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Rallying for a Cure

BY MARY FORNEY
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DOWNEY – When Roger Brossmer first became involved in the Relay for Life, he didn't know cancer would soon hit home in his own family.

The Downey Adult School principal said he started supporting the relay three years ago when asked if the American Cancer Society's fundraiser could be held on the school grounds.

A year later, his mother was diagnosed with cancer. After battling the disease for two years, Marsha Brossmer lost her fight.

Now, more determined than ever, Brossmer set his sights higher this year, collecting more than \$100,000 from the relay held June 9-10 – doubling last year's contributions.

"I did this before my mother was diagnosed," Brossmer said. "Now I've lost her so I will always do this," he said.

Reving up their engines, the Front Line Warriors Christian motorcycle association led survivors and team members through the victory arc during the rally's opening ceremony.

More than 1,000 people walked the track during the 24-hour rally. Some of the people were cancer survivors or family members who had lost a loved one to the disease. And some were friends like Jeremy "Casper" Notchick, 19, a Front Line Warrior member who shaved his head in support of Bailey Spoonhower, a 6-year-old boy undergoing chemotherapy.

"Bailey was going through a lot," said Notchick. "So I wanted to



The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life raised more than \$108,000 last week. The funds will be used in the continued battle against cancer. Photo by Mary Forney

show him I am there for him," he said.

Setting up booths and pitching tents, team members switched on and off the track, always mindful of the reasons they were there.

The relay walkers became reverent while cars passing by honked and people waved in respect as hundreds of fireproof bags lit the track during the evening luminary ceremony. Each bag contained the name and a message in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a cancer victim. Making a dramatic statement, the candles placed on the bleachers spelled out what was

in the hearts and minds of the relay participants – "H-O-P-E."

"This is our community – we have to help and to have hope," said Don Metcalf, pastor of Desert Reign Church.

About 30 teams from area schools, businesses, churches and civic organizations participated.

"The teams are where it's at – they help make the money and make the atmosphere fun," Brossmer said.

Among the local sponsors were: Downey Adult School Career and Education Center, Rotary International, StormForce, Arrowhead Water, Bradford

Renaissance Portrait, Caremore, McCullah Fence, Olive Garden, Downey Heating and Plumbing, Starbucks, Walmart, Downey North and East Curves, D.S. Dodge Oil, and J.H. Parrish Construction. Lee Ann Sears and Julie Swender also teamed up as sponsors. Swender passed away before the rally so Sears took the track in memory of her friend.

"This is really impressive and emotional," said relay participant Claudette Baltorinic. "It runs in my family so I feel strongly about coming out here today, raising money and hoping someday they find a cure."

Pair of local athletes go in baseball draft

■ Bobby LaFromboise (Diamondbacks) and Kurt Crowell (Brewers) are both selected by Major League teams.

DOWNEY – Two Downey athletes once rivals playing for opposite schools now have something in common: they were both selected in last week's Major League Baseball draft.

Warren High School graduate and University of New Mexico pitcher Bobby LaFromboise was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks with the 433rd pick in last week's amateur draft.

LaFromboise recently earned first-team All-Mountain West Conference honors along with earning All-Tournament honors after pitching the Lobos to a 1-0 six-hit shutout against San Diego State University in game one of conference tournament play.

The junior lefthander was 7-3 with a 3.35 ERA for New Mexico this year. He struck out 74 and walked 31 in 88 innings.

At Warren he was twice the San Gabriel Valley League Most Valuable Player and an All-CIF selection. He attended Rio Hondo College after graduating from Warren and was the California co-pitcher of the year in 2006.

He was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 24th round last year but elected to return to school.

"We drafted 52 players that our scouts throughout the country had an opportunity to put information into our database on, and we made a decision that they all have the opportunity to play in the big leagues," Diamondbacks Director of Scouting Tom Allison said. "They all have different paths to the big leagues, but they all showed that they have the ability to play in the Major Leagues."

Meanwhile, Kurt Crowell has signed a contract to play professional baseball after being drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in last week's draft.

Crowell, who plays centerfield, was previously drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2005 but never signed.

Crowell began playing baseball with Northwest Downey Little League. He played for Downey High School in 2003 before going to play for East Los Angeles College, Cal State Los Angeles and later Florida International.

Among his accomplishments was being named 1st Team All Conference Outfield, 2nd Team All West Region Outfield, and 1st Team All West Region Gold Glove.

His parents are Richard and Wendy Crowell of Downey.

—Eric Pierce

City 'on the fence' with cable broadcasts

■ Council wonders whether broadcasting meetings is economically a good investment. Public input needed.

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Citing high costs and virtually zero public input, the City Council Tuesday put off until July 10 a decision on whether to broadcast council meetings on cable TV and the Internet.

The Council appeared to be leaning against broadcast, saying the money could be better spent on community service programs, including the library.

Assistant to the City Manager Scott Pomrehn, in a presentation to the council, said the costs for broadcasting on cable vary depending on what course the council decided to take.

According to Pomrehn, the city could choose to purchase and install video recording equipment at an estimated \$70,000. Special track lighting would cost about \$5,000 and a control room, a central location to produce the broadcast, could cost upwards of \$30,000.

The numbers get trickier after that. The council would have to decide how many employees to hire, if any, to record the broadcast. An experienced video technician can command \$70,000 to \$85,000 per year (including salary), according to Pomrehn. A part-time backup technician may also be necessary, at a rate of \$60 per hour, 10 hours per week.

Another option, said Pomrehn, would be to contract with a video production company, which would

KEY QUESTIONS

How much will it cost to broadcast on TV?

• If the City bought its own equipment and hired a full-time technician, the first-year cost would be \$207,250. Yearly costs would be \$88,850.

Will it be live or tape delay?

• That decision remains up to the city council. Both options are possible.

Will meetings be online, too?

• Possibly, but going online will obviously cost extra: \$42,000 one-time setup fee, plus \$2,000 per month thereafter.

Who would pay for all of this?

• The City would pay using a cable franchise fee they receive from Time Warner. That money can be used any way the council sees fit.
Source: City Staff Report

charge \$1,800 per meeting. If the company recorded 24 council and 24 planning commission meetings, the annual rate would be \$72,000. The price would be higher if an updated audio system was necessary.

Still another option is for the council to enlist the help of Warren High School students, who have expressed an interest in helping record the meetings.

The council can also simply purchase and install one camera, record the meetings, and play it

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Visitors clamored to get inside the famed Carpenter House, which held an estate sale last week. Photo by Rod Reynolds

Is Carpenter House headed for demolition?

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Here we go again?

Internet message boards were buzzing this week with rumors that the famous and beloved house once occupied by Richard and Karen Carpenter was headed for demolition.

The rumors began after an online ad for an estate sale at the residence appeared on the Internet last Saturday.

The Carpenter House, at 9828 Neville Ave., was the longtime home of the Carpenter family, and where Karen Carpenter collapsed Feb. 4, 1983. She was rushed to Downey Community Hospital where she died of cardiac arrest.

Rod Reynolds, a Carpenters fan who attended the sale, said he was told by the house's current owner that the home next door (9821 Neville) was on track to be torn down, and the actual Carpenter House would soon follow.

City Hall records reveal an application to demolish the house at 9821 Neville, but none for 9828.

Records list Manuel Parra as the property owner of 9821 Neville. When contacted, language barriers made it difficult to ask him about the demolition.

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Bobby LaFromboise, top, and Kurt Crowell were both drafted by Major League Baseball teams last week.

Lowenthal wants ports to pay extra

LONG BEACH – The California Senate this week passed a bill authorizing a \$30 per container fee to help reduce the toxic pollution caused by the ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland.

The bill, introduced by Senator Alan Lowenthal, who represents Downey in the Senate, would also provide funding for infrastructure near and at those ports.

The \$30 container fee would raise an estimated \$528 million annually, according to Lowenthal.

“Thirty dollars per container is a very small price to pay in order to clean up our deadly air and speed the movement of goods,” Lowenthal said about the bill, which now moves to the Assembly. “It is high time that major retailers and business interests in this country realize that the public will not tolerate growth without reductions in air pollution.”

Lowenthal cited the California Air Resources Board, which estimates 2,400 deaths a year are directly attributed to diesel pollution emanating from the ports.

“We are facing a public health crisis and this bill will provide the resources necessary to reduce port pollution and allow our ports to continue to provide jobs throughout the state,” Lowenthal said. “California will not be the tailpipe of the nation; this is about fairness and the industry should pay their fair share.”

Macy’s installing solar power system

DOWNEY – Macy’s announced this week that it will install a solar power system inside its Downey store in an effort to significantly reduce energy consumption.

Macy’s will install the solar power systems at 26 other stores throughout California as well.

Macy’s will work in partnership with SunPower Corporation, a Silicon Valley-based manufacturer of high-efficiency, commercially available solar cells, solar panels and solar systems.

“The move to solar shows Macy’s commitment to using cleaner technologies, and in doing so we will reduce energy demand,” Macy’s Vice Chair Tom Cole said.

Combining solar power with efficiency will allow Macy’s to achieve an estimated 40% reduction in utility-provided energy, almost doubling the impact of the solar power alone.

Energy efficiency upgrades will include high-efficiency lighting and HVAC systems and energy management systems. The solar systems, combined with the energy efficiency upgrades, are expected to offset 24 million kilowatt hours of energy consumption annually.

Golf Classic tees off in June

DOWNEY – Foursomes are still available for the Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club 2007 Golf Classic which will be held June 22 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

A foursome costs \$600 but individual players can sign up for \$150. To sign up or information on sponsorship opportunities, call (562) 927-2329.



The Italian Catholic Federation, branch 362 of St. Raymond Parish, held their Annual Scholarship and Awards Night last week. Scholarships were awarded to eight elementary school students of St. Raymond’s School and four were awarded to high school students from Warren, Downey, La Serna and Bishop Montgomery High Schools. The high school students pictured above are Larissa Diaz, Michelle Toorney, Theresa Fiddler and Carolina Vargas.



Jason Macias, a Downey High School graduate, is sworn in as president of Cerritos College’s Associated Student Body.

New park gets a name: ‘Discovery Sports Complex’

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Downey’s newest park, currently under construction at 12400 Clark Ave., officially received its name this week.

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready for “Discovery Sports Complex.” The City Council decided on the name at Tuesday’s council meeting, going against entries received in a city-wide park-naming contest.

Over 400 name suggestions were received through the contest, online polls and entry forms distributed throughout the city.

The Recreation and Community Services Commission, through a series of ballots, narrowed the entries down to three and recommended them to the council: Challenger, Downey and Vultee.

Those three names, however, were not particularly popular among the council.

“I don’t like any of the three names, to be honest,” Councilman Kirk Cartozian said. He recommended “Moonwalker Park” or “Liftoff Park.”

Mayor Rick Trejo also said he disliked the three names. He recommended “Discovery Park.”

Councilwoman Anne Bayer said she supported “Vultee Park” although the council had agreed early on not to name the park after a person.

The council eventually settled on “Discovery Sports Complex” and the name was unanimously approved.

Macias sworn in as Cerritos College student president

NORWALK – Downey High School graduate Jason Macias was sworn in June 6 as president-elect of the Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC).

Macias is a biology major who began attending Cerritos in 2004. He has worked as a student in the college’s Project HOPE program and is active in the Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine and Applied Science, Engineering and Technology club.

He also served as president of the Computer Club and as ASCC’s commissioner of information technology.

Macias’ campaign platform included the promotion of healthier food on campus, the institution of a recycling program, tutoring for science courses and flexible hours at the Student Health and Wellness Center. During his term, he said he will also seek to increase law enforcement and start a book rental program.

As ASCC president, Macias will serve on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees as a student trustee.

“I want to establish better communication and unity between students, faculty, staff and administration,” explained Macias. “The campus will benefit from my leadership as a student, consciousness as an individual in society, community involvement, and dedication to serve the students with the utmost respect to opinions and concerns of the entire population.”

Michael Barrita campaigned with Macias and will serve as ASCC vice president. Barrita is also a Downey High School graduate and is double-majoring in philosophy and political science.

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Simply put, fancier broadcasts cost more money. How much money does the council want to spend?

Most surrounding cities, including Whittier, Pico Rivera, Lakewood, Cerritos and Norwalk, televise council meetings. South Gate, Santa Fe Springs and Bell Gardens do not.

The amount of money cities dedicate to the broadcasts, however, varies. Pico Rivera, with a population under 70,000, appropriated approximately \$661,000 in last year's budget to televise their meetings, according to city documents. Contrast that to Norwalk, population 109,000, which is spending just \$171,000.

The city also received an estimate on streaming council meetings over the Internet. Granicus, Inc. quoted Downey an initial set-up cost of \$42,000, plus \$2,000 per month.

The city would still have to purchase video equipment to record the meetings.

Downey currently receives a yearly franchise fee from Time Warner, set at 5% of gross revenue. The fee this year is estimated to be just over \$500,000, which would be used to pay for broadcast costs.

That money is currently deposited into the General Fund and is used at the discretion of the city council.

Mayor Pro-tem Dave Gafin said he was not opposed to broadcasting meetings, but questioned the high costs and just how many people would actually tune it to watch a council meeting on television.

"I'm on the fence," Gafin, a certified CPA, said. "If we go ahead with broadcasting, how many people will watch it? Is it cost-effective? If we don't do it, the public will ask what we're trying to hide."

"It's a two-edged sword."

Mayor Rick Trejo said he feared people would use being on TV as their own personal platform. He also said if an issue were important enough, citizens will show up to council meetings in person.

Councilman Kirk Cartozian echoed those sentiments.

"It's a different game with cameras," Cartozian said. "People have different objectives when cameras are rolling. People may not be as real... There are also infrastructure cost concerns."

Cartozian did say, however, he was "still on the fence."

Councilwoman Anne Bayer called the estimates "very expensive" and said she wouldn't feel comfortable spending such money on video broadcasting. She said she wouldn't support the measure and that the money should go to the library, children and elderly.

Councilman Mario Guerra, who initially proposed that council meetings be broadcast back in January, disagreed.

"We're one of the few cities who don't have this," he said. "I'm disappointed. I wish Downey would come into the 21st Century."

Assessments OK'd for lighting, landscaping fees

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—After the required public hearing Tuesday, the City Council approved a resolution confirming the assessment schedule within the Lighting and Landscaping District A.D. 121 for FY2007-08.

The assessments apply to the 6,227 street lights that provide illumination to the city, for traffic and pedestrian safety. Most of these are owned by the city, some are owned by the state, a few shared with other cities, and the remainder is owned by the Southern California Edison Company (SCE).

The cost of maintaining and servicing the street lights and traffic signals is paid from a combination of assessments on individual parcels under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, as well as revenues from general property taxes.

On-street landscaping maintenance is also paid from these direct assessments. The funds are used for tree trimming, tree removals and other landscaping maintenance along the parkways and medians of public streets in the city.

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The Northwest Downey Little League AAA Division Yankees won first place and the District 29 Tournament of Champions recently played at Furman Park. Pictured, left to right: Mauricio Sarmiento (coach), Gary Bishoff (coach) and Gene Gonzalez (manager). Players, left to right: Brian Bishoff, Brandyn Lizarraga, Jonathan Gonzalez, Javier Sepulveda, Chris Avila, Luke Sarmiento, Robert Orellana, Jorge Baires, Giovanni Fernandez, Niko Machado, Brian Love and Justin Lopez. Not pictured is coach Frank Machado.



The Downey United AYSO Girls U14 team went 5-0 in the Downey AYSO Memorial Cup Tournament and beat Hawthorne to win the championship. Pictured are Coach Octavio Calvillo, Victoria Garcia, Alexis Santana, Lorena Ruiz, Vannessa Calvillo, Stephanie Juanillo, Vicky Correa, Coach Robert Correa, Brandi Nielan, Robin Serpas, Liz Torres, Amanda Hernandez, Marysol Flores, Bianca Penaloza, Karen Castillo and Jazmine Medrano.



DJAA's (Midget Division) Mustangs baseball team recently claimed another championship, making the team back-to-back champions. Pictured are (top, left to right) Sebastian Montalvo, Joshua Topacio, Jason Volpe, Ryan Heffington and Head Coach Robert Volpe; (bottom, left to right) Leslie Villaran, Victor Prieto, Carlos Salazar, Jimmy Medina and Jared Topacio. Not pictured is Madeline Gulck, Assistant Coach Roger Camacho, and Team Manager Peggy Gollette.

Low-impact exercise for seniors

DOWNEY – Movin' Better, a low-impact exercise for men and women age 55 and older, became the newest class at the DRMC Wellness Center in June and continues on Thursdays from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

"The idea is to socialize and have fun while doing gentle stretches and conditioning exercises," DRMC Wellness Center Manager Louann Shigaki said. "We invite our senior community to have fun and reduce stress while gaining greater range of motion, increased body strength and flexibility to help prevent injuries."

Comfortable clothes such as sweats, shorts and tennis shoes are recommended, and registration is required. Music will vary from a slow warm-up and cool-down period to livelier music during the middle work-out section.

The program is designed for the older, sedentary adult who is currently not in an exercise program, but wants to start a low-level exercise course. The cost is \$3 per class.

Classes are held at Downey Regional Medical Center. For a schedule of DRMC Rehabilitation and Wellness Center classes and massage therapy sessions, visit www.drmc.org or call (562) 904-5551.

Learn to manage diabetes and medication

DOWNEY – Learn how to manage diabetes, medication and exercise when a Diabetes Management Series begins July 5 at Downey Regional Medical Center. The series is held one morning a week for four weeks from 9 to 11:30 a.m., for a total of 10 hours of instruction.

Classes will be held July 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Visitors will learn from a diabetes educator and registered nurse how to manage diabetes, medication, exercise and attitude. Persons who have diabetes are welcome to bring a family member or friend.

Pre-registration is required and there is a \$10 material fee payable at the door on the first day of class. A minimum of 10 people is needed to hold the class or else it will be rescheduled.

To register, call (562) 904-5580.

Nutrition class at Downey Regional

DOWNEY – The community is invited to a healthy heart nutrition class July 11 at Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC).

A DRMC-registered dietitian will teach healthy food habits to reduce three major risk factors for heart disease – high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and excess body weight. The class is one hour long, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required by calling (562) 904-5580.

Library wants kids to 'get a clue'

DOWNEY – Registration for the Downey City Library's free summer reading program, "Get a Clue @ Your Library," begins June 25 for children ages preschool through eighth grade.

During the six-week program which runs through Aug. 4, children may check out books and read them at home to earn prizes. Kids who read 20 books or 1,000 pages will receive a reading certificate and free book.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library and community donations, the program also features "Weird Wednesday" events at 2 p.m. for children ages 5-12. Middle school students can attend "Monday Mysteries" during the month of July.

On kickoff day, June 25, kids who register can join a special "Barnyard Extravaganza" with Sandy Lynne Walker and pet live chickens, goats and alpaca.

"Children in a summer reading program make more reading gains during the school year," Children's Librarian Gina Orello said. "This program is an exciting way to incorporate reading into your family fun this summer."

For more information on "Get a Clue @ Your Library," call (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.

Italian Catholics plan bingo luncheon

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a bingo luncheon July 8 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd., in Downey.

A donation of \$10 includes one bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will be a raffle of a \$25 money tree and other prizes.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.



Senior Follies

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Airman graduates from basic training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman Paul H. Grow has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, Grow studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. Grow also earned credit towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force, earning distinction as an honor graduate. He also received an associate degree in 2004 from Cerritos Community College. Grow is the son of Carol Grow and grandson of Fred Cluff, both residents of Downey.

Regalbuto to attend Coast Guard program

DOWNEY – Alanna Regalbuto, a Downey High School junior, is one of 150 high school juniors that were selected to attend the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) Program at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. The U.S. Coast guard AIM Program is an intensive six-day program designed to give the participants a true taste of a Coast Guard Academy Cadet's life. For six days, they are treated as though they were attending swab summer – the summer before freshmen year. Participating in AIM increases one's chances of receiving an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy, which offers Bachelor of Science degrees in engineering, management and environmental science. Regalbuto was one of over 600 high school juniors throughout the country that applied for the program. She will be attending the program this July.

Mora finishes Army training

DOWNEY – Army Reserve Pvt. Adrian Mora Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, Mora studied Army mission, history, tradition and physical fitness. He also received instruction in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Mora is a 1994 graduate of Downey High School and the son of Leticia Mora of Downey.

Donations for troops overseas needed

DOWNEY – The Armed Forces Recruitment Center needs supplies and letters to send to troops currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Supplies needed include Gold Bond foot cream, beef jerky, hard candy, knee-high boot socks (black/grey), underwear, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes (travel size), baby wipes, Lay's Stax potato chips, trail mix, Slim Jims, and powdered Gatorade (travel size). Hand-written letters are also welcome. The Armed Forces Recruitment Center is located at 8566 E. Firestone Blvd., next to Petco.



Air Force Airman Paul H. Grow has graduated from basic training, also earning distinction as an honor graduate.



Downey High School junior Alanna Regalbuto (right), was given a navigation kit upon her acceptance to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's AIM Program by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 58 Vice-Commander.

The Poets' Corner

Happy Endings

I love happy endings with fun and laughter
 Where boy meets girl and live happily ever after
 Where coal miners are rescued just as the air runs out
 And a disabled plane lands safely as the passengers shout
 Where the big underdog team wins in a rout
 And a young boy catches his very first trout
 Where, at the last minute, the calvary rides up
 And a mother dog saves her drowning pup
 Where NASA launchings are always successful
 And standing before an audience is never stressful
 Where the Academy Award goes to a "G" rated movie
 And the best actors are decent, yet groovy
 Where Muslim terrorism is finally brought to naught
 And the police chase ends with the bad guy caught
 Where the baseball season ends with the Yankees losing
 And through the season the Angels go cruising
 Where the bomb is dismantled as it is about to go boom
 And a small child is pulled from a very deep tomb
 Where, at the last second, USC beats Notre Dame
 And each year the championship they claim
 Where the princess falls in love with the pauper
 And then he inherits an estate that's a whopper
 Where the rustlers are caught by the Lone Ranger
 And the fireman rescues the family from danger
 Where the third string player is sent into the game
 And leads his team to victory and fame
 Where the doctor says your cancer is cured
 And your reservation in heaven has been assured
 Where a husband and wife find Christ as the key
 And die peacefully together at 93
 But the best ending would be hearing Jesus grant
 "Well done, good and faithful servant"

-- Dennis Kelly,
Signal Hill

High costs of health insurance discussed

DOWNEY – The California School Employees Association, along with onecarenow.org, is sponsoring a health insurance training program June 23 at the Downey Unified School District ROP Center, 11652 Brookshire Ave. The training is open to all legal residents of California and visitors need not be school employees. The topic will be the high cost of health insurance. The meeting will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with a "rally for health care" to follow. Light refreshments will be served. There is no registration fee but RSVP's are required by calling (626) 258-3310.

Stroke screenings available to residents

DOWNEY – Stroke screenings using ultrasound technology will be offered to local residents at the Los Amigos Country Club on June 22. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. For more information on the screenings, including prices, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

www.thedowneypatriot.com

Public Announcement

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Bully Free Zone

By Eric Pierce

I'll be brief: I'm disappointed the City Council chose not to choose a name for Downey's new park from the over 400 submitted to them.

What's the point of having a park-naming contest if you're going to choose the name yourself? The council might as well have saved everybody the trouble and chosen a name itself three months ago.

The complete list of park names submitted is public record. Most are very cute; below is just a partial list, with entrant's comments in parentheses.

For the record, it was not us who submitted "Downey Patriot Park" for consideration. (But we're humbled that it received three votes!)

All in all, we like the name "Discovery Sports Complex," but not the manner in how it was chosen.

Alegria Park ("In Spanish alegria means happiness and I think that happiness comes to kids and adults with a new park.")

Astronaut's Park

Aviation Park

Betsy Ross Park

Bully Free Zone ("Please pick me. I care about our community and I think Bully Free Zone is a great name.")

Clark Landing ("We have a town of prizes; And it too has many surprises; Our trees and bushes sprout new life; And everything turns green within our sight; This park will effect the joy of many seasons; And it can benefit many, many persons; So we look forward to this park; And all the people for which it will be a lark.")

Columbus Fun Center

Diversity Park

Downey City Park

Downey Global Orbiter Park

Downey Pride Park

Downey Wowowee Park

Explorer Park

Field of Dreams

Freedom Park

Funtastic Park!

Future Unlimited Park

Galaxy Park

Garden of Eden Park

Hound Dog Park ("To be named after the Hound Dog which was developed by North American in Downey in the late 1950's-1960's. The Hound Dog was a standoff attack missile deployed by bombers.")

Karen Carpenter Memorial Park

Let's Relax! Park

Little Rascals Club Park

Mary Stauffer Memorial Park

Pillar Park

Popcorn Park

Precious Moments Park

Rainbow Park

Recess Park

Rockwell Park

Serenity Park

Shuttle Park

South Downey Park

Space Shuttle Park

Stauffer Park

Steve Horn Park

Sundance Park

Sunshine Park

Superkids Park

Swing Arm Park

Tiki Park

Tranquility Park

Turbo Park

Turtle Park ("Turtles are smart and carry their homes on their back.")

Wisdom Park

World of Downey Park

CARPENTERS

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Fans, meanwhile, descended on the house Saturday for the sale.

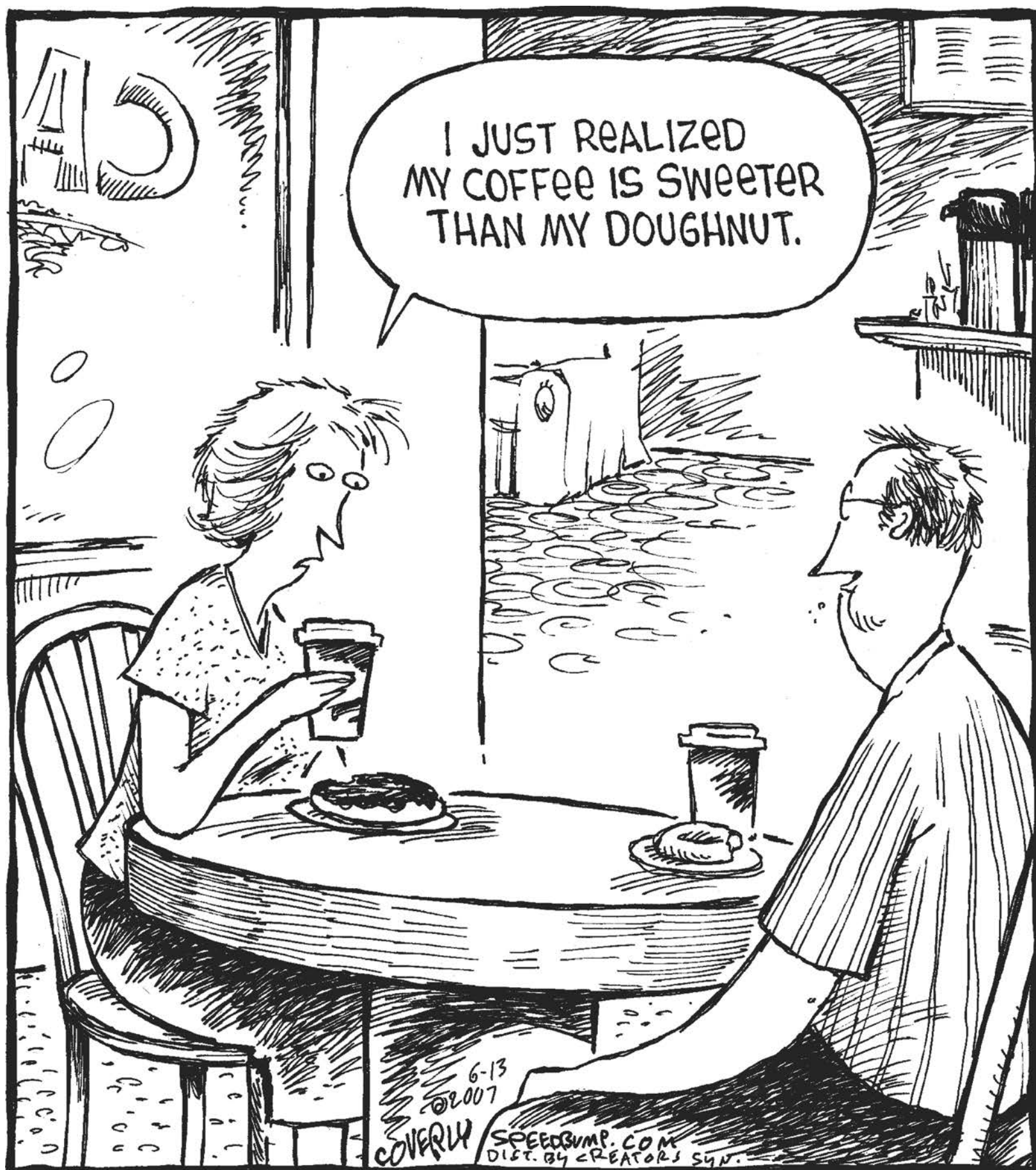
"A few of us Carpenters fans went to the sale and were horrified at the condition of the house and the grounds," Reynolds said. "When Richard and Karen lived there, they had a magnificent Japanese garden in the backyard. This garden has crumbled into disrepair and most of the foliage is dead. The fountains and river-let are completely dried up."

Craigslist.org, a popular website featuring free classified advertisements, had a listing for an estate sale at the Carpenter House. Part of the ad reads: "Are you a Carpenter fan?? No, not the carpenter who built your house, The Carpenters (the band) as in Richard and Karen Carpenter. Have you ever dreamed of owning something that belonged to them? Well this is your chance!"

The ad goes on to list the items for sale, including records, furniture, a pool table, and "Karen Carpenter's original bed and mattress."

City officials, meanwhile, said the property owner is within their rights to remodel the house, as long as all code requirements are met. Unless a property is officially designated historic, which the Carpenter House isn't, the property owner is free to demolish the home.

Coincidentally or not, fans this week started an online petition to induct The Carpenters into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. More information is available at www.gocarpenters.com.



Letters to the Editor:

Who does Downey Regional serve?

Dear Editor:

What has happened to our Downey hospital? Have they closed their emergency room doors? My grandson had an incident at school and the paramedics were called. They were told he could not go to the Downey hospital, but had to go to St. Francis.

A teacher severed her finger and drove herself to Downey hospital, but was turned away and had to drive herself to St. Francis.

Now, I read in the papers about a traffic accident on the corner of Florence and Brookshire - the victim was taken to St. Francis.

The Warren/Downey melee student that was hurt was taken to St. Francis.

Do we have a local hospital here to serve Downey residents or don't we?

—Betty Irving,
Downey

Some coverage is better than none

Dear Editor:

It was interesting to read the piece in the Friday, June 8 edition of The Downey Patriot about a part of the CBS Sunday Morning Show's including some coverage from the local Maude Price Elementary School.

While I'm not a fast reader, it took longer to read the news coverage than the 53 seconds shown from the school - but then I guess that some favorable coverage, no matter how slight, is better than none at all - as long as they spell the name right.

—Hugh T. Hoskins,
Downey

No longer a well-maintained city

Dear Editor:

Where has the Downey opulence gone? Downey was once a jewel in the southeastern region of Los Angeles County with well-maintained city streets, businesses and residences.

With the overcrowding and population surge in the last twenty years, the once well-established high standard of living in Downey has given way to the same fate as over-crowded Huntington Park. Streets and drive-ways are getting overrun by parked cars. Graffiti and the subsequent layers of caked paint to cover the graffiti is defacing our buildings and walls.

The extreme traffic congestion in our city during rush hour is making living and driving in Downey a nightmare. The general contempt by some commuters in Downey for our traffic laws is disgusting. People speed, run stop signs, cut corners at gas stations, etc., like no tomorrow.

The tide of overpopulation is tipping the standards of living in Downey unbearably low. The city council and planning departments must do something to bring back old Downey! Hire more police to enforce traffic laws and code enforcement officers is just one thing I can think of.

—Juan Gonzalez,
Downey

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A once great city

Dear Editor:

In response to "Graffiti Just Part of the Problem," (The Downey Patriot, 6/8/07) I've lived in Downey for 17 years and have seen it's slow but steady decline.

I agree that much of the problem is that children from other cities come here for a better school district. I blame the lazy parents that don't discipline their children but allow them to bring bad habits from their less desirable cities into our once great city.

Prior to living in Downey, I lived in South Gate. That city has taken a dive and it appears that Downey is headed in the same direction. Everyone is so concerned with being "politically correct," that the dignity of a once great city is in jeopardy. The police can't really enforce the laws because the city might get sued for being "racist."

I think G.O.O.D. is a great program if allowed to rid the city of lowlifes that infest our city.

If I come off as angry, it is because I am.

I have seen good families pack up and leave our city because of the fear their children have in school. Some are in private school and when they get home are afraid to go out of their house.

The city needs to know that there are still citizens that have not given up hope here and want to see Downey be as great as it once was. People have to want to live in a city to keep it great!

Keep the bad seeds out even if it "hurts some feelings."

We should all be known as citizens of Downey and be proud of it. We have to instill respect in our children now so that they can use it in their future, even if it means sounding like a "mean" parent.

—Juan Flores,
Downey

Recycle-reduce-reuse

Dear Editor:

Why is it so hard for people to put cans and bottles into the correct trash barrel? It takes 13 times as much energy to make a new aluminum can from aluminum ore as to make a can from a recycled one, burning energy which contributes to global warming. Cans and plastic beverage bottles, which can be remade into other plastic products, are filling up our landfills.

On trash pickup days, I see a woman with an overloaded shopping cart, walking up and down our street, going through the gray garbage barrels of the neighbors, and pulling out can after can and bottle after bottle. While she is doing a service to the environment and to our city by reducing the amount of trash going to landfills, I wonder if people really want to have their garbage sorted through by scavengers, and why is it necessary?

We should be recycling 100 percent of cans and bottles, which only need to be tossed into the correct trash barrel. Maybe the blue color barrel is too close to the gray color. Maybe we need a fluorescent orange for the recyclables.

When I go for a walk on the day before trash day, I see all kinds of recyclable plastics and cardboard boxes stuffed in the gray barrels instead of the blue barrels, and I see green waste barrels with grass clippings mixed with garbage.

What does it take for us to be good citizens? Do we have to start charging fines or having an inspector check each trash barrel? Maybe we should have smaller trash barrels and let people carry in their excess trash to convenient local trash collection centers where the trash could be checked and sorted by a person.

—Anita Rivero,
Downey

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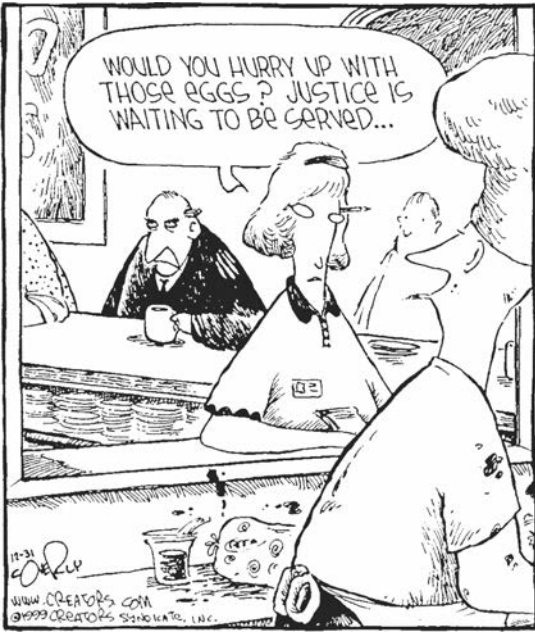
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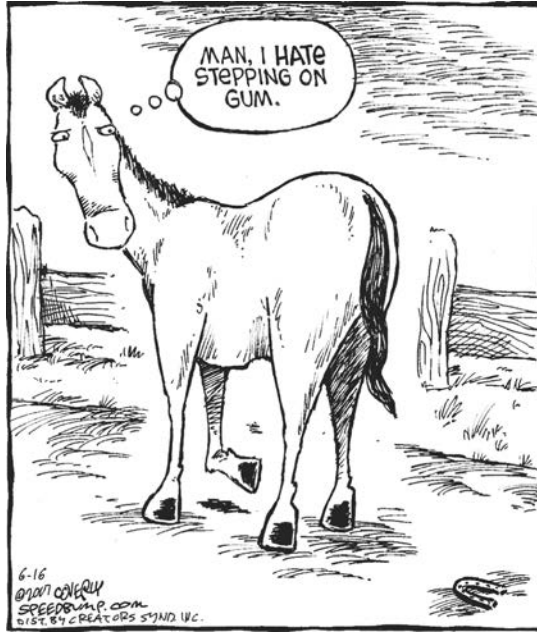
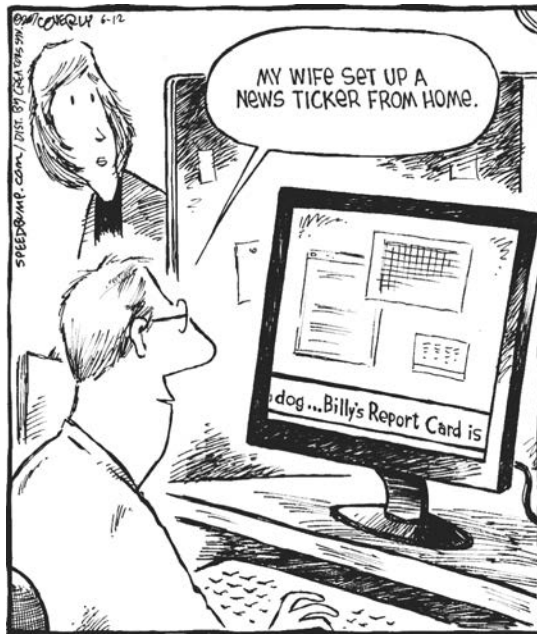
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Sat. June 16: **Picnic**, Treasure Island Park, Noon
 Wed. June 20: **Columbus High Graduation**, Columbus High Quad, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. June 21: **Warren High Graduation**, Justice Stadium, 7 p.m.
 Thurs. June 21: **Downey High Graduation**, Allen Layne Stadium, 7:30 p.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.
 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.
 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
 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 at Downey High School library, 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 Barbara Briley-Bear 869-7618.
 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 Samb'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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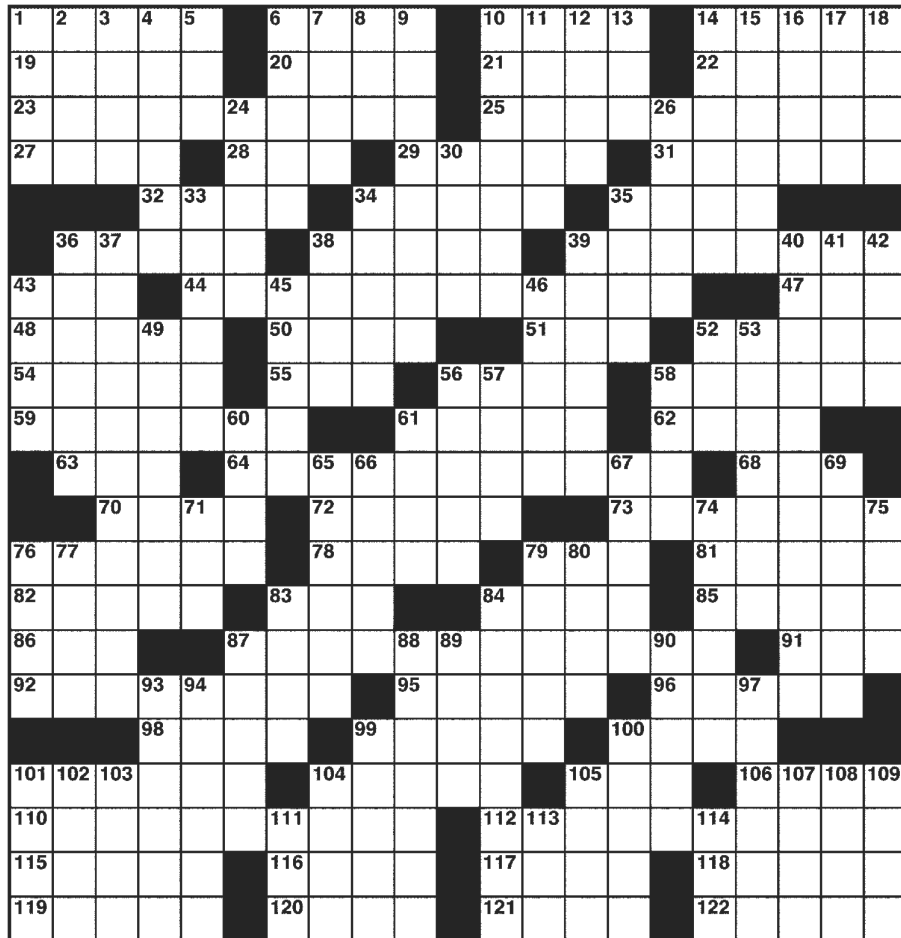
June 15, 1923: Hall of Fame baseball player Lou Gehrig makes his big league debut with the New York Yankees.
1954: Actor Jim Belushi is born. Also born on June 15: Helen Hunt (1963), Courtney Cox (1964), Ice Cube (1969), Leah Remini (1970) and Neil Patrick Harris (1973).
1992: Vice President Dan Quayle mistakenly spells potato "potatoe" at a school spelling bee.
1995: In a now infamous trial scene, O.J. Simpson struggles to put on a pair of gloves prosecutors say were used to kill Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman.

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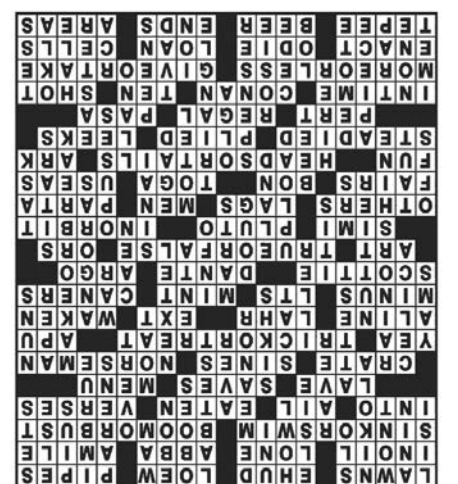
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The growth of our fine school system

By JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

When the Americans began arriving here in some numbers following the 1849 gold rush, they found nothing resembling the schools where they had come from.

It is not until 1867 that the first written notice of an American-style school house is recorded. It stood at Florence Avenue and Tweedy Lane, and probably had a roof of tule leaves.

That school had already been there several years. In 1867 the new Anglo settlers organized The Silver District to include the area between the Rio Hondo and Rio San Gabriel rivers. But this was a huge district and proved unmanageable. In 1869 the Alameda District was formed by the petition of C. Gillett, and in 1888 the Old River District was also carved out of the old Silver District.

Downey was becoming two communities following the Civil War. One was at the old stage station, and was called Gallatin. The other, to the south, was known as the College Settlement at Paramount Boulevard and Alameda Avenue.

The two eventually were brought together by the railroad which laid its track right between them.

The new railroad station was at first called Los Nietos, but eventually was called by the name of the major land developer of the area, former Governor John G. Downey.

When a dispute over who would become principal of the old Silver School erupted, the solution was to build another school house to serve the new community that was gathering around the train station. That school was erected at the corner of Dolan and Third Street on two acres purchased from Downey and his partners of the McFarland Land Developers in 1880.

By 1893 the residents of the Gallatin area also wanted a separate school. They withdrew from the Silver District and built a school-house at what survives today as Gallatin Elementary.

The original Alameda School at Imperial and Clark Street was apparently not too well constructed, and was blown away by a storm in 1871.

But by 1880 a sturdier structure was erected where the present Alameda School stands today. That structure stood until destroyed by a fire in 1921. The building erected at the same site in 1922 is the core of the structure we know as Alameda Elementary School today.

In 1888, the residents near the county poor farm (now Rancho Los Amigos) created their own school district which they called "Old River." In 1946 they sold the property to the Grace Baptist congregation who moved the building east on Quill Drive two blocks.

In 1901, following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that common schools should extend through 12 grades and should be supported by the states, high schools sprang up all across the country.

Downey was no exception. The residents of Los Nietos Valley formed the Union High School District and used the wooden auditorium of the existing Downey Grammar School at Dolan and Second for several years for classes.

A new high school was built in 1912, and the old auditorium burned shortly thereafter. In 1915 the name of the district was formally changed to the Downey Union High School District.

Following World War II, the building boom here jumped the population from 12,000 in 1940 to an astonishing 86,000 by 1960.

The school districts felt the pressure of growth. Rio Hondo School was erected in 1949. The Gallatin District which had but 72 children and three teachers as late as 1953, had to provide for more than 3,000 students by 1959. It built (in succession) Maude Price School, the Rancho Santa Gertrudes School and the Roger Casier School, and also added classrooms to the old Gallatin School.

Not to be outdone, the Alameda District built the Ed Lewis School in 1950, the E.W. Ward School and the C.C. Carpenter School in 1952, the Imperial School in 1954, the Lynn Pace School in 1955, and the Gaudin School in 1956.

The Old River District added the Rives Avenue School in 1953 and the Meadow Park School in 1955.

Central Downey experienced slightly slower growth. The Downey District added the Spencer V. Williams and Rio San Gabriel schools in 1952, and also built classes and a cafeteria for a new Downey Elementary north of Third Street.

The Downey Union High School District had more time to deal with the student boom. It's first new school, North Junior High, was finished in 1953, followed by South, East and then West Junior High which was finished in 1957. Woodruff Junior High followed in 1958.

A second senior high school named for Chief Justice Earl Warren, was completed in 1958, and a continuation high school opened its doors in 1965.

Meanwhile, the Downey Unified School District had been established by linking the previously mentioned districts in 1956. Its fine tradition of educational excellence dates back more than a century to pioneer days.

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Science building hall named after LaPlante

By HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Early this fall, Warren High School will inaugurate the Donald E. LaPlante Hall inside its new Science Building that fronts De Palma Street. It's named after Warren High alum Donald LaPlante, who teaches 7th and 8th Grade English and history at Northview Intermediate School in Duarte, and who has made a career of serving on the Board of Education of the Downey Unified School District since December, 1979.

Representing Trustee Area #4, LaPlante, who has a bachelor's in journalism/political science from USC ('76) and a master's in educational leadership from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego ('03), has been elected to the board for seven terms, in 1979, 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003, while serving five times as Board President. He has also served five times as Vice President and as Clerk, been a member of

the Audit Committee for over 15 years, and has logged many years on the Budget Committee. He holds the title for longevity of service on the District Board.

He got his teaching credential from CSU-Long Beach in 1992.

"I'm deeply honored that my colleagues have thought much of me," he said. "Naming the hall at my alma mater means that much more."

LaPlante sees good things ahead for the district. "There are three main reasons for this. First, whereas some districts have been changing superintendents almost every few months, we've had only three superintendents in 35 years. There is also stability in our teachers, and we have a good, stable community. People who live here are the solid kind. They want good things for their kids. Things have been going well for us."

What about the matter of declining enrollment? "We are experiencing a small, little decline now," he said. "We just have to play it year by year. But we've handled it before, and we'll have to handle it again. We have to deal with the issues as they come, make smart decisions, for the benefit of the kids."

A period of anxiety prevailed in the late 80s-early 90s, he said. "DUSD enrollment dipped to 12,000 students from a high of 22,000 in 1961. We reached the same peak enrollment figure again sometime ago. Now, there's this small decline. It's hard to predict if and when people decide to sell their houses and move elsewhere. There are a lot of factors involved. You just never know."

"There have been high moments, too," he said, referring to the various construction projects, the renovations over the years, and seeing them accomplished. "To see all those kids graduating under my watch, nothing can compare to this."

LaPlante's other active involvements have included: membership for 22 years in the California School Boards Association, elected by his colleagues in the southern part of Los Angeles County to its Delegate Assembly (10 times), and for the last six years as Parliamentarian for the Delegate Assembly meetings; and service as president of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, which represents all of the almost 500 school trustees in the county (prior to this, he served as vice president, secretary/treasurer and director).

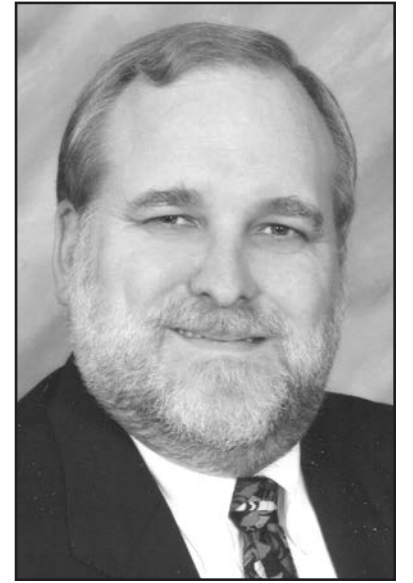
He continues to serve as an ex-officio member of its board as a past president.

He takes part in USC organizations as well. He is also a football enthusiast. "My 16-year-old nephew, Scott, and I, attend all the big USC football games every year." Scott is the son of his sister, Sandra, who resides in Placentia. His mother, 88, lives with him here in Downey.

Among his honors: three awards from the PTSA at Northview for service to the school and the students, including a Continuing Service Award.

Prior to becoming a teacher in 1993 (he began as a student teacher in 1992), he held managerial positions in the printing industry for over 12 years.

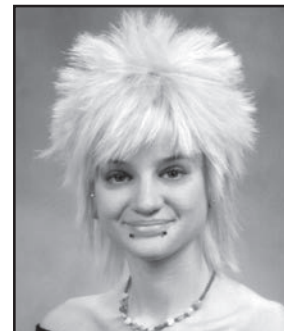
"The six pillars of character are a good thing," he said. "When I was at school, they were the norm. Now, kids have to be re-introduced to them. Now is the time to make them explicit to the kids. They certainly seem to be responding well. If they absorb these values, they won't have a problem with their lives. They'll be fine."



Hats off to the Class of 2007! Congratulations!



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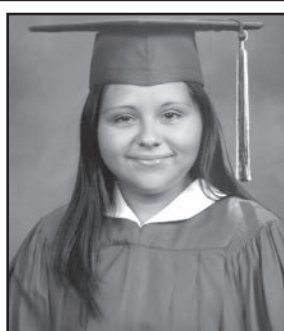
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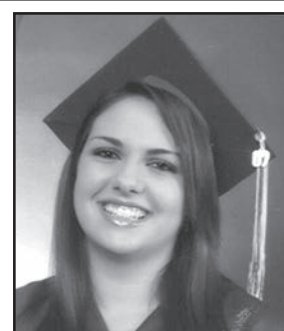
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We are so proud of you!
Love,
Scott and Jen



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Josephina Fernandez
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Congrats on your degree!
We are so proud of you!
Love always, Mom & Dad



Alicia Charde
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I'm so proud of all that you have achieved. Stay focused and have fun!
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Mom and Dad



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We love you!
Mom and Dad

'Go, Diego, Go!' live in Orange County

COSTA MESA – Beloved children's character action-adventurer Diego brings his brand-new live stage show, "Go, Diego Go, Live! The Great Jaguar Rescue," to the Orange County Performing Arts Center's Segerstrom Hall Aug. 22-26. Presented by Nickelodeon, the show follows Diego, his sister Alicia and cousin Dora on an exciting mission to get Baby Jaguar's growl back from the Bobos brothers.

Tickets to "Go, Diego Go, Live!" are now on sale by calling (714) 556-2787 or online at www.ocpac.org.

During his quest to help Baby Jaguar, Diego enlists the audience to help rescue animals, navigate through the rainforest and pass a giant waterfall on his way to the Animal Carnivale. Featuring familiar songs and popular characters from the award-winning television show that fans have come to love, this live-action theatrical production takes preschoolers on an interactive, high-stakes journey inspired by the exotic environments of Latin America and the animals that make their homes in those habitats.

Directed by Broadway veteran Gip Hoppe, the live show will star Richie Portela as Diego. Also in the cast are Kirsten Day who plays Alicia and Melanie Mendez who plays Dora. The cast also includes characters in many forms of puppetry such as shadow puppets and marionettes.

The "Go, Diego, Go!" television show on Nick Jr. features Diego, an eight-year-old bilingual animal rescuer and nature expert who has the ability to talk to animals. In each episode, flavored with Spanish words, Latin American music, folktales and tradition, Diego and his friends encourage children to use scientific thinking and investigative strategies to help animals in trouble. Baby Jaguar is the animal closest to Diego's heart, and his youthful eagerness sometimes puts him in precarious situations.

"Go, Diego, Go!" was the number one program with preschoolers for five consecutive quarters, and currently ranks among the top preschool programs with Hispanic children ages 2 to 5 on all commercial television, according to the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Family-friendly film series this summer at Krikorian

■ Summer movies for kids will cost just \$1 starting June 25.

DOWNEY – Krikorian Premiere Theatres in Downey will offer children-friendly films every week throughout the summer with tickets priced at only \$1.

Films will be either G or PG-rated and will show Mondays at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The series begins June 25 and will run through Aug. 27. The schedule is below:

Week 1	"Barnyard"	(PG)
Week 2	"Charlotte's Web"	(G)
Week 3	"Flushed Away"	(PG)
Week 4	"Over the Hedge"	(PG)
Week 5	"Shrek 2"	(PG)
Week 6	"Monster House"	(PG)
Week 7	"Open Season"	(PG)
Week 8	"Zoom"	(PG)
Week 9	"Ice Age 2"	(PG)
Week 10	"Garfield 2"	(PG)



David Spanjol (left), director of Long Beach Ice Dogs ticket operations, spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Downey about the team's new affiliation with the Boston Bruins. He was joined by (Left to right) Roy Jimenez, Kiwanis president, Ed Schneeberger, Kiwanis director, and Jennifer Alban, Ice Dogs account executive.

'Freaks' find ink to be a pleasurable pain

By Eric Pierce
City Editor

There are some weird and freaky people out there ("weird" and "freaky" being relative terms) and most of them congregated in Long Beach last weekend for the 4th Annual International Ink & Iron Festival.

The event wasn't so much a tattoo convention, but a celebration of strange and unimaginable forms of body art. It was, in a sense, a flesh and bones exhibit of real-life, colorful and apparently painful human expression.

Hundreds of booths lined the inside chambers of the Queen Mary, but the real show to watch was the parade of customers walking in and out, many of whom attracted more attention than the vendors themselves.

Weirdness has a face. One visitor, he called himself Vampiro, had four separate silver barbells pierced to his bottom lip.

Each of his ears was pot-marked with seven piercings, drooping low because of the heavy Goth jewelry. The entire left side of his face was decorated by a swirling Native American tribal tattoo and his eyes glowed bright silver with the help of designer contacts.

I asked why he thought it necessary to transform his face in such a way. "Why not?" he replied, sounding as if he receives this question all the time. "Why do men grow moustaches? Why do women wear make-up? This isn't any different. I just choose to express my individualism in a slightly different manner.

"It doesn't change who I am inside."

Individualism is the operative word, because many others were sporting similar if not slightly inimitable looks. Most men had tattoos running up and down their arms and across the breadth of their shoulders. (Classic pin-up girl Betty Paige was inked on more than one person.)

Some men were completely bald, their heads swathed with colorful tattoos. Most men strutted around sans a shirt or wearing tank tops to model themselves and their physiques.

Females made up about half the Ink & Iron Festival crowd – and most, surprisingly or not, were covered in tattoos as well. Popular among the women were cutesy designs of birth signs, butterflies, insects, hearts, stars and names.

One woman had a large, full-color rainbow splashed across her back. Her partner, etched on her back, had a pot of gold.

We were in Long Beach, remember.

Almost as much fun as staring at the designs was reading the names of the vendors, not all of which were suitable for a family newspaper: "Yer Cheat N Heart," "Bad Apple Tattoo," "Primordial Pain," "Demented Images," "Stinky Monkey," "Psycho City Tattoo," "Red Monkey Studios," "Whities White Walls," and "Six Feet Under," which makes customers sign releases warning them of possible repercussions of getting "inked," which could include death.

To be fair, all reputable parlors make customers sign similar releases. And you have to be sober when signing it.

Down in the Queen Mary's boiler room, Battledress Paint 'n Body was giving body paint demonstrations to those not easily offended by bare skin. Female models were stripped bare and painted on by talented (and, let's be honest, lucky) artists. The paintings were so vivid that by the time the demonstrations were complete, the models appeared to be wearing clothing, when, in fact, they were oh so naked.

The demonstrations were very non-sexual, instead showcasing the incredible gifts certain artists command.

Still, perhaps the most popular booth at Ink & Iron, maybe not now but in 20 years, was for a doctor specializing in... laser removal.

The doctor, presumably, was a marketing genius.

'Mamma Mia!' returning to the OC

COSTA MESA – The smash hit musical "Mamma Mia!" will return to the Orange County Performing Arts Center this August for a two-week run.

Inspired by the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs, writer Catherine Johnson's sunny, funny tale of family and friendship unfolds on a Greek island. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

Songs including "Dancing Queen," "The Winner Takes It All," "Money, Money, Money" and "Take a Chance on Me" are all featured in "Mamma Mia!"

The show will run Aug. 7-19. Tickets range from \$23-\$73 and are available by calling (714) 556-2787 or going online to www.ocpac.org.

New Entertainment this week

CD Releases

Bon Jovi - *Lost Highway*
The White Stripes - *Icky Thump*
Mandy Moore - *Wild Hope*
T-Pain - *Epiphany*
Lifehouse - *Who We Are*
Brad Paisley - *5th Gear*
Deborah Cox - *Destination Moon*
Source: Amazon.com

DVD Releases

MOVIES
The Abandoned
Author! Author!
Bride to Terabithia
Close to Home
Gray Matters
Miss Potter
The Panic in Needle Park
Reno 911!: Miami
Romeo & Juliet: Sealed with a Kiss
TELEVISION/MISC.
Perry Mason - Season 2, Volume 1
Powerpuff Girls - Season 1
Silver Spoons - Season 1
Source: Box Office Mojo

Video Game Releases

Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer - PS2, PS3, X360, Wii
The Adventures of Darwin - PS2
Hitman Trilogy - PS2
DiRT - X360
Resident Evil 4 - Wii
Source: ebgames.com

Concerts

FRIDAY, JUNE 15
Aventura - Gibson Amphitheatre
The Waiters - HOB Hollywood
Johnny Winter - Galaxy Theatre
Roger Waters - Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre
Sage Francis - Henry Fonda Theatre
SATURDAY
Keith Urban - Staples Center
Village People "Disco Fever" - Greek Amphitheatre
Flyleaf - HOB Anaheim
Ian Hunter - Coach House
Playboy Jazz Festival - Hollywood Bowl
Polo Polo - Gibson Amphitheatre
SUNDAY
Goo Goo Dolls - Greek Theatre
The Red Cord - HOB Hollywood
American Headcharge - Galaxy Th.
Jane Moheit - Coach House
Bebel Gilberto - El Rey Theatre
Elliot Yamin - HOB Anaheim
Playboy Jazz Festival - Hollywood Bowl
TUESDAY
Architecture in Helsinki - Coach House
Goo Goo Dolls - Greek Theatre
WEDNESDAY
Nelly Furtado - Greek Theatre
Police - Staples Center
Radio Birdman - El Rey Theatre
Samples - Coach House
THURSDAY
Norah Jones - Greek Theatre
Police - Honda Center
Boyz II Men - HOB Hollywood
Johnny Winter - Coach House
Tortoise - El Rey Theatre
Source: Casenet

Book Releases

"Lean Mean Thirteen" by Janet Evanovich
"Second Chance" by Jane Green
"The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time" by Elizabeth Rogers
"Innocent as Sin" by Elizabeth Lowell
"El secreto" by Rhonda Byrne
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KNOCKED UP R (11:00, 1:55, 4:50), 7:40, 10:35

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Finding 'Friends' at the Downey City Library

By Brooke Karli
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Ladies and gentlemen, I have found Downey's gold mine – the Friends Around the Corner Bookstore, sponsored by Friends of the Downey City Library.

The store, located inside the library, is filled with donated books, magazines, videos, cassettes and CDs, puzzles, school supplies, greeting cards and even snacks, for prices that will keep you coming back for more.

For \$2.50, I can buy the much needed "The Girl Genius Guide to Life"; for \$2, I can expand my cooking horizons by purchasing "A Guide to Microwave Cooking"; and for \$5, I can learn all about Los Angeles in "Los Angeles 200: A Bicentennial Celebration."

Other books that sparked an interest were: "The Kennedys – A Chronological History: 1823-Present" (\$3.50), "Young Man Luther" (a book about the life of Martin Luther, \$2), and "The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson" (\$2.50).

Whatever my purchase may consist of, I can throw everything into a blue Friends of the Library tote (\$10) or have everything put into decorated paper lunch bags, which are hand-painted by the store's volunteers and given for free with a purchase.

And no purchase is complete without a little brain food – a See's candy bar goes for \$1.25.

The bookstore, although about the size of my kitchen, is covered from ceiling to floor with resources. Books range anywhere from Fiction, Non-Fiction, Bestseller, Biography and Literature, to Travel, Gardening, Health & Fitness, Art and Poetry.

Tucked away in a corner is a wide selection of school supplies – highlighters, index cards, erasers, rulers, pens, pencils, computer disks, scratch pads, envelopes, and paper (both lined and computer) – all a buck or less.

The magazine section of the store includes recent issues of *Sports Illustrated*, *People Magazine*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and more (25 cents each). The VHS video section includes classics such as "Top Gun," "Forrest Gump," and "Ghost," each for only \$2. And the greeting card section, ranging from thank you cards to Father's Day cards, is filled with a variety of cards to choose from, at the expense of no more than one dollar.

"You can't beat buying a book for \$2 or a greeting card for 50 cents," said Elsa Frazier, member of Friends of the Library. Elsa also said that monthly sales average around \$3,600, with profits given to the library.

Friends of the Library members not only manage the bookstore, but also organize fundraising and "friendraising" events, fund children's programs and the Volunteer Recognition Program, and sponsor activities and programs that stimulate use of the library.

According to their mission statement, "The Friends of the Downey City Library encourages members of the community to make use of services provided by the Downey City Library, strengthen the ties between the library and the community and raise funds to provide additional library services and programs for the community."

Friends of the Downey City Library is a non-profit organization that was established in 1959, the same year the library opened. In 1985, Friends of the Library was incorporated as a tax-exempt charitable organization.

The Friends Around the Corner Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on Friends of the Downey City Library, or to become a member or make a donation, call (562) 904-7360.

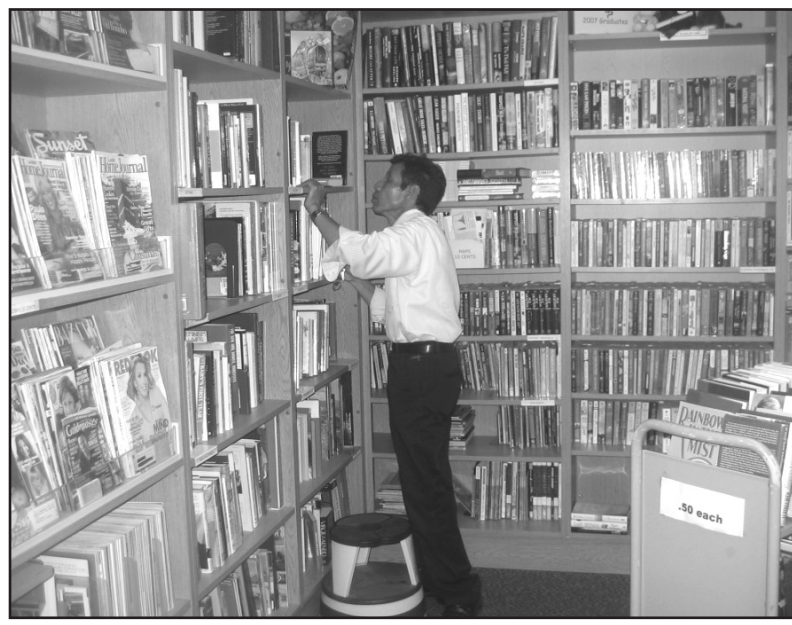
Senior Follies 'Just Havin' a Little Fun'

DOWNEY – The Downey Committee on Aging, along with the City of Downey, will present the fourth annual Senior Follies "Just Havin' a Little Fun" starting June 22 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Senior Follies is a two-hour show featuring singing, dancing and comedy. Naomi Nixon directs the production, which includes a full cast of performers.

The shows are scheduled for June 22 at 6 p.m., and June 23 and 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are now on sale at the community center.

For more information, call (562) 904-7223.



The Friends Around the Corner Bookstore has book selections priced as low as 50 cents. All proceeds go towards programs at the Downey City Library. Photos by Brooke Karli

DCLO announces upcoming season

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Light Opera Association will open its 52nd season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" in October, followed by "Tintypes" in February 2008 and concluding with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in May.

Each production will run for three weekends and season tickets, as well as individual tickets, can be purchased at the DCLO box office, which is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. during the month of June. The box office will be closed for all of July, but will reopen in August.

For information, call (562) 923-1714.

Neil Simon comedy closing season

LONG BEACH – The Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theatre will close their season with a comedic drama by Neil Simon, "I Ought to be in Pictures".


Herb, a once successful Hollywood scriptwriter, is having a dry run and his confidence is shaken. He does have some consolation in his off-and-on relationship with Steffy, a movie makeup woman. Then suddenly he's confronted with his distant and almost forgotten past in the person of his teenage daughter, Libby, who's trekked to Hollywood from Brooklyn where Herb had simply up and left wife, daughter and son 16 years earlier.

The production will open June 22 and closes July 28. Ticket information is available by calling (562) 494-1014.

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Wickedly funny, brilliant and entertaining

By Brooke Karli
Staff Writer

"Are people born wicked? Or do they have wickedness thrust upon them?"

Such is the question answered throughout "Wicked" a musical based on the novel by Gregory Maguire.

For those who are fans of the "Wizard of Oz," the production is a comical, yet heart-warming tale of the relationship between Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, the Good Witch.

The musical shares how each came to be before Dorothy and the gang voyaged to Emerald City. While the scarecrow wanted a brain, the lion wanted courage, the tin man wanted a heart, and Dorothy wanted to go back to Kansas, the Wicked Witch of the West wanted Ruby slippers. But what the audience finds out in this witty production is that the slippers were the least of her worries – she wanted much more.

The production is extremely visual, with props and costumes appealing to the eye. The plot, although filled with numerous twists and turns, is easy to follow and very entertaining.

As much as I would love to continue to rant and rave about the musical, I fear I may spoil it. But I can say that Eden Espinosa (Elphaba) did a phenomenal job, not only with her wide vocal range, but also with her ability to capture the audience's heart, sympathizing with her not-so-good circumstances.

Emily Rozek, a standby for Glinda, could have fooled me with her natural ability to play a character as quirky and naive as Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde."

The score, as expected, was incredible, with the soulful "The Wizard and I," the peppy "Popular," and the romantic "As Long As You're Mine."

Maguire says it best in the show's program: "The special sort of spell the cast can cast will last and last."

The Pantages Theatre has already extended the show's Los Angeles run for another year. And rightfully so...it's a must see.

"Wicked" is the fourth show I've seen at the Pantages (the others being "CATS," "White Christmas" and "The Lion King"), and by far my favorite.

It's definitely worth the ticket price, and I plan to see it again.

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Faith in Downey: Downey First Christian Church

BY BROOKE KARLI
STAFF WRITER

Unlike many churches in Downey, Downey First Christian Church is non-denominational, meaning they are an independent church, not formally associating themselves with a particular religious group.

Downey First Christian Church (then known as the Christian Church in Downey) was established in 1869, after William Justice, a farmer-preacher from Texas, invited the community to hear evangelist-teacher B.F. Standefer speak. Shortly following their first service, arrangements were made with John Ardis, a Methodist preacher, to use his small school building for future church services.

As Ardis continued to organize and expand the Methodist Church, the Christian Church in Downey congregation started to meet and worship in the homes of members and friends for the following few years.

Then, in the early 1870's, Henry Thomas, a well-known evangelist from Texas, came to the town of Gallatin to hold a revival meeting, converting forty people. The converts united with the Christian Church, forming one congregation under Rev. George R. Hand.

As church membership continued to increase and land became more available, a lot on the corner of New and Fourth Streets was purchased by the church. Since then, many changes have been made to the property to accommodate the growing congregation.

It was in 1959, during a building campaign, when the congregation drew up new incorporation papers, adopting Downey First Christian Church as the new name.

Because Downey First Christian Church is an independent church, they do not have a doctrine of faith, but rather base their beliefs mainly off the New Testament of the Holy Bible, said Dave Smith, lead pastor. Some of their beliefs include:

- Creation – In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth
- The Bible – All Scripture is given by God and is useful for teaching and for showing people what is wrong in their lives. It is useful for correcting faults and teaching how to live right. Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be ready and will have everything he needs to do

every good work

- The Old and New Covenants – The Law (the Old Covenant) became our tutor to lead us to Jesus, the Messiah. Jesus established a new and better covenant
- Jesus – Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and Lord. He is exactly like God, who cannot be seen
- Jesus' Resurrection – Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day just as Scriptures said it would happen
- The Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit proves to the people of the world the truth about sin, about being right with God, and about judgment
- Salvation – Salvation is God's gift to anyone who will agree to put Him first in his or her life. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Jesus said that we show this intentional commitment to Him by being baptized
- New Life – Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person
- Jesus and the Church – Jesus is the head of the church which is built upon the foundation of the apostles
- All Christians are Ministers – God intends all Christians to work to bring everyone into peace with him
- All Christians have Gifts to Use – There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others
- Love One Another – Jesus' great commandment is to love. "Love your enemies" and "love one another." Whoever loves the Father, loves the child born of Him. Every Christian is a brother or sister to every other Christian brother or sister and should live like it
- Make Disciples – Jesus' great commission is to go to the people of all ethnic groups and make them his disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do everything he taught
- Jesus' Return – The Lord will return for both judgment and salvation "We take the Bible literally," said Rev. Smith. "We don't base our beliefs off of interpretations."

Downey First Christian Church currently has a congregation of over 500 people, hosting two English services and one Spanish service a week.

Their youth ministry, "The Burn," consists of about 65 middle school and high school students, who also participate in camps, conferences, mission trips and worship services on the beach. "Extreme Kids" is a ministry geared towards children grades kindergarten through fifth grade, holding special events such as all-nighters, summer day trips and camps.

Their Women's Ministry provides additional events for women to attend such as teas, breakfasts, Bible studies, conferences, and more. The Angel Food Ministries provides an abundance of food to low-income families for a low cost.

Downey First Christian Church is also home to Turning Point Counseling, a professional Christian Counseling Ministry providing help with marital and family difficulties, child and adolescent problems, eating disorders, depression, drug and alcohol dependency, and more.

Worship services at Downey First Christian Church are held on Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. (English), and 12:15 p.m. (Spanish). "The Burn" meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and "Extreme Kids" meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Downey First Christian Church
10909 S. New St.
(562) 862-2438
www.newstreetchurch.com



A stained glass window depicting Jesus Christ lights up the sanctuary at Downey First Christian Church. Photo by Art Montoya



The bell located on the property of Downey First Christian Church was once a part of its original structure. Photo by Art Montoya

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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

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Downey First Christian Church has been located at the corner of New and Fourth Streets since the early 1870's. Photo by Art Montoya

A message from the congregation:

Love. Our reason for being. We are here to help you discover and understand that God loves you. To help you develop your relationship with Him, learn how to love others and experience the joy and comfort of being part of a family. We exist to help people show love for God and people by serving our families, friends, communities and beyond.

You are invited to experience love with the church family at Downey First Christian Church (DFCC). Sundays we have English worship at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., servicios en español a las 12:15 p.m. Services are about an hour long and excellent child care is provided during all services. Dress casual and come a few minutes early to grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in our café. You'll be greeted with a friendly smile – put on a nametag and get to know some people.

Our children's programs are great – learning is fun and safe. There are many opportunities for kids to grow friendships during the summer through day trips and camps.

Our Student Ministries are powerful. The Burn worship service (junior high and high school students) is powerful. Experience great music, explore relevant issues and build strong relationships. Come and hang out Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., worship starts at 7 p.m. During July, the Burn travels to the beach for worship (no meeting July 4).

We are located one block north of the Krikorian Theatres on the southeast corner of 4th and New Streets. To find out more, give us a call at (562) 862-2438 or visit our website at www.newstreetchurch.com.

—Dave Smith
Lead Pastor, Downey First Christian Church

COUNCIL

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For purposes of calculating the assessments, the district has been divided into seven zones. Total projected cost for all seven zones is \$1.4 million.

Positive balances are projected to result from a majority of the assessments. The one glaring negative balance, that of zone L, will be offset in due time, said Desi Alvarez, Public Works Director.

In other action, the Council:

- Approved an agreement with Willdan Associates for the preparation of plans, specifications and engineer's estimate for the rehabilitation of Paramount Boulevard between Brookmill Road and Alameda Street, for an amount not to exceed \$54,683;
- Approved the renewal of an agreement with Graffiti Tracker for the purpose of reducing graffiti vandalism;
- Approved the renewal of the contract with Rio Hondo Community College District for use by the Police Department of their weapons firing range;
- Approved the renewal of an agreement with MV Transportation for the operation of the DowneyLINK fixed route transit service;
- Approved the renewal of an agreement with MV Transportation to provide part-time drivers for Dial-A-Ride buses;
- Approved an agreement with Edington, Peel and Associates for lobby consulting services;
- Approved an implementation agreement with Gateway Council of Governments for a major corridor study for State Route 91 (SR-91) and Interstate 605 (I-605);
- Approved an agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments for project management of water quality-related special studies to address requirements of the Los Angeles River Metals total maximum daily load in the amount of \$4,200;
- Approved an agreement with Pico Rivera for an upgrade of the traffic signal located at Paramount Boulevard and Telegraph Road;
- Approved a sole source purchase order to Roadline Products for overhaul of the city's highway line strip truck and appropriated \$42,000 from the Equipment Fund for the purpose;
- Accepted a 2006 State Homeland Security grant for \$435,000 and appropriated same for Fire Department communication improvements;
- Approved an agreement with the city of Pico Rivera regarding the speed limits on Telegraph Road;
- Approved an agreement with KPN Networks for network and firewall security maintenance for City Hall, the library and Police

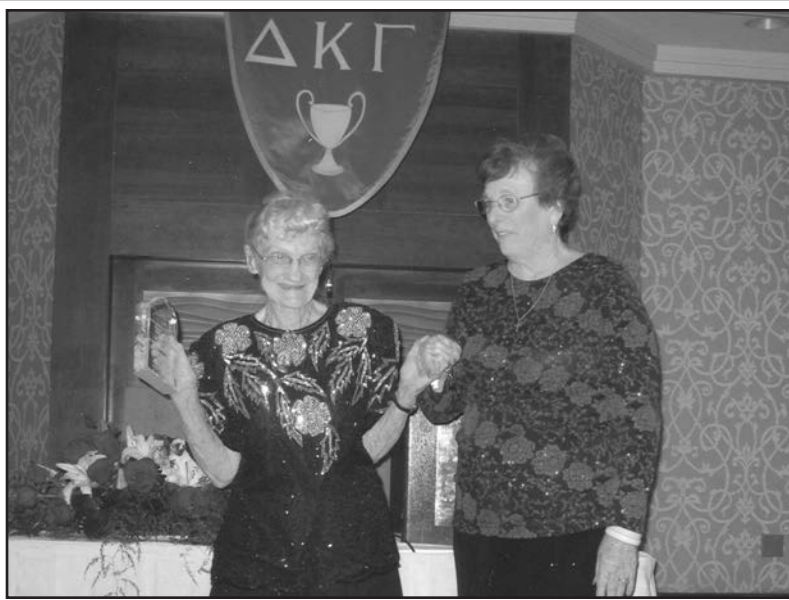
department, for \$45,000;

- Appropriated \$49,734 in grant funds for FY2007-08 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant;
- Adopted a resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 4th Supervisorial District excess funding for concession and storage addition purposes;
- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 5230(d) of the Downey Municipal Code related to residential solid waste service;
- After a lengthy discussion, agreed to continue discussion two meetings hence of video broadcasting of Council meetings; and
- Adopted the name, Discovery Sports Complex, for the planned park.

In non-agenda public comment, deep concerns were voiced by several residents about a seemingly intractable situation at the corner of Haledon and Via Amorita, concerning a parked RV; about maintaining the status quo at Borson Street; about conditions at the parking structure at the Kirkorian Theatre; and the continuing graffiti problem around the city.

City Manager Gerald Caton expressed his thanks and Godspeed to City Attorney Charles Vose for his 10 years of service to the city, as Vose leaves at the end of June.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



Dr. Mary Stauffer (left), a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (Downey chapter), recently received the Distinguished Public Service Award at the Chi State Convention in San Jose.



Darrell Miller (left), director of Urban Youth Academy, Southern California shown with Ed Schneeberger, recently spoke at the Kiwanis Club of Downey. The Academy operates on the campus of El Camino College and offers a five-week academic and athletic program to underprivileged boys and girls throughout Los Angeles.

Delta Kappa members recognized

DOWNEY – Delta Kappa, a Downey chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, recently received several prestigious recognitions at the Chi State Convention in San Jose.

Dr. Mary Stauffer was awarded the Distinguished Public Service Award for her contribution to public service.

Alyda Mir, a teacher at West Middle School, received the Dr. Adele Lewis Grant Scholarship to be used towards completion of her master's degree and administrative credential from California State University, Long Beach.

The chapter also received a grant from the LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) Foundation to be used towards creating a family resource library at the TLC Family Resource Center.

Thus far this year, members of the chapter have supported a school affected by Hurricane Katrina by sending literary materials and printer cartridges. Members of the chapter have also delivered "survival bags" and notes of encouragement to first-year teachers in the Downey Unified School District.

Bill aims to protect farmworker children

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In commemoration of World Day Against Child Labor, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard introduced legislation Tuesday aimed at protecting children who work in this country's agricultural fields.

"It is unacceptable that children who work in agriculture, one of this country's most dangerous occupations, are less protected under U.S. law than juveniles working in other occupations," Roybal-Allard said. "The [Children's Act for Responsible Employment] bill addresses this inequity by raising labor standards and protections for farmworker children to the same level set for children in occupations outside of agriculture."

While retaining current exemptions for family farms, H.R. 2674 brings the age and work hour standards for children working in agriculture up to the standards set for all other forms of child labor. Under the measure, teenagers would need to be at least 16 years old to work in agricultural fields and at least 18 years old to perform particularly hazardous work.

The bill retains an existing exemption that allows 14- and 15-year-olds to work in certain agriculture jobs, during limited shifts and outside of school hours.

"Farmworker children often work long hours, use hazardous farm equipment, earn sub-minimum wages, and are continually exposed to hazardous pesticides," Roybal-Allard said. "Our farmworker children deserve the same protections given to children in other industries; if they are too young they should not be working, and if they are working, they deserve protection from long hours and unsafe work practices."

Many Women with Facial Dark Spots Suffer From Dark Moods... Dermatologists Offer Hope.

Dr. Douglas Blose knows just what he'll hear from some of his patients when they walk into his Downey office.

"A frustrated woman, typically in her 30s and beyond with dark patches on her face, will ask if I can help. It's amazing how common this is," said Dr. Blose, "and it's too bad that more people don't go to their dermatologist for help. I love to see my patient's smile when I tell her there are treatments available that can help reduce or eliminate those unsightly brown patches."

Dark patches on the face can be caused by many things, including sun

damage, acne scarring, or inflammation. When those dark, grayish-brown patches occur on the cheeks, upper lip, and forehead, the condition may be melasma—also known as paño, mask of pregnancy or hypermelanosis. Whatever the name, the condition is most likely caused by skin cells producing extra melanin—the chemical responsible for pigmentation. Many doctors link these cases to a variety of triggers including sun exposure, hormone changes in women, such as those caused by pregnancy, menopause, and even the hormonal shifts associated with use of birth control pills.

Millions of women in the United States face the dark patches in the mirror every day, and it's especially prevalent in women of Hispanic, Caribbean and Asian ancestry as well as African-American women. Approximately 80% of Latino women report having these types of darkened spots on their faces. It also tends to run in families.

These dark patches don't make people physically ill, but research shows that the psychological and emotional tolls are another story. Not only does the condition affect how many women feel about themselves, it changes how others see them. A

report recently published in the journal *Evolution and Human Behavior* showed that dark spots on a woman's face are one of the signs that people use to judge her age, and in fact, the presence of spots alone can influence how old a person looks.

"I felt like people thought I was dirty," said Rebecca Brown, 32, a patient diagnosed with melasma.

Ms. Brown's condition appeared after a beach vacation in Cancun.

The longer the dark patches lasted, the more embarrassed I got," Ms. Brown said. "I covered them with makeup, and I tried some of the treatments I found at the supermarket."


Those treatments didn't work for her. Finally, she decided to call her doctor.

"Prescription treatments work differently and are often much more successful," Dr. Blose said.

Two months after she went to her dermatologist, Ms. Brown said her skin was clear.

"I had basically given up hope," she said. "I didn't realize how badly those spots made me feel until they were gone."

For more information about this condition, please go to www.dark-patches.com, or speak to your dermatologist.



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TRI-LUMA® Cream is a medicine with three active components. You put TRI-LUMA® Cream on your face to treat a skin condition called melasma. Melasma consists of dark (hyperpigmented) spots on facial skin, especially on the cheeks and forehead. This condition usually happens with hormone changes.

TRI-LUMA® Cream is for short-term and intermittent long-term treatment of moderate to severe melasma of the face, in the presence of measures for sun avoidance, including the use of sunscreens. TRI-LUMA® Cream showed a significantly favorable safety profile for the long-term treatment of melasma, up to 6 months. Milder forms of melasma may not need treatment with medicine. Melasma can also be managed by staying out of the sun or by stopping the use of birth control methods that involve hormones.

In clinical studies, after 8 weeks of treatment with TRI-LUMA® Cream, most patients had improvements, with 42 (26%) out of 161 patients experiencing complete clearing of their melasma. In most patients treated with TRI-LUMA® Cream, melasma came back after treatment was stopped. If the underlying causes of melasma, such as the use of certain birth control pills or too much exposure to sunlight, are not removed, melasma will come back when you stop treatment. In the long-term studies, patients were treated with TRI-

LUMA® Cream on and off, whenever their melasma came back until it cleared. About 300 patients used TRI-LUMA® Cream intermittently (not continuously) for 180 days, and the majority of the side effects were mild in severity. **TRI-LUMA® Cream may improve your melasma, but it is NOT a cure.**

Who should not use TRI-LUMA® Cream?
Do not use TRI-LUMA® Cream if you are allergic to the medicine or any of its ingredients. See the end of this leaflet for a list of ingredients.

What should I tell my doctor before using TRI-LUMA® Cream?
If you are pregnant, think you are pregnant, plan to be pregnant or are nursing an infant, tell your doctor. Your doctor will decide with you whether the benefits in using TRI-LUMA® Cream will be greater than the risks. If possible, delay treatment with TRI-LUMA® Cream until after the baby is born. Tell your doctor about all the other medicines and skin care products you use, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, cosmetics, and supplements. They may make your skin more sensitive to sunlight.

How should I use TRI-LUMA® Cream?
TRI-LUMA® Cream should be used as instructed by your doctor. To help you use the medicine correctly, follow these steps:

- Gently wash your face with a mild cleanser. Don't use a washcloth to apply the cleanser, just your fingers. Rinse and pat your skin dry.
- Apply TRI-LUMA® Cream at night, at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- Put a small amount (pea sized or 1/2 inch or less) of TRI-LUMA® Cream on your fingertip. Apply a thin coat onto the discolored spot(s). Include about 1/2 inch of normal skin surrounding the affected area. After you have used the medicine for a while, you may find that you need slightly less to do the job.
- Rub the medicine lightly and uniformly into your skin. The medicine should become invisible almost at once. If you can still see it, you are using too much.
- Keep the medicine away from the corners of your nose, your mouth, eyes and open wounds. Spread it away from those areas when applying it.
- Do not use more TRI-LUMA® Cream or apply it more often than recommended by your doctor. Too much TRI-LUMA® Cream may irritate your skin, waste medicine, and won't give you faster or better results.
- Do not cover the treated area with anything after applying TRI-LUMA® Cream.
- If your skin gets too irritated, stop using TRI-LUMA® Cream, and let your doctor know.
- To help avoid skin dryness, you may use a moisturizer in the morning after you wash your face.
- You may also use a moisturizer and cosmetics during the day.
- Use a sunscreen of at least SPF 30 and a wide-brimmed hat over the

treated areas. It requires only a small amount of sunlight to worsen melasma. Melasma can get worse even if you don't get sunburn. Only your doctor knows which other medicines may be helpful during treatment, and will tell you about them if needed. Do not use other medicines unless your doctor approves them.

If you get sunburned, stop using TRI-LUMA® Cream until your skin is healed.

After stopping TRI-LUMA® Cream treatment, continue to protect your skin from sunlight.

What should I avoid while using TRI-LUMA® Cream?
Sunlight or ultraviolet light. Too much natural sunlight or artificial sunlight from a sunlamp can cause sunburn. Dark skin patches may become darker when the skin is exposed to sunlight. You don't have to have a sunburn to make your melasma worse. TRI-LUMA® Cream can make your skin more likely to get sunburn or develop other unwanted effects from the sun. Protect your skin from natural sunlight as much as possible to help prevent further darkening of existing dark patches and formation of new ones. Staying out of the sun is especially important for women who take birth control pills or hormone replacement therapy, and for people who have had dark patches in the past.

Use an effective sunscreen any time you are outside, even on hazy days. The sunscreen should have SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 or more. Use sunscreen year-round on areas of the skin that are regularly exposed to sunlight, such as your face and hands. If possible, protect the treated area from sunlight exposure.

If you spend a lot of time outside, be especially careful of sunlight. Ask your doctor what SPF level will give you the needed high level of protection. If you will be outside, wear protective clothing, including a hat.

Do not use sunlamps while you use TRI-LUMA® Cream.

Heat, wind and cold. Heat and cold tend to dry or irritate normal skin. Skin treated with TRI-LUMA® Cream may be more likely to react to heat and cold. Your doctor can recommend ways to manage your melasma under these conditions.

Other skin care products and medicines. Avoid products that may dry or irritate your skin. These may include soaps and cleansers that are rough or cause drying; certain astringents, such as alcohol-containing products, soaps and toiletries containing alcohol, spices, or lime; or certain medicated soaps, shampoos, and hair permanent products. Do not use any other medicines with TRI-LUMA® Cream unless you have consulted your doctor. The medicines and products you have used in the past may cause redness or peeling when used with TRI-LUMA® Cream.

What are the possible side effects of TRI-LUMA® Cream?
A very few patients may get severe allergic reactions from TRI-LUMA® Cream. This includes people allergic to sulfites. They may have trouble breathing or severe asthma attacks, which can be life-threatening. While you use TRI-LUMA® Cream, your skin may develop mild-to-

moderate redness, peeling, burning, dryness, or itching. TRI-LUMA® Cream contains a corticosteroid medicine as one of its active components. The following side effects have been reported with application of corticosteroid medicines to the skin: itching, irritation, dryness, infection of the hair follicles, acne, change in skin color, inflammation around the mouth, allergic skin reaction, skin infection, skin thinning, stretch marks, and sweat problems.

Stop using TRI-LUMA® Cream and contact your doctor if you have

- severe or continued irritation, blistering, oozing, scaling, or crusting; severe burning or swelling of your skin; irritation of your eyes, nose, and mouth

Some patients using TRI-LUMA® Cream develop dark spots on their skin (hyperpigmentation), tingling, increased skin sensitivity, rash, acne, skin redness caused by a condition called rosacea, skin bumps, blisters, or tiny red lines or blood vessels showing through the skin (telangiectasia).

If you are concerned about how your skin is reacting to the medicine, call your doctor.

General information about prescription medicines
Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use TRI-LUMA® Cream for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give TRI-LUMA® Cream to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. This leaflet summarizes the most important information about TRI-LUMA® Cream. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about TRI-LUMA® Cream that is written for health professionals.


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Adventure fuels Bill Hare's energies

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

Bill Hare's volunteer work with the Downey Symphony Orchestra is well-known, but who would have thought he was once a big game hunter and loves to hunt and fish, and who otherwise belongs to that rugged and fortunate band of men who pursue, or are able to pursue, the adventurous life espoused by Teddy Roosevelt?

During a month-long safari adventure in Mozambique in 1965, he bagged a lion, a tiger, a 7-ft. leopard, a buffalo, and a 7,000-pound hippo ("It was unbelievable!"). He says felling the gigantic hippo, cutting the carcass up into sections on beds of floating African water lilies, transporting them to shore, and hauling them to camp, took two days. Big game hunting's "Big 5," he says, are the lion, tiger, leopard, rhinoceros, and elephant, but by that time in that part of Africa, the rhino was protected, while no elephant, whose tusk had to be of a certain size to qualify as legal game, had survived illegal poaching.

Earlier, though, while on her own safari in 1956, his future wife, Katie, was at the right time at the right place, in Kenya, and was able to bag a rhino and an elephant. So, he doesn't feel too bad about the whole affair. The couple's prized trophies (in the form of a stuffed lion head, tiger rug, etc.) accent their North Downey home.

Through the years, before and after his graduation in 1960 from USC (business administration, after starting in architecture), Hare has hunted deer and elk, as well as birds (quail, pheasant, duck, dove) all over the place (Los Angeles National Forest, Utah). The situation is now much different, he says, because more hunters hunt in these trodden places, and increased land development has encroached on once pristine, uncrowded hunting areas.

So his trips take him more and more to a few increasingly diminishing hunting grounds that offer good game, and where a man can hunt in contented solitude, places that include Arizona and Mexico. He also loves to fish. "Just got back in November from Australia and New Zealand," he says, "where I caught trout in Lake Taupo, NZ."

Four years ago, he caught a 38-pound salmon in Talkeetna, Alaska, which is halfway between Anchorage and Denali ("up towards Fairbanks"). This July he plans to go on a five to six day fishing trip to Vancouver Island, Canada for some halibut ("They've got some 300-pound halibut there. They're huge!"). While rafting down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, calm waters alternate with rapids, he says, and he casts his fishing rod at every chance.

A huge appetite for the great outdoors and a yen for travel not surprisingly go hand in hand. Hare, 69, is an inveterate world traveler, and he goes about his travels differently, disdaining the beaten track. His MO is to befriend people with local knowledge of the place and off they go, to parts unseen by the ordinary tourist. He has also thus encountered in his travels like-minded people who have since become friends and with whom he has later hooked up for further mini-voyages of exploration.

His detailed knowledge of rivers (the Danube, the Rhine) and landmarks (in the Bosphorus, in the Black Sea, and elsewhere)—famous and the not-so-famous—he picked up in this manner, and marks him as someone like Lorine Parks, who is equally fond of travel, to consult in matters of geography.

Following is a partial list of places (he couldn't at the moment remember them all) he says he's been to, in no particular order: Egypt, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany, Venezuela, the Panama Canal, Mexico, Hawaii, Tahiti ("five times"), Iceland, Alaska, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong.

A native of Long Beach, Hare moved to Downey in 1966, so he could get closer to his work at Master Body Works, manufacturers of custom truck bodies, based in South Gate. Now retired, he still goes there every day "to do things." He has a winter home "in the desert" (Indio), and a summer home deep in the woods at Big Bear, to which he and members of his family retire to avoid the summer heat, is reachable only by boat or a half-mile, single-lane, dirt

road. There are today only 55 cabins in the little enclave, he says, which used to be a summer colony of West L.A. big business moguls. He has maintained a cabin there for the past 57 years.

"It's still virtually untouched by civilization," he says. "We have to bring in our own water and maintain our own holding tanks because there's no water system. It's rustic. People all want to be there."

He says he never considered leaving Downey because "it's really an ideal central location from where one can in a few minutes access every important freeway or artery."

The roots of his involvement with the Downey Symphony Orchestra (DSO) go back to when he was three, when he learned on his own to play percussion. This led to his playing in elementary, high school, and college bands. His skill as a drummer enabled him to win a partial music scholarship to USC in 1956. He has always played on marching bands, concert bands, and pep bands, he says. He misses those days when he could easily hoist his drum and march in parades.

"Music has been a part of me all my life," he says. Occasionally he would jam with the USC band, but "the days of marching with that big drum are definitely over. That thing is heavy."

He subscribes to the notion that music ought to play an integral part in a child's upbringing, much as he experienced its beneficial discipline growing up. "Music is allied to mathematical training," he says. "This is the whole point of the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools program. And the program is paying off. The kids seem to enjoy it."

Hare has been involved with the DSO for 17-18 years. Currently he sits on the Search Committee to pick a new conductor to fill the void created with the sudden passing of DSO stalwart conductor Tom Osborn. Chaired by Parks, the committee includes fellow Symphony board members/boosters Harold Tseklenis, Lea Fratello, Larry Lewis, and Ruth Heilecke. From a field of 80 applicants from around the world, he says the committee first selected 15 promising candidates, whittling the number to five or six.

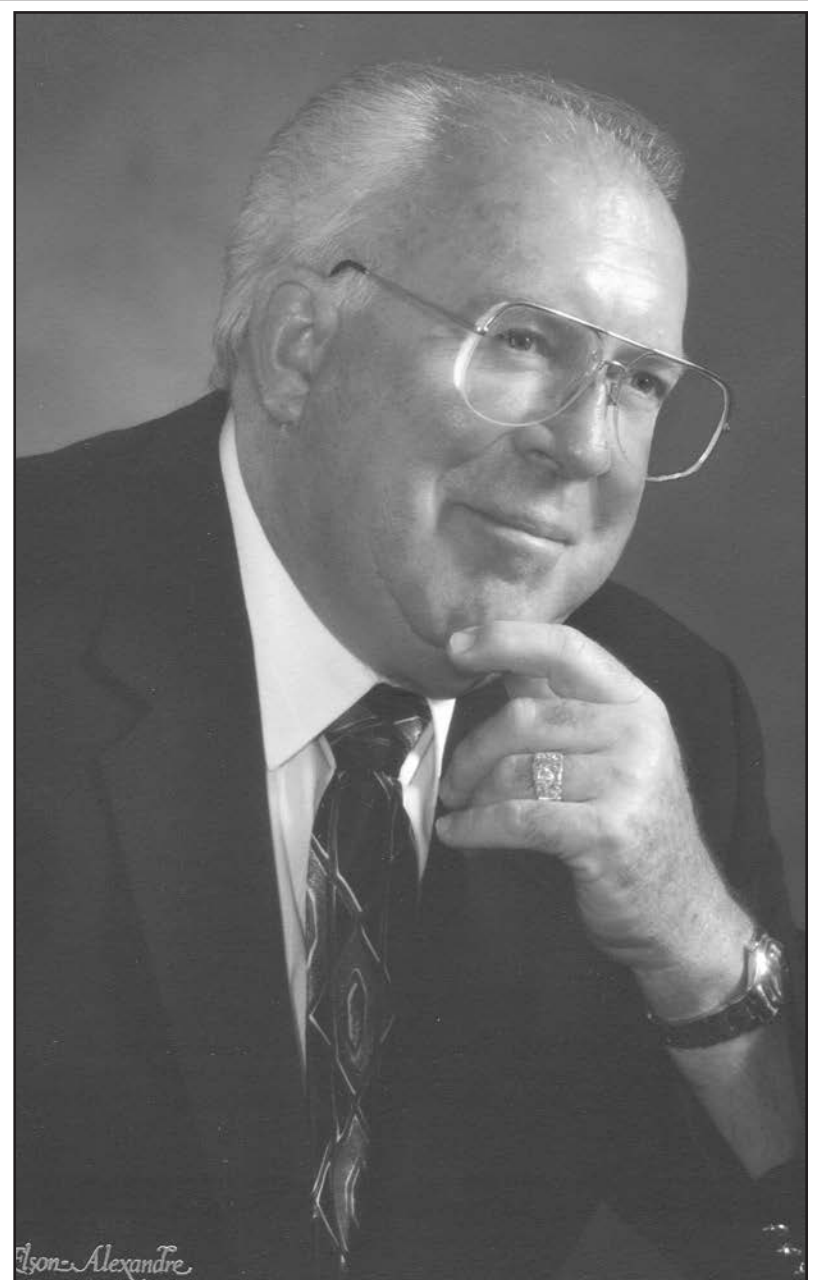
"We have now narrowed the field down to four," he says. "A search like this takes about two years." The finalists include Steve Kerstein, conductor of the Burbank Orchestra, who conducted last October; Clyde Mitchell, who usually conducts in Vancouver, Canada, and who will conduct in this year's October concert; Alan Gross, Santa Monica Symphony conductor who also conducts at Caltech's Occidental College, wields the baton in the first Concert in the Park in August; and USC professor Sharon Lavery, who conducts "some of the USC concerts."

He says final determination will be made after the October concert.

He says cajoling individual and corporate donors, including foundations, to sponsor the Symphony ("It takes some \$160,000 a year to hold a single concert"), and applying for grants (handled by Patty McMullen, "our doughty grants person") is "a lot of work. It's not a city operation, and we're always on the lookout for somebody to donate."

"In any case, funding has always been a touch-and-go proposition. Some years, we raise the needed amount, other years we don't. That's why we're so lucky to have the Downey Kiwanis Foundation sponsor our Concerts in the Park program for the last seven to eight years now. The Downey Savings Bank has been underwriting the Music in the School concerts for third graders, with an assist from Art Morris. We get something from the city, of course. Truly everybody needs help. We're one of those."

The reason such amounts are needed, he says, is because "these are not volunteer musicians, like those that play for the Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra in Whittier. We have to pay wage scale. DSO performers are professional musicians who are either members of big symphony orchestras like the L.A. Philharmonic, or graduate music students who want to make extra money, or members of studio orchestras. And yes, it is important to keep the Symphony Orchestra afloat. With all the distractions assailing our kids, it is a positive alternative, and a source of pride for the city."



Bill Hare is an avid hunter and has traveled the world in search of game. He's been to Russia, Germany, Venezuela and countless other countries and once bagged a 7,000 pound hippo.

His affection for USC is all-encompassing. He's already scheduled to attend the USC-Nebraska game come the third week in September with his wife. Daughter Vicki, the oldest and also a graduate of USC, lives in Calabasas. His other daughter, Janet Molinaro of Downey, is in education. Son Will, Jr., also active with the Downey Y, is an industrial photographer based in Orange.

Wife Katie also keeps herself busy with her community activities: the Assistance League, the Woman's Club, the DRMC Memorial Foundation (board member), and the Downey Symphony Guild (at one time board chairman).

A loyal and earnest booster of the USC band, he says he's also helping them raise money (golf tournament, BBQ fundraiser, etc.). Through the Trojan Club, they

hope to raise funds for an endowment in anticipation of the retirement of the present band director.

"I'm giving back to the band because they gave me so much in the 60s. I enjoy helping out." His license plate, which bears the letters "TRJAN BIL," says it all.

Hare, who belongs to the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club (he served as president at one time), has been active with the Y for 30 years, and has served on Downey Regional Medical Center's board as chairman.

With his wide girth and white moustache and beard, he reminds me of that more famous, bigger-than-life big game hunter Ernest Hemingway. But he looks fit enough to go on another safari. "Yes, I'd go at a moment's notice given the chance."

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Arnold E. Satrum was expert jeweler

DOWNEY – Arnold E. Satrum, a Downey resident for 50 years and owner of Satrum's Jewelry, died at his home La Mirada home June 2.

Burial was at Forest Lawn in Cypress and the memorial service was held at Christ Lutheran Church in Downey, with Pastor Nancy Hamm officiating.

Satrum was born in South Dakota in 1914. His original jewelry stores were in DeSmet and Webster, SD. The family moved to Downey in 1957 and he opened his full-service jewelry business in Hollydale.

Satrum was an expert watchmaker, clockmaker, jewel-setter and engraver.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mildred; daughters, Karen Bloomquist of Sammamish, Wash.; Joanne Cornelius of Ventura, Calif.; Dorothy Muscalino of Short Hills, New Jersey; sister, Clara Goebel of Minneapolis, Minn.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and nephews and nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made either to Lutheran Bible Translators, Box 2050, Aurora, IL 60507; Christ Lutheran Church, 7707 Florence Ave., Downey, CA 90240; or a charity of your choice.

David L. Gomez mourned by many

DOWNEY – David L. Gomez, born in Los Angeles on Dec. 17, 1937 to Andrew and Pilar Gomez, died May 25 at age 69.

He is survived by his parents; wife, Esperanza; sons, David and Thomas; daughters, Cecilia, Lupe and Christine; brother, Andrew; sisters, Norca, Elena, Ella and Berta; and 17 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in his honor June 7 at St. Dominic Savio in Bellflower.

Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handled services.

Dale G. Cupps survived by wife and family

DOWNEY – Dale G. Cupps, a native of Detroit, died May 26. He was 56.

Cupps was born May 13, 1951 to Bill and Joyce. He is survived by his wife, Karen; son, Robert; daughter, Kim; brother, Tim; and sisters, Sharron, Pam and Cindy.

Remembrance services were held May 31 at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary Chapel.



Visitors young and old participated in last week's Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Over \$108,000 was raised. Photo by Mary Forney

Guadalupe R. Guerrero services at OLPH

DOWNEY – Guadalupe R. Guerrero, born in Los Angeles to Margarito and Luisa Romo on July 12, 1925, died June 1. She was 81.

She is survived by her daughter, Annie; son, Manuel; brothers, Benny, Ernesto and Gabriel; grandchildren, Steven (Marsha), Ann-Marie (Benjamin) and Jason Robert; and great-grandchildren, Amanda, Luke, Bryan, Hunter, Gracie, Benjamin and Nathan.

Services were held June 7 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.

Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Temple installs new officers

DOWNEY – On June 29, Temple Ner Tamid will be hosting Shabbat Balak (traditional) services at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Annual Installation of Officers of the Board of Directors.

Officers being installed are: David Saltzman (president); Marc Mandel, Ruth Beck, Lynette Austin and Sandra Dickinson (executive vice presidents); Mildred Mandel (financial secretary and treasurer); Jim Hansen (recording secretary); Michael Barsky, Joe Kaufman, Libby Lazarus, Jim Pinsky, Shelly Krantz and Shirley Hershkowitz (trustees); and David Levreau and Sheba Levine (members at large).

Sisterhood officers being installed are: Ruth Beck (president); Dora Silvers (recording secretary); Edie Baker (corresponding secretary); and Mildred Mandel (financial secretary and treasurer).

Refreshments will follow the installation of officers.

Temple Ner Tamid is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. For information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Downey student receives scholarship

DOWNEY – Jessica Carey, a senior at Downey High School, was awarded with a tuition scholarship worth \$3,000 on June 9 at The Art Institute of California – Orange County Scholarship Competition awards luncheon.

Carey, who placed third in the competition, received a scholarship to study Media Arts & Animation at The Art Institute.

Merit-based scholarships, based on essay and portfolio submissions, were awarded to one student for each academic program offered at the school, including Advertising, Culinary Arts, Culinary Management, Game Art & Design, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Interactive Media Design, Interior Design, Media Arts & Animation, and Visual & Game Programming.

The scholarship competition is held annually to encourage students to pursue an education in the applied arts.

Hunter education classes offered

DOWNEY – A ten-hour hunter education class will be offered three separate times throughout June and July in Downey.

The purpose of the class is to earn a hunter education certificate, which is a prerequisite for obtaining a first-time hunting license in the State of California.

The class covers safe firearms handling, gun safety in the home, game law, and touches upon environmental issues and wildlife management.

One-day classes are scheduled for June 30 and July 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The third class, a two-day class, is scheduled for July 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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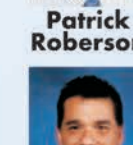



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Bill Stein (left), Downey Regional Medical Center administrative director, and Mario Guerra, councilman and immediate past president of the Memorial Trust Foundation Board of Directors, helped raise \$70,000 by golfing at the 22nd Annual Golf Classic.

Golfers raise funds to build a better hospital

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DOWNEY – At the 22nd Annual Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) Memorial Trust Foundation Golf Classic, \$70,000 was raised for the hospital's capital campaign to build a new patient care tower on its campus. This year's Golf Classic, held at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier on June 4, was a sold-out event with 159 golfers.

"We're planning to replace Downey Regional's current patient care facilities, in constant use since 1969, with a hospital tower that will take us well into the 21st century," stated Hospital CEO Allen Korneff. "Thousands of patients from southeast Los Angeles who depend on their community's hospital will benefit from an advanced facility and optimal healing environment. It's been encouraging to see so many hospital supporters behind this long-term project by sponsoring and participating in the Golf Classic."

Memorial Trust Foundation Chair Jim Ball also thanked everyone joining in "a great day for a great cause" for their generosity.

Event sponsors were AppleCare Medical Group, Inc., Bank of the West, Care Ambulance, CareMore Medical Enterprises, Downey Acute Medical Group, Kahl Insurance Services, LLC, L'Abri Management, Inc., Michael A. Black, CPA, Schafer Group and SWA Architects. Event corporate sponsors included Arcadian Management, Inc., Boston Scientific,

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Also at the banquet, Golf Classic Co-Chairs Gina Bates and Rick Lopez thanked their hard-working committee, sponsors and golfers, congratulating the tournament winners.

The first-place foursome, with a 56 score, consisted of Orlando Waters of the Downey Federal Credit Union; former Minnesota Twins baseball player Darrell Jackson; former Los Angeles Dodger Ken Landreaux; and Bob Buckley, whom Waters describes as a "Rio Hondo [golf] legend."

Second place honors went to Joe Mathews, Matt Knabe, Kirt Peterson and Ray Harris.

Third place winners were Jim Rose, Greg Hartt, John Tilley and Bob Green.

Winning "Closest to the Pin" trophies were Tony Burman, Herb Muck and Matt Knabe. The "Straight Drive" awards went to Ryan Vanderhook and Sharon Tso.



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