMay, and was only 90 miles from Cuba while stationed at Homestead, Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis, in charge of about 75 B-52 Bombers on round-the-clock missions—he had surpassed an aviation milestone when he flew a mission that gave him 10,000 hours of flying time (equivalent to more than one year of continuous time in the air, more time than the first nine American astronauts combined), and for three years had been the youngest full Colonel in the entire Air Force.

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Downey's Darren Tubbs, right, celebrates with a teammate after his team's 56-49 win over Warren last week. More sports on page 7. Photo by Matt Petit



## Assistance League offers scholarships

**DOWNEY** – The Assistance League of Downey is offering \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from any of the Downey high schools who have excelled as volunteers.

To qualify, students must have a 3.0 grade point average and be in good standing, which includes citizenship and attendance. Members of Assistance League or their relatives are not eligible.

Applications are available at the guidance office of each high school. Completed applications should be postmarked by March 31 and mailed to 11026 Downey Ave., Downey, 90241. Awards will be announced at the annual awards assembly at each high school at the end of this school year.

The Assistance League of Downey is a non-profit organization of volunteers who raise funds to provide and administer services for people in need in the Downey area.

## Library teaching basics of the Internet

**DOWNEY** – Adults can learn to surf the Internet and gain valuable computer skills in a relaxed setting when the Downey City Library offers a Basic Internet Class on Feb. 17.

The free class will teach students the basics of using the Internet Explorer browser and how to use search engines to find information. Students must be comfortable using a computer mouse.

For reservations, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32, or visit the library's website at [www.downeylibrary.org](http://www.downeylibrary.org).

## Christian Club marking Valentine's Day

**DOWNEY** – Jerry Blackburn of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation will be the special feature at the Feb. 14 Valentine's Day meeting of the Downey Christian Women's Club.

Men are invited to the lunch meeting, which will be held at the Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

Devon N. Dahl will provide music and Gary Fiegenger will speak on "You Don't Have to Lip Sync Anymore." Price for the buffet lunch is \$12.

Reservations are requested by calling Lu at (562) 902-8041 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.

## DRMC hosts wellness fair, February 3

**DOWNEY** – Downey Regional Medical Center Cardiovascular Services will present a free "Wellness Fair" on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. The fair will include physicians, clinicians and educators that will provide information and screenings for the public.

Speakers include DRMC medical staff member Dr. Richard Seidman, interventional cardiologist; Louann Shigaki, wellness center program manager; Nancy Stiles, rehabilitation services; Elsa Saucedo, diabetes educator; and Jennifer Miyagawa, dietitian.

The fair will be held in the lower-level conference rooms, where guests will find booths providing blood pressure checks, breathing tests, stroke screenings, peripheral vascular disease screenings, abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings and information about their community hospital.

For information, contact Georgann Johnson at (562) 904-5034 or Kim Cooper at (562) 904-5324.



**Bob Brazelton, Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis President, presents a check for \$1,000 to Dorothy Pemberton for the San Antonio Guild of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. This is one of many children's organizations that the Kiwanis Club supports throughout the year. For information about Kiwanis, call (562) 862-0841.**

## 'The Color Purple' chosen by book club

**DOWNEY** – The Downey City Library Book Lover's Club, offering the best in literary fiction, biography and popular non-fiction, will host a free book discussion on Feb. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

This month's featured selection is "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker. Written in the form of personal letters, this critically acclaimed novel tells the story of Celie, a young black woman who has been abused but grows to discover her value as a person.

New book club members are welcome at the meeting and light refreshments will be served. Reservations are recommended by calling (562) 904-7360, ext. 3.

## Watch the Academy Awards in style

**DOWNEY** – Soroptimist International of Downey has announced plans for its fourth annual Academy Awards gala, scheduled for Feb. 25 at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

Attendees can enjoy the Academy Awards live on a 15-ft. projection screen. A red carpet will be laid out as people try to guess the winners, bid on silent auction items and win prizes.

Formal attire is request, black tie is optional. Appetizers and no-host cocktails start at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6. Cost is \$60 per person or \$480 for a table of eight with preferred seating. Money raised will go towards helping local women and children.

For more information, call Dorothy Pemberton at (562) 927-9908. Invitations are available by calling Carol Rowland (562) 904-7159.

## General contractors can be added to bidders list

**DOWNEY** – General contractors interested in being added to the City of Downey Housing Division's bidders list must attend a Feb. 9 meeting at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and will be held inside the Downey Room.

A list is being updated of general contractors who wish to bid for projects surrounding the city's Home Improvement Program, which services low and moderate income property owners. A typical project may include reroofing, kitchen and bathroom remodeling, restuccoing, plumbing repiping, window replacement and painting.

Projects range in cost from \$1,000-\$40,000. Projects will involve treating areas identified as containing lead-based paint. These areas require treatment by licensed sub-contractors certified by the State Department of Health Services in the removal or stabilization of lead-based paint.

Qualifying contractors are required to possess a valid State of California contractor's license, liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 total liability with the City of Downey listed as an additional insured, and Workman's Compensation insurance.

Contractors must also supply the name, address, telephone number and Department of Health Services license number for the sub-contractors to be used in lead-based paint treatment.

For more information, call Mark Morris at (562) 904-7167.

## Disabled advocate lands spot on L.A. commission

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident Wendy Welt has been appointed to the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, Supervisor Don Knabe announced this week.

Welt is the president of Beneficial Lifestyles in Hawthorne and is also an accomplished motivational speaker who performs seminars for various corporations, organizations and churches. She is currently attending Cal State Long Beach, where she is working towards a degree in Communication Studies.

Welt also volunteers to help children who have been abandoned, disabled or abused.

"As a person born without arms and legs, I am a huge advocate for the disabled," said Welt, who has served on the Disabilities Commission for almost seven years, including stints as chair and vice chair. "My passion is to help as many people as I can."

Knabe praised Welt's appointment, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

"She is absolutely committed to the disabled population, and she will continue to be a valuable asset on this commission," said Knabe.

# CITY of DOWNEY

## Community Participation Meetings for CDBG and HOME Programs.

The City of Downey has scheduled several meetings on the City's federal CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The City is now working on the required Action Plan and Application for these federal grants. These meetings are provided to give those in attendance information on these federal programs, and allow an opportunity to provide input in the annual development process. Interested Downey residents and representatives of community groups are encouraged to attend and comment on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities and propose uses for either of these funding sources. The City estimates it will receive up to \$1,550,819 in CDBG and \$742,443 in HOME funds for this fiscal year.

### Community meetings will be held on:

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Downey City Library Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue. 12:00 noon

### A Public Hearing will be held on:

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.:** Downey City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Ed Velasco at (562) 904-7167.

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## A Review

# 'Unfinished Business' a soulful experience

By ERIC PIERCE  
CITY EDITOR

Where the music stopped, a standing ovation began. First one row, then another and then another, a wave of gratitude sweeping the packed Downey Theatre audience until every last person was on their feet, applauding two hours of "Unfinished Business" by the Downey Symphony.

Little old blue-haired ladies clutched their hand bags and applauded politely.

Little old white-haired men tilted back their heads and roared.

Teenagers clapped and smiled sheepish smiles, embarrassed that they had actually *enjoyed* a symphony concert.

And every clap, every whistle, every shout of "Bravo!" was roundly deserved.

A bellow of "Encore!" resonated down from high atop the balcony. And nobody disagreed.

Piano soloist Norman Krieger, meanwhile, bowed on stage and drank in the appreciation, his face a maddening red from the exhaustive performance he had just dished out.

For Krieger didn't just play the piano, he wrestled it, his fingers hunting for the right keys, his face grimaced with stoic concentration.

Krieger's hands danced back and forth, pausing only occasionally to slide his glasses back up his nose and wipe the sweat off his brow.

Krieger makes piano-playing a contact sport.

The symphony's interpretation of Franz von Suppé's Light Cavalry Overture carried a delightful tune. The thumping piece was instantly recognizable and served a pleasant reminder that classical music can be every bit invigorating as a cup of 3rd Street coffee.

It served as the perfect opening number.

Franz Shubert's Unfinished Symphony No. 8 was handled with great precision by the Downey orchestra, their eyes locked on the night's guest conductor, Sharon Lavery.

Lavery seemed quite comfortable in her role as orchestra leader; the symphony seemed comfortable as well, applauding her by clapping their one free hand against their thighs.

It was a night of applause for the Downey Symphony.

Lavery was called out for a curtain call at the conclusion of the concert and she obliged, the smile on her face an illustration of a job well done.

A performance to behold for us is another day at the office for her.

Perhaps one day that office will be in Downey.

Symphony organizers, meanwhile, asked the audience for a review of her performance.

Forget a review, can I just say "thank you"?

## Stauffer Awards set for Feb. 6-7

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Mary R. Stauffer will once again honor the fifth and sixth grade students that received straight A's in the 2005/06 school year at the 5th Annual Stauffer Scholar Awards being held Feb. 6 and 7 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Students were notified of their eligibility and submitted applications discussing their future plans for attending college. Dr. Stauffer and the Mary Stauffer Foundation Committee reviewed all applications and will select one student from each participating Downey Unified School to be named Stauffer Scholar of the Year – 2005/06.

This student will have their name engraved on their school's perpetual plaque, and will receive a \$500 check to start their ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan.

## Class offers help on searching the Web

**DOWNEY** – Adults can improve their skill in searching the Internet during a class at the Downey City Library.

"Advanced Internet" will be offered Feb. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Computer Lab. The free class will give an introduction to several Internet search engines and show techniques for finding the best information quickly. Students must be comfortable using a computer mouse.

For reservations, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.



The Downey Symphony Orchestra, with guest conductor Sharon Lavery (center), pauses at intermission of last week's concert, "Unfinished Business." Lavery is under consideration, along with a talented handful of others, for the permanent position of orchestra conductor. Photo courtesy Will Hare Photography

## Student artists invited to compete in contest

**DOWNEY** – Downey high school students are invited to participate in Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's (D-CA) 2007 Congressional Student Art Competition, themed "Artistic Discovery."

Students must be in grades 9-12 and live in the 34th Congressional District, which includes Downey and parts of Los Angeles.

"The congressional student art competition helps to build self-esteem in young artists and provides the community with valuable insight into the life experiences, challenges, and joys of our talented high school students," said Roybal-Allard, who is the honorary chair of the competition. "The art competition also recognizes the hardworking and caring teachers who provide their students with the inspiration, skills and tools they need to develop their artistic abilities."

The winning entry will represent the 34th Congressional District for one year in a national exhibit at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The winner will be awarded prizes that include a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$200 gift certificate for art supplies, and \$150 cash. The student and a parent or guardian will also be flown to Washington for the opening of the exhibit. The school of the winning student will receive a \$600 gift certificate for art supplies. In addition, 3,000 posters of the winning entry will be printed and distributed throughout the district.

All other winning entries will be displayed for one year in Roybal-Allard's district office in the Roybal Federal Building. These winners will also receive scholarships, gift certificates, and cash awards.

Last year's first place award went to Jennifer Rosas of Bellflower, a senior at Mayfair High School. Her watercolor and ball point pen drawing, titled "Embrace," is currently on exhibit at the U.S. Capitol.

Artwork must be two-dimensional, no larger than 26 inches by 26 inches and must be an original concept. Entries, along with completed and signed entry forms, should be delivered to the congresswoman's district office at 255 E. Temple Street, suite 1860, Los Angeles, 90012 by Feb. 27.

Complete contest guidelines and information packets are available at the guidance offices at all Downey high schools. For more information, call Veronica Flores at (213) 628-9230.

Business and corporate sponsorships are also available. Call for information.



Frances Earhart and Bonnie Bowater were two winners in Downey Adult School's photography contest held last month. Earhart's photo, at top, won in the "People" category while Bowater won in "Holidays." For more information on photography classes at Downey Adult School, call (562) 940-6200.

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### Century 21 Spotlights The Kiwanis King of Caring

Bob Brazelton is not only a caring leader, but also a good sport, as he models a crown at his installation as Kiwanis President 2007. We pay tribute to Brazelton for his outstanding leadership and for following a tradition of exceptional past presidents. Kiwanis is an example of GOOD CHARACTER – they are an outstanding organization in our community that sincerely cares for the community through action and deed.

## DOWNEY'S BEHIND THE SCENE SUPERSTARS



## Take advantage of tax credits and services

BY CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (D-CA)

Each year, thousands of hardworking families in the 34th Congressional District and throughout the Los Angeles area lose money they're entitled to because they fail to take advantage of two important tax credits - the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). Could you be one of them? As the April 17 deadline approaches for filing your taxes, I encourage you to find out whether you qualify for one or both of these credits. The answer could mean more money in your pocket, even if you don't owe taxes.



If your family earned less than \$38,348 in 2006, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Eligibility for the credit depends on factors such as your total income and family size. For some families, the Earned Income Tax Credit is worth up to \$4,536. The funds are first used to pay any federal taxes owed by an eligible worker. After any tax liability is paid off, tax filers receive all of their remaining Earned Income Tax Credit dollars in the form of a check from the IRS.

The Child Tax Credit allows families to claim a credit worth up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under 17. Similar to the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit is first used to reduce or pay off any taxes owed by the family. After that, depending upon a family's income, some filers might also qualify to receive a refund of all or part of any leftover Child Tax Credit funds.

In 2004, I was pleased to support measures passed by Congress to permit more military families earning combat pay to qualify for both the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. These tax credits provide a welcomed financial boost to our deserving men and women in uniform.

By taking advantage of the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit, eligible families can keep more of their hard earned dollars. Additional eligibility information about both tax credits appears below. Your questions can also be answered by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or by visiting the federal agency's web site at www.irs.gov.

Free tax preparation services from trained community volunteers are also available through the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)" program.

### 'Bilingual Stork Tour' takes flight

**DOWNEY** - Downey Regional Medical Center has begun offering a "Bilingual Stork Tour." The free program, set for Feb. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., offers expectant parents an overview of important information about the hospital, a tour and question and answer period. Registration is required.

DRMC is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey. For additional information or to register, call the DRMC Education Department at (562) 904-5580.

-gram. To find out if you qualify or for the Los Angeles locations nearest you, please visit [www.childpc.org/eitc](http://www.childpc.org/eitc) or call the 211 hotline in Los Angeles County. Seniors can also locate free AARP tax-aid counseling sites in their area by calling 1-888 227-7669.

Here are the highlights of the 2006 EITC eligibility requirements:

- A taxpayer must provide valid Social Security numbers for everyone listed on the tax return. Social Security numbers issued to non-citizens who have permission to work legally in the United States are also accepted.

- Workers who were raising one child in their home and who earned less than \$32,001 in 2006 (or less than \$34,001 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$2,747.

- Workers who were raising two or more children in their home and who earned less than \$36,348 in 2006 (or less than \$38,348 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$4,536.

- Workers who were not raising children in their home, were between 25 and 64 on December 31, 2006, and who earned less than \$12,120 in 2006 (or less than \$14,120 for married workers) are eligible for a federal EITC of up to \$412.

- Eligible EITC taxpayers who failed to file previously can file amended tax returns for the past three years to collect overdue refunds.

The 2006 Child Tax Credit eligibility requirements are as follows:

- The taxpayer must have either a Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number issued by the IRS.

- The taxpayer must have a qualifying child under the age of 17 who lived with the tax filer for more than half the year in the United States. The child (whether a citizen or non-citizen) must have either a valid Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

- The taxpayer must have earned more than \$11,300 in 2006 to receive a CTC "refund."

The CTC is available to married couples filing jointly with incomes up to \$110,000, \$75,000 for those filing as single, head of household or as a qualifying widow(er) and \$55,000 for married couples filing separately. At incomes above these amounts, the benefit of the CTC is reduced.

- Eligible CTC taxpayers who failed to file previously can file amended returns for the past three years to collect overdue refunds.

I hope you find this information beneficial.

### Get help with preschool literacy

**DOWNEY** - The Downey City Library is offering a free class for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy.

"Every Child Ready to Read" will be offered Feb. 6 from 10:40 to 11:10 a.m. in the Children's Room. Instructor Claudia Dailey will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop early language skills through picture books.

Register at the library's adult desk or call (562) 904-7360, ext. 23, for information.

## The Poets' Corner

*Smithereens*

Barbaro Horse of the Year  
thunder and mass  
set upon pin-sticks

by all odds dead on the track  
shank-bone  
split-snapped to smithereens

then science-saved heart-healed  
lucky to be a flash of treasure  
in a jack-daw world

grant to Barbaro  
one more day of easy shifting  
hoof to hoof

one more thrust of that velvet muzzle  
into sweet hay-fodder  
and star-burst clover

one more triumph  
over the ditch-grave

—Lorine Parks,  
Downey

### CPR classes ongoing at hospital

**DOWNEY** - Health education instructors at Downey Regional Medical Center are teaching men and women from the community how to help save someone's life. An "Adult, Infant & Child CPR" class will be taught on Feb. 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor, the class teaches participants how to perform CPR techniques. Ways to help prevent injuries, recognizing and treating cardiac emergencies as well as choking in infants and children will be covered.

Classes are held in the hospital's lower level conference rooms at 11500 Brookshire Ave. and Firestone Blvd. The fee is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Reservations are required by calling (562) 904-5580.

### Tennis courts resurfaced for public play

**DOWNEY** - The tennis courts at Furman and Independence Park have been resurfaced and are now open for public use, the City of Downey Community Services Department has announced.

Furman Park, located at 10419 Rives Avenue, features four courts. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Boulevard, has eight courts. Both parks have lights to play at night.

In addition, courts at Independence Park can be reserved Monday through Friday evenings starting at 5 p.m. by calling (562) 803-4982. The cost is \$5 per hour.

For more information on Downey parks, call Community Services at (562) 904-7238.

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—John Lennon

### Word of MOUTH

by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

When the pulp (the soft tissue inside the root canal) becomes inflamed or infected, endodontic (Latin for "inside" the "tooth") treatment is necessary to remove the pulp, replace it with inert material, and seal the tooth. Root-canal treatment may be made necessary by trauma, decay, or a cracked tooth. The goal of the procedure is to save the crown (white outer portion of the tooth). Because the pulp contains nerves and blood vessels, inflammation or infection of the pulp can be particularly painful. Removing the pulp from the non-vital tooth, however, helps to eliminate the root cause of the pain. Root canal treatment should not be confused with the painful condition that makes it necessary.

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# News vs. Sensationalism

By Brooke Karli

For those who are not quite sure what the difference between the two is, here is a little clarification: news is a report of recent events having a specified influence or effect, while sensationalism is the use or effect of unexpected subject matter. Thank you, Merriam-Webster.

We at *The Downey Patriot* are proud to say we have brought you both. Sometimes, we bring you the occasional sensationalism with added exaggeration and fluff when needed. Other times, it is simply by accident.

But last week, our issue was filled with everything but that. You see, we report what is going on in our community – good, bad and ugly. We do not ever intend to make any individual or organization look favorable or not, hence the *neutral* aspect of journalism.

Yet why is it that when we do *our* job to its greatest capacity, we are criticized for making our community look bad? Why is it that because everything is not “peaches and cream,” Downey is all of a sudden looked down upon?

Did anyone stop to think that we are such a great city because, well, we fight through our downfalls and bounce back even stronger?

In some ways, we agree our paper was a little over the top last week. But if we would not have covered the exonerations of three Downey policemen, the updates on Johnie’s Broiler or the recent explosion at Downey Studios, then we would have received letters complaining about the lack of news.

It’s a Catch-22. But since we cannot please everyone at all times, we will continue what we have always done: report the news. And in doing so, we will inform you of the good and the bad because after all, we are all entitled to knowing the happenings of our city.

In return, take what you want from our newspaper and “constructively criticize” as much as you would like. Just remember, we don’t make the news, we just report it.

## Letters to the Editor:

### Johnie’s Broiler: Good riddance

Dear Editor:  
When I first heard about the fact that Johnie’s Broiler had been demolished, I thought “It’s about time” – not that old Johnie’s was usually on the brain.

Johnie’s was an old decaying dump for decades and its departure is very long overdue. I just hope that getting rid of the rest of the wreckage will not be drawn out too long, for the sake of the poor property owner, who is having his land and its productive development tied up by all of this nonsense.

All of these people who keep writing in demanding that the place be “rebuilt” really amaze me to no end. Why didn’t those who are so in love with that “landmark” raise the money and buy it from the owner if they were so anxious for it to be preserved? I’ll tell you why: 1) The people who care about this are so small in number that the effort would be instantaneously D.O.A.; 2) These folks are only solicitous for the welfare of this “historic” site if they can cajole, guilt and threaten the property owner into footing the bill for their pet project.

Your finger-waggers ought to be ashamed of yourselves. How many of you would donate a five-million-dollar piece of commercial land at the fist-shaking and irrational cant of a thimbleful of nostalgia enthusiasts? Is there not any person or group of monetary means out there who can answer the call for posterity’s sake and be so gracious as to sell off their property in order to purchase this one for the public interest?

Is it possible for us all to forget about this and let Mr. Smyrnotis actually be able to do something constructive with this “sacred” spot both for himself and for the rest of the area?

—David T. Bouffard,  
Downey


### More on Johnie’s

Dear Editor:  
There is no doubt that Johnie’s Broiler is a historical landmark. The owner chose to tear it down. The owner knew what the fine would be – fine him and then make him rebuild the site to its past glory. The original plans should be in the Building Department.

Johnie’s has twice the parking of Frisco’s. Don’t infringe on Wednesday nights at Frisco’s. With two car nights in the same city, it has to be good for business.

—John McDonald,  
Downey

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## Concerns with Downey Studios

Dear Editor:  
The City Council has started to consider alternatives to the Downey Studios in view of, as the developer reported, the dwindling of the “amount of shoots” at the studios and the consequent decline in revenue. The developer, IRG, purchased the property of approximately 50 acres and entered into a long term lease to an additional 25 acres in 2003 with the expressed agreement to use it as a filming location while preserving certain buildings deemed of historical interest.

Before alternate use (read redevelopment) of the property is considered, the city should be convinced that the decline in filming prospects and the current use is beyond recovery. (One has to ask how can the assessment of prospects for the current use made as recently as 2003 have to be so drastically revised as to abandon the adopted plan in 2006. Have the filming industry outlook and prospects for it in Los Angeles declined so precipitously in such a short time?)

If the studio business for the site has to be abandoned, and the property put to another use, any proposed use should be made to clearly address the following criteria, some of which are the same which the development was required to meet when the IRG proposal was accepted in 2003. Any proposed development must address the following:

- The development must provide high value jobs. The City does not need more jobs for sales clerks and warehousemen.
- The development must provide sustained tax revenues
- It must protect/enhance the natural environment.
- It must preserve the historical value of the site by preserving the buildings on the site with historical and/or architectural significance.
- It must contribute to the elimination of potential global warming emissions through the use of no fossil fuel generated energy and the maximum use of grid connected solar energy systems.
- The development must adopt sustainable development principles and adhere to Green Building concepts and green architecture.
- The development must not conflict with the downtown revitalization initiative on which the City embarked some five years ago, even if it appears that revitalization has stalled.

The City Council clearly recognizes that there is a great deal at stake with the reemployment of the IRG Development property, and Downey voters must be involved in the development of reuse plans to the extent that present use must be reconsidered. Downey voters deserve no less than open discussion at well noticed meetings of alternatives being discussed with full opportunity for input as well as the opportunity to participate in discussions of proposals by experts and the developer. Full public participation does not take away the City Council’s prerogatives. Let’s hope we do not find ourselves pressed to accept a given plan because we have run out of time for appropriate evaluation of options.

CSULB, USC and UCLA have excellent faculty and programs in urban planning. The question posed by how best to reuse the Downey Studios property lends itself to a very desirable “thesis project” in urban planning. The schools should be invited to consider the idea. It is a way that we can get some invaluable and very likely “out of the box” ideas which represent the forefront of urban planning thinking with very little cost to the City. This idea is worth exploring and we must allow the time required to take advantage of it. Let the developers pay for high paid consultants.

Let’s recognize that this is indeed an issue of public policy and as such warrants full public discussion.

With this, I invite Downey voters to share their thoughts on the subject with our City Council.

—Harold Tsklenis,  
Downey

## Hope for Downey

Dear Editor:  
What in the world is happening to our Downey? At first glance of the Downey Patriot, I like to identify the city council motions/minutes/and accolades. At second glance, I like to note the ever-so-generous community that I have been a part of for over 20 years. Lastly, I always like to find the community residents that matter most in making this a wonderful city to be proud of, raise a family in, or in some cases, brag about.

But, what happened this past weekend was something of the most disturbing reality check in all the time I’ve been glued to the few pages of our “wonderful” community newspaper.

I mean seriously folks, what happened? I mean if it wasn’t the illegal bulldozing of Johnie’s Broiler, the negligent explosion at the Downey Studios, PETA taking it to the newly-welcomed Macy’s at the Stonewood shopping Center protesting a J-Lo audition, or the developments of an ongoing investigation into the disappearance of Amber Lee Hill, it was the “not guilty” verdicts that came down this week on two Downey police officers involved in the death of a dear friend, Gonzalo Martinez, over four years ago.

When does it end? When do we wake up and get back to “business as usual.” I mean, what happened to the dedications to all our schools? Or how about any new literary addition/program to the Downey city library? Or perhaps dedicating a front page to our Downey residents currently serving in Iraq? Or the city firefighters visiting schools?

Throw us a bone or something to making us believe we still have a great community within these 12.5 miles of good land. I hope we don’t take a bite of the “sensationalism apple” for a few pages of heightened stories. I hope we don’t fall into that path of destruction and greed as so many cities have. I think this city is one of the most progressive cities around, anywhere. The “Keep Downey Beautiful” slogan fits nicely here, the reason for which I came back after a brief “tour of duty” for a few years into the westside of LA.

The best collateral for living in Downey, as opposed to those gentrified-needy communities popping up around LA, was the firm fact that this city has enough resources to make us want to stay and yet be proud. Let’s not lose hope, Downey! Let’s not lose sight of who we are! And let’s not forget of all the great people that do, in fact, make this a pleasing contemporary community to live in.

—Miguel Mouchess,  
Downey

## Quit whining over Johnie’s

Dear Editor:  
Wake up and smell the diesel of the demolition dozers making progress. Finish the job and get on with it. Quit whining about the past, and look forward to the future of tax revenue flowing into our city. You can keep precious memories close to your heart without having to look at a dilapidated 50+ year old building that nobody wants to fix.

Have any of you offered to restore it yourself? Have you tried to talk the city into restoring it on their dime which ends up being our dime? Why hasn’t anyone stepped in to buy it and pour their money into it? Because it doesn’t make any business sense at all.

Get a clue people and let it go or put up the cash and do it yourself and please, quit whining about it.

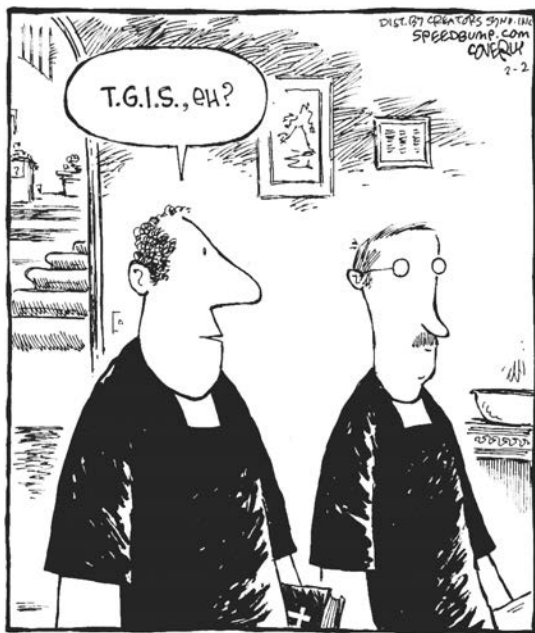
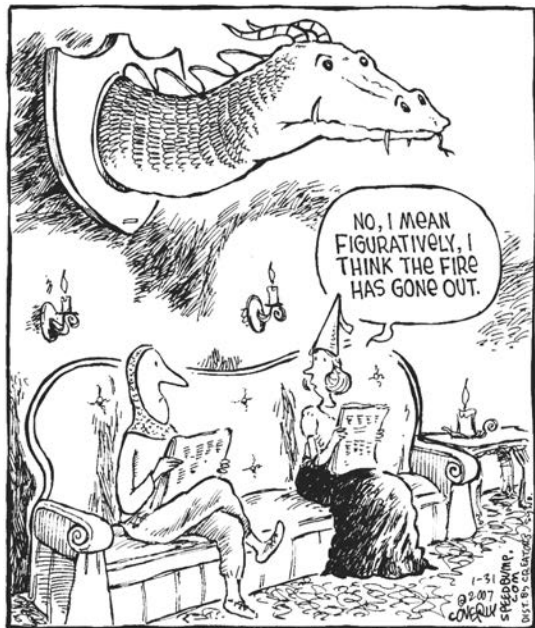
—Tim Smick,  
Downey



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## On This Day...

February 2, 1848: The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is signed, ending the Mexican War.  
 1962: Neptune and Pluto align, the first such occurrence in 400 years.  
 1979: Sid Vicious, front man for the punk rock band the Sex Pistols, dies of a drug overdose in New York.  
 1997: The number of reported AIDS deaths decreases by nearly half from the year before, according to a report released by the United States government.

## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For February

Tues. Feb. 6: "Every Child Ready to Read" class at Downey Library, 10:40 a.m.  
 Thurs. Feb. 8: "The Color Purple" book discussion at Downey Library, Noon  
 Sat. Feb. 10: "Advanced Internet" class at Downey Library, 10:30 a.m.

### 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.  
 12 p.m.: Exchange Club of Downey, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.  
 6:00 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.  
 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.

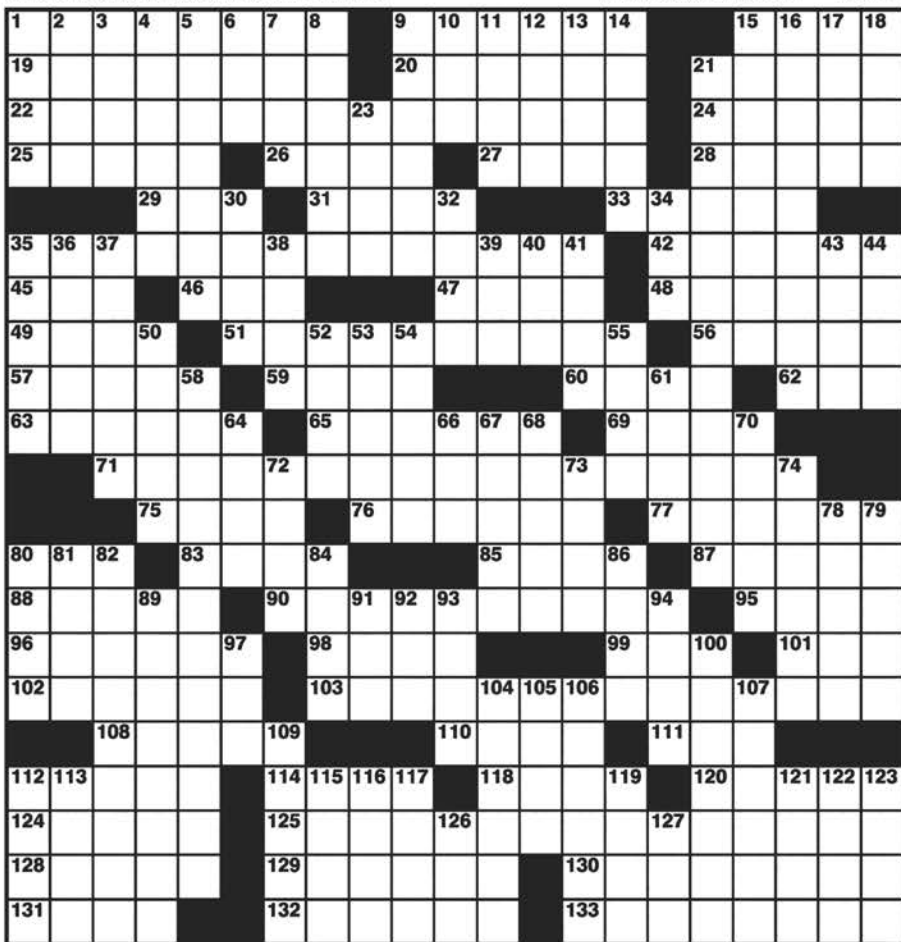
#### Fridays

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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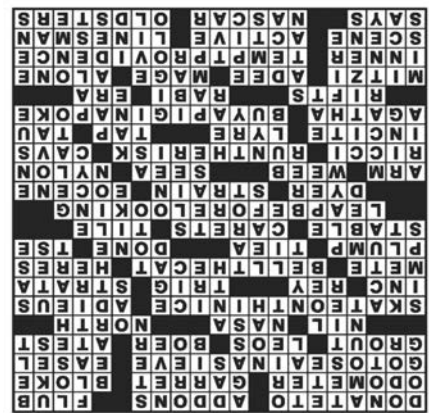
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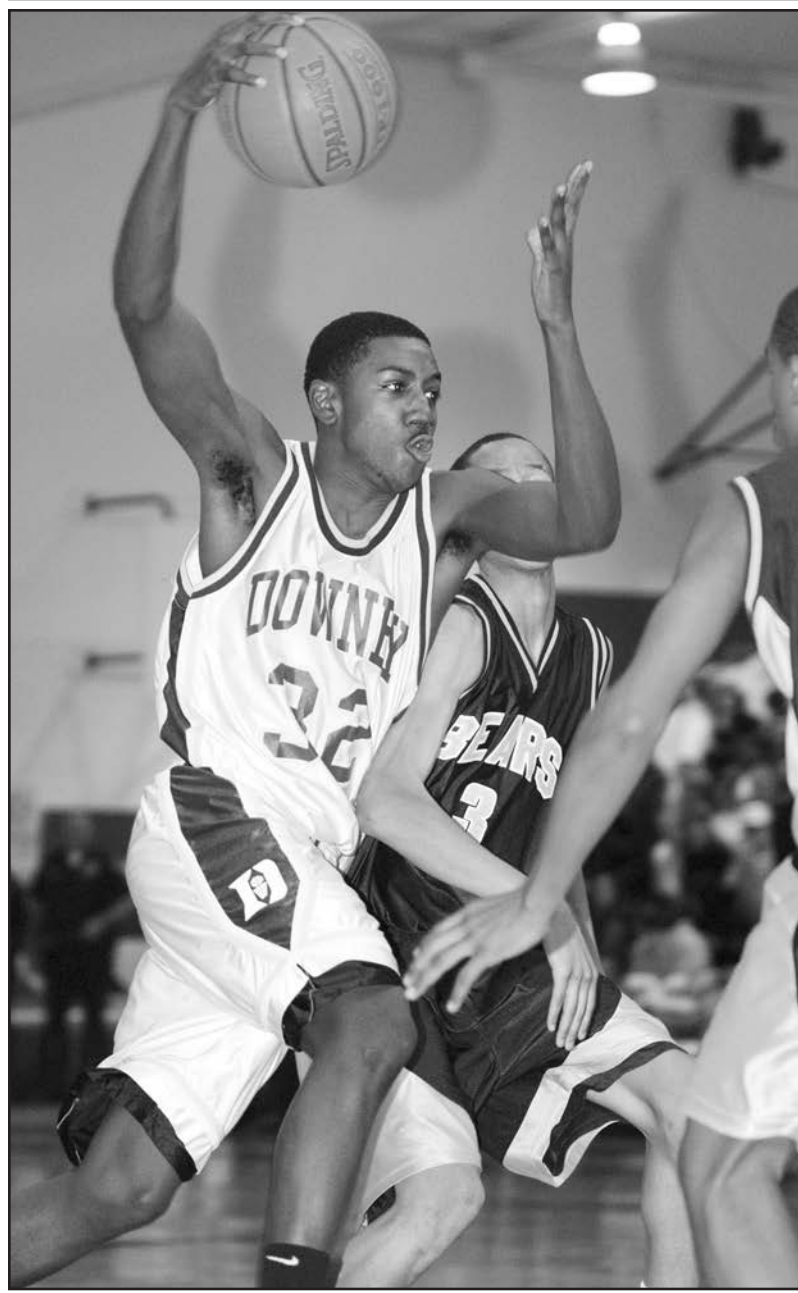
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  - 30 Leopold's co-defendant
  - 32 Literary collection: Abbr.
  - 34 Western Hemisphere org.
  - 35 Fools
  - 36 Prepared to propose
  - 37 Not made-up
  - 38 Russian refusal
  - 39 Wrath
  - 40 The Pres., militarily speaking
  - 41 "Yikes!"
  - 43 Colorado Indians
  - 44 Postpaid encl.
  - 50 Set firmly
  - 52 Dog bane
  - 53 Thumbs (through)
  - 54 Fortune-teller's deck
  - 55 Dorothy's companion
  - 58 Act rashly
  - 61 Greek goddess of victory
  - 64 Olympian's sword
  - 66 Goof
  - 67 Poke fun at
  - 68 More cunning
  - 70 Ref. set
  - 72 Uncle Remus title
  - 73 "Dedicated to the \_\_\_ Love"
  - 74 Italian dessert
  - 78 Vertigo actress
  - 79 Follow
  - 80 Opera highlight
  - 81 Telephone call
  - 82 Liverpool Oratorio co-composer
  - 84 Thermometer part
  - 86 Italian wine region
  - 89 Passport holders
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AGATHA CHRISTIE'S (102 Across)  
 The first published work, "The Mysterious Affair at Styles," appeared in 1920. The 1959 film "Compulsion," based closely on the "Leopold-LOEB (30 Down) case, takes most of its second half from attorney Clarence Darrow's actual closing arguments. Founded in 1831, New York University, or NYU (91 Down), is the largest private university in the United States.







Junior forward Keith Thompson drives the lane in Downey's 56-49 win last week over Warren. Photo by Matt Petit

## St. Raymond's golf tournament Monday

**DOWNEY** – The St. Raymond School class of 2007 will hold a golf tournament Feb. 5 at the Candlewood Country Club in Whittier.

Cost is \$130 per golfer and includes golf, cart, lunch and tee prize. The tournament is a four-person scramble format.

For information, call Pacheco at (562) 889-3816.

## What home court advantage? Downey tripped up by refs

By SCOTT COBOS  
CONTRIBUTOR

Downey's final regular season home game ended in disappointment and frustration as the Vikings weren't given any breaks in a 78-71 loss to the visiting Gahr Gladiators Wednesday.

Despite a good shooting night from the floor, hitting 31 of their 56 shot attempts from the floor, Downey's best was voided by the tough breaks and the often inconsistent officiating by the two referees.

In fact, the inconsistency of the referees took the floor from right under the Vikings as they managed to score only in bunches far apart from each other. Those clusters of scoring didn't come often enough as the Gladiators' run and gun style of offense trampled the defenders of Downey.

After the game, the referees were practically run out of the gym, hearing boos and seeing jeers from the crowd.

Even though throughout much of the game it seemed as if the officials were on the visiting side of the gymnasium, it may or may not have made much of a difference. The letter "G" isn't only the first letter of their school name and mascot, it also ran down the position column next to each player on their roster.

Gahr's team, according to the roster, carries only guards. Living up to the reputation of the position, the Gladiator's were quick and sure-footed all game long scoring many of their points on transition baskets and fast break opportunities.

The Gladiators' smothering full-court pressure also helped cause many turnovers, leading to good looks at the basket and many lay-ups.

Gahr shot 57 percent from the field and also got to the free throw line frequently, where they shot 73 percent. They also shot 13 more free throws than Downey, making 10 more than them as well.

Before the game started, Downey ran into the gym looking like they had a statement to make against the Gladiators. After the first quarter, that message was loud and clear. The Vikings smelled blood and tasted victory as they were up after the first eight minutes.

After the beginning of the second quarter, Gahr quickly woke up and took their intensity to another level showing why they're ranked No. 3 in the area according to a recent poll by the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*.

The Vikings would come no closer than one point the rest of the way. Downey forward Devon McDonald tried his best to keep the Vikings close, recording a double-double on the night. McDonald finished the game with 14 points and 10 rebounds, also adding three assists.

Viking forward Keith Thompson led all scorers with 22 points, hitting 10 of his 17 shot attempts. Thompson also pulled down six rebounds.

Also coming close to a double-double was Downey guard Darren Tubbs, who had nine points and eight assists.

Gahr had a very balanced offensive attack. Although only one starter scored in double digits, they had three off the bench score 14 points or more.

Guard Chester Woolen scored 15 points for the Gladiators on a perfect night from the field, hitting all five of his shot attempts. Two of those shots were from three-point range. He also shot five free throws, making three of them.

Gladiator guard Casper Ware was the spark plug off the bench for his team as he bobbed and weaved around Downey defenders all night, getting most of his points in the paint. Ware finished the night with 14 points.

Karl Roby helped seal the deal for Gahr at the end of the game when he shot all six of his free throws in the fourth quarter. Roby didn't miss from the line. He finished his night with 15 points.

## Cheer Clinic at Warren, February 3

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School will be hosting a cheer and dance clinic for girls ages 5-13 on Saturday, February 3 in the gym.

Participants will learn cheers and a dance that will later be performed at a varsity basketball half-time show.

The clinic is \$25 and is from 8 a.m. to noon. Same day registration is welcomed.

For information, email Kellie at warrencheeralumni@yahoo.com.

## Downey/Warren water polo clash Feb. 8

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School will host the last regular season girls water polo contest, pitting Downey and Warren High Schools, next Thursday, Feb. 8, at 3:15 p.m.

Defending CIF Division VI champion Downey is undefeated in league play while Warren is having an outstanding season as well.

The Downey water polo team will host a fundraiser at Frantone's in Downey immediately following the game. A portion of all proceeds at the restaurant will go towards the school's water polo team when you mention "Downey Water Polo" at time of order.

Frantone's is located at 9148 E. Telegraph Road.

## Women's Golf Club seeking members

**DOWNEY** – The Los Amigos Women's Golf Club is looking for more women golfers to join their club. Tee time for the group is 8 a.m. every Friday at Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

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The family moved to Downey in 1963, with Paul going to work as advisor to the chief scientist on the Apollo Space Program at North American Aviation (later Rockwell/Boeing), and later assigned to the B-1 Bomber Project for three years, and Mike starting the 6th grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. By this time, Mike says, "I had attended 6 different schools in five states." For 33 years, he adds, "I had a brother or sister or son or daughter at OLPH."

"I had a part-time or full-time job from the age of 15," Mike relates, saying his earlier paper routes kept him out of trouble. He and future wife Christine Niewiarowski met while both attended St. Pius, now St. Matthias, High School. In 1973, after three years of college (Mike at CSU-Fullerton, Chris at CSU-L.A.), they decided to get married. The couple had twins (Andy and Chrissy) nine months later. Mike had heretofore been delivering the *L.A. Times* seven days a week and working nights and weekends at Disneyland as a ride operator. It was time to get a full-time job, to go with the two part-time ones.

"I hired on as an apprentice carpenter for a union contractor," Mike says. "I was a journeyman 2-1/2 years later, and the company superintendent after another 1-1/2 years. For six years I supervised the company's work and I still have a B-1 Contractors license, 28 years later."

Meanwhile, after 10 years at Rockwell, Paul retired and started working full-time at the beauty supply he and wife Barbara had bought in Downey earlier. As time went on, more stores were added: Lakewood (two), Bellflower, Fullerton, Covina, Norwalk and Arcadia. At its peak, it had 30 employees, eight locations, and all six children as partners. Paul died in 1995. Barbara survives him, and resides

in Balboa Island. Retired dentist Dr. John Sims is a neighbor.

In the meantime, Mike and Chris had two more children. They moved to a bigger house, on Gallatin, "which we still occupy after 28 years." All four children are married, live locally, and graduated from college: Chrissy, from the University of Notre Dame, Andy from Loyola-Marymount, Kimberly, from UC-San Diego, and Barbara, from Cal Poly-Pomona, a fact which makes Mike proud. He also beams at the mention of his six grandchildren, ages 1 month to seven years.

The year 2000 marked a milestone in Mike's life. That was when Barbara's Beauty Supply was sold. That was when, Mike says, "I said goodbye to 7-day, 60-hour work weeks." Further, it meant the realization of financial independence. All those years of unremitting hard work and discipline and dependability had paid off!

With the early retirement (he's a robust 54 today, seven years later), Mike found he had time for community service work, and for such prestigious activities as serving as Rotary president. But his main preoccupations are providing (for seven years now) some eight gallons of orange juice (he grows oranges in his large vegetable garden, picks and squeezes them himself) every week to the poor, through OLPH's Sandwich Program. In addition, he teaches geography Mondays to OLPH's K-8th graders, using National Geographic Magazine materials (he is the school's Geography Bee mentor). For these efforts, he was given the school's first ever Distinguished Alumni Award.

With their imposing 38-ft. motorhome, he and Chris (who is an accomplished pianist, organist, and accordionist, and is active at church affairs) have traveled the whole United States, excluding Alaska, and most of Canada and Mexico. They plan to visit France in May, and "perhaps Switzerland." In April, as part of the Rotary's exchange visitors program, they're hosting five professionals from the Philippines for a week. They have friends all over

the world because of this enriching activity.

Ever curious and a seeker after knowledge, Mike loves books and reading. He says news programs and those found on the Discovery and public broadcasting channels feed his intellectual appetite for geopolitics and military history, especially the Civil War. Lincoln is his favorite hero, while he follows Charlie Rose's interviews.

Noting that he couldn't have succeeded during his contracting days in his supervision of his ethnically-mixed construction crews without acknowledging and respecting their differences, he says he welcomes the diversity and the change occurring in today's environment. "How can you fault the desire of peoples to come here and try to earn money, so they can send their earnings home to waiting families in their native countries?" he asks. With so many rich opportunities for still greater accomplishment to challenge Mike's energies and resources, I'm guessing—and hoping—he won't be "retired" for long.

### New CD's this week

Fall Out Boy - *Infinity On High*  
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### Local Concerts this week

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Chris Williams - OC Pavilion  
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The Game - HOB Hollywood  
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THE DEPARTED R (7:25, 10:40)  
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SMOKIN' ACES R (11:25, 2:05, 4:50), 7:45, 10:20  
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## “The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd”

Playing at the Downey Theatre  
Feb. 22 - March 10

### ‘Roar’ set to open for ten performances

The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd,” will be the next production of the Downey Civic Light Opera, executive producer Marsha Moode has announced.

The musical will open Feb. 22 and run through March 11 for 10 performances.

A stylized “Laurel and Hardy” set to music, “Roar” is an exuberant, laugh-out-loud tale of how class differences can ultimately make way for mutual understanding, Moode said. The musical score features the ballad “Who Can I Turn To,” “A

Wonderful Day Like Today,” “The Joker,” “Feeling Good,” and “Nothing Can Stop Me Now.”

All songs were written by Leslie Bincusse and Anthony Newley.

The New York Post called “Roar” a “delightful, freshly imaginative show with a most haunting score.”

Group rates are available. For information and tickets, call (562) 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

#### The Cast

**Jeffrey Landman** starred on Broadway in “Les Miserables” and “Falsettos” (national tour). Other theatre: “Lucky Stiff,” “A Year with Frog and Toad,” “Jesus Kid Brother,” (L.A., New York and Long Beach), “Snow White,” “Bark!”, “Lobby Hero,” “The Rothschilds,” “Oliver!” “Gypsy,” “George M!” (OBR Award), and “What’s Wrong with Angry?” (Robby/GLAAD nominations).

Workshops include “Paradise Lost,” “Mask – The Musical,” and “Big – The Musical.” Recordings: “The Broadway Kids: Sing Broadway,” “The Broadway Kids: The Best of Broadway.”

Landman has also worked as a back-up singer for Michael Jackson, Maureen McGovern, Gloria Estefan and Little Richard, and can be heard singing in the films “Home Alone 2” and “Life with Mikey.”

He starred as “Billy” in the film “Halloween 5,” and can be seen in the documentary, “Halloween: 25 Years of Terror.” On television, he has appeared on HBO’s “Smoke Alarm,” “Saturday Night Live,”

“The Harvard Lampoon Show,” and “The Guiding Light” and can be heard singing the theme song for the cartoons “The Magic School Bus” and “Gulla Gulla Island.”

He received a BFA from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, and can currently be seen performing in various shows at the Disneyland Resort.



#### The Cast

**Susan Dohan** is a BFA graduate of Pennsylvania State University’s Theatre program. She has appeared off-Broadway in “The Boyfriend” (Dulce) and the National Tour of “The Me Nobody Knows” (Catherine).

In New York and Regional Theater, some of her favorite roles include “Peter Pan” (Wendy), “Annie Get Your Gun” (Annie), “Evita” (Eva), “Oklahoma!” (Ado Annie), “42nd Street” (Peggy Sawyer), “Guys and Dolls” (Adelaide), “Company” (Amy) and “South Pacific” (Nellie).

Here in California, Dohan has appeared twice in “The Unsinkable Molly Brown” (Molly), “Gypsy” (June), “Sylvia” (Sylvia), “Once Upon a Mattress” (Fred), “Fiddler on the Roof” with Lainie Kazan, “Oliver!” (Mrs. Sowerberry) at the Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities and in the remounting of “The Rootbeer Bandits” (Copper Penny) at Garry Marshall’s Falcon Theatre.

She’s had TV appearances in “Yes, Dear,” “Phil of the Future,” “Judging Amy,” “Unscripted,” “For the People,” and “Days of Our Lives,” as well as movie roles in



“Stick It” and “Down with Love.” She can also be seen and heard in commercials and voice-overs.

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#### The Cast

**Stephen Reynolds** is making his debut at Downey Civic Light Opera with this production of “Roar of the Greasepaint.” He has a 35-year career in theater ranging from musical theater and opera to Shakespeare, as well as contemporary and classical theater.

Reynolds has been seen in commercials hawking such products as Honda, Wonder Bread and the California Lottery and has appeared on the cover of Newsweek. Last season he co-starred in The Gilmore Girls 100th episode as well as a pilot produced by Lorne Michaels (“Saturday Night Live”), where he played a Broadway musical comedy star.

He recently was seen as “Mr. Bumble” in South Bay CLO’s “Oliver” and as “Doolittle” in “My Fair Lady” at the Welk Resort. He



can be seen in the new “Storybook Live” series for small children, which is now out on DVD and produced by Barbara and Lloyd Schwartz (“The Brady Bunch”).

“The Roar of the Greasepaint - The Smell of the Crowd” opens at the Downey Theatre February 22. For tickets, call the box office between 1 and 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesday at (562) 923-1714.

Group rates are available.

### Adult school is ‘Rockin’ Thru the Ages’ with Gerri Iris

Entertainer/vocalist Gerri Iris will be the guest presenter at Downey Adult School’s Feb. 5 OASIS program inside the campus’ newly-redesigned cafeteria.

Iris is an experienced professional singer. Her show, titled “Rockin’ Thru the Ages,” is set musically in the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s.

The class will open for enrollment at 3 p.m. while the program starts at 4. An optional dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and costs \$3.50. The show itself is free.

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## Catharine Jane Coe was active volunteer

**DOWNEY** – Catharine Jane Coe, a Downey resident since 1950, died peacefully Jan. 24.

Born to George and Sarah Carmichael of Nottingham, NH, she was raised and attended school in New Hampshire. She met Lee Coe, her partner for the rest of her life, while working at the GE Supercharger plant in Lynn, Mass. during World War II. Married in 1943, they raised three sons, Rick, Jim and George, and then a daughter, Kathleen. They moved to Portland, Ore. after the war and then to Downey in 1950.

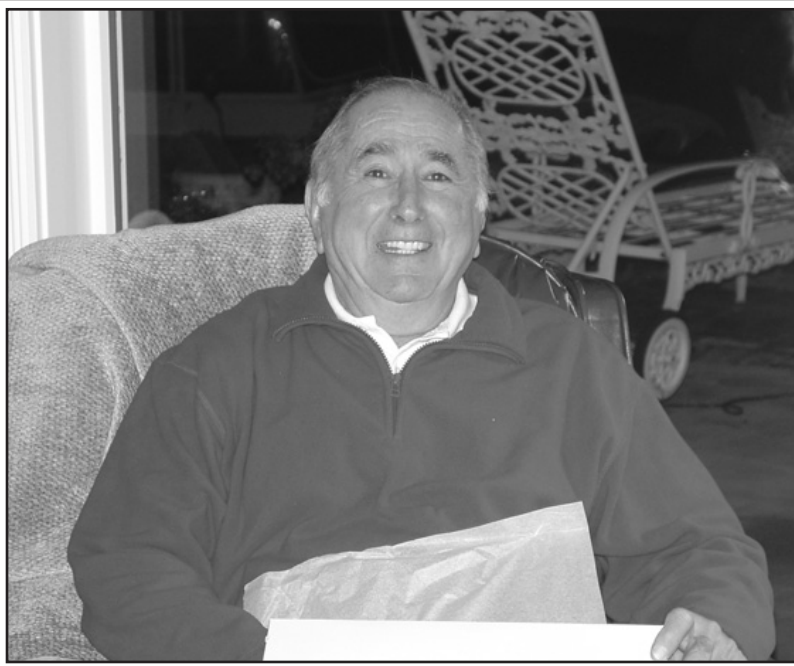
She was an active volunteer for Scouting as well as for the PTA as her children progressed through the Downey school system. She held the position of PTA president a number of times and chaired the committee obtaining scholarships for women at DSHS, among many other offices.

When her last child reached college, Coe obtained a paralegal degree from Cerritos College, and began volunteering in many other Downey organizations, among them the Downey Symphony Association and Downey Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

She also served as a docent at the L.A. Museum of Science and Industry and worked for and supported numerous charities.

She was preceded in death by her son, George.

A memorial service was held Feb. 1 at Rose Hills Memorial Park Hillside Chapel. The family requested donations be made to Downey Regional Medical Center, attention Auxiliary Memorial Fund.



**Raymond Mooshagian, a local football coach for over 34 years, passed away on Jan. 12 in Fresno. He was 76.**

## Ray Mooshagian lived, taught and coached here

**FRESNO** – Raymond Mooshagian, longtime Downey resident, passed away on Jan. 12 at the age of 76.

Mooshagian was born on March 1, 1930 in Downey and graduated from Excelsior High School in 1948. He was in the Army from 1948-49 and in the Navy from 1950-53. He later received his teaching credentials from Fullerton College and Whittier College and began his teaching career at West Middle School in Downey in 1956.

Mooshagian taught and coached football for over 34 years in the Downey, Norwalk and La Mirada school districts. During his 28 years as head coach at various schools, his teams had 15 CIF Playoff appearances, reaching the championship game four times. He was also selected Area Coach of the Year on four different occasions.

Mooshagian lived with his wife Jan in Downey for 28 years, where they raised their two sons and were heavily involved with DJAA. In 1990, Mooshagian moved his family to Fresno.

He is survived by his wife; sons Steve (Rene) and Gary (Deanna); grandchildren Janaye, Bobby, Danielle, Brooke and Lindsey; brothers Art and John (Rose); sister Sada (Norm Danielian); Mona and Gary Cooper; Bill Frederick; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on Jan. 20. Donations may be made to the Retrievers and Friends of Southern California, P.O. Box 1673, Hemet, 92546.

## Principia Gregorio lived in Downey over 55 years

**DOWNEY** – Principia Tudisco Gregorio, a Downey resident, passed away at the age of 86 on Dec. 26.

Born in Pittsburgh, Penn., on August 21, 1920, Gregorio was the daughter of Italian immigrants and the eldest of three sisters. She graduated from Westminster College in 1942.

She was married to Patsy Gregorio for 63 years and resided in Downey for over 55 years, where she was active in the First Presbyterian Church, YMCA water aerobics, a weekly crochet group and the Southland Italian Cultural Foundation. She also traveled often to Italy for family reunions.

Gregorio is survived by her husband, her children Paul and Patricia; grandchildren Tom and Mary; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins both here and in Italy.

Funeral services were held on December 31 at the First Presbyterian Church of Downey, followed by graveside services at Rose Hills Cemetery. The family requested donations made be made to the Prinic Gregorio Memorial Fund c/o First Presbyterian Church of Downey.



## Evelyn Tupy, 80, passes away at home

**DOWNEY** – Evelyn Tupy passed away at her Downey home on Jan. 18. She was 80.

Born in Gilman, Minn., Tupy was the sixth of 10 children of Joseph and Anna Stahovich. She came out to California during World War II, finding work in the Long Beach shipyards as a welder for nearly a year before returning to Minnesota.

She married George in 1953 and they moved their family to California in 1955. They first lived in Downey, then Compton, and finally settled in Downey in 1970.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey but also attended Mass at St. Raymond's and St. Dominic Savio.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, George; their four children, Judy (Allan), Joyce (Tom), Janet (Joe), and Joe (Nancy); grandchildren, James, Joseph, Allison, Michael, Jennifer, Jeffrey, Monica, Joanna, Jenna, Madeline, Katherine, Sarah, and George; sisters, Clara and Marcella; brothers, Art (Marge), Bob, and Ben (Nancy); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Rosary was held in her honor Jan. 24 at All Souls Mortuary Chapel in Long Beach. A Funeral Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Mark Wardstedt and Fr. Pat Randolph Jan. 25 at OLPH in Downey. Graveside services followed at All Souls Cemetery.



## Jamie Mae Moore was business owner, pilot

**DOWNEY** – Jamie Mae Moore, longtime Downey resident, passed away Jan. 21 at Downey Regional Medical Center at the age of 73.

She was born April 14, 1934 in Monterey County, Tenn. She moved to Downey in 1956 with her two sons, Charles Landon Moore and Brent Moore. Brent passed away on Jan. 11, 1999.

Jamie was the owner of Jamie's Chicken House in Huntington Park and Curley's Old Place in Bellflower, in addition to other businesses. She was also a real estate agent for Century 21 A-Team for over 28 years.

At one time, she owned her own plane and had her pilot's license.

She is survived by her husband, Wendell Jackson; son, Charles; daughter-in-law, Dayna Moore; grandchildren, Sean, Shannon, Lyndsay, Jason, Jenapher, and Eddie; and two great-grandsons, Bryce and Ryan.

A Celebration of Life will be held Feb. 4 at McKenzie Mortuary, 3843 E. Anaheim Street, in Long Beach, at 10 a.m.

## 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 at the Community/Senior Center in Downey at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Sally Jones at (562) 927-2201.

The Emergency Transportation Program enrollment forms recently mailed to Downey residents should have had the enrollment period from **March 1, 2007 through February 28, 2008**. The enrollment forms received may still be used to subscribe for this new policy period or call 562-904-7254 for an updated enrollment form. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Under Emergency Transportation Program, a single nominal \$30 fee provides every permanent resident of subscribing household low-cost paramedic coverage whenever it is needed from **March 1, 2007, through February 28, 2008**.

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## New agents at Century 21 My Real Estate

**Manuel Acuna** joins the realtor associates at Century 21 My Real Estate. Acuna holds a degree from the University of Mexico. He is bilingual and ready to put his Century 21 training to use assisting clients with their real estate needs. "Manuel brings great deal-initiative thinking and self motivation to the real estate field. Clients will be the happy recipients of his forward thinking," said Laurie Mac Isaac, vice president of relocation and marketing. To contact Acuna, call (562) 927-2626.



Century 21 My Real Estate welcomes **Maria Lozano**. Lozano has been helping clients for several years in the medical field and has been a Community Liaison for Haven Health. "Maria has proven herself to be a multitalented woman. Her ability to assist clients by assessing needs and providing the needed services will greatly benefit her real estate endeavors," said Steve Roberson, broker/owner. To contact Lozano, call (562) 927-2626.



The United States Postal Service and Century 21 My Real Estate now have a common denominator - **Debbie Morningstar**. Morningstar has worked for 17 years with the USPS and has worked in various job capacities. "We are always happy to have such a well-qualified and prepared person such as Debbie to be part of the team," said Laurie Mac Isaac, vice president of relocation and marketing. To contact Morningstar, call (562) 927-2626.



Century 21 My Real Estate welcomes **Ivan Velazquez**. He is a graduate of Warren High School, has an associate's degree and is currently attending Cal State University Fullerton. "Energetic, motivated, and a real self-starter, are just a few words to describe Ivan, one of the new young men to join our team," said Angie Pierce, office manager. To contact Velazquez, call (562) 927-2626.



Century 21 My Real Estate welcomes the husband and wife team of **Roman and Judith Flores**. "Being able to work with my husband towards common real estate goals is very exciting," said Judith. "Roman and Judith have a passion for real estate. They have taken initiative and hit the road running. They make a great team - both bring different strengths to the table and balance each other nicely," said Laurie Mac Isaac, vice president of relocation and marketing. To contact the Flores team, call (562) 927-2626.



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**Janine McDow** joins her husband Rick at Century 21 My Real Estate. McDow is happy to start working alongside her husband helping clients achieve their dream of home ownership. Janine and Rick are bilingual agents and are fully trained and prepared to serve the needs of the community. "We are happy to welcome this hardworking couple to the office, they have already been involved in many community service opportunities, and helping make sure clients find the right home for their families," said Steve Roberson, broker/owner. To contact the McDow team, call (562) 927-2626.



Century 21 My Real Estate has welcomed **Maribel Hernandez** to their office. Hernandez has been with the Ellen Ochoa Learning Center for LAUSD and received a degree from a local university, where she focused her studies on special education. "Century 21's reputation for really stepping up in the community made it an easy choice on where to be an associate. I want to help clients with their real estate investments but I also want to make sure community goodwill is a priority," said Hernandez. To contact her, call (562) 927-2626.



**Maria Menjivar** joins the real estate team at Century 21 My Real Estate. Menjivar, a Downey resident, brings a rich background in business accomplishments. She owns an insurance company and has been an insurance broker since 1991. "Maria is a huge asset to our company. She is fluent in Spanish, is a notary public and is an outstanding business professional," said Steve Roberson, broker/owner. To contact Menjivar, call (562) 927-2626.



## New college scholarships are available

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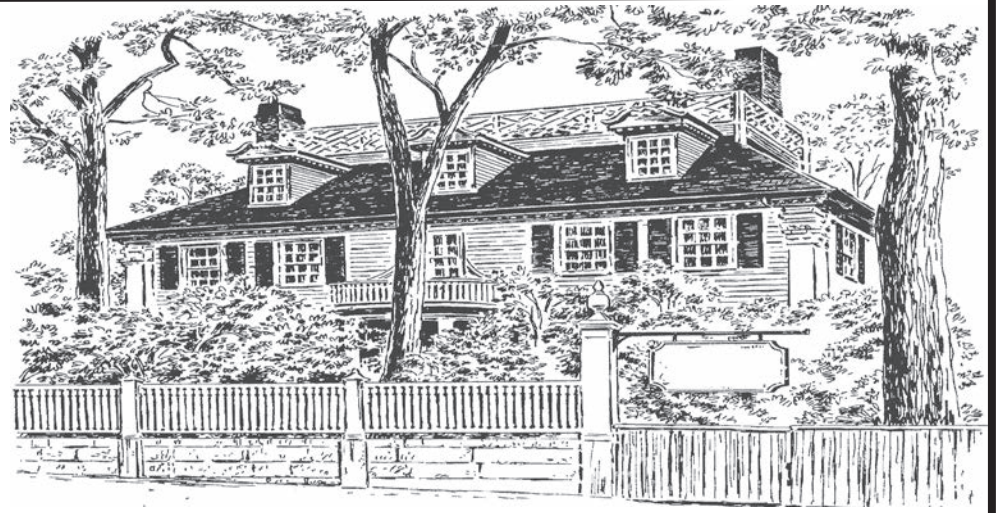
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**Look No Further! - Built in 2007!**  
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**Remodeled Like New - 2006!**  
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**Words Can't Describe It!**  
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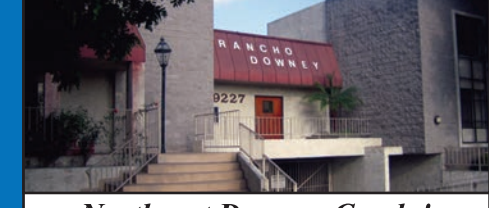


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